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## TIMETABLE CHANGES

The timetable has changed and there will be significant changes to our weekday operation. As well as the time of services changing, many services also have different calling patterns. It is therefore going to be really important for customers, particularly regular travellers, to check the timetable before travel.

This is the biggest change in 40 years, and GWR will be watching closely to make sure all goes as smoothly as possible. Making changes is the culmination of Network Rail's investment in electrification and improved infrastructure, combined with investment in more staff and new trains.

*Mark Hopwood*  
 Managing Director  
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### EVENING PEAK RESTRICTIONS DEPARTING LONDON PADDINGTON

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1628	1727	59	Reading	TfL Rail
1643	1741	58	Reading	TfL Rail
1658	1758	60	Reading	TfL Rail
1713	1811	58	Reading	TfL Rail
1728	1825	57	Reading	TfL Rail
1743	1841	58	Reading	TfL Rail
1756	1844	48	Reading	GWR
1758	1857	59	Reading	TfL Rail
1813	1911	58	Reading	TfL Rail
1826	1914	48	Reading	GWR
1828	1926	58	Reading	TfL Rail
1843	1941	58	Reading	TfL Rail
1849	1930	41	Didcot Parkway	GWR
1856	1944	48	Reading	GWR
1907	1934	27	Bedwyn	GWR
1913	2014	61	Reading	TfL Rail
1920	1955	35	Didcot Parkway	GWR

### ALL OTHER TRAINS REQUIRE ANYTIME OR SEASON TICKETS.

*Customers who start their journey from stations other than London Paddington may be exempt from these restrictions. Please check your ticket is valid before you travel.*

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## PANGBOURNE – NEWBURY FRIDAY BUS SERVICE

A scheduled bus service now operates every Friday from Pangbourne to Newbury. It departs around 9am and returns at lunchtime. West Berkshire bus passes are valid, or the fare is £4.80 return.

The Route 75 service is provided through the Carebus Volunteer Group (CVG). Their minibus has a wheelchair lift making the service fully accessible.

Pre-booking is essential as the exact pick-up route can vary according to demand. Please telephone 0118 930 4837 before 6pm Thursday.

CVG provides minibus and accessible-car transport for elderly, disabled, isolated and vulnerable people in Pangbourne and surrounding areas of West Berkshire.

If you would like to know more about CVG, Route 75 or other services, or can offer any help as a volunteer driver, please visit, call 0118 930 4837, or email [carebusct@btconnect.com](mailto:carebusct@btconnect.com).

## CHEESE ETC, THE PANGBOURNE CHEESE SHOP NAMED FINALIST IN SHOP OF THE YEAR 2020



The Guild of Fine Food's annual Shop of the Year awards, an accreditation scheme which recognises and promotes excellence in independent retail, has announced its finalists for 2020 and **Cheese Etc, The Pangbourne Cheese Shop** is among those in the running to win the Specialist Cheese Shop category. Having had its written entry reviewed by a panel of respected industry experts, Cheese Etc, The Pangbourne Cheese Shop will now undergo two further rounds of judging, including an announced visit from one of the judges and a mystery shop carried out by Insight6.

Owner and Cheesemonger, Jen tells us "we are honoured to have been shortlisted for the Guild of Fine Food's Shop of the Year. We are a small village shop, so it means a lot to be recognised in this way. We are passionate about providing our customers with an unrivalled selection of Artisan cheeses, many of which are made within 10 miles of Pangbourne and we are so grateful for the support of all our customers, most of whom are local, but some travel quite a distance or use our delivery service to have cheese delivered to their door."

From the overall shopping experience and financial performance to staff training opportunities and environmental initiatives, the panel of highly experienced judges, which includes Edward Berry of The Flying Fork, Stuart Gates, former managing director at Fortnum & Mason and senior buyer at Harrods, award-winning retailer Tracey Colley and food writer, Patrick McGuigan will rate, score and provide feedback on every aspect of Cheese Etc, The Pangbourne Cheese Shop before agreeing on an overall category winner.

Shop of the Year 2020 will reach its exciting finale on 9th March, when the world of fine food gathers at Fodder Farm Shop and Café in Harrogate, to find out the winners of each category.

For more information contact Jen on 0118 984 3323 or [sales@cheese-etc.co.uk](mailto:sales@cheese-etc.co.uk)  
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## PANGBOURNE CHRISTMAS EVENING



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Thanks to everyone involved with arranging the Village Christmas Event on Friday 6th December, special thanks go to those in the businesses who put in a huge effort, those who helped erect and remove the Village Tree on the forecourt of The George Hotel and particular thanks to owners of the George for giving permission to site it there. Thanks also to all who sold charity raffle tickets, organised carols, to the Silver Band and to anyone who organised other events on the night. Nearly all of these were volunteers who all helped bring a little Christmas sparkle to the village.

Pangbourne Parish Council

## RECOVERY IN MIND

Recovery in Mind is a social enterprise that provides free of charge courses to any adults living in West Berkshire with mental health challenges based at Broadway House in Newbury. Angela Ryan, founder and lead peer trainer says "We enable people to manage their own mental health through attending a wide variety of free courses.

At Recovery in Mind we aim to help people take back control of their lives, find hope and to make the most of life's opportunities, whilst working out their own goals and aspirations and how to work towards them.

We believe that both people who have 'lived experience' of mental health challenges and those who are professionally qualified in the field of mental health share the important role of course trainers. In fact, our peer trainers are people who started out on their journey with Recovery in Mind as students.

Come and experience our courses for yourself by starting out by attending the 'Introduction to Recovery' Bitesize session. We look forward to meeting you soon.

*"A friendly and welcoming place to start your recovery journey."*

*"Recovery in Mind makes you look at mental health issues in a very different way."*

*"I would like to say thank you to the Recovery in Mind team. The course was really helpful and I do feel the benefits after the six week foundation course. I'd like to carry on and join the regular mindful walks and other creative workshops."*

*"I found the courses so helpful – they are not aimed at individual counselling but are about learning/studying together in a safe, caring environment. They are supportive, positive and forward looking; encouraging you to accept yourself and develop your own personal 'wellness toolbox'."*

For more information about Recovery in Mind please visit our website [www.recoveryinmind2016.com](http://www.recoveryinmind2016.com). You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.





If you have an upcoming event or some news you'd like to tell Pangbourne about, contact us on [pangbourne@heraldgraphics.co.uk](mailto:pangbourne@heraldgraphics.co.uk)

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## HELEN BOWDEN

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Helen grew up in and lived most of her life in Pangbourne. A tomboy with a wicked sense of humour, Helen was a water baby who especially loved visits to Torquay and the Isles of Scilly.

She fought bravely against the odds, surviving a brain tumour at 10 years old before having to cope with Type 1 diabetes and then two strokes, after which she was not as strong.

Helen was a Venture Scout Leader in Pangbourne and helped several teenagers gain skills and confidence. She enjoyed being Aunty to Ollie and Ava, Richard and Helen's children. Helen was a great character and is fondly remembered for her babysitting skills and storytelling. When in New Zealand on a work placement with College, Helen was thrilled to do two tandem skydives.

She obtained an O.N.D. in Construction and then an H.N.D. in Conservation. Helen was a Park Ranger for nine years in a nature reserve, until her health deteriorated.

We are very proud of her and remember all her achievements and the many happy times we shared together.

Thank you to the residents of Pangbourne for all your support and lovely cards. They have helped us in our time of grief.

*We miss her every day – Helen's family*



## NINO'S LONDON MARATHON 2020

I'm absolutely delighted to announce that I've been offered a place by Duchess of Kent Hospice to run the April 2020 London Marathon. Having supported them for a few years now through our coffee mornings and charitable menu dishes, it's an honour to have been selected to run in such a prestigious fundraising event.



We lost Dad in March of 2018, after being diagnosed terminally ill in October 2017. From the moment dad was admitted to the Duchess of Kent Hospice, the whole team were nothing short of incredible. They were so kind and caring, and throughout Dad's stay we genuinely saw miraculous improvements in him, both physically and emotionally. These improvements are a testament to the amazing care he received, and thanks to the hospice we were able to have so many more quality months with him than the original prognosis suggested. I passionately want to support Sue Ryder so that they can continue to be there for all other families in need, like they were there for us when we needed them.

This will be by far my biggest challenge to date, as other than "running" around the restaurant, I have little previous running experience! The training required will be a huge extra time commitment on top of the long restaurant hours... But anyone that knows me will know that I enjoy a project and love to keep busy! The opportunity ahead is incredibly exciting.

Dad touched so many peoples lives – particularly through his restaurants – and was an incredibly loved member of the community. In his memory, I really hope that people will support me in this fundraiser. I would be so grateful for anything that anyone could donate, no matter how small. You can donate via my fundraising page online at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ninoslondonmarathon](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ninoslondonmarathon) or alternatively pop in to see me at the restaurant where we have sponsorship forms! Thank you.

*Nino Junior*



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by Danielle Pearson

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In a time before smartphones, Twitter, Greta Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion, the 'Third Battle of Newbury' was one of the definitive environmental campaigns of the 1990s. A new play with music, Camp Albion explores the heroism, humour and heated debate of this extraordinary moment in the town's history.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion      St Laurence, Tidmarsh  
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09.30	Boxercise	Gareth France – 07853 381449, gareth.france@sky.com	Dolphin
10.30, 19.45	Pilates (2 classes)	Vicky – 07775 638611, info@themovementclinic.co.uk	Movement Clinic
14.00	Coffee and Craft	0118 9844117, pangbournelibrary@westberks.gov.uk	Pang Library
15.30	Draw/Paint	Jean – 07500862025, art-course@hotmail.com, www.drawing-painting.com	Dolphin
18.00, 19.00	Yoga (2 classes)	Helma – 078104 25593, yogabyhelma@gmail.com	Whitchurch VH
18.30	Zumba	Rachel – 07885 444510, rachelzumba4043@gmail.com (VH in holidays)	Pang Primary
19.30	Badminton	webmaster@pangbournebadminton.club, www.pangbournebadminton.club	Pang College
Tuesday			
09.30	Hand Bell Ringers	Len Palfrey – palfrey62@btinternet.com	Various homes
11.30	Otago Fall Prevention	Daniela – 07900 307520, d.capasso67@gmail.com, www.yogawithdaniela.co.uk	Pang VH
11.30	Yoga	info@pangbourneclub.co.uk	Pang WMC
17.00, 18.15, 19.20	Pilates (3 classes)	Julia – julia@tilehurst-pilates.co.uk	Dolphin
19.30	Yoga (mixed ability)	Jean – 01235 868 004, 07484 4113401, jcosham@live.com	Pang Primary
19.30	Radiant Body Yoga	Joy – 07956 620868, joy.golding30@gmail.com	Movement Clinic
Wednesday			
09.30	Circuits	Gareth France – 07853 381449, gareth.france@sky.com	Pang VH
09.30	Pilates	Julia – julia@tilehurst-pilates.co.uk	Dolphin
09.30	Radiant Body Yoga	Joy – 07956 620868, joy.golding30@gmail.com	Movement Clinic
10.00	Keep Fit 50+	Jo Cassells – 01491 578076, jo.cassells@live.co.uk	Whitchurch VH
11.00, 12.00	Fitsteps (2 classes)	Kayleigh – 07970 074 683, kayleighrixon@gmail.com	Dolphin
11.30	Gardening	nick.digby@virgin.net, www.goringgapbc.org.uk/?s=gardening+	Lower Basildon
13.00	Art Group	margharita.wade@gmail.com	Pang VH
18.15	Zumba	Rachel – 07885 444510, rachelzumba4043@gmail.com	Pang WMC
18.30	Cricket Practice	Pangbourne Cricket Club. Dan Booth – 07956 526505, www.pangbournecc.org	Pang College
19.00	Hatha Yoga	Helma – 07810 425593, yogabyhelma@gmail.com	Whitchurch Artcafe
19.15	Vocal Locals Choir	Claudia – 07796 776461, c@claudgibson.com	Pang Primary
19.30	Dance Fitness Class	Andrea – 07717 023007, turners.the@icloud.com	Pang Primary
19.30	Langtree Sinfonia	nrkiff@tiscali.co.uk, www.langtreesinfonia.co.uk	Langtree school
20.00	Camera Club	Alan – 01491 681471, alan@alancopeland.co.uk, www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk	Whitchurch VH
20.00	Pangbourne Band	Stewart – 07786 694491, www.pangbourneband.org.uk	Pang VH
Thursday			
08.15, 09.30	Pilates (2 classes)	julia@tilehurst-pilates.co.uk	Dolphin
10.00	Draw/Paint	Jean – 07500 862025, art-course@hotmail.com, www.drawing-painting.com	Pang VH
10.00	Vinyasa Yoga	Kim – 07811 385 411, kim@kalmnkindyoga.co.uk	Floating Point
10.30, 19.00, 20.00	Pilates (3 classes)	Vicky – 07775 638611, info@themovementclinic.co.uk	Movement Clinic
18.00	Hatha Yoga	Kim – 07811 385 411, kim@kalmnkindyoga.co.uk	Floating Point
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20.00	Pilates (intermediate)	Vicky – 07775 638611, <a href="mailto:info@themovementclinic.co.uk">info@themovementclinic.co.uk</a>	Movement Clinic
20.00	Bingo	<a href="mailto:info@pangbourneclub.co.uk">info@pangbourneclub.co.uk</a>	Pang WMC
20.00	Bell Ringing	Len Palfrey – <a href="mailto:palfrey62@btinternet.com">palfrey62@btinternet.com</a>	St James
Friday			
09.30	Kettlebells	Gareth France – 07853 381449, <a href="mailto:gareth.france@sky.com">gareth.france@sky.com</a>	Pang VH
Saturday			
09.00	Rowing	Nick or Alastair – <a href="mailto:captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk">captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.goringgapbc.org.uk">www.goringgapbc.org.uk</a>	Lower Basildon
09.15	Radiant Body Yoga	Joy – 07956 620868, <a href="mailto:joy.golding30@gmail.com">joy.golding30@gmail.com</a>	Movement Clinic
09.30	Shop Bike Ride	Toby – 0118 9842823, <a href="mailto:info@pankhurstcycles.co.uk">info@pankhurstcycles.co.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.pankhurstcycles.co.uk">www.pankhurstcycles.co.uk</a>	Pankhurst Cycles
10.30	Tennis	Louise – 07554 432216, <a href="mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org">info@pangbournetennis.org</a>	Pang Tennis Club
11.00	Zumba	Rachel – 07885 444510, <a href="mailto:rachelzumba4043@gmail.com">rachelzumba4043@gmail.com</a>	Tidmarsh VH
Sunday			
10.00	Rowing	Nick or Alastair – <a href="mailto:captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk">captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.goringgapbc.org.uk">www.goringgapbc.org.uk</a>	Lower Basildon
11.30	Tennis	Louise – 07554 432216, <a href="mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org">info@pangbournetennis.org</a>	Pang Tennis Club
13.30	Cricket Matches	Pangbourne Cricket Club. Dan Booth 07956 526505, <a href="http://www.pangbournecc.org">www.pangbournecc.org</a>	See fixture list
Held monthly			
2nd Mon 14.00	Tea	Doreen – 0118 9715350	Dorman Rooms
3rd Mon 14.00	Cribbage	Di – 0118 9842473	Dorman Rooms
1st & 3rd Tue 19.30	Social Bridge	Stephen Billyeald – <a href="mailto:stephenbillyeald@btinternet.com">stephenbillyeald@btinternet.com</a> , 0118 9843368	Dorman Rooms
1st & 3rd Tue 19.45	Natural History	<a href="mailto:jan.haseler@btinternet.com">jan.haseler@btinternet.com</a> , <a href="http://www.rdnhs.org.uk">www.rdnhs.org.uk</a>	Pang VH
2nd Tue 14.30	W.I.	Judy – 0118 9841565, <a href="mailto:judyschurer@gmail.com">judyschurer@gmail.com</a>	Pang VH
2nd Tue 20.00	RSPB	<a href="mailto:info@reading-rspb.org">info@reading-rspb.org</a> , <a href="http://www.reading-rspb.org">www.reading-rspb.org</a>	Pang VH
4th Tue 14.00	Tea	Jill Palfrey – 0118 9842698	Pang VH
1st Wed 12.30	Carers Support	Carers Hub – 0118 3247333	Pang VH
1st Wed 19.30	Games/Quizzes	Doug – 0118 9614610, <a href="mailto:lynn.harrison@oddfellows.co.uk">lynn.harrison@oddfellows.co.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.oddfellows.co.uk">www.oddfellows.co.uk</a>	The Elephant
Alt Thu 10.00	Storytime	0118 9844117, <a href="mailto:pangbournelibrary@westberks.gov.uk">pangbournelibrary@westberks.gov.uk</a>	Pang Library
3rd Thu	Thursday Club	Various social events. Di – 07971 226548 and Gill – 01189 841122	George Hotel
2nd Sat 11.00	Gardening	<a href="mailto:nick.digby@virgin.net">nick.digby@virgin.net</a> , <a href="http://www.goringgapbc.org.uk/?s=gardening+">www.goringgapbc.org.uk/?s=gardening+</a>	Lower Basildon
1st Sun 10.00	Go Row	<a href="mailto:captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk">captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.goringgapbc.org.uk/?s=go+row">www.goringgapbc.org.uk/?s=go+row</a>	Lower Basildon
1st Sun 19.30	Jazz	Keith – <a href="mailto:pangbournejazzclub@gmail.com">pangbournejazzclub@gmail.com</a> , <a href="http://www.pangbournejazzclub.co.uk">www.pangbournejazzclub.co.uk</a>	Pang WMC
Last Sun 19.30	French Film Night	Pangbourne Twinning Association, <a href="http://www.pangbourne-twinning.org">www.pangbourne-twinning.org</a>	Parish Hall
Various	Bowls	Alan – 01491 681471, <a href="mailto:alan@alancopeland.co.uk">alan@alancopeland.co.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.pangbournebowls.co.uk">www.pangbournebowls.co.uk</a>	Rec Ground
Various	Church Flowers	Pauline Jones – 0118 9844051, <a href="mailto:pauline.heronridge@btopenworld.com">pauline.heronridge@btopenworld.com</a>	St James the Less
Various	Brownies	<a href="mailto:2ndpangbournebrownies@gmail.com">2ndpangbournebrownies@gmail.com</a>	Pang VH
Various	Guides	<a href="mailto:helenguides@yahoo.com">helenguides@yahoo.com</a>	Pang VH
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## PLENTY TO CELEBRATE FOR PANGBOURNE YOUTH FC

It's been a busy first half of the season for Pangbourne Youth FC and there's plenty to shout about. Despite a wet autumn, with several matches cancelled due to the weather, spirits in the PYFC teams certainly haven't been dampened. Playing a mixture of league and cup games there were some excellent performances with teams showing great spirit and sportsmanship irrespective of the final score.

And there have certainly been some notable successes to celebrate. There was a first victory for one of our newest teams, the Phoenixes (under 10s); several teams progressed through their challenging cup matches to reach round 3, including Panthers (under 11s), Pumas (under 12s), and Falcons (under 14s) who are also enjoying great success in their first season in the East Berkshire Alliance League, currently third in their division.

Off the pitch PYFC was chosen as one of Waitrose's green token partners and thanks to the support of local shoppers we received a cheque for £250 towards club funds. Fundraising and sponsorship is vital to the continued success of the club, if your business is interested in sponsoring a team please get in touch.

Several of our teams currently have space for more players so we would welcome enquiries from girls and boys wanting to join our friendly squad. Contact us via our website for more information – [www.pangbourneyouth.co.uk](http://www.pangbourneyouth.co.uk).



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### **Hurricanes – Under 7 (school year 1 or 2)**

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### **Hurricanes – Under 8 (school year 2 or 3)**

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### **Red Kites – Under 9 (School year 3 or 4)**

Play in the BYDL on Saturday mornings.

### **Phoenixes – Under 10 (school year 4 or 5)**

Play in the BYDL on Saturday mornings.

### **Piranhas & Panthers – Under 11 (school year 6)**

Two teams. Play in the BYDL on Saturdays.

### **Pumas – Under 12 (school year 7)**

Play in the BYDL on Saturday mornings.

### **Falcons – Under 14 (school year 8 or 9)**

Play in the East Berkshire Alliance League on Saturday mornings.

### **Under 17 (01/09/02 – 31/08/04 age band)**

Play in the Oxford Mail Youth Football League – Division B on Sundays.

*Pangbourne Youth FC is grateful to the following businesses for their sponsorship:*



# LOCAL CLUBS

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## PANGBOURNE ACTION FOR THE HOMELESS

The spirit of Christmas came to Pangbourne in November. In that month Pangbourne Action for the Homeless held two collections in aid of needy people in Reading. The first was on Saturday 9th November when six volunteers stood in the biting cold for an hour each. They were fund raising on behalf of Launchpad Reading and made £95.34, which was further increased by donations amounting to £110. Launchpad is Reading's leading homelessness prevention charity, providing vital information and support for individuals as well as couples and families who don't have a stable place to live, or are at risk of losing their home. In addition to raising money the hope was

also to raise awareness of the situation faced by many of our neighbours in Reading. Most encouragingly we learnt from several of the young supporters that they were well aware of Launchpad and were great advocates for it.

This sense of awareness manifested itself again on Friday 29 November. Once more six supporters stood for an hour each beside a shopping trolley in the Pangbourne Co-operative store. Shoppers were asked to consider buying an extra item to put in the trolley whose contents would be given to ReadiFood, the Reading Food Bank. The volunteers received many messages of support for the work of ReadiFood and by the end of the day the collection amounted to three large shopping trolleys filled with festive looking gifts. These will be added to others at the food bank warehouse where parcels are being made up for many needy families at Christmas. This generous donation complements the regular gifts made throughout the year because the Co-op has a standing collection point available every day for donations. These are taken regularly to the warehouse where they are much appreciated and very necessary. Unfortunately the need for such support is increasing, not decreasing.

The committee would like to thank everyone who contributes, and continues to give to help those who are working so hard on behalf of our needy neighbours.

*Judith Colegate (Group Co-ordinator)*

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## PANGBOURNE HERITAGE GROUP

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY REPORT



Our meeting in November gave us all an insight into the cinema era in Reading, and I for one learnt a lot about how numerous they were, and what has happened to the various venues since then. In December we welcomed members and guests to our annual Christmas Social, which is just that, a time to get together as a group.

We have a proposed calendar for next year, 2020, and although changes may occur, arrangements for the first two months have been confirmed.

January 8	In House meeting, Favourite Holiday Memories or Souvenirs
February 12	Margaret Simons: Suffragettes in Berkshire
March 11	Royal Berkshire Hospital Exhibition visit (actual date and time to be confirmed)
April 8	Speaker: subject tbc.
May 13	Visit to the Records Office for special exhibition
June 10	Speaker: subject tbc.
July 8	Local walk
August 12	no meeting
September 9	Ellie Thorne: subject tbc.
October 14	AGM
November 11	In House Memorabilia Evening: WW1 and 2
December 9	Christmas Social

All meetings are well advertised in the village, so please look for updates and information. Members are notified by email, but please feel free to come along and join in a meeting for the first time. Everyone is welcome.

*Lesley Crimp*



## THURSDAY CLUB

Before we opened in September we held a Dementia Friends afternoon which was very successful. As a result we now have 13 new Dementia Friends. We hope to run another course which will be open to the people of the village and to the local businesses. I must say we had someone from the medical profession on the course and their words at the end of the session was "I wish I had done this earlier". The course gives a different aspect of dementia and hopefully people go away with a greater understanding, after all there are over 100 types of dementia each taking a different route, different actions, different language which we all need to be mindful of when dealing with people who are living with dementia.

The Thursday Club opened this year with Kitty who entertained us with all the old songs which we sang along with some of us taking to the floor managing a few steps. We had a lovely lunch – chicken pie, mixed veg and mash; the pies were gifted to the club by local business man Jack Patel in memory of his nephew who suddenly passed away whilst on holiday aged 27. Jack and his wife, Varsha, own Westholme Stores in Goring and have done since 1988, during this time they have helped many people in Goring village caring for the village elders delivering papers, groceries, etc. We at the Thursday Club thank them very much for their kind generosity.

In October we welcomed Jambalaya a musical duo who sang folk and country songs. It is their first year out on the circuit and, after a recommendation from Sue Ryder, Nettlebed, we jumped in quick and booked them for afternoon tea in October, they didn't disappoint, I think everyone joined in singing, hand clapping, foot tapping etc. A great time had by all. In November we invited Graham Swanell who is a local entertainer who does the rounds around very many old folk homes and clubs. He

came with his guitar and sang some old folk songs which were a bit before my time but our guests seemed to know them. In between the songs he recited some funny stories raising a few giggles as we could all relate to many of them.

Langtree School invited us to their Christmas Party which we thoroughly enjoyed. We were entertained by a very talented group of students playing in the orchestra and singing in the choir. We had an additional treat by Woodcote Primary school choir who opened proceedings with a repertoire of carols and Year 7 drama club re-enacted *Twas the night before Christmas* which was very entertaining. To top the lot we enjoyed a very nice afternoon tea followed by everybody joining in singing carols. The Thursday club would like to thank the students and staff of Langtree School for a lovely afternoon and we wish them all a very merry Christmas.

At the time of going to print we are all looking forward to "Christmas Singing Bingo" with Jack and Matthew and of course we are hoping for our annual visitation from Santa Claus.

We would like to thank Tony Gale who has very kindly donated £100.00 towards the running of our club and also to the Business Forum who have donated 50% of the proceeds from the Christmas raffle to the club. Thank you to you all for making a difference.

We would like to thank Kiren Sharma (Gravity Personal), Devashi (The George Hotel), and Greens of Pangbourne for their constant support during the year

Best wishes to one and all for a peaceful and Happy New Year.

*For further information please contact Gill 9841122 or Di 9842473.*



# LOCAL CLUBS

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## PANGBOURNE ART GROUP

As we near the end of this year, our Art Group has had a very busy few weeks. As the weather has got wetter and colder, we haven't been able to get out and do some plein air painting, so it's nice to be in the warm and dry in the hall. We have welcomed several new members this year who have all added to the variety and diversity of our group.

Everyone had been working hard towards our Annual Exhibition which took place on the 9th and 10th November. Overall Our Exhibition was successful. On the Saturday the attendance was affected by the bad weather, but Sunday was a much better day. Even so we sold 29 framed and unframed paintings. We also sold 68 single greetings card and several packs of cards also. It has been a lot of hard work, but thanks to the committee, some members and members 'other halves' helping, we had it all set up in good time. The favourite painting voted for by the public was a very fine one called *Mad Dash* by Maureen Richardson.

To finish up the rest of this year we will have our annual Christmas Lunch and this year it will be at the Goring and Streatley Golf Club on 6th December. On our last day 11th December, everyone brings along a Christmas Card they have painted and everyone votes for their favourite one, the winner gets a bottle of wine.



We also annually have the Ellie Soar Award. This was created for us by Ellie who was a professional artist who lived locally in a beautiful house that went down to the river in Pangbourne. It is presented to the person who has most improved their artistic talents in the past 12 months.

Looking forward to 2020, Maureen Futter our Secretary has booked two workshops, the first one will be our old friend Paul Weaver who will be doing a watercolour workshop in March. Later on in the year we will be having a new tutor for us, Mark Warner who will be doing an Acrylics, so lots to look forward to! For more information about our group, please look on our website.

*Elizabeth Ford*  
[www.pangbourneartgroup.com](http://www.pangbourneartgroup.com)



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## THE WHITCHURCH & DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

We visit musicals, plays, ballets, operas, classical concerts etc. once a month or more. Salisbury, Windsor, Guildford, Stratford and Chichester, amongst others, are often visited.

Major London venues and productions. Mainly matinees in the week, but sometimes evening performances and weekends. Holiday trips away.

Tickets purchased at group/concessionary rates. Coaches depart from Pangbourne.

For our forthcoming programme please check the Whitchurch-on-Thames Website.

*Subscriptions: £14 per annum but £12 if paid online.*

Organiser: Christine Martin, "Sonia", Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill, RG8 7PG  
Tel: 0118 9844252 email: [whitchurchtheatreclub@gmail.com](mailto:whitchurchtheatreclub@gmail.com)

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Dear Pangbourne,

Once again you've dug deep into your pockets, wallets, purses and anywhere else you store your money, to support the Royal British Legion in their annual Poppy Appeal! Our Appeal Officer, Bob Logue, had his merry band of volunteers braving the elements, standing outside the Pharmacy and Co-op with their buckets. In the previous week, collection tins and Poppy boxes were distributed throughout the shops and hostelrys and the lampposts decorated with giant poppies throughout the village. Many shops displayed their support for the cause with beautiful displays of poppies. Thank you all for that. It really conveys the village's support for our troops. A special mention must go to the village scout troop who steadfastly turned out on two Sundays and raised a whopping £694! In all, the street collection and shop and business boxes raised a total of over £6000!! Another record year for us!

On Friday November 8th, our Annual Legion Dinner was held at "The Ellie". Eighty Branch Officers and guests took their seats at their "Regiment" themed tables. Following the Eulogy given by our President and two minutes silence, Reverend Heather led the prayers in recognition of the fallen and our serving troops. The Branch Chairman then welcomed everyone and outlined the evening's programme. A beautiful meal followed, during which, our guest of honour, Major Mark McFarlane, a serving officer in The Rifles, gave us an inspiring speech. He told us that more servicemen and women have taken their own lives after participation in recent conflicts than lost their lives in the conflicts themselves. So the RBL is still, today, contrary to some people's thoughts, extremely relevant in the provision of much needed support to military families and communities. The work and funds that branches like ours achieve are so much appreciated and therefore very essential.

We had one very surprised gentleman in our midst who thought he was there just to enjoy himself. In fact, he had been invited so that we could honour his achievement in street collections over the years. John Harland of Tidmarsh was presented a Restaurant voucher for collecting over £4200 since 2012 in his area! What a single handed triumph! (This year he raised a massive £703!)

Then came our big fundraising highlight of the evening – raffle and auction! We'd sold out of raffle tickets earlier than ever and everyone was invited to check their numbers for winners so that we could get the grand auction underway! Again, we had a diverse selection of items ranging from "boozy bottles" to the ever popular "Champagne River Cruise" and our two auctioneers, Claire and Shelley, badgered, cajoled and persuaded (!) our guests to part with their money! Proceedings were fast and furious and the Treasurer was kept very busy counting money and checking pledges made to pay up later! Our final grand net total, including raffle funds, was yet another record, beating last year by more than £300! We have sent a cheque to Poppy Appeal headquarters for a massive £4809! None of this could have been achieved without the support



of our dinner guests but of course, it is the support of our local shops, businesses, friends and family who so generously donated our prizes for the night. Please allow me to thank the following: Academy Insurance, Aston Martin, Bagatelle, Bentley, Cheese Shop, Classic Flooring, Collins, Co-op, Costa, Cozze, Cross Keys, Davis Tate, The Elephant, Finn Hair, Forresters, Garlands, The George Hotel, Greens, JMC Cars, Lamborghini, Londis, Miahs, Neville Turner, Ninos, Premier Heating, Rechner Ltd., Ruby and Grace, Singleton and Daughter, Strutt and Parker, Tesco, Triangle Travel, Vision Express, WH Smith, Wine Society, What Katie Did, Woodborough Dental Practice, X P Power and of course our members, friends and family. Without your continued support, we wouldn't have the success in which we are wallowing!!

Dancing and more drinking followed, led by the ever effervescent DJ, James Blandly.

True to tradition, on the Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, the village came out to pay homage to the fallen and honour our wonderful troops, past and present. At 2.30 prompt, Pangbourne College Marching Band and the Legion Standard Bearer led the parade followed by the Officers and members of Pangbourne and District Royal British Legion. Closely behind them were three members of the armed forces, reservist and full serving and then the various children's groups, Parish Council, Fire Brigade, Police and Merchant Navy and anyone who wished to honour the troops. At St James the Less, the parade halted and wreaths were laid followed by a moving church service where the names of the fallen were read out by our Chairman. Following muster we marched back to the Square and after dismissal, again, we were spoiled with wonderfully welcome sandwiches provided by The George. Many Thanks!

Once again we've had a magnificent year, sending a massive total of more than £10800 to the Poppy Appeal! So again, on behalf of all those who need the Legion, THANK YOU PANGBOURNE!

### FUTURE EVENTS:

20th March – Murder Mystery Evening at The George. Limited places, tickets £45 including 3 course dinner.

Bottle Stall at Pangbourne Fete. All bottle donations gratefully received.

Friday 6th November – Annual Legion Dinner.

*Denise Saunders (Branch Treasurer)*  
saunders939@btinternet.com

## ACTION FOR PANGBOURNE TOILETS (APT) COMMUNITY TRUST

The latter half of 2019 has been a busy period for APT, particularly on the fundraising front and planned upgrades and as a result 2020 promises to be a year when significant improvements are made to the Station Road Community Toilets.

As reported in issue 152 APT was selected to be one of the charities supported by the Glastonbury festival and as a result we recently received £2,400 from them for which we were very grateful.

In October we were granted a New Project by the Good Exchange (Number 17267) to raise funds for our running costs for the next operational year (ie, October 2020 – September 2021). The Greenham Trust has also agreed to match fund the first £5,000 donated to this project. So, if you would like to support us please go to <https://www.thegoodexchange.com> and search for 'toilets' and any donation you make will be matched by the Greenham Trust.

On Friday 22nd November we were presented with a cheque from the Coop for £5,305 (see below) for being one of the three local charities that they had supported during the last 12 months. We were very pleased to be selected by the Coop for this scheme, and very grateful to all the Coop Members who nominated us as their chosen local charity. This was a project set up with the specific aim of raising money for the upgrading of the Disabled Toilet facility.

APT have received permission from West Berkshire Council (WBC) for the installation of a Public Drinking Fountain and Bottle Filling station on the outside of the toilets, near the car park ticket machine. This is being partly funded by Pangbourne & Whitchurch Sustainability (PAWS) group, who wish to encourage use of refillable bottles to reduce single use plastic bottles. APT has purchased the necessary components and will be installing it in early Spring, after the frostiest months!

WBC has also given APT permission to upgrade the Disabled Toilet. This requires moving the current wall between the Disabled Toilet and the Ladies Toilet (at the expense of one of the four Ladies cubicles) to ensure the space in the Disabled Toilet meets current standards. APT are seeking advice from the British Toilet Association (BTA) regarding fittings and fixtures to ensure we have a pleasant, good quality toilet, that meets all current recommendations, not only for those with physical difficulties but also those with cognitive impairments. The upgrade is expected to be done in the Spring.

We have been so successful with our 'upgrade' fundraising that we are considering bringing forward the Ladies toilet upgrade (previously scheduled for 2021) and implementing it at the same time as the Disabled Toilet. A decision will be taken early in 2020 after we have received quotes for the work.

Considerable work has been taking place on the 'shrubbery bed' between the toilets and the car park wall. Our thanks go to our Trustee, Lyn Higgs and Supporter, Ian Lewis who have been working with local people to clear and start replanting it. Golden Privet has been planted to form a low 'hedge' alongside the wall and skimmias have been planted alongside to provide a contrast. More work is planned for the Spring.

Finally, the toilets are well used with 80-90 users a day during the Summer months and we continue to get thanks from grateful users.

Please keep in touch with us via [actionforpangbournetoilets@gmail.com](mailto:actionforpangbournetoilets@gmail.com) or via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/APTCommunityTrust](http://www.facebook.com/APTCommunityTrust)) or on Twitter @pangbourneloos.

*We remain 'at your convenience'!  
The APT Community Trust team*



## WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB

We meet mainly on a Wednesday at 8.00pm at Whitchurch Hill Village Hall, Manor Road, Whitchurch on Thames. Join us as an annual member or 'cherry pick' your visits to fit with your busy life, with an 'on the night' fee, our details on our website: [www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk)

### PROGRAMME

#### January 8th: Curiosities in the Chilterns

Presented by our Chairman Alan Copeland just back from his Christmas cruise (he'll be sporting a tan).

#### January 15th: Print Competition No 2. Subject 'Flowing Water'

The second round, this time the turn of the members who prefer to produce their images as a hard copy. Presentation/framing plays a component part of the marks achieved.

#### January 16th: Rosebowl Competition, 2 of 3

WHCC came joint first in our round one encounter – HOORAH. Let's see if we can see off all of the opposition this time. Our host High Wycombe Photographic Society, our adversaries this round are the Hemel Hempstead and Oxford Clubs.

#### January 22nd: Creative Photography

Presented by professional local photographer John Hailstone. There is mention, a nod, to Ansel Adams for his observations, visualisation and realisation. This through the medium of today's digital formatting – AA a difficult act to aspire to!

#### January 29th: Home match– WHCC v Goring Gap

We go head to head with our near neighbours. To be judged on twenty-five digital images per club. Individual, successful images come together to represent their club – may the best club win!!!



#### February 5th: 6 x 4 Competition/Discussion Evening

An evening of two halves. We reprise our traditional comp (remember the En-print) it's both fun and hard fought. After refreshments we discuss all things WHCC photographic.

#### February Thursday 6th: Practical Photography Group Meeting

Help is on hand! Same place same time but a Thursday.

#### February 12th: Italy, Exploring Venice and Sicily

A shared presentation – firstly long standing member Eric Needs. Eric, I feel the warmth, hopefully no need for wellies . . . Secondly, member David Belcher travels in Vancouver – The Rockies to Vancouver Island. Images captured throughout the seasons. What an evening to look forward to, definitely one (two) for the diary.

#### February 19th: Copyright and the law for Photographers – Cliff Hide advises

Cliff takes a high level view of copyright laws, key legal concepts and GDPR, covers both EU and US law so not to be missed, for very different reasons from the 12th. All the above from our photographic perspective.

#### February Thursday 20th: Rosebowl Competition – Round 3 (3 of 3) and final

New City Photographic Society are our host, Milton Keynes is the venue. Same rules, different opponents this time, Stoke Poges and Woodley (car sharing?)

#### February 26th: Print Competition, Round 3

Our set subject this evening is 'Night Photography'. We return to the comfort of 'home' turf to our take up challenge – roll on the light evenings!!

As we step into 2020, I share with you three club images: *Comma Butterfly*, and *Winter Fruits* by Tilly Jamieson and *A White Pangbourne* by myself.

WISHING A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Lyn Higgs, Whitchurch Hill Camera Club



# LOCAL CLUBS

## CALLING ALL FOOTBALLERS

AFC Whitchurch are a fun, inclusive and competitive football club.

We are recruiting under 12 footballers (school year 7, born 2007/08) for the 2019/20 season.



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## PANGBOURNE & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB



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### WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Come along to our Open Day afternoon on Saturday 2nd May 2020 and meet us all or come down to the green on any Monday evening after that date at 6pm when we have our weekly coaching sessions.

Anyone interested in joining should contact [alan@alancopeland.co.uk](mailto:alan@alancopeland.co.uk) or visit the website [www.pangbournebowls.co.uk](http://www.pangbournebowls.co.uk).

## PURLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### TRADING

The Store in the Memorial Hall car park is now closed and will re-open Saturday, 1st February 2020.

Mr. George Lockwood gave a very interesting talk to the Society on Wednesday 16th October on Plants to encourage wildlife in our gardens. He also gave us information on how to make up garlic and comfrey solutions to promote healthy growth in plants and help us cope with unwanted pests, etc. in our gardens.

On Wednesday, 20th November as Jim Buttress was unable to talk to us, Tony Weston gave us a very interesting talk about "Thames Crossings" – from ford to a flight – 2000 years of getting to the other side, across under, and over the River Thames.

### AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place on Wednesday 19th February 2020 in Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road commencing at 7.45pm. After the official business has been completed we will have a "Bring & Share" finger buffet. If you will be participating in this, could you please bring along a plate of finger food. Any nominations for the Committee must be given to Paul Humphreys, 20 Brading Way, Purley-on-Thames by Wednesday, 12th February 2020.

### RHS

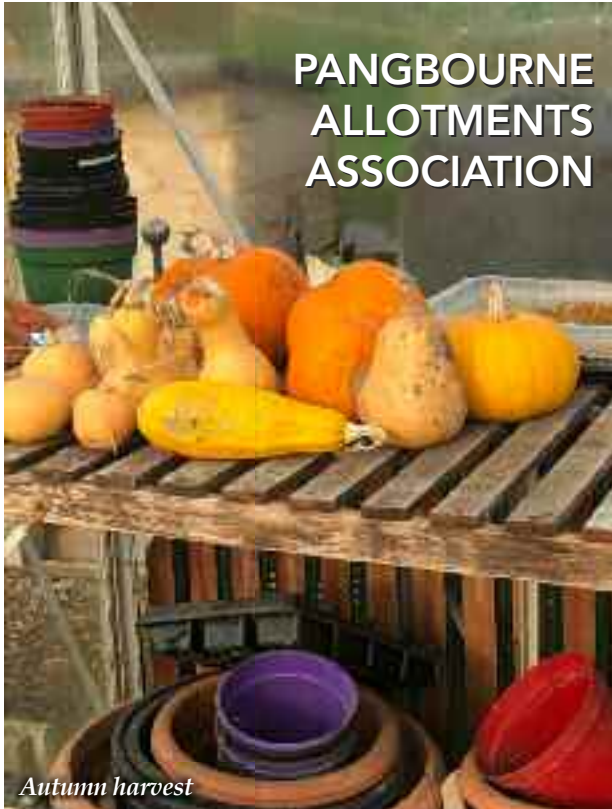
As an affiliated Society we hold a card that provides entry for one paid up member of P.H.S. and one adult guest at a 30% reduction on the normal adult entry rate to any of the RHS gardens. If you require further details or would like the card, please contact Wendy Chapman on 9429067.

If you are interested in more information on the Society's activities you can visit the Purley-on-Thames website, [www.purleyonthames.org.uk/Phs](http://www.purleyonthames.org.uk/Phs).

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year and enjoyable gardening in 2020.

Marion Dabbs  
9422349





The short cold days mean that it's a quiet time on the allotments: a time to plan what and where to plant next year. This year, 21 people joined the National Society for Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG for short), which gives us access to legal and horticultural advice, insurance and heavily discounted seeds amongst other things. Two orders have already been received from King's Seeds, so we look forward to spring.

By the time this article appears, the last stretch of fencing should be completed round the allotments, so maybe some brave souls will risk planting sweetcorn again – having lost at least two years' worth to badgers/deer. The Parish Council has funded the fence, with a hefty contribution from the PAA thanks to The Good Exchange, Greenham Common Trust and some allotment holders. Plans are afoot to plant more hedging and trees along the line of the fence.

## BEES IN WINTER

Today (6 December) my car temperature recorded 13 degrees Celsius. When I got home I saw that the bees were flying freely. Once the temperature is above say 8 degrees they will fly freely. Honey bees do not hibernate. Instead they cluster together, rotating from the inside to the outside a bit like Emperor penguins, so the coldest on the outer part of the cluster get a chance to be warmer nearer the centre where the queen and newly developing bees are. Today lots of them were out and it is always great to see. There is little for them to forage at this time of year so often their flights are to gather water (to dilute their honey) or for 'cleansing' flights. Soon the winter honeysuckles will be in flower and they will be on them. You can tell that they are alive and well by placing a hand over the opening at the top of the hive and feeling and smelling the warm current of air. Early days for this winter but so far all is well.

*John White*



## PANGBOURNE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

This year we will be visiting our twin town of Houdan from Thursday May 7th to Sunday May 10th, taking in the VE day 75th anniversary celebrations. If you are considering joining the party, please do now contact us to book as soon as possible. Alison Hill is organising bookings. Contact details are on the website <http://www.pangbourne-twinning.org/>.

You will need to join the Twinning Association, which costs nothing and involves sharing your contact details with us. Pangbourne Twinning Association is open to all, including members of surrounding villages. Young people and families are especially welcome.



Visiting Houdan is always an interesting and friendly affair. Our French partners entertain us very well, and provide a lot of fun, including cultural visits and social events. It is absolutely not essential to be able to speak French; the French are keen to try out their English. Very few of us current members are fluent French speakers; we all get by with a little help from translation aids and a healthy dose of good will.

We have booked a coach for the journey out on Thursday and return on Sunday, via the Channel Tunnel. Some of our members prefer to drive themselves. The only cost to you is travel. Houdan is an attractive and historic market town 63 km west of Paris, on the old route to Brittany. For more details about the visit and about Houdan itself, please look at our website. Our French partners accommodate us in private houses. If you would like to come but staying with families does not appeal, please let us know as it may be possible to make alternative arrangements.

PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY OF MIKE POWER AND GEORGE FREEMAN.



Our French partners in Houdan have secured some funding to encourage sports exchanges among young people, beginning this year over the first week end in April. Sadly we have not been able to find any youth teams to go. This will be repeated over the next four years up to the French hosting the Olympics and promises to be a lot of fun. These will be international events involving other twinning partners of Houdan and nearby villages. If you know of a local youth sports club that might be interested in joining in, please contact Alison Hill or Antonia des Forges.

We have started a new activity, "Marcher et Parler", (Walk and Talk) for those who want to practice their French conversation. Antonia des Forges and Lauren Kilsby are organising country walks followed by refreshment. Details are on our Facebook page and website.

Our successful French Film nights continue until March, a great way to spend a dark Sunday night in friendly company. These take place on the last Sunday of the month, in Pangbourne Village Hall at 6.45pm for 7.30pm, and are open to all. Entry is £6.00 and there is a cash bar. Films are shown in French with English subtitles. On 26th January we will be showing "L'homme du train" (The Man on the Train). A 2001 film by Patrice Leconte and with stunning central performances by the two stars, Johnny Halliday and Jean Rochefort. BBFC Classification 12. In this comedy drama, a man gets off a train in an unfamiliar place, looking for aspirin tablets for a headache, when he meets a stranger. These men seem to be opposites but as their relationship develops it becomes apparent that each really wanted the other's way of life. Described by the Sunday Times as "funny, moving, poetic, and an unsentimental look at failure".

On February 23rd we will be showing "Aurore" (I've got Life) (Cert 15) made in 2017 by Blandine Renoir, starring Agnes Jaoui as a fifty-something woman who's life has gone a little flat until she meets up again with an old love. This witty film is a "joyous observation of motherhood, friendship and femininity" (Diva Magazine). On 29th March, our last film of the season will be "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly". See our face book page for more details. <https://www.facebook.com/pangbournetwinning/>.

As we go to press, there are still a few places left for our Annual Epiphany Feast at the Ferry Boat, Whitchurch on Thames on January 10th. For menu details and a booking form contact Alison Hill [alisonpaicehill@gmail.com](mailto:alisonpaicehill@gmail.com), or check our Facebook page.

The PTA Management Committee has been looking into the origins of the Twinning between Pangbourne and Houdan and is working to encourage closer involvement of the current Parish Council in this civic enterprise. Look out for an article in the next issue of this magazine based on archive material and local memories. Also look out for the notice of our AGM in March.

A Happy New Year to all our members.

"Bonne Année!"

Alison Hill, Chairman ([alisonpaicehill@gmail.com](mailto:alisonpaicehill@gmail.com))



## NEWS FROM PANGBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

### WELCOME TO 2020!

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to take more exercise, tennis could be for you! These days, tennis is very much a fitness thing. Leading tennis coaches point out that tennis, on its own, is enough to keep a person fit into the 80s. So we are keen to keep everyone playing all year round for great exercise and fun. And you can take advantage of a winter membership, running to 31st March for just £10 for adults and £5 for children.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO BERKSHIRE LTA'S COACH OF THE YEAR – DAMIAN LANE

We are delighted that our club coach, Damian Lane, has been named Coach of the Year by Berkshire LTA. Damian has coached both adults and juniors at Pangbourne for many years. Damian is a great asset to the club, particularly because he is superb at tailoring his coaching so that everyone gets the most out of the sessions. You too can be coached by Berkshire's Coach of the Year by signing up for our coaching programme!

*Damian Lane:  
Berkshire LTA  
Coach of the Year*

### WINTER COACHING – STARTS ON SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY

Over the winter, Damian Lane will be coaching on Sundays from 11:30 to 13:00 from January to March. We are running two blocks: six sessions from 5th January to 9th February and then four sessions from 1st March to 22nd March.

"Pay and play" is £10 per session for members. We offer discounts for advanced booking; it's £45 for six sessions, or £32 for any four sessions over the season. Non-members are very welcome (the standard cost is £15 per session). Full details and the booking form are on our website: [pangbournetennis.org/coaching](http://pangbournetennis.org/coaching), email us at [info@pangbournetennis.org](mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org) to find out more.

### A SMASHING FINALE TO 2019

Members gathered on 8th December for our end of year festive tournament. The seasonal jumpers and Santa hats kept us warm on a breezy afternoon on court, before enjoying mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate. Many thanks to everyone for supporting the Christmas raffle to fund raise for court resurfacing in 2020.

### SPRING IS ON THE WAY

Looking ahead to the lengthening evenings and warmer weather, our spring programme for adults gets underway on Tuesday 7th April at 6pm. The very popular junior coaching starts on Friday 24th April. Register your interest by email us at [info@pangbournetennis.org](mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org), or find out more about the club by coming down to one of the coaching sessions. The club is located between the river and the railway on the Recreation Ground and we share the club house with Pangbourne Bowls Club.

*Pangbourne Tennis Club Committee*

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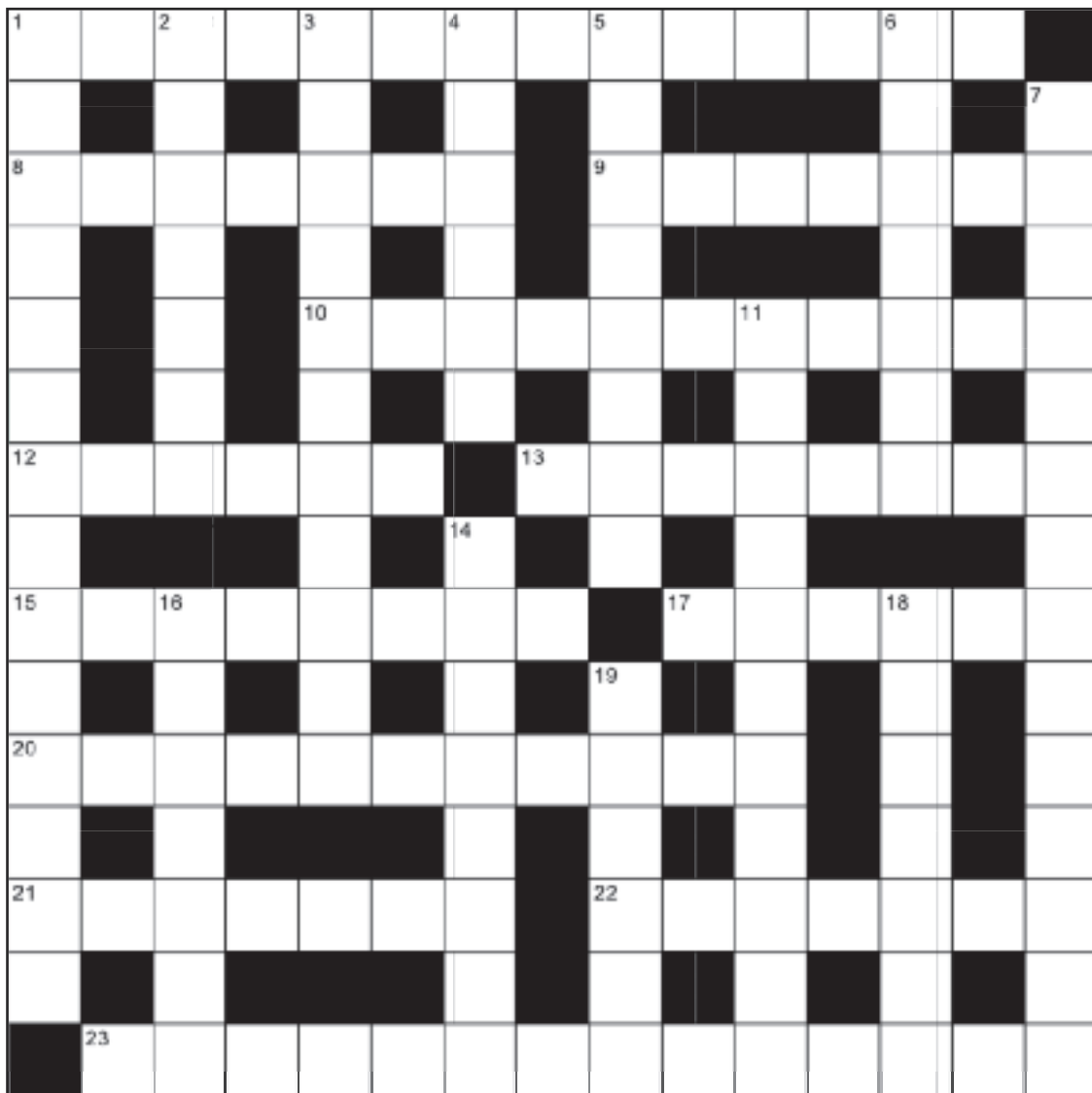
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## ACROSS

1. Blaming the US currency market avoids the issue (7,3,4)
8. Here, just as a treat he was allowed to play his role (7)
9. This blessed man is missing his horse in Cornwall (7)
10. To accompany and fill his bare canvas, Ken buys over a Velasquez (6,5)
12. Scrumptious! Taste, age and opportunity for fruit (6)
13. A classic and legendary case of his finally being found down at heel (8)
15. How one keeps an eye on what's abroad (8)
17. Do such moments eventually come to naval personnel . . . sometimes at sea? (6)
20. Aquatic study could well lead you there (11)
21. Rooted underground growth has offshoot for gardeners (7)
22. Faulty card distribution in Kent (7)
23. Once, a coin that showed thrift – so why not try Ben's pie now? (10,4)

## DOWN

1. Verbal promise of singular support here (3,2,1,4,4)
2. Is an old time copper now out of the ordinary? (7)
3. Bury someone at the outset speaking on one's behalf (11)
4. Classic! Watch out for them bringing presents: that stinks! (6)
5. Such a moody marine mammal? Get over it! (8)
6. Get over or under it, or across it . . . or just along it – all are possible (7)
7. Beset by social and academic problems, they continue still (5,9)
11. Here, surely only actions can speak louder? The words simply aren't there (11)
14. The "fall guy" is told to get the next round in (3,3,2)
16. Categorical imperative for Pisceans? (3,4)
18. So here's the one who rails i.e speaks angrily about his Middle Eastern problem (7)
19. He sounded a great candidate for the brewery presidency (6)

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 62)



## PANGBOURNE VALLEY PLAYGROUP (PVPG)

Pangbourne Valley Playgroup is happy to welcome the new management committee members as appointed at the Annual General Meeting held on the 21st of November 2019. Pangbourne Valley Playgroup is a non-profit, registered charity, managed by the local families whose children attend Playgroup sessions. It has been successfully run by the community for the community for the last 25 years and it continues to offer a much needed childcare option for local families.

Pangbourne Valley Playgroup aims to enhance the development, education and welfare of children aged 2 to 5 through a wide range of activities and social experiences in a safe and happy environment with a “family atmosphere.” The welfare, happiness and development of the children is at the heart of everything we do, and children just love going to the Playgroup. Pangbourne Valley Playgroup welcomes children from all backgrounds ensuring that they are integrated, supported and develop their self-confidence through structured play and a variety of experiences.



At Pangbourne Valley Playgroup, children learn and gain their independence through play, the method that allows them to explore and make sense of the world around them, as well as developing their imagination and creativity. The weekly activities include cookery, music, singing, painting, water play, craft and dressing up. There is a secure garden area where the children can play with a wide range of outdoor toys. In addition to this, there are a number of outings and visits organised throughout the year (e.g., library, park and allotments).



Pangbourne Valley Playgroup operates alongside the West Berkshire school term timetable, providing morning and afternoon sessions as well as lunch club from Monday to Friday. The charity is registered and regularly inspected by Ofsted (currently rated Good), and as a member of the Pre-school Learning Alliance, its staff and members regularly review and update their skills and undertake any relevant training courses. In order to ensure the quality of the day care, a childcare development worker from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership pays regular visits to Pangbourne Valley Playgroup offering help and advice in all aspects of the pre-school.

Pangbourne Valley Playgroup is very fortunate to share the grounds with Pangbourne Primary School, which means that children get access to the well-planned and stimulating curriculum at the Foundation Stage 1 class offered five mornings a week during term time by Pangbourne Primary School to all 3-4 year olds. Our staff members have close relationships with the teachers from the school and support our children during the transition from pre-school to school. We offer a service to collect children from FS1 and bring them to Pangbourne Valley Playgroup for lunch club and afternoon sessions. Pangbourne Valley Playgroup provides 15 and 30-hour funded places to eligible children, with the possibility to split those with another provider (ie, FS1 Pangbourne Primary).

In order to maintain the high quality and affordable childcare service, we are heavily reliant on the generosity of parents and the local community. Donations of personal time, books, toys and other equipment, and money are always gratefully received and much needed. In addition to this, we run a number of fundraising events throughout the year such as our famous Pamper Evening at the Elephant Hotel, planned for the 6th March (6pm onwards), contact us for further details and tickets.

- a non-profit, registered charity, managed by the local families for the last 25 years
- enhances the development, education and welfare of children aged 2 to 5
- a safe and happy environment with a “family atmosphere”
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- safely and securely located within the grounds of Pangbourne Primary School
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Pangbourne Valley Playgroup Committee





## PANGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pangbourne Primary School has many success stories to share and good news items to celebrate! It has been a very busy but exciting term.

### CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

We were delighted to have a visit from the famous 'Pudsey Bear' to start their week of fund raising for 'Children In Need'. The staff had kept Pudsey's visit as a surprise and there were gasps of awe and excitement as Pudsey burst into a whole school assembly!! Thank you to Pangbourne Rotary Club who provided the support team for Pudsey!! Thank you school council for organising a week of fund raising for this charity and having takings of £687.24



### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

Have you seen the fantastic Year 6 'Remembrance Poppies' on the school fence?



### 28TH NOVEMBER – WATERMILL THEATRE TRIP

Year 1 – Year 6 had a fantastic trip to The Watermill Theatre to see The Prince and the Pauper. It was a great way to start the Christmas celebrations. Thank you FOPPS for supporting us with the cost of this event.

### ASSEMBLY FOCUS

For the next few weeks the focus in assembly with the pupils is around the life learning skill of 'communication'. We will be looking at all the great ways we positively communicate in different situations.

### GOVERNOR WORKSHOP

Mrs Fry and Mr Jackman ran a workshop for our governors on the new Ofsted framework and Curriculum focus. It is great to have such supportive governors on our governing board.

### Y1 WINDSOR CASTLE TRIP

Year 1 had a fun day trip to Windsor castle to learn about the 'Royal Family' and castles.



### Y4 NEWBURY MUSEUM TRIP

'Take Over Museum Event' This was a fantastic trip where the pupils were able to take over Newbury museum and do presentations about artefacts to others.



### ELECTRICITY WORKSHOP

Year 6 were delighted to have a presentation from SSE on electricity in school.



### YEAR 4 DT DAY – PANGBOURNE COLLEGE

'When four children from Pangbourne Primary School went to DT day this is what they did: First they drew bug-houses on a-symmetric paper (paper that helps you draw 3-d). Next they had a biscuit and a drink. Third they used wood-glue and wood blocks to build a frame for their bug-house. Fourth using a saw they cut bamboo at three inches long. Fifth they stuck the bamboo using hot glue! (Three people got burnt.) Then it was lunch time. The main course was yummy and the pudding was scrumptious. Sixth they drilled holes in small cubes and glued them in. Seventh they glued leaves in and the bug house was complete!' Written by Edgar and Yvie Year 4.



Melissa Fry – Headteacher, Pangbourne Primary School





The Autumn term is always busy for FOPPS, as we had the Pangbourne 10k Race (22 September), held a Social Disco at the Working Men's Club in October, made a bang with the amazing Fireworks Fiesta on Saturday 9 November and wrapped it up with a Christmas Fair at the school on Monday 16 December.

Thank you so much to all of our amazing volunteers, donors and helpers for all their work during this busy term! All the hard work from our teams of volunteers really paid off, as we raised £4000 from the 10k Race and around £6600 from Fireworks Fiesta.

## PANGBOURNE 10K

On Sunday 22 September, FOPPS managed the 10k run. Despite the heavy rain, some 300 runners set off for on our undulating route across the West Berkshire countryside, and benefited from tea, coffee, a cake stall and an amazing raffle on site.

## FIREWORKS FIESTA

The jewel in the crown of FOPPS events, the Fireworks Fiesta on 9 November was a success. Rain continued a theme but over 1000 hardy souls braved the drizzle and the puddles to attend the event, enjoying a bar, BBQ, toy stalls and tombolas. It was a fabulous evening. We even had volunteers from the 501st Legion, a volunteer group who dress up in Star Wars costumes to help raise money for charities.

This year, we welcomed lots more new volunteers including the Pangbourne Rotary, 80th Reading Scout Group and 1st P&P Scout Group helping out with various things from putting up a marquee, selling glow-toys, cooking or serving on the BBQ and helping us clear up again afterwards! Your help was very much appreciated – thank you.

We were also able to donate the additional food from the BBQ to Cirdic Soup Kitchen this year, reducing our waste and helping those in need.

## SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

This year FOPPS continues to make some really exciting investments for the children. We will be funding more ICT equipment, and are setting aside funds to add an additional Class's worth of Chromebooks. We have already bought new interactive whiteboards for two classes: and agreed to replace the whole school's whiteboards over time.

FOPPS always funds the coaches for trips that large groups take, and so far this year has provided coach funding for years 5 and 6 to attend the Henley Literary Festival and for the whole school to go to the Watermill Theatre in Newbury to see *The Prince and the Pauper*.

We are also now onto phase two of our playground equipment funding, and the next area due for refurbishment is the Foundation Stage.

## SUPPORT FROM THE CO-OP PANGBOURNE

We are again one of the local community fund charities in the Co-op in Pangbourne. 1% of spending on Co-op branded products is divided among the local community funds, and if you have a Co-op card you can log on to your account and nominate FOPPS as your chosen charity. Please consider supporting your local primary school by shopping at the Co-op over the next few months.



*The runners cross the start line*



*The amazing display*



*Visitors from a galaxy far, far away . . . or the 501st Legion*

# PANGBOURNE COLLEGE

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## COLLEGE COMES TOGETHER WITH VILLAGE TO COMMEMORATE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Pangbourne College's Marching Band led the village's parade of uniform organisations to mark Remembrance Sunday. The procession moved through the streets of Pangbourne to the Great War Memorial in the churchyard of St James the Less. This year, several members of the village Scouts joined the Band. At the service, the



Band led the singing, Upper Sixth student Maddy Sawbridge read the New Testament lesson, and the College's Drum Major, Lucy Perring, movingly played the Last Post.

Earlier in the day, the College community gathered to remember those who gave their lives in the major conflicts of the Twentieth Century. With hundreds in attendance for the Service in the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel and even more present for the Parade which followed, it was a fitting tribute.



Four wreaths were laid by: Rear Admiral Roger Lane-Nott on behalf of the school Governors, Senior Deputy Head Mr Will Williams on behalf of the school, Chairman of the OP Society Mr David Nicholson (1964-68) on behalf of all Old Pangbournians, and Flight Officer Chloe Sainsbury on behalf of RAF Benson. RAF Benson also provided a Chinook and Puma flypast after the service.

Head of the College's CCF, RSM Colin Hearn, led the tribute to the fallen and the names of all 178 Old Pangbournians who were killed in World War Two were read out by students, Rebecca Follett, Daniel Gosney, Charlie King and Maddy Sawbridge.

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## OLD PANGBOURNIAN AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS OFFER ADVICE

Pangbourne pupils and families were able to gain insight and advice on career opportunities after their time at the College has come to an end thanks to the annual Apprenticeships Evening.

The event is held on two occasions during the academic year to introduce pupils to the range of options available to them after they leave Pangbourne.

The latest edition took place in November and saw industry professionals from Worley, Vodafone, Aim Group, Gillette, and GlaxoSmithKline provide inspirational and invaluable information on the night.

This year, the College was also joined by Old Pangbournian, Tom Nash, who is carrying out an apprenticeship at Ultima.



## RECENT COLLEGE LEAVER SCOOPS SECOND PLACE IN SPORTSAID AWARD

Dan Atkins (OP 2019) finished runner up in the SportsAid's 'One-to-Watch' Awards, in recognition of his superb kayaking performances throughout the year. Dan, who was shortlisted in the top 10 athletes, came in second place at the awards ceremony on Tuesday 19 November. He will be provided with a kit allowance by global sportswear brand Nike thanks to an ongoing partnership with SportsAid, and will receive £2,750.



The former Harbinger student dominated at major junior events in 2019 as he earned himself gold medals at both the Junior World and Junior European Championships in the K1 men's 200m discipline. He also swooped gold medals in the K1 men's 200m and the K2 men's 200m at the National Junior Championships this year, whilst tackling his A Levels at Pangbourne!

Dan was in fine company in terms of current nominees and past winners. Other athletes in the running this year included representatives from Taekwondo, Squash, Cycling, Boxing and Swimming, with ages ranging from 13 up to 19. Former winners of the award, launched in 2006, include Tom Daley, Amber Hill, Courtney Tulloch, and Morgan Lake.

The 18-year-old from Pangbourne commented on the assistance SportsAid has provided him so far, saying: "It's been a massive support – at the moment I don't have any other funding from my sport and sponsorship is quite hard to come by in kayaking. It allowed me to train more comfortably not really worrying about money. For me, kayaking is the sport I care about and love." He also discussed his wins earlier in 2019, saying: "The [world title] win was pretty eye-opening to be honest because it was the first time I'd thought to myself, 'wow, I can actually do this'. I am so happy that I could do it for all my coaches and the sport itself."

Dame Katherine Grainger presented the prizes on the night, much to the delight of the young athletes. Daniel said: "Meeting Katherine Grainger was amazing – she's done everything you can do in a sport and gone on to achieve all her goals and that's inspiring. This gives me the confidence to go on and do exactly what I want to do. I'm being recognised for my efforts and that gives you a bit of grounding and allows you to realise you're doing something substantial."

Everyone at Pangbourne College would like to congratulate Dan and continue to wish him well on his path to even greater achievements within the sport.

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# PANGBOURNE PLACE-NAMES

## MARSH PLACE

**Marsh Place** is a development that was completed in 2005, built on the site of the former Marsh Farm Farmhouse. The house itself had fallen into disrepair in the 1960s and was demolished. The cowman's cottage and the milking parlour stood on the site of the Primary School, and all that now remains of the farm are the cottages, dating from 1730 and renamed in modern times Coach House Cottages.



Marsh Farm cowman's cottage in the 1930s (bottom right on the plan).

**Marsh Place** recalls **Pangbourne Marsh**, an extensive area of marshy ground on the eastern side of our village bordering Sulham Brook. **Marsh Place** is on the north side of Reading Road, but on a map of 1840 the marsh is shown as only starting from the south side. This marsh stretched well up towards **Tidmarsh**, where in Anglo-Saxon times it may have been 'in common ownership' (Tid-).

There is on-going scholarly debate about the exact difference in place-names between *mersc* (marsh) and *mor* (moor), both of which feature in our village place-names. As the late Professor Margaret Gelling observes, the general tenor of English place-names suggests that the Anglo-Saxons were much more aware than we are of the importance of drainage arrangements, and it would seem that, broadly speaking, a *mersc* represented more valuable agricultural land than a *mor*. This certainly appears to be borne out down to the present day in our own parish, where the land towards Sulham Brook, historically called *Pangbourne Marsh*, is more productive than the land beside the Tidmarsh Road, where many of our local *mor* names lie.

Further up the valley of Sulham Brook, beyond Sulham, the volume of water passing down that stream becomes less significant. This is implied in the name **Malpas**, Theale, which, unusually for a minor name, is of French origin. Meaning 'bad (Mal-) passage (-pas)', it seems certain that the reference is to marshy ground that was difficult to cross. The same was true at the marsh (*strod*) at **Stroud Green**, Greenham, so a route through it may have been marked by the stakes (*pil*) which led to **Pile Hill**.

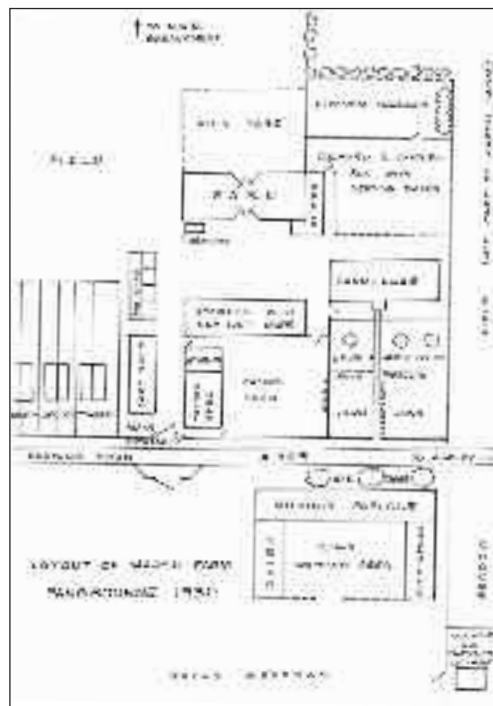
There is a range of words in our area referring to areas of marshland in different conditions. The marsh was 'overgrown with brushwood' (*strod*) at **Stroud's**, Bradfield. At **Wash Common**, Newbury, simply called *Le Weshe* in a document of 1547, the low-lying ground was 'liable to flooding', and the same problem was encountered at **Wash Water Farm**, Enborne. **Laggs**, a field-name at Warfield, was a 'narrow marshy meadow by a stream'. Other unusual words for marshy or swampy ground are recalled at curiously colourful names in our area, like **Quab Hill**, East Hendred (*cwabba*), **Big and Little Gogs**, Sonning Town (*gogge*), **Snap**, Aldbourne (*snaep*), and **Van Place**, Eversley (*fenn*). At **Spring Galls Farm**, Swallowfield, there was a 'wet spot in a field' (*galla*), as too as **Gormoor Cottages**, Easthampstead, *Gall Moore* in 1607.

**Slough** presents an interesting problem. If one follows the Celtic linguists, the settlement takes its name from a granary, *ysleow*, that must have stood at the crossroads where in pre-Anglo-Saxon times the road to Windsor, the 21st century A332, met what is now the Great West Road. Later, not recognizing this word, the Anglo-Saxons took it to be *sloh*, meaning just a 'muddy place'. Only later did 'slough' develop a marshy meaning, as in the 'Slough of Despond' of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, where it is a deep bog that Christian has to cross in order to get to the Wicked Gate. The original meaning of *sloh* is borne out by the closely related *sol* 'wallowing place for animals', as at **Grazeley**. Called *graegsole* in a document said to be dated 950, this was the wallowing place of a 'grey (*graeg-*)' animal, thought to be either a badger or a wolf.

On occasion, marshland is implied in the place-name, although not actually stated. At **Drayton** there was an estate (-ton) where sledges (Dray-) were used instead of carts, being no doubt easier to propel over the marshy ground on the land there by the Thames. **Cholsey**, 'Ceol's island', which is some way from the Thames, represents, not literally an island (eg, developed to -ey), but an area of dry ground in a marsh. Similarly, at Bucklebury, the curiously named **The Forty** is an 'island' (-y) standing out from surrounding marsh. It is thrust 'forth' (Fort-), lying on a spur of land between two streams. More colourfully, **The Bellows**, Sulhamstead, refers, not to some long abandoned piece of blacksmith's equipment, but to a narrow belt of marsh perceived as being shaped in that way.

As land has been drained over the centuries, it is difficult to comprehend that many areas were originally marshland whose condition is now only recalled in a place-name. **Marsh Farm** is surely a case in point.

Nigel Suffield-Jones



Layout of Marsh Farm in 1930.

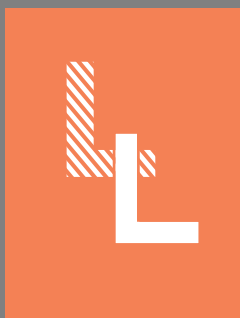
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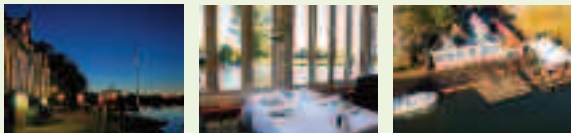




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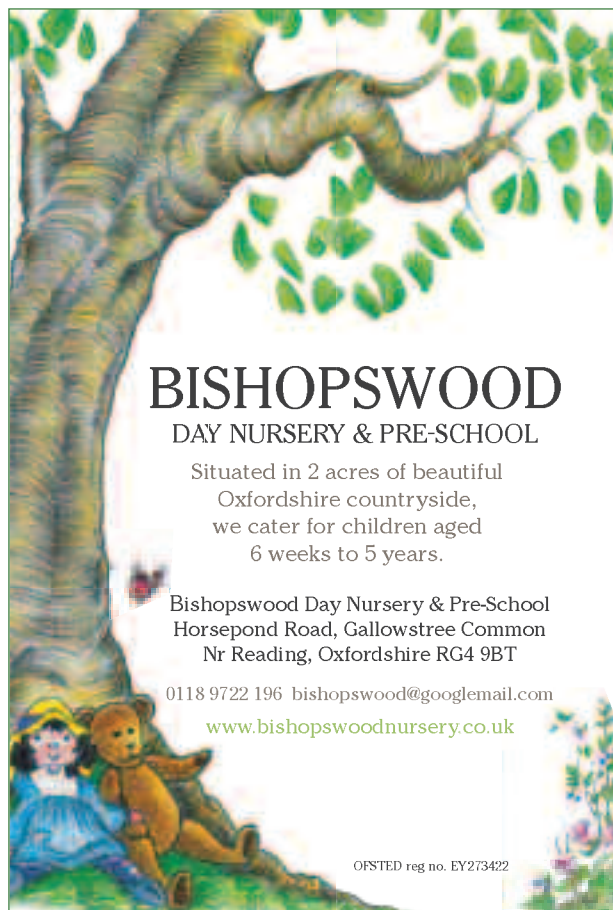
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## PANGBOURNE AND WHITCHURCH SUSTAINABILITY NEWS



I was speaking to someone who had been shopping yesterday, just for socks in Marks and Spencer, and came home with seven pairs of multi coloured socks packaged on a plastic ladder held together by a cardboard sleeve. Ten marks for no outer plastic covering, but minus ten marks for the moulded plastic unless of course Marks and Spencer make it clear that they will have it back and recycle it! I know many people are removing plastic packaging and leaving at the till, but is there a policy of reusing these moulded plastic hangers? The plastic problem does not just lie with bags and bottles, but with the infrastructure of modern packaging and marketing. We need socks, but we do not need to be seduced into buying them by the way they are displayed.

Extinction Rebellion? Love them or hate them? The press is having a field day as indeed is our Prime Minister, but by whatever means they are trying to bring our environment crisis to the heart of all decision making. Britain has already had a few days of all power being generated by renewables and our offshore wind farms are proving very successful. There is already a success story in some areas of renewables, but why is it not consistent? Why is it no longer financially viable for homeowners to install solar panels? Why is it not possible to have a consistent, equitable recycling policy across the country avoiding the frustration many people feel about recycling because they do not have the knowledge or provision to avoid their waste going into landfill?

PAWS continues to investigate alternative recycling projects. Many thanks to Jathan who organised a trip to Ardley. This is his report:

“At the beginning of September a group of PAWS members visited the Ardley Energy Recover Facility near Bicester in Oxfordshire which was built in 2014. The location is a significant archaeological site, and we saw within the grounds the longest run of dinosaur foot prints in Europe of a type of megalosaurus. (The one in the picture by the way is a life-size model made completely of rubbish.)

The group was shown round the plant by Education and Visitor Centre Officer Susan Benson. After an introductory briefing at the visitor centre we were escorted to parts of the plant. The ‘bunker’ is where unrecyclable domestic and business waste is lifted by giant grabbers, rather like an oversized amusement game, onto conveyors. The facility treats 326,300 tonnes of non-recyclable waste each year, diverting more than 95% of Oxfordshire’s residual municipal waste away from landfill. There are two lines of waste flow into the incinerator furnace which is burnt at over 850°C. The heat drives a turbine producing up to 30MW of electric power. (The cooling towers apparently house peregrine falcons which can sometimes be seen flying from their nest.) The remaining waste output is processed into gases including carbon monoxide which are processed and released to the atmosphere under Environment Agency supervision and solids which are turned into a form of limestone used for building materials. This was a fascinating visit, looking at a method of energy recovery and waste disposal – a ‘less bad’ option until we can make our economy more fully circular with respect to processing our rubbish. Further information can be found at [www.viridor.co.uk/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/ardley-erf/ardley-visitor-centre](http://www.viridor.co.uk/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/ardley-erf/ardley-visitor-centre).”



Also in September Jackie S and Jo organised a children's clothes swap in Pangbourne Village Hall – a very big thank you to them.

In October we had a beautiful afternoon for apple pressing at the maze in Whitchurch. Enjoying a break in the rain about thirty people joined in, bringing apples from gardens and collected from fallen apples on the roads and paths around the area. Nature's bounty was not overlooked and instead of wasting we were able to take home bottles of extremely sweet apple juice.



The Barn Dance provided an evening of fun and relief from the weather raising money for the drinking water fountain to be installed by Action for Pangbourne Toilets. Thank you to all who came, to those organising the food and to the band for a lovely evening's music and dancing.

In November we spent an evening looking at the history of the electric car. Did you know that from 1899 to 1920 the electric car dominated the market, certainly in the USA, but fell out of favour when the self-starter was invented allowing petrol cars to be started without the crank handle? This coincided with the new love affair for cheap oil.

Fast forward to the 1990s when General Motors spent over \$1 billion producing a fleet of electric cars which by 2005 were mysteriously withdrawn and shredded. Why? There were many potential suspects: the power of the oil moguls, US state politics, fear of change, lack of demand? We don't know but the few thousand customers who did manage to lease one maintained that it was the best car they had ever driven; they had to see their cars reclaimed and destroyed. Where might we be now if this story had ended differently?

Heather Thorne

## PAWS FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Thursday 16th January 2020 8pm	PAWS 2020 Planning Meeting	Pangbourne Village Hall



Please find enclosed a leaflet from the Pangbourne Flood Group giving advice on action in the event of flooding.

### Pangbourne Flood Wardens:

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## PANGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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### GRANT APPLICATIONS 2020

The Parish Council have limited funds available each year for grants to groups, charities and organisations within the Parish that meet certain criteria.

The Parish Council would like to invite applications for 2020 Financial Year from local groups that meet these criteria to fund projects for the benefit of the residents of Pangbourne.

Applications should be received by 1st April 2020, although it is possible that applications received after this date may be considered in a second round of grants if there are funds remaining.

Please see the website or contact the Clerk on [Clerk@Pangbourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@Pangbourne-pc.gov.uk) for further information or an application form.

In 19/20 Year the Parish Council was able to help fund a number of projects including new school playground equipment for Pangbourne Primary School and support for the continued operation of the Public Toilets at Station Road Carpark:



In addition to this the Parish Council continues to provide funds to support the operation of the local Bus Service and Pangbourne Library.



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### MILLENNIUM AWARD 2020

The Millennium Award returns for 2020 and will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2020.

This is a really exciting opportunity to vote for residents or groups who have made a significant contribution to the Village. It would be lovely to see nominations by and representing all age groups and interest groups and organisations in the village. Please see the separate form and information on how to nominate elsewhere in this issue. Nominations close on Friday 27th March 2020.

### PLAYGROUND VANDALISM

It is very disappointing to report that the Children's Playground at the Recreation Ground has recently been subject to vandalism which forced its temporary closure on safety grounds. This is in addition to a spate of vandalism over the spring and summer.

The Parish Council are working hard to arrange the necessary repairs to the playground however this may take some time while the replacement parts are on order and the ground dries out enough for new surfacing to be laid.

In the meantime, temporary fencing has been arranged so that the unaffected pieces of equipment can be re-opened. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank parents and children alike for your patience and understanding. Please do not use any of the equipment that is closed off as it is not safe to do so.

Meanwhile security at the playground and Recreation Ground remains a focus for the Parish Council. If you see anything unusual or suspicious, please do let the council know if it is safe to do so.

### PANGBOURNE & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

New Year, New Sport? Ever considered Bowls?

Pangbourne Bowls Club has a rich history with the village. It is coming up to its 100th Birthday having been founded in 1922. Numbers at the Club are currently low and it is actively looking for new members in order to continue to provide all of its current services. Look out for our special feature on the bowls club next month.

Anyone interested in joining should contact [alan@alancopeland.co.uk](mailto:alan@alancopeland.co.uk) or visit the website [www.pangbournebowls.co.uk](http://www.pangbournebowls.co.uk).

### OPEN SPACES & AMENITIES WARDEN

It gives the Parish Council great pleasure to announce the appointment of an OPEN SPACES AND AMENITIES WARDEN.

Alise will be patrolling the Recreation Ground and Meadows regularly checking for litter, overstaying moorings, the condition of bins and so on. She will be working closely with the Clerk to ensure that the facilities in these areas are kept in good condition, reporting on equipment at the playground, the cleanliness of Recreation Ground Toilets, reporting on vandalism, fly tipping and graffiti and reporting potholes and other such issues on non parish council land to West Berkshire Council. Patrols will also extend to the Chiltern Walk play area, allotments and the Cemetery. It is hoped that this role will cover many of those previously taken on by the Neighbourhood Wardens.

The Warden can be contacted on [villagewarden@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:villagewarden@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk).

*If you see Alise on patrol, please feel free to say hello!*

## RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Parish Council is seeking to set up a recreation Ground Management Committee formed of two councillors and 4-5 residents, members of sports clubs or those with an interest in seeing this area develop to its full potential for anyone and everyone who wishes to use it.

The Committee will work jointly with all the clubs currently operating at the Recreation Ground and assist in developing an overarching vision of how this open space can best serve the needs of the community going forward. The Committee will report back to the Parish Council and it is anticipated that once established, they will work with the council to deliver better services and facilities here.

If you are interested in joining the committee or want to discuss this further please contact:

*The Clerk –*

clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk, or

*Cllr Matt Shakespeare –*

mattpangbournepc@gmail.com, or

*Chairman Peter MacIver –*

peterpangbourne@gmail.com, or

*Grounds Chairman –*

chrispangbourne@gmail.com

## CAR PARK SURVEY

The Parish Council are seeking to undertake a car parking survey to better understand usage across the village. Whilst it is well known that parking spaces in the village are at a premium, a better understanding and record of usage is now needed to push for improvements and to address this issue with West Berkshire Council. It is likely that this survey will take place in April once the weather is more conducive, either immediately before or after the Easter Break.

**The success of this survey will be dependent on a fairly large number of volunteers** being able to do short shifts (approx. 1-2 hours) at one of the car parks in the village and requesting visitors to the car parks complete a short survey. Please Contact the Clerk if you are able to help with this important project.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped organise the Remembrance Day parade and service.

Special thanks go to the Marshalls who volunteer their time to manage the official road closures to ensure this event can happen and to the Pangbourne Band for once again leading the parade.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Annual Litter Pick Day

Saturday 28th March 10am – 2pm

The date for the Annual Litter Pick has been set. Once again a dedicated group of volunteers, Councillors and PAWS are helping to run the event and everyone is welcome to come along and support this worthy event and keep our village litter free!

Litter pickers, gloves and all equipment will be provided. We are hoping for a repeat of last year when the sun shone gloriously and we had a great turn out. Families and volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Just turn up on the day at Pangbourne Recreation Ground to collect your kit and be assigned an area. We would particularly welcome anyone who can help organise the day so please do contact the Clerk on clerk@Pangbourne-pc.gov.uk in advance if you would like to be involved.

There was such good turn out last year that we are hoping to organise a few small additional projects to take place over this weekend, such as re-painting and repairing fences, painting the pergola at the cemetery, work at the sports pavilion and gardening work around the village and at the cemetery. **THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE IF WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS.** If you have a project you would like to suggest that you can help organise or take part in, please contact the Clerk on the email above or pop into the Parish Office.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 21st April 7.30pm

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall again this year. Doors open at 7.00pm and the Meeting commences at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm onwards.

The meeting is open to ALL RESIDENTS of Pangbourne and we hope to see as many of you as possible on the night. For those who have never been before, this is a meeting of and for the residents rather than a normal Council meeting. It is your opportunity to hear updates on what local groups and the Parish Council are working on and to find out how to get involved. It is also a chance to have your say or share ideas! The Millennium Award for 2020 will also be presented (see nomination form). We would love to see as many people there as possible so please make a note in your diary!

If you would like to present on behalf of a group or project please contact the Clerk.

### Watermill Theatre Production

Saturday 20th June

We are very pleased to welcome back to Pangbourne Village Hall the ever popular Watermill Touring Production this year. The production is "CAMP ALBION". More information on the production please see the advertisement listed elsewhere in the magazine. We would recommend early booking as space is limited for this often sold out event. The Box Office for this event is expected to open towards the end of January and tickets are available through the main Watermill theatre Box Office. Refreshments will be available.

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## MILLENNIUM



## AWARD 2020

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TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE OR LOCAL AREA?

IF SO, THEY DESERVE YOUR VOTE.

Pangbourne Parish Council are pleased to be able to announce that nominations are once again open for the **Millennium Award**. The winner of the 2020 award will be presented with Award Bowl at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 21st April 2020.

The **Millennium Award** is awarded to a variety of groups and individuals, in recognition of their contribution to the village, either through their work or voluntary activities. No one individual or group is allowed to win for a second time.

Please fill in the nomination form below and post/drop it in to the Parish Office at the Village Hall, Attn Clerk, Pangbourne Parish Council, Parish Office, Pangbourne Village Hall, Pangbourne RG8 7AN or email the Parish Council on [clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk), to arrive no later than Friday 27th March 2020.



### MILLENNIUM AWARD

I would like to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information of nominee (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

I feel that they should be given the Pangbourne Millennium Award because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

*(It is not essential to give your own name if you would rather not)*



# COUNCIL PLANNING

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL SINCE LAST ARTICLE

APP NO:	PROPOSAL	RECOMMENDATION
19/0286/ HOUSE	Garage conversion, new pergola and replacement driveway 24 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JQ	NO OBJECTION
19/02922/ HOUSE	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension replacing existing 42 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JH	NO OBJECTION
19/02897/ PACOU	Prior approval for change of use under Class PA from B1(c) to C3 Kiosks Water Pumping Station, Tidmarsh Road, Pangbourne	COMMENT
19/02882/ LBC2	Removal of internal masonry to existing "blocked" sash windows to allow windows to be used fully for increased daylight to the rooms internally and to improve the external appearance by removing the "blacked out" appearance Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	NO OBJECTION
19/02881/ LBC2	Formation of new Kitchen in SW corner of the Ground floor of the house, removal of internal non-loadbearing wall to passage, and forming opening in wall dividing current Kitchen and Utility area, new limecrete floor with stone tiles over and new ceiling formed under existing ceiling level. Replacement of south door with French doors, new sash window to West elevation and replacement of panels in West door with glass. Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	NO OBJECTION
19/02832/ LBC2	Removal of C19th and C20th chimney pots to allow flue size to be increased to original intended volume to allow use of open fireplaces on the ground and first floors Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	NO OBJECTION
19/02739/ LBC2	Removal of late C20th screen from lobby area and wc behind screen and formation of new ground floor wc in link area under first floor bathroom. Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	NO OBJECTION
19/02413/ LBC2	Repairs, replacement and alterations to existing basement and ground floors after Asbestos removal works and insertion of access hatch and stair to basement Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	NO OBJECTION
19/02562/ HOUSE	Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey side and rear extensions, first floor extension and new roof over porch and front part of the garage. 19 Briars Close, Pangbourne RG8 7LH	NO OBJECTION
19/02460/ FULD	Planning application for block of nine flats and reconfigured car park Clifton House, 17 Reading Road, Pangbourne RG8 7LU	OBJECTION
19/02758/ HOUSE	Construction of new single storey rear extension replacing existing single Storey lean-to 99 Horseshoe Road Pangbourne RG8 7 JL	NO OBJECTION
19/02721/ LBC2	Proposed internal alterations to the existing premises at ground floor level and formation of a new single storey infill extension between the main public house building and the detached outbuilding and redecoration of the exterior of the building with new paint colours intended to reinstate the main white building colour to the premises. The Swan Hotel, Shooters Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7 DU	NO OBJECTION
19/02720/ FUL	Proposed internal alterations to the existing premises at ground floor level and formation of a new single storey infill extension between the main public house building and the detached outbuilding and redecoration of the exterior of the building with new paint colours intended to reinstate the main white building colour to the premises. The Swan Hotel, Shooters Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7 DU	NO OBJECTION

APP NO:	PROPOSAL	RECOMMENDATION
<i>For Information only</i>		
19/02532/ CERTP	Proposed conversion of loft space to include new dormer extension. 34 Bourne Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JS	
<b>APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY WBC:</b>		<b>WBC DECISION</b>
19/02196/ COMIND	Section 73 Variation of condition 2 approved plans of approved 16/01419/COMIND Bere Court Farm Bungalow, Bere Crt, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	REFUSAL
19/02532/ CERTP	Proposed conversion of loft space to include new dormer extension 34 Bourne Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JS	WITHDRAWN
19/02359/ CERTP	Single storey rear extension to dwelling. Insertion of roof windows to existing rear lower roof 53 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JH	APPROVAL
19/02377/ CERTP	Approval of details reserved by condition 4 (archaeological written scheme of investigation) of approved application 19/01028/LBC2 (The proposed works are to prevent further deterioration of the interior fabric of Bere Court through the replacement of the existing slate and tile finishes, defective external parapet gutter and inner roof, and consequential alterations.) Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
19/02323/ HOUSE	Erection of two storey and single storey front extensions (west). Erection of single storey rear extension (east) and erection of single storey side extension (south). 8 St James Close, Pangbourne RG8 7AP	APPROVAL
19/02263/ ADV	Two Fascia Signs Strutt and Parker 1 High Street, Pangbourne RG8 7AE	APPROVAL
19/02263/ ADV	Construction of a new dwelling with associated parking and landscaping Land Adjoining 32 The Moors, Pangbourne RG8 7LP	REFUSAL
19/002372/ HOUSE	Single storey rear extension Blue Doors, Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7AS	APPROVAL
19/02159/ HOUSE	New porch to front and single storey extension to the rear and side 23 St James Close, Pangbourne RG8 7AP	APPROVAL
19/02076/ HOUSE	Creation of Home and General use area over existing garage with Ground floor linkage to main dwelling 1 Croft Drive, Pangbourne RG8 8AN	APPROVAL
19/01623/ HOUSE	Alterations to existing garage including enclosing external staircase, additional doors and windows, pergola and decking (part retrospective) Bere Court Farm Bungalow, Bere Crt Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
19/01344/ FULD	Section 73A: Variation of conditions (2) approved plans and (4) Parking of approved application 18/00856/FULD: New dwelling and garden land./Condition floor linkage to main dwelling 2 Woodview Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JN	APPROVAL
19/02296/ HOUSE	Alterations include new windows and balcony conversion, pitched roofs to existing dormer windows, replacement cladding and windows throughout. Single storey side extension. Coppinger, Riverview Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AU	APPROVAL



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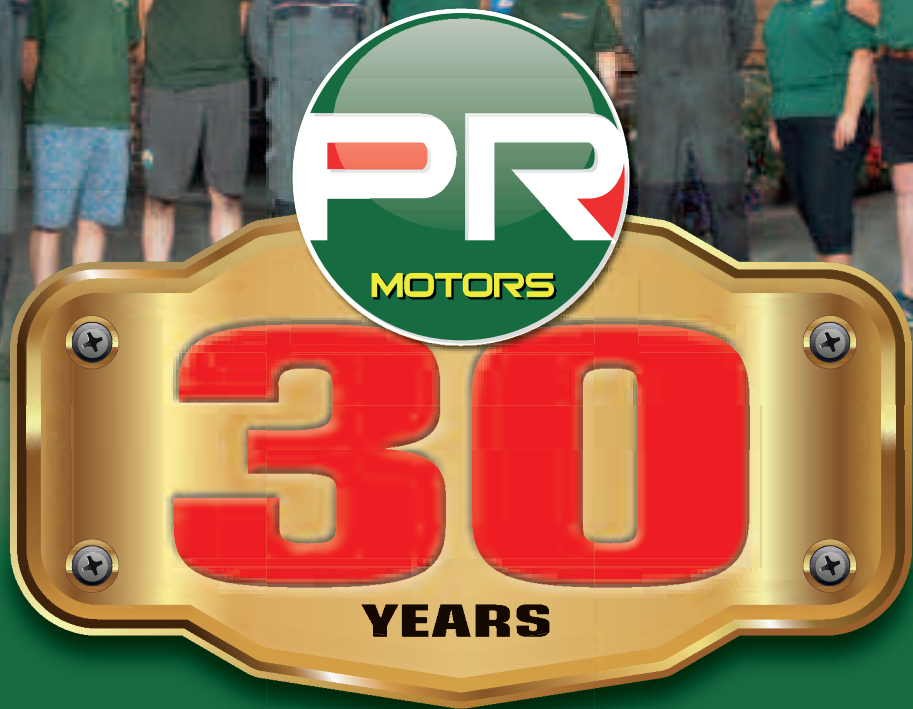
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