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With the autumn really closing in now and uncertain times ahead, one concern on many people's minds is how much we may all be asked to stay at home and indoors over the coming months and just how we are all going to get through it with our mental and physical health intact.

With the long period of beautiful warm dry weather throughout the initial lockdown, Pangbourne residents were very fortunate to have an embarrassment of riches in terms of the availability of local countryside, rights of way and outdoors activities that were still permitted and accessible during even the tightest period of restrictions.

I know that we personally have walked many familiar routes this summer as a family unit and got outdoors with the kids like never before. Alongside these, we also "discovered" paths and walks that I never knew existed and we have learned like many others to get to know the local area in a whole new way.

The influx of visitors to the area once restrictions began to ease, demonstrates just how desirable the local area and its open spaces are and I am told that more recently there has been an increased interest in moving into the area from larger towns and cities as people across the country value open space more than ever.

Without the daily grind of the usual commute for many there is more family time available and there is a tangible "buzz" around the village as people stay local and live and shop local.

At a rough count, the parish is fortunate enough to have no fewer than 13 different officially recognised footpath routes marked on the definitive map stretching throughout the village, along the river, across

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the meadows and out into the upper reaches of the civil parish beyond Bowdens Green and Wakeman's to Fullers Copse where the parish meets Upper Basildon and Bradfield. In addition, and perhaps surprisingly some of the most walked "local" footpaths towards the Purley end of the village and Sulham Woods actually fall into the civil parish of Purley. Then there are the numerous unregistered paths and cycle routes not listed officially but so often used by many.

Whatever their parentage, we are lucky to have them. Time after time we are told of the importance of walking, cycling and outdoors activity to the promotion of good general health at a time when this is especially key. Donning the wellies for a muddy walk to blow the cobwebs away with on a stuffy grey winter's day works wonders in our house and will be one activity that we hope to continue throughout the coming months no matter what those months bring.

If you are interested in joining our new working group to help look after, love and maintain some of the parish's more central footpaths, please do get in touch with Pangbourne Parish Council via the email address supplied on the Council pages later in this edition

Please stick to public rights of way, and stay within the limits of open access land.

Public rights of way map:

<https://gis1.westberks.gov.uk/applicationtemplates/onlineimap/>

Open access land map: <http://www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk/wps/portal/oasys/maps/Section4>

PROWs are signposted and maintained by the District Council:

Footpath – for pedestrians only.

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All PROWs are marked at the roadside with signposts, and at intervals along the routes with small arrows. Public footpaths in West Berkshire are marked with signs like these, and with yellow arrows.



DAY AND NIGHT BELL

Until 1968 my father was the local doctor in Pangbourne where he practised from our home, Fernbrook. When he retired in 1968 the house was sold and converted to offices, now flats and houses, and I retrieved the bell plate.



While the Day and Night Bells were in everyday use, and polished every day, the Speaking Tube was seldom used as there was a window immediately above and my father and the patient just shouted to each other. However latterly there was a handbasin in the bedroom above and we children seldom missed the opportunity to see if the tube was working properly by getting one of the younger siblings to put their ear to it while we poured water down it.

PANGBOURNE VILLAGE MARKET

We would like to thank all our customers who have supported our weekly outdoor market. The weather is now proving too cold and unpredictable to continue outside. As the problems with the covid virus are causing further concern we have decided to close the market until the situation improves. The last thing we want is to spread the virus in any way.

As soon as we feel it is safe for all concerned we will reopen the market. In the meantime we hope you all keep well and we look forward to welcoming you back when the situation allows.

THE APT IS READY TO GO

A Project has been set up on the Good Exchange for donations towards modernising the Ladies. If you would like to donate to this project, simply log into www.thegoodexchange.com and search project 18253. The Greenham Common Trust is match-funding up to £5K of donations. Gift Aid can also be added if you are a UK tax payer. Therefore a personal donation of £100 on the site means £225 would be received by the APT!



The Trustees of APT are delighted to say that we are ready to begin the modernising of the Toilet Block in Station Road. We always knew that we would have to refurbish the toilets, but we decided to go further and modernise them, and we have been planning this for some time. Work will commence in mid November 2020 with the Disabled Toilet (DDA), for which we already have sufficient funds, and it is expected to take about four weeks. This will bring it up to today's standards for such a facility. We hope to have some sort of event to mark its opening before Christmas.



The present Disabled Toilet is not large enough to manoeuvre a wheel chair. To create more space for this, the dividing wall between the DDA and the 'Ladies' has to be moved further into the Ladies, at the expense of one cubicle.

The APT Trustees had originally hoped that work on modernising the Ladies could be done simultaneously so as to minimise disruption to all, but we do not currently have sufficient funds to give a go ahead for this second project. With some good fund raising, we hope and expect to carry out the upgrading of the Ladies sometime in 2021.

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NINO'S CHRISTMAS PLANS FOR THE RESTAURANT – ONLINE SHOP

Well what a peculiar year 2020 has turned out to be. I started the year as a restaurateur training daily for a marathon (one that I am still yet to run, but shall do hopefully in 2021), and I'm ending the year having taken an odd forced sabbatical from the day-job, and have accrued just about enough shop-keeping/vegetable experience to last a lifetime . . .

With the future of the hospitality industry still looking so uncertain, I regrettably cannot share our usual update on opening hours/Christmas booking protocol. However I can share with great joy, that we have a new project this wintertime at Nino's, in the form of our annual Christmas pop-up shop, revised! This year, we'll be launching an online shop, (as well as usual in-store sales) selling our Panettone, Limoncello, Prosecco, Gift Hampers and more, available for click and collect, and also home delivery. Having grown our retail stock over lockdown, we now have access to some wonderful new products which not only will make fantastic gifts this Christmas, but may just be the perfect way to really help us tick over during the coming "second wave" where it'll be difficult to do business in the usual way . . .

This will be a big step up from our previous offering last year, and it's an exciting project to be able to start thinking about. Retaining focus throughout the last six months has been crucial at this difficult time, and moving forward I hope that all our wonderful customers can not only enjoy our gift offerings in this new way, but help support us also.

We'd ask all those interested to check our website or call us to enquire, as pre-ordering any wine and food you may need (as well as any gifts or hampers for others) is the best way to avoid disappointment and help us stay organised! A massive thank you to you all for your ongoing support thus far, and we look forward to as many of you sampling our Christmas gifts as possible!

Nino Junior

H.O.P.E = HOLD ON PAIN ENDS . . .

The Pain of the pandemic causing many people to feel anxious, scared and reminiscing for the "normality" of the past whatever that was before.

If you wake up and don't want to smile . . .

If it takes just a little while . . .

Open your eyes and look at the day . . .

You'll see things in a different way.

Good advice indeed and as my youngest daughter Caitlin reminded me "Manifest your future with positivity but remember to stay present and grounded".

During these uncertain times of Covid 19, lockdowns, social distancing and other restrictions it can be more difficult to look forward with hope.

Hope is to want an outcome that makes life better in some way. It not only can make a tough present situation more bearable but can also improve our lives because envisaging a better future motivates you to take steps (especially Step 1) to make it happen.

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It can seem almost magical, talking of a magical figure with a beard we all hope Fr Christmas will visit us this year.

I have been on a zoom call with him and delighted to report he's been self isolating in Lapland and is fit and healthy to deliver presents this Christmas – if you have been good.

The Magic and Hope of Christmas is with us even in these uncertain times and I wish you and yours a healthy, happy and peaceful Time.

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Church services at St Bernadette's resumed back in August, and it has been wonderful to join together in prayer (at a distance) and to see familiar faces again (behind a mask, of course). At the time of writing, we are celebrating Mass once a fortnight; and these are now live-streamed on both Zoom and YouTube.

Advent and Christmas at St Bernadette's will no doubt be different this year. We have a number of plans, but these are still somewhat fluid, as we respond to changes in government guidelines.

Please do check the parish website for updates. There you will find details of our Christmas services, as well as other initiatives such as an "All Saints" video (produced by the children of the parish); Advent carols; activities suitable for small groups of up to six; and details of how to support local charities and those most in need.

If you are not online, please phone the office or check the church noticeboard for updates.

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Letter from our Churchwardens

Sadly we said goodbye to Heather and Philip in September as they moved to their new parish in Warwickshire. Hopefully they are settling in well.

Although we now have what is called a Vacancy, life in the parish continues. With the help of our PCC and of our ever willing retired priests who live in the village we are covering all the services, bearing in mind our routine has changed greatly due to Covid-19 and the guidance given by the Church of England. As you will see in the details we hope to be able to continue to keep the church open, to offer some services both in church and via Zoom, and to be able to continue to offer pastoral care to all our parishioners.

If you do have any queries or concerns please note that in the first instance contact either Jill Palfrey, Churchwarden, on 0118 984 2698 or 07721 614686, or by email to our Administrator, Vanessa Saunders, office.ptschurches@gmail.com

Jill Palfrey and Julia Sheppard
Churchwardens

St James is open for Sunday Worship

St James has reopened for weekly Sunday services which will be held at either 7.45 am or 10 am depending on the week. We will also be continuing with our Zoom worship on some Sundays.

The current uncertainty does however mean that services may change at short notice but up-to-date details of all our worship is on our website www.pangbournechurches.org/services

Due to Church of England COVID restrictions we are limited on the number of people we can safely seat in St James so it will be necessary for you to book your place in advance for any of our services. This can be done by emailing office.ptschurches@gmail.com.



Church Bells

As the Church comes out of lockdown the bell ringers have been able to ring for fifteen minutes for one service, socially distanced, wearing masks and outside door wide open, so far. The response from far and wide was wonderful, many people told us how pleased they were to hear the bells.

We intend to follow these same rules and ring whenever there is a 10 o'clock service in St James. A return to "normal" service ringing and the resumption of our Thursday night practice looks to be some way off in the future, but we will be back!



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2020

This Christmas might be a bit different from previous years with the usual parties, community festivities, carol concerts and church services unable to happen in the way they have before, but let's still celebrate this important Christian festival and ensure that the message of hope and light shines through the darkness.

Make a star to hang on the Christmas tree outside St James church



We'd love some help decorating the large Christmas tree outside St James this year and we're hoping that folks in Pangbourne will come up with some wonderful **star** decorations to hang on it.



They can be made of anything you like as long as they're not perishable and will ideally withstand the winter weather. So how about making one from wood or sticks, metal, plastic, beads or even a knitted star?



Perhaps you'd like to hang a star to remember a loved one you're not able to see this Christmas? If so please add their name to it.

There'll be a box in the porch of St James Church to put your decorations in from Tuesday 1st to Saturday 5th December between 9 am and 2 pm. If you have problems getting to church or want more information please email office.ptschurches@gmail.com.

Advent Carol Service

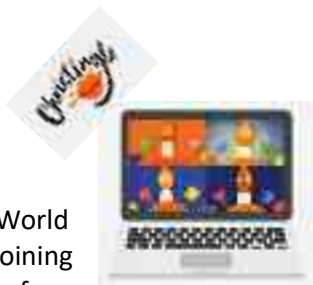
All Churches Together in Pangbourne and District are hoping that their annual united Advent Sunday service of lessons and carols with the Pangbourne College choir will go ahead on YouTube this year, premièring at **6 pm on Advent Sunday, 29 November**.

Look out for your Church announcements for details of how to watch it.

Virtual Christingle Service

Let's bring light to each other and to the World this **Christmas Eve** by joining together online at **5 pm** for our Pangbourne parish Zoom Christingle Service.

Information about how you can join in the service as well as how you can make a donation to The Children's Society can be found at www.pangbournechurches.org.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

10 am St James **Crib Service**

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

5 pm via Zoom **Christingle**

11 pm St James **Midnight Communion**

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

10 am St James **Christmas Celebration**

All Age Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER

7.45am St James **Holy Communion**

10 am via Zoom **Service of the Word**

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNITY DOORSTEP SINGING

One thing that many people look forward to at Christmas time is singing carols, they have traditionally been sung in towns and villages for hundreds of years.

Although we can't sing together indoors this year we can still celebrate Christmas as a community by singing alongside our neighbours on our own doorsteps this

Christmas Eve at 6 pm, starting with Away in a Manger.

If you play a musical instrument please join in with these carols as well. Feel free to light a candle, hold a torch or put on your Christmas lights, and let's fill Pangbourne with music, light and festive cheer.



1. AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head,
the stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay close by me for ever,
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven
to live with thee there.

William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

2. SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night.
All is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child;
holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night.
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ, the Saviour is born,
Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Joseph Mohn (1792-1848)
Trans. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)





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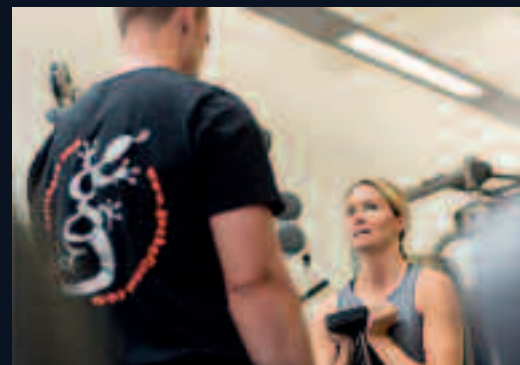
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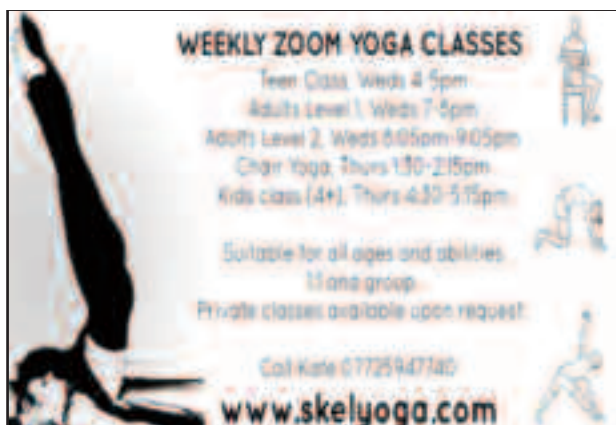
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PANGBOURNE HERITAGE GROUP

BRUNEL'S LEGACY –

CONNECTIONS TO PANGBOURNE AND ENVIRONS

My interest in Brunel's GWR was aroused by one of the questions from the Twinning Association Quiz. Namely the marker post to be found on the London bound platform. I don't know how old it is, and would be delighted if someone could tell me, but the rather dilapidated wooden post indicates the point at which the distance from London and Didcot by rail was registered.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel is known as the inspiration for the expansion of the railway line from London to the West Country in the 1830's and overcame much opposition from landowners along the route. However, according to local rumour, in Pangbourne there was no such problem, and local landowners were very anxious to sell land, not just for the railway line, but also the building of the station. In 1841 the station opened, and from then on, the legacy of Brunel features not only here, but in some examples of village architecture.

Pangbourne Club in Whitchurch Road [previously known as the Working Men's Club] was originally a house and offices used by GWR managers and staff. The building as it was in 1910 has been enlarged, but the structure of the main section is much as it was. Pity the navvies as they were known, who had much poorer accommodation, mainly in tents at Marsh farm. Their discontent erupted in a strike in 1893, as written up in the local press, when they marched on Pangbourne demanding an increase in pay.



A number of cottages were built from mid Victorian times to house staff connected to the station or other branches of the GWR. This was common practice and they were tied cottages until more recent times when they were sold on the open market. Some of the woodwork showed a similarity to that of the station design, as seen in the examples from Station Road and The Moors.



The fishing poster from 1933 indicates that Pangbourne station was used not just for commuting, but for leisure activities, and the railway line is still a popular way to reach the village and the river. One feature of the use of stations was in the rise of the numbers of the population who wanted something to read on their journey and hence the appearance of WH Smith newsagents on station platforms, including Pangbourne.

A little further down the line, Cholsey church appears with its grey, almost square tower planted in a surrounding area of flat farmland. In a corner of the churchyard facing towards the railway line lies the grave of Agatha Christie [and that of her second husband, Max Mallowen]. I've often wondered if the placing of the grave was something to do with her longing to be connected to her holiday home in Devon, where she went every summer, by train. When visiting her Devonshire home, Greenway, near the river Dart, I saw her suitcases, very ordinary ones, with Cholsey Station handwritten on brown paper labels, ready for her return to her Winterbrook home between Wallingford and Cholsey. Maybe her railway journey was the inspiration for one of her Miss Marple stories, concerning a certain train from Paddington? Who can tell.

As with other village groups, activities have been curtailed until possibly next year, but we have kept on communicating, and gathering information for the archive. Our publication is receiving the final details in draft form, which has been a difficult process to do remotely, especially when computer programmes don't match up, but too much work has gone into getting this far to abandon the project. We are grateful to all those who have helped out so far.

The AGM has been postponed until further notice, and members will be kept informed. As soon as we are able to have a meeting we hope to welcome everyone back.

Lesley Crimp, Siv Randall, Jane Rawlins and Ellie Thorne



PANGBOURNE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Autumn is here again, and, in the absence of our usual winter fundraising activities, we are going to tell you about some of our social activities that have continued throughout the Covid pandemic.

NEWS

But first we have some sad news to share. In early October we heard that Lydia Ashplant had died on 28th of August, her husband David having pre-deceased her by a few months. They were both keen members and supporters of Pangbourne Twinning, since its beginning. Lydia was elected to the first management committee and served on it for many years. They both continued to support the association even after their move to Lambourn, continuing to attend our events and film nights. We offer our sincere condolences to the family.

In happier news we welcome Russell Morse, a relatively new member who has been co-opted onto our management committee. With his joining us, Richard Nurick, who retired as our Chairman 18 months ago, has retired from the committee. We would like to record our enormous thanks to Richard for his tireless service as committee member and Chairman. We miss him and hope he is enjoying a quieter life. So we are still short of helpful hands, our committee is still too small. If any of our current members feel able to help, please get in touch with Alison Hill our chairman via our website.

FILM NIGHTS

As we cannot gather in large numbers for fundraising or social activities, we thought you would like to read about our social activities. Firstly and most importantly please be aware that, with the "Rule of 6" we have decided that running our Sunday evening film nights through the winter is not possible. So the October and November films have been postponed. Please keep an eye open for announcements, on the usual noticeboards and online. We will publish notice as soon as we think it is safe to resume them

MARCHER ET PARLER

The Marcher et Parler (Walk and Talk) group began in November 2019 with four walkers who braved the rain for a short stroll around Englefield gardens with some nervous or rusty French conversation about the autumn flowers followed by tea and cake at the Englefield tea shop. Thus, began a new conversation group for the Pangbourne Twinning ably supported by the knowledge and expertise of language teacher Antonia Des Forges. To start with we walked once a month with



Lunch after Stanford Dingley walk

the numbers varying from three to eight, we were soon joined by some friends from Whitchurch Hill Twinning Association and continued with walks to local beauty spots such as Streatley Hill, Stanford Dingley, Reading Abbey and along the river to Goring. Some members were keen to walk twice a month and as new friendships developed the French conversation became more relaxed and the topics more varied and huge fun.



Marcher et Parler becomes Manger et Parler

As lockdown arrived, we moved to a weekly virtual rendezvous to continue with our language learning. Happily, we gained some new regulars which included two from our French twinning partner group in Houdan who were a great asset to the group online. To extend our language skills we decided to set each other quiz questions in French which we had to research and answer in French. This progressed and the group was happy to organise an extended quiz evening for the Pangbourne Twinning group inviting the Houdan group from France to join us online.

As soon as the confinement ended, we returned to our walks but by now walking had become highly therapeutic for many of the group and we were keen to meet weekly, sometimes stopping for a socially distanced picnic. As restrictions ease, we have been able to add a relaxing pub lunch to the walk or enjoy coffee stops on the way. The walks are planned by one of the group and we have discovered new paths in a wider area such as Littlewick Green to Bucklebury in fact, all over the county. Whatever the weather we continue to extend our vocabulary, build new friendships, and enjoy the fresh air and beauty of the Berkshire countryside.

With the new rules of no more than six adults meeting, if more than six want to come any week, we split the group. Walks are co-ordinated by Lauren Kilsby. If you would like to join a Tuesday walk, contact Lauren via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pangbournetwinning> or our website <http://www.pangbourne-twinning.org/>. Walks are co-ordinated by the walk lead via a WhatsApp group.

During the next few weeks we are planning to hold another online meeting with our friends in Houdan. This will be publicised on Facebook and our website. With several months of relative restrictions still ahead, we are keen to hear of any ideas you might have for social activities with a French accent or fundraising ideas.

Alison Hill and Lauren Kilsby – Pangbourne Twinning Association

NEWS FROM PANGBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

Tennis has really come into its own this summer, with a record number of both adult and junior members taking advantage of an ideal sport for these challenging times – outdoors, naturally socially-distanced, great for all ages and a super way to have fun and keep fit.

At the time of writing, the challenges of the Covid pandemic are still very much with us. The opportunity to have fun and exercise outdoors will be as important over the autumn and winter as it has been over the summer. Tennis still fits the bill – the club operates all year round and we have lots planned to keep everyone on court all the way through to March 2021.



The tournament in full flow

Celebrating a smashing summer season!

The weather was kind for our socially-distanced end-of-season tournament and outdoor AGM on 6th September. It was a full house, with the maximum 24 players taking part in the American Doubles competition. Alex Phelps and Katherine Carney were victorious in the grand final, with John Alderton and Helen Phelps as runners-up.

The AGM was the opportunity to celebrate the success of the club over the last year and thank the committee and the many other members who have contributed their time to run the club. Everyone's help has been vital to the club's achievements and is very much appreciated. The plan to resurface one of the courts this autumn has been postponed to spring 2021 as it has not been possible to hold the planned fundraising activities this summer. The Greenham Trust are matching any funds the club raises for the resurfacing and we will be finding ways of re-starting fundraising to take advantage of this generous offer. We ended the afternoon on a high and kick-started fundraising with a raffle of a wonderful array of prizes donated by members. Including matched funding from the Greenham Trust, we raised £320 for the resurfacing fund. Many thanks to everyone for their support.



Tournament winners: Katherine Carney and Alex Phelps

Winter membership is now open

The winter season started on 1st October and runs to 31st March 2021. You can join for the winter for just £20 per adult, £40 for a family (two adults and all the children) or £8 for juniors, with discounts for siblings. Winter membership replaces the monthly membership option available over the summer.

The autumn and winter programme – dates for your diary

The club has a programme to keep members active for the next six months, with club coaching sessions, box leagues, club afternoons and a special Christmas afternoon of tennis.

Club coaching

The very popular club coaching will be running on Sunday mornings (11am-12.30pm) and Wednesday afternoons (1pm-2.30pm) throughout the winter.

Players of all abilities are welcome and the 90 minute sessions include drills and technical work, finishing with match play. Sessions are £10, with discounts for pre-payment for four or more sessions.

Places are limited to 12 per session, so don't delay if you are interested! Details are available at <https://pangbournetennis.org/coaching-for-adults> or get in touch at info@pangbournetennis.org to find out more.

Keep playing over winter!

We are keen to encourage all our members to keep playing over the winter months. Box leagues will continue to run for some friendly competition and look out for the dates of club afternoons for social doubles play. We are also gauging the interest in coaching for juniors. Check <https://pangbournetennis.org> for the latest information.

Christmas Tennis Afternoon: Sunday 13th December 1-4pm

Don your best seasonal jumper and join us for an afternoon of tennis, mince pies and mulled wine to round off 2020 and get some fresh air before the festivities start in earnest. Damian Lane will be running the very popular American tournament and members, friends and family are all welcome. It's free to enter, although the maximum number of players is unfortunately limited to 24. Contributions of prizes for a raffle for club funds will be very much appreciated. Let us know if you will be coming by emailing us at info@pangbournetennis.org

As always, find out more about the club by coming down to one of the coaching sessions or by emailing us at info@pangbournetennis.org

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ADVENTURE DOLPHIN

After what has seemed like an eternity we are at long last ready to open our doors to the Community again. The Trustees have been working hard to ensure we comply with all the guidance for the re-opening of the building. Many will know how difficult such a task is in the current climate, with advice has been changing all the time, however we believe we are ready. We would like to thank the Pangbourne Parish Council for all their help and advice.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

We have a number of Community groups who have used the building in the past, who are now looking to meet at the Centre again. Some of the groups were able to continue to meet on line. The Trustees have proposed a gradual move back into the building, so please contact the leaders, tutors and coaches directly to find out more about their plans.

As you will know it has been a hard time financially, as we, like many other groups have had no income for the last seven months so we are hoping we can bounce back. Our biggest frustration was not being able to offer our canoeing and climbing programmes over the summer evenings and school holidays, missing out on the best summer for a number of years. This at a time when we are just about to complete our formal lease with West Berkshire Council and Pangbourne Parish Council to take over the running of the building and programmes.

As reported in the last magazine three of our trustees are standing down at our Annual General Meeting in November and we are very keen to recruit local people, parents, ex parents of young people who have come through the club over the last years. In particular we are looking for someone to help out treasurer, someone to look after our website and someone to assist in our event marketing and advertising and finally a person with HR management skills to advise us. Please contact: info@adventuredolphin.co.uk or by telephone: Steve Ellis (Vice chairman) 07792 277202 or Kevin Dennis (Operations) 07500 707158 for an informal discussion to find out more.

I am pleased to report after the last issue we have been able to recruit Angela Cullinan to our team who will be looking to further develop the use of the building. She can be contacted directly on bookings@adventuredolphin.co.uk.

ACTIVITIES

September saw the return of the first School groups to use the Centre with Mary Hare School completing an activity day with the Outdoor Academy. Although the weather was not the best, a day canoeing was followed by an activity day at the Centre, reports indicated a great time was had by all. The centre was also used as a check point by those competing in an ultra marathon along the River Thames. I take my hat off to the participants walking/running so far.

Just as we beginning to open our club activity sessions, just as the River moves on to "Red Boards" indicating increasing river levels and strong flows. We hope this will be short lived and we can open our club sessions as normal. Please keep an eye on our website or contact us on info@adventuredolphin.co.uk. to find out if your sessions are running.

CLUB SESSIONS

As we are gradually opening up we have a back log of things we have yet to complete. The first of these are the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze and Silver expeditions. We have keen group at Bronze and Silver who are engaged in trying to complete their expeditions to complete their programmes. We are looking to try and achieve this by the end of the year and then recruit for next year's groups in the New Year. If you know someone 14 or 15 who would like to get involved please contact theDofE team at: DofEcoordinator@adventuredolphin.co.uk; who will be happy to advise.

Canoe Marathon and Sprint racing is staring up formally. The club paddlers have been training informally as small groups and individuals to keep fit as there have been no races over this summer. We hope the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race and the lead up preparation races, the Waterside series of races at Newbury, along the Kennet and Avon canal, and the Thameside series at Reading will run, as they are a focus of the winter training.

Social paddling is now looking to begin again on a Sunday morning, informally a small group has been going on the water exploring our local area over the past months.



In our club newsletter we asked our members what they had been up to, and we received a range of replies of how they were staying fit and busy.

Completing the 1000 mile walking challenge, to walk 1000 miles in a year, at least three have completed with a few more on the way. Walking Hadrian's Wall and the Coast to Coast Paths have also been completed.

Cycling challenges apart from regular rides, a daring couple peddled all the way from Reading to Bristol along the Kennet and Avon Canal.

Another small group have been exploring the Thames and its tributaries from Abingdon to Windsor including the Jubilee River, the flood scheme around Maidenhead (The M4 passes over it towards junction 7). Swift Ditch, a small tributary around Abingdon and the River Cherwell in Oxford was explored. St Patricks Stream and the Hennerton Backwater with the River Loddon near Henley have also been paddled, still some miles to go to complete the challenge but the aim is to finish by Christmas.

DOLPHIN BUSINESS HUB

Adventure Dolphin Centre has been quietly busy over the past couple of months getting Covid safe and freshening up with a splash of paint and setting up the Dolphin Business Hub.

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- Are you 'zoomed' out and want a small Covid friendly meeting?
- Are you a local business who needs a meeting/ training room or some extra space?
- Do you have a great workshop idea, if only you had the space?
- Do you want a desk with a view?

If you say a big YES to any of the above, you may want to come and have an introductory visit (by appointment) around the Hub in the Adventure Dolphin Centre by Pangbourne Meadows. Contact Angela on 07860 274162 for more information.

This year has shot by and I can't believe we are already in October and the fact Christmas will be upon us before we know. So may we wish you all a very run up to the festive period in the great hope we will be able to share special time with friends and families.

PANGBOURNE ALLOTMENTS

It seems a long time ago now, but the early September barbecue on the allotments, with everyone suitably distanced, was a great success. It was a really beautiful evening, and a great opportunity to chat – as well as eat. Delicious puddings were provided by Hilary John (chocolate cake) and John White (cherry cheesecake). It must be about the sixth year that the barbecue has been held, so it is becoming an allotment fixture.

As always, the year has brought different challenges, with a wet spring, a hot dry June and July and an indifferent August. Being able to work on the allotments while chatting to others at a distance has been a life-saver for some, and people who were furloughed have had more time to get their plots into shape and have hopefully had good harvests to reward them for their work.



landfill, and at the same time has helped to swell the PAA's coffers. Two new allotmenters are now busy getting it back into shape.

There is now a healthy waiting list for an allotment, but traditionally the wait has been less than a year, so if you want to join the list and you live in or near the village, contact the Parish Council on pangbourneasstclerk@gmail.com, or phone Jo on 0118 984 5898.



PURLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Trading Store is now closed for the winter season. Please check the Society's website for further details regarding events.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Sadly, as with most other charities, we have had to cancel our events for this year. This includes, of course, our Annual Dinner, our biggest fundraising event besides the Poppy Appeal street collection. Not only is it sad for us but also The Elephant Hotel who have regularly hosted this profitable and fun evening.

With regard to the street collection, there obviously will not be any of our hard working volunteers standing outside The Co-op and Lloyd's pharmacy, no matter the weather conditions. But, trays of poppies will be placed in the local businesses with their respective collection boxes so you can still wear your poppy with pride in exchange for a donation!

Of course, the Remembrance March, which would have been scheduled for Sunday November 8th, will not be taking place. However, in true tradition and respect for our heroes, a very small ceremony will take place at the war memorial at St James the Less church at 11.00am that day and will strictly follow government regulations,

masks and social distancing. Following observing the two minutes silence, the exaltation will be given, wreaths laid by a representative of the Parish Council, Fire Service, RNLI, Merchant Navy, SAS and The Legion followed by the reading out of the fallen of Pangbourne. Sadly, other village organisations, in particular those of children will not be present. Of course, this is being held in a public place, so should you wish to observe the proceedings, please respect current requirements ie the wearing of masks and adequate social distancing from other observers. This way, we'll stay safe whilst honouring our troops.

Hopefully, all being well, 2021 will be safe and we shall be able to hold much needed fundraising events. In the meantime, please remember the Poppy Appeal and give as generously as you can afford. You can also donate online at www.britishlegion.org.uk. Many thanks to you in anticipation of your generosity.

Denise Saunders – Pangbourne Branch Treasurer

WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB

At the beginning of the new season the club decided it had to hold our meetings virtually – Zoom. It has meant we have been able to present our published programme and say welcome back to our members... and are for a while, 'open' to all visitors free of charge... come join us...

NOVEMBER

Wed 4 – IT'S A SMALL WORLD. Andy Sands APAGB makes a welcome return with a collection of British Natural History images with the emphasis on close up and macro photography.

Wed 11 – ROSEBOWL COMPETITION (round one). We are the hosts for the first round this season when we welcome members from the Princes Risborough, Pinner and St Albans Camera Clubs.

Wed 18 – WINTER WONDERLAND. Keith Snell PhD EFIAP EPSA LRPS showcases the unique landscape and animal species of Yellowstone National Park in the winter.

Wed 25 – DIGITAL COMPETITION No 2. The first set subject this season is "Abstract". Our images will be judged by Damon Guy from the Marlow Camera Club.

DECEMBER

Wed 2 – HOW TO CHEAT AT PHOTOGRAPHY. This provocatively entitled talk allows Steven Galvin to confess his sordid kiss 'n' tell secrets by demonstrating how he outrageously "manufactures" his images. Steven challenges the audience to identify how images may have been "airbrushed", covers the history of "photoshopping" and debates the ethics of just how far one should go.

Wed 9 – THE MANY FACES OF PERU. Terry Pollard ARPS DPAGB takes us on a guided tour of this fascinating country including Colca Canyon and

Condors, Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca finally we journey to the North of the country to explore Peru's ancient history.

Thur 10 – ROSEBOWL COMPETITION (round two). The second round this season is hosted by the Abingdon Camera Club where we are joined by clubs from Harrow and Chesham.

Wed 16 – CHERNOBYL AND PRYPYAT. Trevor Morecraft LRPS has spent four days from two trips (2016 and 2019) to the Chernobyl exclusion zone exploring the Power Station itself and the abandoned town of Prypyat. He delves into some of the history before the accident and photographically explores the deserted town, both outside and inside the buildings. With photographic advice on the way, using both Canon and latterly Olympus cameras.



One of my favourite images taken in Wales in August last year. The train is just leaving Berwyn Station on the Llangollen Railway Line. The water on the left is the River Dee. The black and white building is the Station Master's House which is now available for holiday lets. (Alan Copeland)

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PANGBOURNE VALLEY PLAYGROUP



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SETTING

Pangbourne Valley Playgroup has existed in our village for decades and we're sure many parents reading this article will have fond memories of when their children attended this lovely setting. It really is at the heart of creating the family community that makes living in Pangbourne so special. Since opening hundreds of local children have attended this lovely setting.

2020 and the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic has had a big impact on the playgroup. The setting was closed for 3 months during the initial lockdown and was only able to re-open to children in mid June. As a community run, not for profit playgroup this has had a devastating effect, with no session income over this period and the continuation of staff wages and bills. We are now getting back on our feet but we are still facing the challenges this pandemic is throwing at us, which has had a fairly major impact on our finances. It has never been more important to support your local affordable childcare setting to ensure its continuation for many more generations to come.

LOVE IT OR LOSE IT AS THEY SAY!

We hope that the readers of Pangbourne Magazine and our lovely community will come together to help our playgroup and enable it to flourish for the future. If you are able to try and help us then please consider whether you could contribute to one of our fundraising ideas outlined below or serve on our committee. We would be grateful for any contribution, however large or small. If anyone has any ideas, offers of time or help – please do get in touch with us via the email address: pvpg.enquiries@gmail.com.

- Pangbourne Valley Playgroup is registered with Easyfundraising. You'll find main big name retailers there like John Lewis, Amazon, and eBay, all ready to help us raise more for our charity. Simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, search for Pangbourne Valley Playgroup, choose your favourite retailer and click the 'Shop Now' button. When you buy something, the retailer donates to the playgroup as a thank you.
- Support us when you shop online smile.amazon.co.uk. Register for Amazon Smile and choose to support Pangbourne Valley Playgroup. The playgroup gets a donation every time you shop at no cost to you.
- We are signed up with the West Berkshire Lottery which gives you a 1/50 chance to win a prize each week with a top prize of £25,000! Tickets are only £1 a week and 60p of that goes to good causes. <https://www.westberkshirelottery.co.uk/support/pangbourne-valley-playgroup>
- Please consider a donation to our Go Fund Me page which can be found at <https://gf.me/u/y2wh9y> or go

to www.gofundme.com and search for Pangbourne Valley Playgroup

- If you have the time and dedication to support our committee then we are always on the lookout for new members. We are seeking to increase the membership of the committee and so would be keen to hear from anyone that might be able to help us from the community. Anyone with any experience of childcare settings, being a treasurer or fundraising experience would be wonderful but equally enthusiasm, a big heart and dedication go a long way! Please do get in touch using the above email address and come and meet us.

OUR PLAYGROUP

If you are looking for a friendly, child focused and affordable childcare setting in Pangbourne please get in touch and arrange a visit. The playgroup offers fully funded 15- and 30-hour places to eligible children. Older children often also attend the FS1 morning session at Pangbourne Primary School and can be walked across to attend afternoon sessions at the playgroup, providing even more flexibility. It is unique because of its structure – it is run by a dedicated parent committee and this is special because it means that the children are the focus rather than profit.



Throughout the years the playgroup has evolved and changed but the constant has been the excellent start that children receive. The playgroup caters for children aged 2-5 years which are critical developmental years in a young child's life. These years shape their personality, self esteem and confidence. The playgroup has always placed the children's needs at the heart of the organisation and we are incredibly lucky to have a very dedicated team of staff who really care about the children in their care. The playgroup has fantastic links with the primary school and this makes the transition to reception incredibly easy as children get to know the school setting and staff.

We are pleased to be able to offer an almost full return to normal sessions with all sessions bar Fridays back up and running and we have been able to welcome new and existing children in the Autumn term. At a time when so many drop in playgroups and activities are not running due to current restrictions, the playgroup still has places available and parents are welcome to get in touch to arrange taster sessions to try it out.

Thank you for reading and together we hope that our playgroup will grow and thrive.

Best wishes and stay safe from the Pangbourne Valley Playgroup committee and staff

FRIENDS OF PANGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



FOPPS, the Friends of Pangbourne Primary School, has been continuing to support the children's education and experiences, now that the school is back open. The top priority for 2020/2021 is ICT and we are replacing the entire school's interactive whiteboards and funding an additional Class's worth of Chromebooks. We are also putting funding aside to replace the playground equipment in the Foundation Stage area, and other activities and items to support the children's education and wellbeing.

PANGBOURNE 10K – YOUR WAY!

Unfortunately, due to restrictions on large gatherings imposed by the coronavirus pandemic we had to cancel the Pangbourne 10k in 2020. However, we created an amazing alternative event – Pangbourne 10k – Your Way.



This event was open to all and aims to encourage increased fitness for runners, parents and children in the local area, as well as raise funds for FOPPS. We opened it for a whole month between Sunday 20 September and Sunday 18 October, with categories for individuals, families, teams and children.

People could be sponsored, sponsor another runner, make a donation, or simply join in our virtual event and share your experiences with no cost.

Sponsorship remains open at
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fopps10k>

We are also very proud that our headteacher Mrs Fry did her own 10k, and her fundraising page is also still open:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/melissa-fry>

The KS2 teaching team were also keen to join in, and they've been fundraising too at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ks2team>

Well done Mrs Fry and the KS2 teams!

Unfortunately (but not unexpectedly) we've had to cancel the annual Fireworks Fiesta, as we can't hold events with lots of people on school property!

This is a real shame and it will impact our ability to raise funds to support the school. However, we do have several online ways to support our local charity. We have three online and retail programmes – the West Berkshire Lottery, Amazon Smile, and shopping at the local Co-op stores.



West Berkshire Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in West Berkshire – and FOPPS is now registered as one of the causes. If you would like the chance of winning up to £25,000 AND supporting FOPPS, all you need to do is go to the site below and purchase a ticket.

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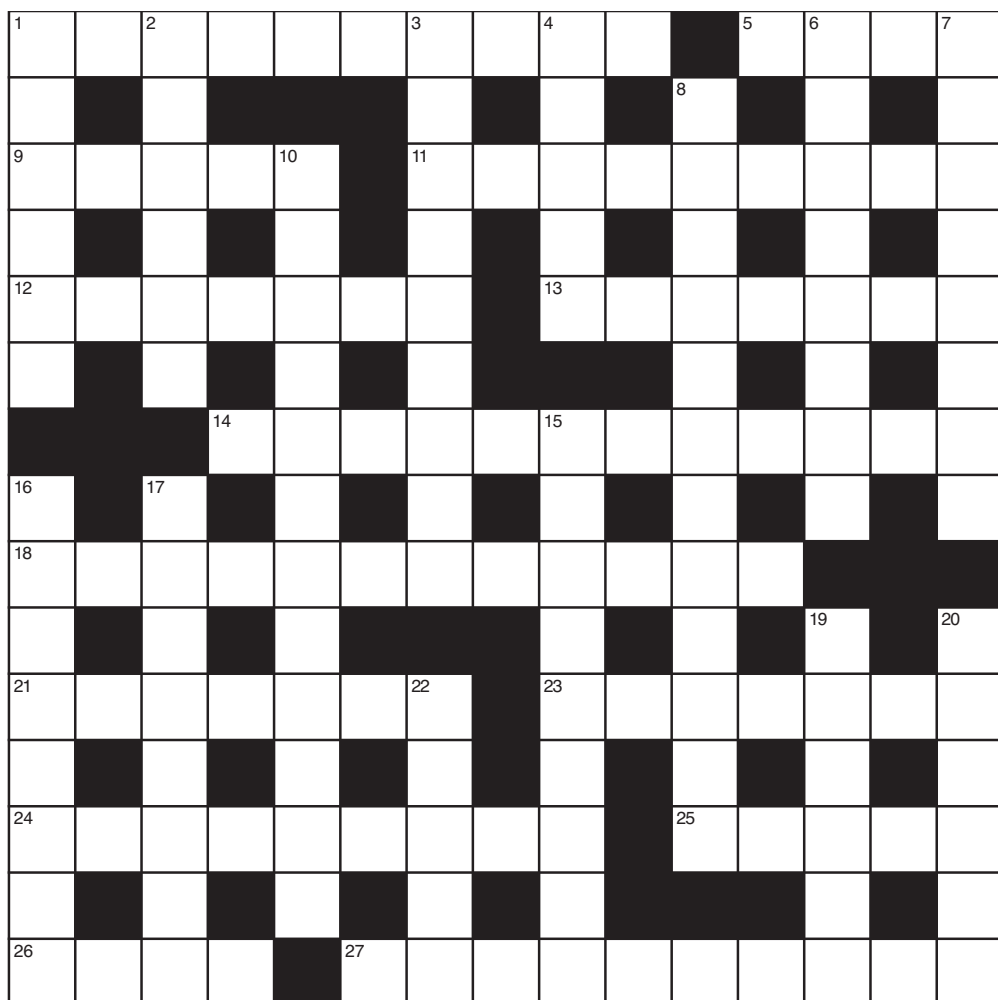


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Finally as a reminder we do have a textile recycling bin just inside the school playground, so if you need to recycle some old clothes or shoes, do think of us.

As always if you would like to get involved, help or donate to your local primary school during these challenging times please contact us at info@fopps.org.uk.

CROSSWORD



CANTOR'S CROSSWORD NO. 14

ACROSS

1. Carol's on about some regal trio from somewhere in the Orient (5,6)
5. Initially recording company has him as someone of rank out East (4)
9. Cocky little bird, reputedly (5)
11. Antithesis of being told to go straight (4,5)
12. Comparatively ahead of his time, here he outranks, on any count (7)
13. It has, not least, a durable inner quality as well as overall flexibility (7)
14. Hot in class? So teach cool i.e – use this as an answer! (9,3)
18. I was calm before the Christmas storm – but now I'm just this (7,5)
21. So, Ed finally had to be hung out to dry? (7)
23. Using them sounds like balances may be affected (7)
24. It's rare grans that can sort things out round the cooker (9)
25. Contradictory name for French composer, of standing, that is? (5)
26. Dior saw this as a replacement, post war (4)
27. Have faith that these will provide for those waiting (5,5)

DOWN

1. Total withdrawal and this country gets the bird – cold? (6)
2. Address Bob correctly as he's got a Civil Award (6)
3. Sounds like like the response to the hatchet being buried on stage (9)
4. Gourmandise on an English cheese here (5)
6. Get up for a rescue that's gone on the rocks (8)
7. Could well describe theatre work censored behind the (iron?) curtain (8)
8. Ideal seats for Shakespearian night out – currently really unseasonal (5,7)
10. Sounds like a nag, but there's a bell going off nearby (12)
15. They may make a song (not dance) about something (9)
16. Currently inside is the place to be if there's one of these (8)
17. The speaker's on at the start for a musical work on Hispanic water(8)
19. His panto role cut back – ironically, adding a hole could make sense (6)
20. Estimate here the worth of Bottom's role in MND (6)
22. Rather dull overall when seen finally from behind. (5)

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 41)



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS FOCUS ON PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LIFE SKILLS



A year ago, Pangbourne College underwent a full inspection by the Independent Schools' Inspectorate (ISI), which judged the College to be excellent in all categories including pupils' personal development. The focus on personal development continues, even with the adaptations required to learn in a COVID-safe environment.

For Sixth Form students, the new academic year began with a day-long mix of workshops and interactive sessions dedicated to personal development. They first spent time with an external expert and Pangbourne teaching staff crafting their personal statements for university applications. The main event of the day was a 'behavioural profiling' workshop, based on questionnaires the students completed in the summer.

"Essentially, the colour profiling system assigns everyone a suite of colours based on their behavioural preferences and styles," explained Mr James Bamforth, Head of Sixth Form. "The workshop helped them to understand their own working styles and preferences, as well as the preferences of their peers. Taking the idea that it is easy to remember your 'colour', it helps students to reflect on themselves, understand how to get the best out of each other, work well in teams, and communicate effectively."



The focus on personal development and lifelong skills has continued for the 50+ Sixth Form students involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Temporarily paused during the lockdown, the expedition section of the Gold and Silver Awards had to be adapted.

"In a normal year our Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Gold participants would go to

South Wales and further afield for multi-day expeditions," said Mr Andy Crossley, Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager. "This year, they have been able to run their expeditions using the College as a base. In planning and carrying out a full expedition, including map reading, setting up camp and cooking outdoors, students learn how to work together as a team, communicate effectively and support their peers."



INDIVIDUAL SPORTING SUCCESS FOR PANGBOURNE PUPILS

As team sports begin to start up again in new circumstances, Pangbourne pupils have managed individual success.

The College equestrian team has begun competition, and so far progress has been very good. College pupil Isla Farrow won her first class and came 4th in her second and third class at the recent national qualifiers for dressage and combined training at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre. This was enough to secure her two places at the upcoming National Championships, to be held at Addington Manor.



Calum Scott

In rugby, the Captain of the College's First XV, Calum Scott, has been awarded England Academy Player status. This means he is part of a small group of players within his premiership academy club with this status and places him on the pathway towards professional rugby after Pangbourne.



Isla Farrow

"Becoming an EAP was a great feeling, and it is something I have worked really hard for," said Calum. "There is still a long way to go, and I am very much looking forward to the upcoming season."

The College's new Director of Sport, Mr Sam Hewick, said: "It is great to be able to support Calum in his ambition to play for England. I am also proud of how many students are playing rugby here at the College, and it's great that Calum can set an example for our younger players."



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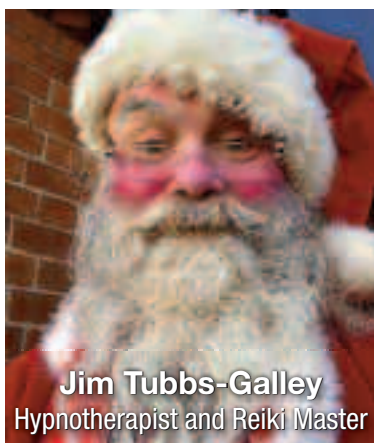
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PANGBOURNE HILL

As, by car, you squeeze through the narrow road by Church Cottage, you are following a road that is old, but not the oldest in the village. Pangbourne stood on the Roman road from Dorchester, Oxfordshire, to Silchester, and around the junction with the minor road from Reading, at the site of the churchyard, a settlement developed. It is from the site of this former Roman settlement that the road up Pangbourne Hill evolved, leading into what must have been until the mid-Anglo-Saxon period a sort of wooded wilderness.

It is significant in this connection that the name **Pangbourne Hill** contains the name *hyll*, for this has not been recorded in use before c. AD 730, in the middle of the Anglo-Saxon period. From then on this term was used, like its Modern English equivalent, as a general term when a hill had no defining shape. Such a hill was considered to have poor soil in 1208 at *Hungerhulle*, a lost name at Brightwell, and was 'happy (Merry-)' at **Merryhill Green**, Winnersh. It was indeed associated with a wild boar at **Boar's Hill**, Wootton, and on **Rood Hill**, Welford, 'hill with a cross', there may have stood either a crucifix or a gallows.

The Anglo-Saxons used terms for hills more precisely than we do. In the complete absence of maps, precise features of the landscape were important navigation markers, especially if one was away from one's home area. Being by definition dominant, hills were especially significant. Take the term *dun*, the modern 'down(s)'. It is rare in our area, especially since **Basildon** is not a true *dun* name – it was first recorded in c. AD 630 as *Bestlesforda*, 'Baessel's ford', and in the Domesday Book of 1086 as *Bastedene*, 'Baessel's valley (*denu*)'. There is no mention of a *dun*, since the substitution of -don for -den is modern.

As is demonstrated in the excellent "The Landscape of Place-names", by Margaret Gelling and Ann Cole, a *dun* is a "low hill with a fairly level and fairly extensive summit which provided a good settlement site in open country", especially when looked up at from a distance. It was in use from the start of the Anglo-Saxon period, but is rare in Berkshire, because of



Claydon

the absence of a ready supply of water on the chalk hills. In Oxfordshire, a good example of a *dun* is **Claydon**, as per the illustration, where, in early Anglo-Saxon eyes, the site was indeed noteworthy for being on clayey soil, and therefore having a good supply of water. However, clay makes a poor, muddy site for a settlement, so the hill top was chosen because it would have had slightly better drainage than the slopes or valley floor.

The similar idea of looking upwards is present in **Clifton Hampden**. It is a settlement (-ton) on the steep riverbank (Clif-) beside the Thames, and was (and is) a noteworthy feature for those travelling on the river. The church particularly stands out as a navigation marker, as the illustration shows. **Cleeve**, Goring, is another example of *clif* used of land rising quite sharply from near the bank of a river.



Clifton Hampden

been borrowed from the Latin sea-faring parlance. The word *ora*, meaning 'edge, coast or shore', was probably used by Latin-speaking sailors out in the Channel at the first sight of land, the Latin equivalent of "Land ahoy!" There is a series of *ora* type ridges behind the southern coastline that would have been seen rising above the horizon by the sailors, for example if heading for Chichester Harbour. The names here include **Bognor**, **Itchenor**, **Keynor** and **Eleanor Farm**. In due course the term *ora* would have been adopted by Germanic seafarers and then settlers, and so passed into West Saxon vocabulary as meaning a 'ridge'. The result in our area is names like **Stonor**, where

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the ridge was considered 'stoney', **Bagnor**, associated with a 'badger', and **Boxford**, *Boxora* in 821, on which the 'box tree' grew.

If the whole hillside was wooded, sometimes the term *hyrst* was used. The most obvious example in our area is **Tilehurst**, where, at least from medieval times if not earlier and until very recently, the land on the south side of the hill was associated with 'tiles'. Elsewhere, at

Buckhurst, Wokingham, the hill had a beech wood, and the soil is indeed sandy at **Sandhurst**. **Baughurst**, Hampshire, which was *Baggeherst* in 1175, was associated with a 'badger'.

A wooded hillside could also be called a *hangar*, giving apparently grisly names like **Old Hangers**, Bucklebury, and **Hangings Copse**, also in that village. In modern usage the reference is to a steep slope, but in Anglo-Saxon the slopes referred to were not always steep, and sometimes quite gentle.

I feel it is important at this point to dispel a myth concerning the origin of the name of our county. It is considered in some circles that the Berk- of **Berkshire** means 'wood'. It does not; it means 'hill'. It is a Celtic name, derived from *barrog*, 'hilly', related to Modern Welsh *bar*, 'top, summit', and perhaps originally referring to the region dominated by the Berkshire Downs. The earliest reference to Berkshire, *Berrocscire*, is in AD 893, indeed referring to a wood, but this was the name of the region transferred to a wood, and thus referring only to the topography of the land on which the wood stood. The location of this wood is uncertain, but was probably in the south-west of the county.

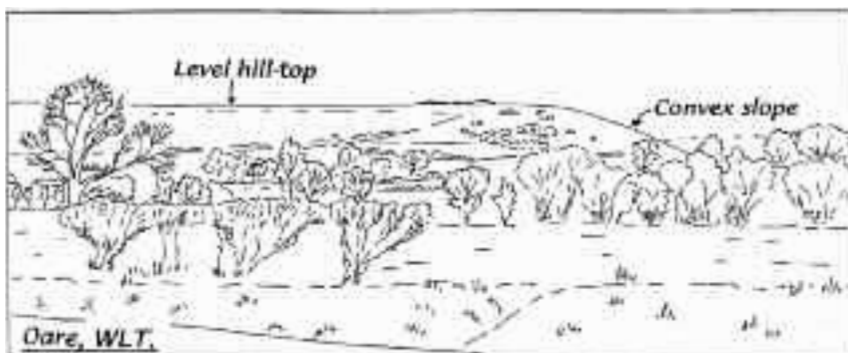
If the hill was in a particularly striking position it could be called a *tot-hyll*. Again, there is scholarly debate about the exact significance of *tot*, as to whether it simply implies 'a look-out point' or just 'a hill with a view'. There is mention of a *Totehill* at an undisclosed location in Pangbourne in 1548, and I am tempted to see it, on absolutely no concrete evidence, as being equivalent to **Riverview Road**. However that may be, at **Toot Baldon**, Bullingdon, the *dun*, associated with a person called *Bealda* (Bald-), was considered a good observation point (*tot*), in the area of the modern church, for observing activity on the old Roman road below. With the same significance as **Toot's Farm**, Caversham, both names feel as though they are straight out of an Ealing comedy film.

Quite definitely with a military significance is the variation *tot-aern*, 'lookout house'. Since high ground is effectively a pre-requisite for observation of this type, **Totterdown Meadow**, Bucklebury, mentioned in 1840, and **Totterdowns**, Sulhamstead, at the same period, are on hills, as is **Totterdown**, Chieveley, near the Iron Age hillfort at Ramsbury Corner, Bucklebury.

If a hill was small and rounded, it could be seen as being the shape of a ball, as at **Ballfield Shaw**, Chinnor. If it was rounded but larger, with a protuberance at one end, it could be termed a *cnoll*, as at **Knowle Farm**, Kingsclere, first recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Scholars consider that at that time it probably had a more precise significance, but exactly what is unknown. Only later did it develop the modern implication of a 'knoll or hillock'. **Knowl Hill**, Hurley, shows this uncertainty – the original significance of its name in 1299, *la Cnolle*, was lost, so 'Hill' was added later, since, whatever the original name actually meant, it clearly referred to a hill.

I have emphasised shape in writing here about hills. The human eye can be very perceptive and the mind sharp on these occasions. The name **Sinodun Hills**, Little Wittenham, although first noted in 1542, may be of great antiquity, derived from a pre-English name for the hill-fort there. The locals made nothing of the name, and so readily reduced it to *Sandon*, probably thinking of it as a 'sandy hill'. Another theory for the origin of the name is that Sinodun is in fact a Renaissance creation of Oxford academics, a latinised joke referring to the shape of the hills as seen from the Thames, and summed up in one local name for them, *Berkshire Bubs*. They are also known informally as *Mother Dunche's Buttocks*, from the family of Dunches, on whose estate the two hills stood. She must have had quite a profile.

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Artist's impression of Sinodun Hills



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By the time you read this we will have had our Information Evening launch of WARMER STREETS, community-led discount insulation scheme on October 14th. For more information about Warmer Streets contact WestBerksCAN@gmail.com.

The Government has made the Green Homes Grant available only for a short period – from the end of September 2020 to the end of March 2021 – so we need to get our skates on and make those applications. The hope also is that if the Grant scheme is inundated with applications the Government will be forced into extending the offer. See article by Richard Black in eciu.net/blog/2020/green-homes-grant-polling-policy-implication-of-a-predicted-surge-in-demand.

For information on the Green Homes Grant go to: www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/pages/green-homes-Grant and greenhomesgrant.campaign.gov.uk.

On October 21st our own Brian Hoskins spoke at the West Berks Green Exchange on the subject of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

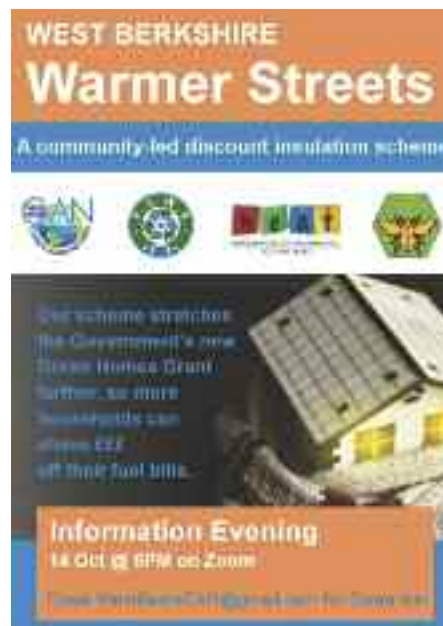
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OTTERS ON THE PANG!

Graham Scholey (Biodiversity Specialist at the Environment Agency and Chair of the UK Otter Biodiversity Action Plan Steering Group) and I recently found otter spraint on the Pang upstream of Pangbourne on the 16 July 2020 while on a site visit, and we thought it would be interesting to know whether any of you have any recent records of otters on the river, are able to recognise otter spraint and are able to look for signs in the future.

The otter has made a steady recovery across much of England over the last four decades, following the phasing out of the toxic chemicals which were mainly responsible for their decline. In the first national otter survey (1977-79)

there **were no signs of otters at all** on the Thames catchment, and it was only in the mid-1990s that some evidence of otters started to be found. Since then, otters have slowly spread and are now present on much of the upper and middle Thames catchment, with evidence on the Thames as far downstream as Windsor and beyond.

Despite the extent of activity on the main freshwater Thames, some of the tributaries such as the Pang have not had many records of otters, which may in part be due to the low level of monitoring being undertaken, with very occasional signs in the last ten years. This is where our local community can help.

Otters live at low density and have large, defended home ranges, and the Pang is unlikely to provide territories for more than a few

animals at most. They feed primarily on fish but take a range of other prey as well. It is likely that any animal on the lower Pang is also using the Thames as foraging habitat. They are expert at avoiding detection and they and their places of refuge (holts) are fully protected by law. Predominantly nocturnal and crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk), the best evidence of otters is usually by finding their droppings, known as spraint. These are often deposited at prominent locations such as on bridge ledges, on concrete bagwork, on the 'saddle' of trees overhanging the water and fallen branches across the water, and where a tributary meets the main watercourse. These are places where other otters will look for the signs of competitors.

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cigarette ash, and can last a long time (months) if not swept away by floods or knocked off by people's feet.

Otter spraint is not unpleasant to smell, often described as either 'fishy' or even like 'jasmine tea', and it consists primarily of fish bones and scales. It can be confused with mink scats, but these are quite narrow, twisted, and smelly when fresh whereas otter spraint is a much more loose gelatinous blob or 'spiky' streak of obviously bony material. When fresh, otter spraint is green to dark in colour, and when old it often looks faded and grey like



If anyone thinks they have found otter spraint they may wish to send their record (with photo if you are able to take one) to Graham for verification. (graham.scholey@environment-agency.gov.uk) There is no obligation to either handle or sniff the spraint! All confirmed records will be sent to the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre. It would be useful to get more evidence of how regularly the otter may be using the River Pang, and indeed the Sulham Brook where evidence of spraint has also been found near its confluence with the Thames.

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The photo shows the improvements made to the cattle crossing by the installation of gravel to reduce the erosion of the stream bed and the innovative "floating" fencing which will allow for rising flood water when the Brook is subject to intense rainfall. This can all be seen from the public footpath which crosses the fields at the upstream end of the Sulham Brook.



OLD RECTORY COTTAGE FOOTPATHS ETC.

Many of you contacted us earlier in the year due to the flooding of the footpath next to Old Rectory Cottage, and the one running from the A340 across to the green footbridge over the Pang. You also called us about the huge fallen willow tree across the Pang as you were concerned that this was adding to the footpath flooding. I am pleased to say that the willow has now been removed (thanks to Arborite Tree surgeons). Although the trunk was never really low enough to cause the water to back up, it was not something that we wanted to sit there indefinitely as once it had gradually dropped into the river it would have definitely caused a major blockage.



Temporary repairs have been made to the eroded banks near Old Rectory Cottage, using Floodsax shown in the photo and more recently with turves (thanks to John Tomey for his recent help with this work). We and the riparian owner are looking at a more permanent solution, including the possibility of making more of the habitat in this area by creating a wetland area in conjunction with the bank repairs.

We have also brought the state of banks and supports of the green footbridge over the Pang to the attention of West Berkshire's Highways dept. The gabions by the bridge are now quite eroded, as are the banks by the side of them and the area by the gate. The bridge engineers are investigating what needs to be done in terms of repairs etc. We will also be clearing the excessive weed growth from the weir at Old Rectory Cottage before this gets any worse and hopefully before the river gets too high.

REPORTING CONCERNS AND FLOODING IN GENERAL

As you know we have already had our first storm of the winter, Storm Alex, with over 40mm of rainfall in one day. The rivers were all quite low so the main risk to us was from surface water flooding, which fortunately didn't materialise. However, please can we ask that you keep an eye on the road gullies around the village and if you see any problems with them being blocked and unable to drain surface water away, that you report this to West Berkshire Highways dept. You can do this via a link on the landing page of our website www.floodalleviation.uk Under EMERGENCIES and CONCERNS, there is a link for reporting a Highways Drainage Problem. There are also similar links to report sewer flooding to Thames Water and blockages in the river to the Environment Agency.

Stephen and I continue to keep an eye on the rivers around the village and try to ensure there is nothing that would cause a problem in the event of heavy rainfall. You can never be certain that there won't be a fallen tree or similar that happens unexpectedly, however please do not deliberately put obstructions in the river. We have recently had an incident of large boulders and road signs being put across the Pang/Thames junction, which is illegal and totally irresponsible, and have lost count of the times things have been thrown in the Sulham Brook downstream of the A329. Please ensure your children understand the dangers of doing this too.

Thank you

Kay Lacey, Stephen Billyeald – Pangbourne Flood Wardens



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PANGBOURNE HILL CEMETERY WORKS AND NEW WASTE ARRANGEMENTS



Visitors to the Cemetery may have noticed recent landscaping works which have been undertaken by our Chairman and Chair of Grounds to create an area for grass cuttings and trimmings to compost down. The area now looks much smarter and the old spoil and waste areas have been cleared.

New bins and smart new housings have also been installed. There are two new sets of bins located on either side of the central turning circle, with each pair providing one bin for plastic flower wrappings and general waste



and the other for green waste / dead flowers. We would politely ask that visitors use ONLY these bins going forward and no longer make use of the existing skip.

Any other waste should be taken home and disposed of offsite as there are no facilities to dispose of anything other than small grave tributes. Your co-operation in this matter going forward is appreciated.

I'm sure you will agree that the new compost and spoil area looks much smarter and should provide sufficient space for years to come.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Due to the current pandemic restrictions and constantly evolving situation, unfortunately no Remembrance Day Parade, event or service will be able to take place this year.

Instead wreaths will be individually laid in keeping with government guidance and following the advice of the Neighbourhood Police Team and Church of England. Wreaths will be placed by representatives of the Royal British Legion, Police Force, Parish Council, Fire Service and Royal Lifeboats Association at the War Memorial.



Other associations such as the Guiding and Scouting Associations are asked to lay their wreaths separately after this.

We politely ask that members of the public do not attend this year and we would request that anyone wishing to pay their respects visits the war memorial individually later in the day.

In line with similar activities elsewhere around the country, it is suggested that residents throughout the village wishing to observe the two minutes silence come out onto their doorsteps, should they wish, at 11am.



The Royal British Legion have a poppy template available to download from their website and children are encouraged to decorate and colour one for display in their windows.

Poppies will still be available from the Royal British Legion via several shops in the village in the run up to Remembrance Day, however there will not be individual poppy sellers this year.

(It should be noted that this article was written 13th October 2020 and guidance and planning are subject to change. Please see the Council's website and facebook pages for the latest information nearer the time.)

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Unfortunately the annual Village Christmas Evening will also be unlikely to be held in its usual form this year.

The Parish Council will still be installing its seasonal lights on the street lighting columns and also providing a Christmas tree for the village, but there will be no official switch on event.

Please see individual businesses and retailers for details of any special activities they may be running.

Please also see details of the **Doorstep Carols** event being run by St James the Less.



FOOTPATHS AND PROWS (PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY) – VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

As mentioned in the editorial on the first page of the magazine, Pangbourne is a village blessed to have such unrivalled access to so many beautiful open spaces alongside its quality local amenities. Many of these are accessed via public rights of way which protect them for the benefit of all for generations to come.



These footpaths (or PROWS) are not solely restricted to the Countryside and Pangbourne has a network of well used smaller paths connecting various parts of the village centre and the open countryside beyond.

Pangbourne Parish Council receives regular communications from residents regarding these “village” footpaths in particular commenting variously on their condition, lighting, surfacing and overhanging vegetation, fallen trees or other obstructions. Maintenance of public rights of way is a complicated

matter with many running across private land with landowner responsibilities, however as the principal authority, West Berkshire Council also has a duty to ensure that the footpaths remain accessible and the Parish Council has a power to contribute.

As with all things, the key is to love them or lose them and whilst Pangbourne Parish Council has been actively engaging with local landowners and West Berkshire Council with regard to trimming back over hanging vegetation and surface improvements, we are also asking for volunteers from within the local community to help set up a task force or a series of “friends” groups to help look after these precious “lifelines” for the village.

Similar groups focussing on traffic, paths and pavements in neighbouring villages such as Goring-On-Thames and Whitchurch-on-Thames are operational and have seen good results, for example Green Whitchurch meet regularly to clear vegetation at selected sites around the village.

It may be that you live close to one of these footpaths and would be interested in forming a group of like minded neighbours to help tidy and clear your local path in conjunction with the Parish Council or you may be interested in helping in a more general and occasional clear up event (socially distanced of course).

We would be keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping/joining in such an initiative and would also welcome residents views on what improvements they would like to see and where.

Please contact the Parish Council via the Clerk email address Clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk or leave a message on the parish office phone 0118 984 1118 in the first instance if you would be interested in helping.

HIGHWAYS DRAINAGE

As we approach what is likely to be yet another wet and muddy winter it is a good time to focus on the matter of highways drainage and blocked drains throughout the village.

Did you know that you can report a blocked or overflowing public highways drain via the West Berkshire website under the report a problem section in the same way that seasonal potholes can also be reported. A simple description of the location of the blocked drain should be sufficient to be able to report it, however for those who wish to, you can use the interactive online map to find it's individual reference number and the date it was last cleared.



You can report a problem here – <http://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

(Options to follow are: Remove or tidy something/road/highway drainage)

COUNCIL NEWS

TREES

TREE WORKS

The Parish Council is now well under way with its programme of tree works.

The River Meadows car park was closed for one day in early September to allow works to take place safely on the Meadows and around the Dolphin Centre building as well as along the "track" area of the meadows. The bark chippings have been spread across the entrance to the meadows to help build back up the path and reduce the mud. A new tree was kindly supplied and planted on the meadows for the parish by the tree contractors carrying out the work to replace one that needed to be removed.



Unfortunately, it was discovered during the course of these works that three ash trees will need to be removed due to showing signs of ash die back which has seen a significant rise in cases this year and is affecting open spaces right across the country. There are 132 ash trees owned by the Parish Council around the village which will need to be monitored over the coming year.

Works will soon begin on the boundary trees at the Recreation Ground.

HORSE CHESTNUT TREE

With autumn here and conker season in full swing, many children and residents will, I'm sure, have noticed the recent felling of one of the pair of horse chestnut trees on the verge between Kennedy Drive and the petrol station. This particular tree had been diseased in recent years and in order to prevent further spread to other nearby horse chestnuts was removed by tree officers at West Berkshire Council. We are assured that a replacement will be planted, however this may not be until at least next year at the earliest to allow the ground to recover sufficiently for new planting to take place. It is likely that a different variety or species will be planted to avoid re-infection.

TREE PLANTING PROJECT – 40 SAPLINGS

The Parish Council have been offered 40 tree saplings which were surplus to requirements from the lockdown wood project taking place near Newbury. It is likely that these will be planted mainly at the Meadows and Recreation Ground but possibly also Chiltern Walk and other locations. These will be delivered in November. Anyone wishing to help with the planting or ongoing aftercare until they establish should contact the Clerk in the first instance

SCAMS

Unfortunately, since our last article there have continued to be a number of recent scam attempts in the parish and so we are re-publishing the information below again. Please make yourself aware of these and report anything suspicious to the police via 101 or 999 if you feel threatened or in danger. Please also make a report to [actionfraud](https://www.actionfraud.org/).

COURIER FRAUD

A local resident received a call from a male reporting to be from a bank and they were told to go to the Reading branch to hand over their bank cards. They were told that someone could come to collect the cards but the victim said no. A male then came to the door to take the cards, whilst the aggrieved was on phone to the male reporting to be from the bank. The male at the door was also trying to get the pin number of the cards. The aggrieved refused to give the cards and pin numbers.

On another similar incident in Pangbourne, the aggrieved received a call stating her bank cards were out of date, and that another man would be bringing new cards. A male came to the door. He gave the aggrieved an envelope which actually contained mobile cards. The aggrieved saw a small car with a black roof drive away.

We have also heard of other scams involving scammers knocking on doors with false offers of Covid-19 testing. You should never be asked to pay for a test or approached at the door.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL SINCE LAST ARTICLE

APP NO:	PROPOSAL	RECOMMENDATION
20/01931/ LBC2	Replace two white, pine, single pane sash windows with two aesthetically identical white, pine, single pane sash windows. Both windows are to the rear of the property and are not visible from the public highway or public land. The windows are beyond repair as the base (and sides) have rotted through – allowing rain water to ingress impacting the internal untreated structural timber below. Please see photos provided. All other windows are repairable. 14 Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne RG8 7BP	NO OBJECTION
20/01999/ HOUSE	Replacement garden outbuilding. South Lodge, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	NO OBJECTION
20/01801/ CERT	Certificate of Lawfulness Application seeking confirmation that Attic flat 2-10 Whitchurch Road, 4-6 Whitchurch Road and 14 Mulberry House are all the same property 14 Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne RG8 7BP	NO OBJECTION
20/02147/ HOUSE	Single storey front extension 12 Chiltern Walk, Pangbourne	NO OBJECTION
20/02111/ HOUSE	New garden building including outdoor kitchen and external store/changing room Lower Stonehams, Pangbourne Hill, RG8 8JS	NO OBJECTION
20/02076/ HOUSE	Single storey rear extension Valhalla, Kennedy Drive, Pangbourne RG8 7LB	NO OBJECTION
20/02076/ HOUSE	Section 73: Variation of condition 2 – approved plans of previously approved application 19/02308/HOUSE: First floor extension over existing flat roof and dormer window to attic 68 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JL	NO WITHDRAWAL OF COMMENTS
20/02237/ HOUSE	Demolition of existing flat roof extension, conservatory and potting shed. To be replaced with single storey rear extension 7 The Moors, Pangbourne RG8 7LP	NO OBJECTION
20/02283/ HOUSE	Demolition of front porches and replacement with full width single storey, pitched roof extensions to numbers 19 and 20 Chiltern Walk 19 / 20 Chiltern Walk, Pangbourne RG8 7LE	NO OBJECTION
20/02154/ HOUSE	Internal and external alterations to existing garage outbuilding, and erection of lean-to greenhouse extension (resubmission of Planning Permission No. 17/01768/HOUSE). Use of part of ground floor for residential purposes ancillary to the main dwelling. Courtlands, Tidmarsh Road, RG8 7AY	NO OBJECTION/ COMMENT
20/02240/ HOUSE	Demolition of existing garage, detached out building and two pitch roof rear dormers. Blue Daws, Pangbourne Hill, RG8 7AS	NO OBJECTION
20/02312/ HOUSE	Demolition of existing single storey utility room. Proposed two storey side extension with single storey front and rear extension and loft conversion to existing dwelling 6 Bourne Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JS	NO OBJECTION
APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL:		
20/01046/ FULD	5 Bedroom detached dwelling, detached garage and hardstanding Former Camden Ridge, Riverview Road, Pangbourne	APPROVAL
20/01786/ 5DAY	TPO 403 – G1 – Field Maple – Removal as it is dying. Adventure Dolphin, Dolphin House, Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne RG8 7DA	APPROVAL
20/01715/ NONMAT	Non-material amendment to planning permission 15/03320/OUTMAJ. Amendment: Revised planting scheme. Land North of Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne	APPROVAL

APP NO:	PROPOSAL	WBC DECISION
20/01534/ LBC2	Changes to Gutter area of Link Building to create new deeper gutter along line of Servants wing and to replace lead in gutter with Saranfil. Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
20/01330/ HOUSE	Demolition of existing single storey side extension and proposed single storey extension to front and side of existing dwelling 23 St James Close, Pangbourne	APPROVAL
20/01318/ HOUSE	Single storey glazed rear extension, blocking up of one window and insertion of one velux window. 4 The Moors, Pangbourne, RG8 7LP	APPROVAL
20/00642/ FUL	New Dwelling Garden Land East of Hillside, Riverview Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AU	REFUSED
20/00270/ HOUSE	Convert front garden into parking and dropped kerb 60 Reading Road, Pangbourne	APPEAL REFUSED
20/01783/ TPW	Beech – Reduce height by approx 3m and reduce crown 2m (eastern side), with cuts no greater than 50mm diameter. Final finished height of 18.3m. Marchfield, Flowers Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7BD	APPROVAL
20/01678/ TPW	2no. Leyland Cypress – Remove due to their poor condition and damage to structures. Grange Garden, Flowers Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7BD	APPROVAL
20/01597/ HOUSE	Removal of rear conservatory and construction of new, single storey side and rear extensions with pitched roof and roof lights to side and rear roofs. 6 Thames Avenue, Pangbourne	APPROVAL
20/01590/ HOUSE	Replace existing front lobby with two storey front extension 60 Bourne Road, Pangbourne	APPROVAL
20/01504/ LBC2	Changes to First and Second Floor areas to form Bedroom suites and bathrooms and changes to the Servants stair area to allow new service routes and to change stair flights from Ground to First floor Bere Court, Pangbourne, RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
20/01476/ PACOU	Application to determine whether prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from light industrial (Class B1c) to Dwelling houses (Class C3) under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class PA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). Proposal: to provide 1 x 3bedroom house with secure parking space and landscaped garden. Kiosks, Water Pumping Station, Tidmarsh Road, Pangbourne	WITHDRAWN
20/01615/ TPW	T1 – Douglas Fir – Removal of dead wood; 5m crown reduction to good growth points, leaving a final finished height of approximately 21m. Lyndhurst, Bere Court Road, Pangbourne RG8 8JT	APPROVAL
20/02077/ NONMAT	Non material amendment to approved 20/00444/HOUSE – Demolition of existing single storey utility room. Proposed two storey side extension with single storey front and rear extension and loft conversion to existing dwelling. Amendment - Reduce width of extension to run 1 metre from southern boundary line 6 Bourne Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JS	WITHDRAWN
20/01901/ TPW	T1 - Turkey Oak - Large limb growing towards house, to reduce by up to 2 metres, back to suitable growth points in order to provide clearance. Dunheved, Cedar Drive, Pangbourne RG8 7BH	APPROVAL
20/01447/ COND1	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (materials), 4 (CMS) and 7 (drainage) of approved application 20/00473/FULD, which granted planning permission for: New 4 bedroom detached dwelling with detached garage and new crossover. Former Camden Ridge, Riverview Road, Pangbourne	APPROVAL

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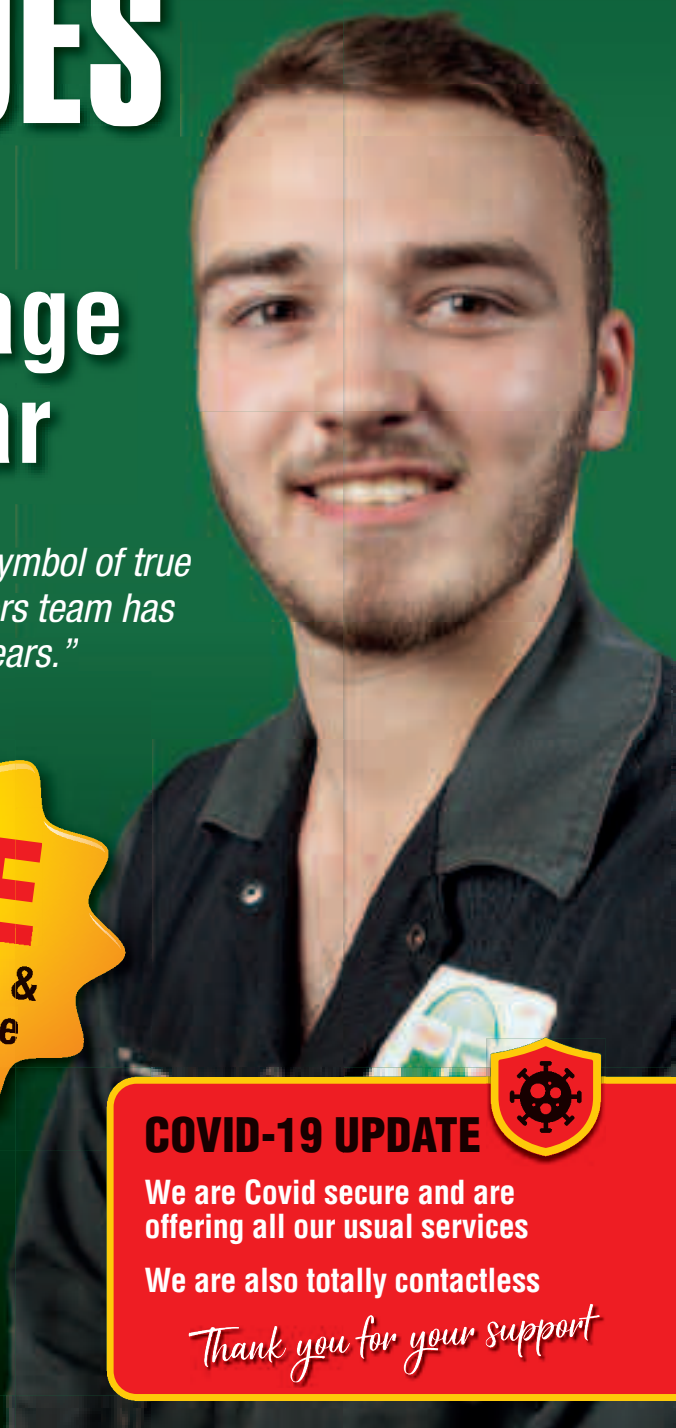
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