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*Michael Cordova
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We have at last been able to return to our normal Friday Markets on a weekly basis in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. We have eggs, preserves, plants, cakes, fresh vegetables, cards and woodturning, nuts and the occasional visiting producer. We will also have our farm fresh strawberries in a week or two together with other soft fruit such as raspberries, cherries, currants and gooseberries as they come into season.

We will hope to start our refreshments in the not too distant future as covid restrictions are eased. At the moment there isn't the space for our stalls and tea tables with the social distancing rules that are in place.

David "the fish" is returning with his fresh fish stall. We will all be pleased to welcome him back. His dates will be available from market and will be announced on our board in the village by the Costa cafe.

We would like to welcome back all our loyal customers and new customers to the market. We rely on your support to keep the market running.

THANK YOU VACCINATION VOLUNTEERS

I am so pleased to create and lovingly make this "star-studded THANK YOU for all the wonderful friendly vaccination volunteers and team at the Boathouse Surgery during this pandemic.

They are all "stars" and I am sure that I speak for everyone that this is a small token of our gratitude and appreciation for their stalwart work.

Thank you again.

Karen Kelly



HINDSIGHT – INSIGHT – FORESIGHT

Hope this article finds you and yours well and enjoying summer.

Prediction of France winning the European 2021 football *may* be wrong!?

COVID reopening dates may already have happened!?

Waiting lists to get help for mental health will still be about 15 weeks (100+ days).

As our good friend and "lockdown" buddy Lorraine says "it's so good to Walk".

How much would you spend on a good meal?

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TOILETS CONTINUE TO BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Trustees of Action for Pangbourne Toilets (APT) have successfully maintained the toilets and ensured they are fit for purpose since reopening them in September 2017. The facility has remained open throughout the Covid Crisis, when so many other public conveniences were closed, and were particularly valued by key workers. The toilets are cleaned daily and are available 365 days of the year. Many users have favourably commented on the cleanliness.

This could not have happened without the continual support from our friends in the community, Pangbourne Parish Council plus other local councils, the Good Exchange and the Co-op Community Trust. The financial support we received from these sources enabled us to not only maintain the block, but to modernise the Disabled toilet last year, bringing it up to current standards. We fully expect that we shall be able to continue this programme later this year with the modernisation 'Ladies' which has also been supported by the Rotary Club of Pangbourne.

The Coop local Community Support Scheme is also supporting the Modernisation of the Ladies toilets and if you are a member (costs £1) and if you have nominated APT's Ladies Modernisation Scheme as your chosen local Project, APT will receive 2% of everything you have spent on Coop branded products.

There are donation boxes in the loos for those users wishing to make a financial contribution. Recently we introduced a texting donation option for those who have a mobile phone, but no cash to hand. To text a donation via your mobile phone, just key in 70085 and text Toilets and £2 is automatically forwarded to APT.

The usage of the toilets is measured by a counting system installed by APT. This monitor has seen a surge in visitors during the past few weeks and it currently stands at up to 100 users daily. Proof indeed of the value of this essential facility.

The water fountain attached to the outside wall of the building is now operational (having been turned off in the Winter). This was installed by APT and jointly funded by PAWS (Pangbourne and Whitchurch Sustainability Group) and the DFA (the Drinking Fountain Association) to provide fresh drinking water for all and reducing single use plastic. It is a great asset to the village and a pleasant welcome for walkers, day trippers and cyclists alike.

Happily, as life is now beginning to return to normal the Art Café will be reopening its doors in July. APT have booked Saturday morning, July 17th, to sell coffee and cakes. Everybody welcome, please come and join us.



PANGBOURNE – NEWBURY BUS RUNNING AGAIN

The Friday minibus service from Pangbourne into Newbury has re-started after the pandemic shut-down.

It departs around 9.30/10am and returns by lunchtime.

Particularly useful for those who find it difficult to get out and about, or for whom public transport is not an option, Route 75 is run by the volunteers at Carebus. Their 12-seater vehicle is equipped with a hydraulic lift and all necessary harnesses, and so can also accommodate people who travel both with or in a wheelchair.

Newbury drop-offs include The Parkway, Pinchington Lane retail park, and the hospital. Return fare is £4.80 cash on board, or West Berks bus passes are welcomed.

Pre-booking before 6pm Thursdays is essential as pick-up route will vary with demand. Please call 0118 930 4837.

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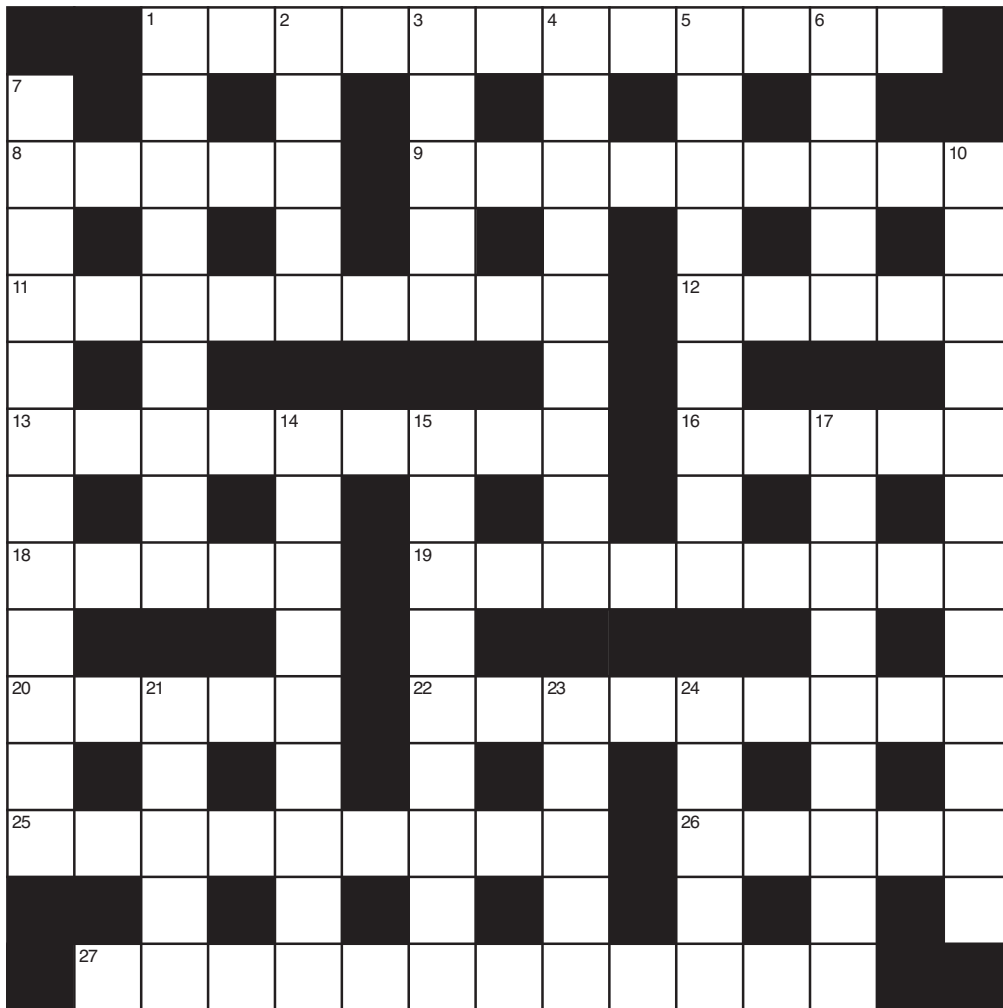
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CANTOR'S CROSSWORD NO. 18

ACROSS

1. Fiendish start showed the way on to a short but upmarket street (12)
8. Appropriately torn here – it's from a writer I've not yet read (5)
9. Early development grounds for initiating and cultivating young growth (9)
11. These may be found gaming in 9 too – starting young? (9)
12. Live comfortably here – though not necessarily at some watering hole (5)
13. Call finally, possibly in tears because it's been cut off? (5, 4)
16. Rum sort of booze product – you'll need a fiat for it! (5)
18. Keys, pedals, pipes, power, a musical ear – you're there (5)
19. Can Ulster Unionists also be deemed so silly at heart? (9)
20. Not something about which you expect to feel put out (5)
22. Capital! You say you found a barn lout in the Himalayas? Not an owl? (4, 5)
25. Catch to start figure search – sounds like for sides – no parallels here (9)
26. Personal reckoning shows anger (5)
27. Held back in protected zone (2, 3, 7)

DOWN

1. Despite going off course I gained TV as a result (9)
2. Palindromic beat value noted; nothing to get crotchety about (5)
3. It's untrue that there aren't any here – they're nearly in double figures! (5)
4. Cinder's sister doesn't need to – it's a "fait accompli" in this situation (5, 4)
5. "There may be truth in it or not, but the story is that . . ." (9)
6. 's a sort of slid'n' things t'gether too – s'pose 's easy t' miss (5)
7. Not a keyboard specialist; more accurately, a manual sign interpreter (12)
10. Why here, the egoistic elf sob debars any feeling of sympathy (4, 8)
14. Decayed? No! It sounded like it! It's where I am – just ten for a ton (9)
15. What mood? I'm just sick and tired of so called "jokes" (3, 6)
17. Not the job for the slow learner who's stopped eating (4,5)
21. What may result from being egged on (5)
23. This range's ad, initially, lacks a west: no problem – the cordillera's complete (5)
24. A rose by any other name – or just a pipe dream? (5)

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 19)

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CHURCH SERVICES DURING JULY AND AUGUST in St James the Less, Pangbourne

JULY

Sunday 4th 10 am	Holy Communion	St James/ live-streamed
Sunday 11th 7.45 am 10 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Service of the Word	St James St James/ live-streamed
Sunday 18th 10 am	Holy Communion	St James/ live-streamed
Sunday 25th 10 am	Holy Communion	St James/ live-streamed

**Wednesday morning Holy Communion services
will be held each week in St James at 10 am**

AUGUST

Sunday 1st 10 am	Holy Communion	St James/ live-streamed
Sunday 8th 7.45 am 10 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Service of the Word	St James St James/ live-streamed
Sunday 15th 10 am	Holy Communion	St James/ live-streamed
Sunday 22nd 10 am	Holy Communion	St James/ live-streamed
Sunday 29th 10 am	Holy Communion	St James/

Result of Elections

At our Annual Meeting of Parishioners the following were elected at churchwardens:

Mark Littledale, Jill Palfrey and Julia Sheppard

NOAH'S ARK in July and August



Noah's Ark toddler and baby group will be held at 10 am in St James, Pangbourne on 2nd, 9th and 16th July. It will then take a break for the summer holidays but will be back again on Friday 10th September.

Story time, songs, chat and friendship for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents, grandparents and carers.

We hope to hold a stay and play session during August. Check out our website for more details: www.pangbournechurches.org/noah-s-ark

Green Gym

If you have walked through the churchyard recently (and we hope you have) you will have seen how well kept it is thanks to our dedicated volunteers who keep up with the tasks of mowing, strimming etc. We are very grateful to our helpers, and to Pangbourne College who provided a work force one day in June, for working so hard to keep such a large area under control. If you can give us an hour or two of your time as well we would be so thankful. Perhaps you could come and weed a family grave, strim an overgrown area or pull some ivy off the walls?

If you'd like to know more please either contact Jill, one of our Churchwardens, on 0118 984 2698 or 07721 614686 or Len Palfrey, who organises Green Gym, on palfrey62@btinternet.com.

WHAT DOES THE VILLAGE CHURCH MEAN TO YOU?

There have been churches in Pangbourne, Tidmarsh and Sulham for hundreds of years. In times past each church had its own rector or vicar who ministered to the needs of his (it was always 'his' in those days!) parishioners and in those days most of his parishioners went to church on Sundays. In recent times things have changed; Pangbourne, Tidmarsh and Sulham is now one parish, albeit there is still a church in each village; the population of the three villages, especially Pangbourne, has grown but fewer people go to church on Sundays. One thing that has not changed is the fact that the rector still ministers to the needs of each and every one of their parishioners. The church is still very much part of the community and is available to everyone who lives in or visits the parish.



Most of you are aware that we are without a rector at the moment following the retirement of Revd Heather Parbury. We have advertised the position in The Church Times and on the Oxford Diocesan website; by the time you read this article, interviews will have taken place with a view to filling the vacancy in the early autumn. In making this appointment we are very much aware of the importance of linking church with the community and are seeking someone who will develop this aspect of Christ's ministry.

Something else that has not changed in recent times is the fact that the local church is funded entirely by local donations. The running costs of our parish are approximately £100,000pa. The majority (£70k) is the cost of ministry which includes the rector's salary (circa £26k), NIC, pension, housing, training and expenses plus diocesan support; part of this last item goes towards helping other parishes less able to meet their ministry costs. The remaining £30k includes insurance, utilities, church and churchyard maintenance, administration and supporting carefully chosen Christian-based charities. I should add that that the £70k cost of ministry still has to be paid to the diocese during a vacancy, otherwise they would have to seek even more from the "occupied" parishes.

In normal years donations from our regular donors plus gift-aid recovery from HMRC covers the £70k ministry costs; the remainder is raised from collections during services, weddings, funerals and fund-raising events. During the last fifteen months covid restrictions have severely limited income from these latter sources. In the year to 31st December 2020 we suffered a deficit of £16k on our ordinary activities; this was partly off-set by a £7k gain on our investments, also we are fortunate that past prudence has enabled us to accumulate some financial reserves to cover these sort of "rainy days". However restrictions so far this year means that we are heading for a similar deficit in 2021 in spite of forecasting some recovery on collections and fund-raising events.

This is why we are seeking your help in maintaining an active and community-led church presence in our three villages and to help maintain the three beautiful church buildings. Please, will you consider making either a one-off donation or even a regular monthly, quarterly or annual donation to the parish of Pangbourne with Tidmarsh & Sulham. There are a number of ways in which this can be done:

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- (i) Direct to 40-36-03 a/c 60649198 PCC of Pangbourne with Tidmarsh & Sulham
- (ii) Online at: www.pangbournechurches.org/donate
- (iii) Cheque to PCC of Pangbourne with Tidmarsh & Sulham sent to the Treasurer, 16 Briars Close, Pangbourne RG8 7LH.

Regular donations:

- (i) Parish Giving Scheme – ask for details at: www.pangbournechurches.org/donate-to-parish-giving-scheme
- (ii) Standing order to the account mentioned above.

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If you wish to see the Parish's Report and Accounts for 2020 these are at: <https://www.pangbournechurches.org/news>

If you have any questions regarding the Report and Accounts please contact the Treasurer, Stephen Billyeald on 0118 984 3368 or by email at finance.ptschurches@gmail.com.

If at any time you wish to seek pastoral help or advice please call 0118 984 2928 (this is the Rectory number which currently goes through to a churchwarden who will put you in touch with a member of the Ministry team).

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PANGBOURNE ALLOTMENTS

Saturday 15 May dawned cold and wet, but the Allotments' Plant Sale went ahead and the weather cheered up a bit. We had a really interesting selection of plants – lots of them – and business was brisk, resulting in takings of around £600 for the PAA.

Thanks to Garlands for permission to use their forecourt, and to all helpers, volunteers and buyers who helped to raise this impressive total.

More about slow worms:

We are lucky enough to have a lot of slow worms on the allotments, quietly living their lives in compost heaps and under stones, and helping to keep the slugs under control. They may look like snakes, but they are actually legless lizards and are completely harmless. They are protected by law, but are vulnerable to being spiked by garden tools – so please take care when driving a fork into your compost heap! They burrow and hibernate over winter, but come up near the surface to bask in the heat and their young are born live (not eggs) in the late summer. Man's carelessness is their main danger, but they are easy prey for cats and badgers – both of which we have on the allotments. If you need to rescue one, just pick it up and put it somewhere safe near cover: they are not hard to catch – living up to their name – but are incredibly muscular!



National Allotments Week runs from 9-15 August this year, and we will be holding our usual Open Morning on Saturday 14 August from 10-12. There will be a produce stall, refreshments and tours of the allotments so that all can see the great variety of vegetables, fruit and flowers that we grow on the site.

For anyone interested in growing their own who would like to go on the waiting list, please contact the Assistant Parish Clerk (pangbourneasstclerk@gmail.com). Plots start at £10 per annum for Pangbourne residents.

PURLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

TRADING SHED

This is now open Saturdays 10-11am and Wednesdays 5pm-6.30pm.

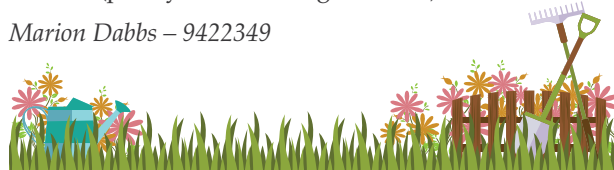
SUMMER SHOW

We are hoping to hold this on Saturday, 11th September, but this is dependent on the Memorial Hall being available due to covid 19 restrictions.

TALKS

Speakers have been booked for October 20th and 17th November meetings, but please check the Society's website (purleyonthames.org.uk/PHS) for more details.

Marion Dabbs – 9422349



PANGBOURNE ART GROUP

After 15 long months Pangbourne Art Group is planning to reopen its doors on Wednesday 23rd June, at the Village Hall, when we are hoping all restrictions will be lifted. During the time we have been closed the Committee has kept all our members up to date with regular meetings via Zoom. This has included newsletters, monthly Artist's demonstrations courtesy of Wallingford Art Group, and Art talks by one of our members also by Zoom. We even managed to have an AGM in April when a new committee was voted in.

As we were unable to hold our usual Christmas Lunch we had a competition for the best Christmas card voted by our members via Zoom.

As the weather has been so cold and wet we hadn't managed any Plein Air painting until last week when we managed to meet in Goring for an enjoyable day painting and having lunch at the Bull at Streatley afterwards.

We have already booked the Village Hall for our Annual Art Exhibition to take place on Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th October 2021, fingers crossed!

If you are interested in joining our Group, it's every Wednesday from 1pm-4pm. It is a very relaxed and friendly environment with members doing their own thing as we don't have a tutor.

We do organise workshops with professional Artists throughout the year which are usually all day and held on a Saturday, and also weather permitting more Plein air painting days plus outings.

If you are interested in joining us on a Wednesday, please contact either Debbie Hildred 07591 505707 or Liz Ford on 01189843359. We can also find out more about us at www.pangbourneartgroup.com.

LOCAL CLUBS

PANGBOURNE HERITAGE GROUP

PANGBOURNE PERSPECTIVES

I recently visited West Berks museum at Newbury, third time lucky, to see the *Focus on Pangbourne* exhibition. As far back as January last year the Heritage group had been approached to offer suggestions as to what should be included. The curator admitted in all honesty that she had very little knowledge about the village, and when she produced a box with one item in it we tactfully pointed out that it contained a picture of Whitchurch rather than Pangbourne!



However, sometimes a little knowledge can be a good thing, and in this case I was pleasantly surprised by the exhibits that had been gathered together by someone who was viewing the village from a different perspective. There were the displays you would expect, but some items such as the paintings by Nick Schlee and mention of the community trust that had kept the public toilets open throughout the lockdown.

The presentation was excellent and the exhibition is well worth a visit. The only criticism I would make was that the timeline did not really relate to the subjects on display, and I never see the point of one unless it does. That is wearing my Teacher hat.

We are hoping it might be possible to bring some of the displays back to Pangbourne to show to those who were unable to visit them in Newbury, but it is as always a question of where and how. Something to consider perhaps when the exhibition closes.

The book *Shops, Trades and Businesses* is selling well and copies are still available in the library, the Rhubarb Tree, Garlands Organics and the Cheese shop.



Many thanks to all those who are helping out with book sales. I hope that some of you who spent time with us sharing your memories of the village have been enjoying the book. We could not include every detail you mentioned to us, but your anecdotal information gave us a perspective on the village which would have been sadly lacking otherwise.

This comes from best wishes from all of us for the summer season, whether in the village or elsewhere. Our best wishes also go to Siv Randall who has had to step down from duties as Treasurer for health reasons. It is good to see her out and about in the village centre again.

Lesley Crimp, Jane Rawlins and Ellie Thorne

RNLI NEWS

Like all other charities, the RNLI have had a very tough year, still being active to help those in trouble whilst not receiving much needed funds for vital equipment from the branches like Pangbourne. Obviously our group has been unable to hold any fundraising events both last and this year and as shops, pubs and restaurants have been closed, our donation boxes are a bit light on contents! So during July and August we'd like to encourage you to donate your spare coins – the ones you haven't been able to spend! – into our boxes situated in the shops and pubs throughout Pangbourne! If you're unable to find a box but would still like to give, our Box Secretary, Jean Logue, (contact number 01189843678) will gladly part you from your money, however much for which we would be very grateful.

But the good news is – we have "booked" some dates in anticipation of whatever Covid rules are in place, so we can hopefully part you from some more of your cash to help this essential cause.

So drum roll please! Our first "date" is Friday October 22nd for our legendary "Race Night"! It's the usual format: Location – Pangbourne Village Hall; Start time – 7.30pm; Licensed bar for wines, beer and soft drinks and Fish and Chips supper and all for the bargain ticket price of £10! (Available from any committee member and Garlands.)

Our second event is on Saturday November 20th. Please join us at The Art Cafe – just over the bridge in Whitchurch near The Ferryboat Pub – for coffee, scrummy cakes and savouries, marmalade and souvenirs, hopefully Charity Christmas Cards. We'll be there to welcome you from 10am to around 12!

We, the committee of Pangbourne RNLI branch, would be so grateful for your company at either or both of these events as well as your "box" donations to swell funds. We know that the lads in Weymouth, our affiliated RNLI station, despite many of them having to struggle with businesses and work during the Pandemic, have continued to give their unpaid time and effort to this essential cause. Thank you in anticipation of your great generosity, something Pangbourne has always been great at!

Denise Saunders – 0118 9845065 or saunders939@btinternet.com



WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB

We come to the end of year and what a year, normally (remember that condition), about now, we would be enjoying John S's our treasurers, BBQ. A great club get together, great hosting and always held in bright sunshine, well perhaps not always, but always is so 2019.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th June beyond the deadline for next month's Mag so nothing to see in this issue but there will be an update to our plans, programmes, subjects etc for the 21/22 season in the following issue.

I leave you with PICTURE OF THE YEAR 2021. The winner's enclosure of our year, the high scorers of the 20/21 season compete.

I present (drum roll) 'SUNSET' created/ taken by TILLY JAMIESON one of the leads of our growing band of women photographers.

WHCC hope your Summer will be good, for us all, take care.

During the season WHCC meet on a Wednesday evening at 8.00pm, Manor Road WOT.

Find us at www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.com for further information.



TJ: "The photo was created with coloured tissue paper/cotton wool and sandpaper to give an overall sunset scene. IT took me forever using ICM* etc, so I was thrilled to get the score I did . . ."

(*ICM – Window's Image Color Management)

Lyn Higgs

GORING GAP BOAT CLUB

GORING AND STREATLEY REGATTA JULY 2021

SHORESIDE ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT UNFORTUNATELY CANCELLED

THE ROWING COMPETITION WILL STILL RUN BUT, FOR REASONS EVERYONE WILL UNDERSTAND, WITHOUT SPECTATORS THIS YEAR



Following the government decision to push back step 4 of the roadmap out of lockdown, the regatta committee has reluctantly come to the conclusion that we cannot run the full regatta in July this year and adhere to step 3 government guidelines to keep large numbers of visitors safe.

We are instead going to run a rowing only event with no spectators. We are confirming the details of this now and will be in touch with all the rowers. We are sure that, in spite of this change to plans, our regatta crews will still have a great day.

Anyone who has rented gazebo space will be given a refund and we will be sending an email advising them who to contact. Rowers will be contacted with details

of the alternative rowing only event and asked if they wish to continue and, if not, will receive a full refund.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our suppliers, the landowner Mrs Bishop, Goring Unplugged for the work they have done organising the musicians and bands, Vanessa from The Catherine Wheel, our sponsor Warmingham, our partner charity Sport in Mind and all the Boat Club members who have worked so hard to try and make it happen this year.

We look forward to better times and a return to the full regatta in later years. And, in the meanwhile, for anyone who would like to try rowing or get back on the water after a long break, we would be delighted to welcome you to our club at any time.

<https://goringgapbc.org.uk/>

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LOCAL CLUBS



ADVENTURE DOLPHIN

AS WE NOW REOPEN THE BUILDING, CLUBS AND COURSES, ALL BE IT IN A LIMITED WAY, NOTHING COULD SUM UP THE SUMMER AS THIS QUOTE FROM A FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT.

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in The Willows*



Our aim is to offer local communities – young people and adults alike, the opportunity to experience the great outdoors through a series of development courses and club membership. Paddling (in a boat, standing up on a board!) regularly is a great way to keep fit and we welcome people of all ages from about 8 years and up.

Pangbourne Canoe Club (PCC), the racing section of Adventure Dolphin, meet regularly throughout the year on a Saturday morning and Tuesday evenings. A series of taster and beginners courses are taking place as we reopen. More details are on our website, or alternatively drop an email to info@Adventuredolphin.co.uk.

We hope that you were able to make the best of the recent good weather and the changing rules, and are looking forward to be able to offer more as the summer progresses and a new normal comes into play. We have been able to gradually re open from the end of May, so check out our website.

WORK AND MEETING SPACES

During the lockdown we have had the building decorated and changed a little. The big change for us is it will allow members of the community to be able to hire space in our office and meeting rooms. So if you are still encouraged to work at home you could do a couple of days with a change of scenery in our office, or if you have a small meeting arranged you would be able to use our meeting room during the day time. If you feel this may be of interest to you please contact Angela at Bookings@Adventuredolphin.co.uk.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Our regular community groups are also looking to return, some over the summer with others waiting for the autumn term. We are always on the lookout for Community groups who would like to meet on a regular basis in our building during the day time and at weekends. The Access to the building is good and we do have a lift to the first floor. A selection of local groups using us include: Pilates and Yoga classes, Art and Painting groups; Fitness training; Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. If your group is interested again contact Angela at bookings@Adventuredolphin.co.uk.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We are conscious we have missed a whole year group intake so we are recruiting earlier than usual to try and get this year's group up and running by the summer holidays. The current Bronze group have just completed their expedition and we are training our

Silver group with an aim to complete their expedition over the late summer. If you would like to join us and have some fun and meet new friends please contact us at DofEcoordinator@adventuredolphin.co.uk. To do Bronze the minimum age is 14 years old or in year 9 at school; For Silver 15 years old or in year 10 at school; For Gold you need to be 16. More details can be found on our website www.AdventureDolphin.co.uk or by looking on the D of E Website www.DofE.org.

CLIMBING

This year climbing will feature in the Olympics for the first time and no doubt create much interest. It is planned to resume in September. The delay in reopening our Wall is due to the current social distance regulations and the actual size of our climbing area. Our technical adviser is recommending we wait until the guidance is reviewed again later in the summer. If we can resume our NICAS climbing courses and our club sessions earlier we will do. If you are interested in climbing please go on to our website where up to date information will be available.

PADDLESPORT

Our clubs have now been able to restart. The first on the water were the competition groups with members beginning to get paddle fit for this season's racing events which we hope will take place. The group meet on a Saturday morning and Tuesday evening for joint training and for specific training at other times during the week. Second on the water were the recreational and social paddling groups, these meet on a Sunday morning and a Tuesday evening, when the group may go for a short paddle.

EVENING COURSES ON THE WATER

Evening courses in Canoeing, Kayaking and stand up paddle boarding. These started operating in early June after the summer half term. We are only able to book groups of up to 5 people at the moment. For more information and to book on a courses please see our website www.adventuredolphin.co.uk. Bookings are open for a range of paddlesport courses from July over the summer holidays and are booking up quickly.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We are hoping that the Outdoor Academy may well be able to offer activity weeks/ days based at the Centre, again information will be on our website.

We now look forward to seeing as many of you on the water with us this summer to make up for a lost year.

<https://adventuredolphin.co.uk>



PANGBOURNE WI CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY

This is an exciting time for Pangbourne WI as it is 100 years since its first meeting in July 1921! During that time our WI has survived World War II and of course 2020, which was a year like no other. Throughout the pandemic and unable to meet in person, we have received uplifting monthly newsletters from our President Sue (with lovely photos from her garden). These have either been sent by email or, for those unable to access the internet, through the post. Sue took over as President just as the first lockdown took hold in March 2020 and, in true WI tradition, has done a sterling job in keeping our spirits up during these very worrying times. At Easter members of the committee delivered a beautiful bag of Easter goodies to every member which contained a card, a posy of flowers, mini Easter eggs, simnel cake and spicy biscuits. This was greatly appreciated by everyone, particularly as some of our members have spent so much time alone during lockdown.

We have also enjoyed several entertaining Zoom talks. In March we learned about Victorian manners, calling cards, deportment and how to send a message to a suitor by holding your fan in different positions. In April we heard some fascinating facts about shoes. For example, Esparto sandals made of rope are the forerunner of the flip flop whereas the Caliga, a heavy-soled, open weave military shoe or sandal reduced blisters and trench foot. At our May Zoom meeting we were taken on a virtual tour of Christ Church College Oxford, which will be followed by a similar tour of the

Cathedral in June. This was a fascinating talk showing wonderful views of Oxford, as well as the famous Tom Quad and Tom Tower in Christ Church College, which is one its most famous landmarks and houses the huge bell (weighing 6 tons) called Great Tom. We were also taken into the Great Hall, which inspired the Hogwarts Hall in the Harry Potter stories, and viewed the wonderful stained glass windows, one of which depicts the story of Alice in Wonderland written by Charles Dodgson (aka Lewis Carroll).

Whilst we enjoyed these talks very much, we are all agreed that it will be much more fun when we can meet up again in person and enjoy each other's company over a cup of tea and a chat.

In honour of our Centenary birthday, we are very much hoping that we will be able to do just that and meet in person in the village hall for a celebratory tea party on Tuesday 13 July. This will be our first meeting since March 2020 and we are keeping our fingers crossed that infection rates will allow this to take place.

If you are yearning for some social contact again, why not come and join us in this celebration and perhaps consider becoming a member of this great institution? We are a very friendly group of ladies, and visitors are assured of a warm welcome. If you would like to come along, please contact our President Sue Smith on 0118 983 3258.

Judy Schurer

EAT LESS – GIVE MORE

COVID-19, lockdown and social distancing have severely impacted Pangbourne Rotary Club's fund-raising activities. Over the past year or so we have had to cancel several fund-raising events – the Pangbourne and Streatley Art Exhibitions, the Dragon Boat Racing and the Woodcote 10K run – even Santa's activities on his sleigh were reduced. Other planned events hang in the balance but we are optimistic about staging the Pangbourne Art Exhibition at the end of July. Normally these events raise over £25,000 annually for local good causes.

Additionally, the Club have not been able to meet for their regular dinner meetings and ZOOM meetings are now the norm. However, some members had the idea to voluntarily donate what they would have spent on their regular Club meals to charity.

This has been highly successful – in terms of donations if not in terms of waistlines – and so far about £12,000 has been donated to local good causes including food banks, rescue and social organisations.

Our Club president, Joy Arnott (a former District Governor) used her considerable networking and influencing skills to persuade other Rotary Clubs in the Thames Valley District to follow suit and it is estimated this contribution **approaches half a million pounds**. (If adopted by Rotary nationally an estimated **£10 million** would have been raised in this way.)

This sum is all from voluntary donations from Rotary members, setting a great example in the community. Charities generally are having a tough time in raising money due to the lack of events and collections and would welcome similar donations.

Joy's term as President comes to an end in June and she will be handing over the reins to Reverend Derek Spears, with a sense of pride in what Rotarians can achieve.

We look forward to the time when we can revert to our normal weekly dinner meetings and to resuming our traditional fundraising activities.

Interested in finding out more about the Club and want to have some fun, whilst making a 'contribution'? Contact: president@pangbournerotary.org.uk.

The Rotary Club of Pangbourne was formed in 1989 and currently has 30 members, meetings taking place on Monday evenings, currently on Zoom, but hope to resume face to face meetings soon.

Brian Davies: bwd2008@btinternet.com, 07774 028791

Website: www.pangbournerotary.org.uk

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LOCAL CLUBS



PANGBOURNE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A very warm welcome to new members, and if you are thinking of joining us, membership is free to all. Contact Lauren Kilsby via our website pangbourne-twinning.org.

With the gradual lifting of the Covid restrictions the Association is slowly coming back to life again. Recent activities, and confirmed dates at the time of going to press, are:

VISIT TO HOUDAN

There are French Presidential elections at the time that we usually go to Houdan, over our Early May Bank Holiday. In 2022 our friends at Houdan have confirmed that they are very much looking forward to entertaining us over the weekend of our Late May Bank Holiday, Friday 27 to Monday 30 May. Please put the dates in your diary now.

We are hopeful that veteran tennis teams from the clubs at Pangbourne, Purley and Woodlands will be joining us, for a weekend of tennis organised by their opposite numbers in and around Houdan.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The **Marcher et Parler** (Walk and Talk) initiative remains very popular. Marcher et Parler in particular is an excellent way of taking exercise that is both physical (a stroll in the countryside around Pangbourne) and mental (chatting, mainly in French). The mornings tend to end with lunch in a pub. Details are available from Lauren Kilsby.

We are delighted that the **Art Café** coffee mornings are restarting. We look forward to entertaining you there on Saturday 24 July, for coffee, cake and socialising, with a raffle for good measure.

Our first **Film night** of the season will be on the evening of Sunday, 31 October.

ZOOM MEETING

On 1st May we had a social Zoom meeting with Houdan, a pale substitute for an actual visit, but fun nevertheless, and a chance to catch up with our Houdan friends. Organised by them, it even included a quiz which, much to our surprise, we won. The prize was a large slice of Houdan pâté, but we thought there might be a slight difficulty with Customs if the Houdanais tried to send it to us, so we bid them enjoy it on our behalf.



The prize we won.

A highlight of the meeting was an explanation by Sylvie Bouigue, the Chair of Houdan Twinning, of the French May Day tradition for the lily of the valley flower, called *La Fête des Muguets*.

THE TRADITION OF LA FÊTE DES MUGUETS ON 1ST MAY

There are in fact two variants for the origin of this charming custom.

Both traditions concern the French king Charles IX, who reigned from 1560-1574 and was very fond of the ladies. He married Elisabeth of Austria in 1570 who, in the macabre version of the tradition, became fed up with his flightiness and decided to take her revenge. In the name of the king she had a sprig of *muguet* sent to all the ladies in his court with a note saying "If you love me, eat this." Lily of the valley is poisonous, and a lot of them died.



Sprig of muguet.

The second version also concerns Charles IX. Offering a sprig of *muguet* was common in medieval times, but it became officialised in 1561. On May 1st that year the King, having received a sprig himself, decided to return the gesture and offer the flower to every lady at his court.

Today, receiving a sprig of lily of the valley on May 1st is said to bring good luck. Early that morning all round France *muguets* are picked, to be given in little bouquets to loved ones and friends, but the flowers must be picked wild, or home-grown. In France it is not legal to sell one's own wares on the street, but, thanks to a special law, selling *muguets* on May 1st is the *only* time in the year when this is permissible. According to *Le Figaro* newspaper, over 60 million are sold every year.

In France, anything that gives exemption from a tax of any kind is very welcome, so the *muguet* is definitely seen as bringing good fortune.

We hope to see you at one of our events later in the summer, so until then, stay safe and well. *A tout à l'heure!*

Nigel Suffield-Jones, Lauren Kilsby and Alison Hill

PANGBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

SERVING UP A SMASHING SUMMER PROGRAMME

The club is busier than ever this year, in spite of the very wet May, with a full programme of coaching for adults and juniors along with social tennis. Members are also enjoying the club leagues and the teams are back in action in the Newbury and District League.

The summer tennis season has definitely arrived with Wimbledon back to watch on TV, if not in person, after last year's cancellation. If this has inspired you to dust off your racquet, or try tennis for the first time, please do get in touch with the club for more information on what's on offer in July and August. Just email on info@pangbournetennis.org or go to the website www.pangbournetennis.org

COURT RESURFACING

The club is delighted that the project to resurface the main court has been underway since the end of May. The court is scheduled to be ready for play in mid-July, depending on the weather. The wait will be worth it and the club will have three top-class courts once again. The committee very much appreciates the patience of all the members during the works and managing with just two courts!

We would like to thank all the members who have supported the club's fundraising over the last few years as well as the West Berkshire Council and the Greenham Trust for grant funding which have made the refurbishment of all three courts possible.



The main court has some unusual equipment for tennis!

A fun, friendly American Tournament is planned for mid-July to celebrate the opening of the main court. Check the website for more details – the date has not been finalised at the time of writing.

CLUB ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER

There is something going on every day at the courts this summer, with regular coaching, social tennis and matches on the schedule.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday	10:00 – 12:00	Ladies social doubles
	18:30 – 21:00	Mixed Team league matches*
Tuesday	17:30 – 18:30	Club Coaching
	18:30 – 19:30	
	19:30 – 20:30	Back to Tennis
Wednesday	18:30 – 21:00	Ladies Team league matches*
Thursday	13:30 – 15:00	Doubles Skills and Tactics coaching
	16:00 – 18:30	Junior coaching
	18:30 – 21:00	Men's Team league matches and squad practice
Friday	17:30 – 19:00	Social Doubles
Saturday	15:00 – 16:30	Social Doubles
Sunday	11:00 – 12:30	Skills and Drills

**The courts are free when the teams are playing away from home. Check the court booking system for availability.*

AN OCCASIONAL PLAYER?

The club is offering a monthly pass for occasional players. It's £10 per adult or £20 for a family. To activate a monthly pass, please email info@pangbournetennis.org or phone 07554 432216. Payment is by internet bank transfer. Monthly membership gives you access to the courts and the booking system and you are welcome to join in with other activities taking place whilst your pass is valid if there are spaces available.

Please do get in touch to find out more about the club by emailing us at info@pangbournetennis.org.

Pangbourne Tennis Club Committee

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PANGBOURNE VALLEY PLAYGROUP



PANGBOURNE VALLEY PLAYGROUP (PVPG) is a pre-school located within the grounds of Pangbourne Primary School, which offers many benefits; not least the close link with the school, which helps the smooth transition into full time education.

We are open school hours, Monday to Thursday during term-time and work with a unique, child-centred approach, where children can learn and develop at their own pace within a happy atmosphere. To find out more, please contact us via email at pvpq.enquiries@gmail.com or call us during school hours on 0118 984 1661 to speak to one of the team and arrange a viewing.

We offer FREE CHILDCARE.

PVPG offers childcare that is **FREE** to eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds. This includes 15 hours **FREE** childcare for **ALL** 3 and 4 year olds, and 15 and 30 hours **FREE** childcare for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds. We have places **available now!**

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

PVPG works in conjunction with Pangbourne Primary school to pick up children that attend the nursery class (FS1) at 12 noon to allow for a longer day of childcare.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Please join us in welcoming our new Manager Zoe Poulton, Zoe has a wealth of experience in Early Years settings and we can't wait to see how she can help the playgroup grow and thrive. A big thanks goes to our current team of staff, Emma, Evelise, Tina and Rachel, who stepped up while we looked for the perfect manager.

PRE-LOVED SALE, SATURDAY 3RD JULY, 10AM-12PM AT PANGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

We will be hosting a POST LOCKDOWN VILLAGE SALE on Saturday 3rd July from 10am-12pm at Pangbourne Village Hall! Please come along to grab yourself a bargain, enjoy some refreshments and get the chance to win a prize in our raffle. Entrance is £1 per family. All proceeds will go to our garden refurbishment project, see below for further details and how to donate!

GARDEN REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

There is a growing body of research that shows that young children's access to outdoor play is positively associated with improved self-esteem, physical health, development of language skills and disposition to learning. We are therefore now focusing our energies on raising over £30,000 for our Playground Refurbishment Project.

We are very pleased to announce that we have been granted "fund matching" from the Greenham Trust, which means they will match every £1 we raise between April and October 2021 up to £5,000, so the race is on.

To find out more about our cause, and how you can support us, or to donate please visit the link below:

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/18804/pangbourne-valley-playgroup/pangbourne-playgroup-playground-refurbishment>.

FUNDRAISING

The duck hunt was an amazing success this year. We raised £168.37 from the sale of the maps, which was fund matched by the Greenham Trust raising a total of £336.74! Thank you to everyone who took part and special thanks to Garlands, The Rhubarb Tree, Birch Bread, Little Labels and Herald Graphics for their help. We hope you had as much fun doing the hunt as we did!

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West Berkshire Lottery is local lottery supports good causes in West Berkshire and you can buy tickets to support us via their website giving you a 1/50 chance to win a prize each week with a top prize of £25,000! Tickets are only £1 and available via the link below www.westberkshirelottery.co.uk/support/pangbourne-valley-playgroup



We are delighted that PVPG has been selected by Co-Op as a local community cause this year for our garden project! If you are a Co-Op member, for every £1 you spend on selected Co-op products and services, 2p will go into your membership account and Co-Op will give the same amount to support PVPG (you can also choose to donate your rewards). Please support us by choosing us as your nominated charity via your online account.

Funds raised for our Garden project will be matched up to £5,000 by The Greenham Trust



via the Good Exchange. If you would like to donate to the Playgroup, please do so via the following link: <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/18804/pangbourne-valley-playgroup/pangbourne-playgroup-playground-refurbishment>.

COMMITTEE NEWS

If you have time and dedication to support our committee then we are always on the lookout for new members and would be keen to hear from anyone that might be able to help.

*Best wishes and stay safe from the
Pangbourne Valley Playgroup committee and staff*
www.PVPG.org.uk



FOPPS – FRIENDS OF PANGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



FOPPS (Friends of Pangbourne Primary School) is the PTA and charity which supports the children's education and experiences. Our top priority for this academic year continues to be the replacement of aging ICT equipment as well as a whole extra class's worth of new Chromebooks. We're also going to replace the entire reading scheme with a new set of reading books for the school!

Longer term, we are also putting funding aside to replace the playground equipment in the Foundation Stage area, and other activities and items to support the children's education and wellbeing. We are a small, friendly group of volunteers who are always looking for new members and support.

We are now hopeful we can make a return to real-world activities and events, and so members of the school community will have an opportunity to buy tickets for a **SUMMER HAMPER RAFFLE** once school returns after half term in June, which will be raising money for the new reading scheme.

In addition we're delighted to announce that the Pangbourne 10k will return in 2021 as an in-person event. The date we have set is:

**SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021
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Entries will open in due course and you'll be able to get the latest information from www.fopps.org.uk.

In the meantime, we are still fundraising through virtual and remote methods. Here are three ways the Pangbourne community can help:

1. Online Shopping to Support your Local Charity

If you shop online at Amazon, you can now also help to raise funds for FOPPS. Next time you log on, navigate to smile.amazon.co.uk and choose to support Friends Of Pangbourne Primary School (FOPPS). AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity



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2. West Berkshire Lottery – Drive For Support!

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



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West Berkshire Lottery also has grants available for any charity which buys more than ten tickets over a period of ten weeks, so please do get involved, because a potential win for you is also a win for FOPPS!

3. Reduce! Reuse! Recycle for FOPPS!

Lockdown may well have prompted you to have a clearout. We do have a textile recycling bin just inside the school playground, so if you need to dispose of old clothes, shoes or other textiles please do drop your things into school.

In addition, if you are a parent or carer with children at the school, we offer a second-hand uniform service. We have a wide range of school uniform available at only £1 per item. To donate, please bring in clean uniform to add to our collection. To buy, just get in touch with school reception who will connect you with our volunteers and arrange for you to pick up what you need.

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PANGBOURNE'S HIDDEN GEM AND THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

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Originally a farm house, Shooters Hill House as it became known was purchased on the 6th July 1895 by the infamous Mr. Dan Harries Evans, the founder of the famous London department store D.H. Evans, for the princely sum of £5,900. Clearly his intention was to



Leonard Stokes

build a property fitting his status in society and in 1898 he employed the well-respected architect, Leonard Stokes, an Arts and Crafts architect to design his new home.

Stokes was held in high esteem amongst his fellow architects and indeed became RIBA President in 1910. At the time, it was customary

for all Presidents of the RIBA to have their portrait painted in evening dress with their medals. However, Stokes was a little bit anti-establishment to say the least and turned up for his portrait sitting wearing an old Jaeger dressing gown. Clearly, the RIBA was not amused and asked the artist, William Orpen, and Stokes to change the painting but both refused so instead of it being hung in a prominent position at Portland Place, it was displayed outside the gents' toilets.

D.H. Evans himself also found notoriety when, in 1896, he built seven Edwardian, Gothic-style houses further along the Oxford Road overlooking the river, which became known affectionately as the Seven Deadly Sins. It is alleged that he kept a mistress in each of them. However, another version of the story is that they were built for the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) who lodged his mistresses there.

Shooters Hill House was and indeed is one of the most inventive of those in the free neo-Georgian style, which was practised by many Arts and Crafts architects in the 19th century. Upon extending the property to accommodate a billiard room, a new entrance was established through an ornate stone porch way over which is carved the Coat of Arms of the Evans family with the inscription, in Welsh, 'Goreu arv Gwirionedd' which, literally translated, means, 'The greatest weapon is truth'. This entrance led into a large hallway paved in black and white squared marble and it was from this hall that access was gained to the first and second floors, initially via a twelve rung stepladder!

Also from the hallway, access was gained to an ante-room and then to the magnificent Billiard and Picture Room.

This room is between some thirty to forty feet high, facing directly east, panelled with solid polished mahogany to a height of four feet and from there to the ceiling the walls are covered with royal blue cloth with satin stripe.

The curved ceiling is beautifully moulded with ornamental figures; at each end of the curved section is a moulded frieze, which carries the inscription, "Then care away and wend along with me." The doors are of solid polished mahogany, to match the panelling, with brass fittings and a Minstrels' Gallery, fitted with stained glass windows, overlooks and completes this magnificent room.

In 1908, D.H. Evans charged the property as security for a £30,000 loan from the Trustees of the Legal and General Life Assurance Society: the loan was to be repaid in full on 1st February next or failing that, pay default interest half yearly thereafter. Clearly, the loan was not repaid and on 3rd April 1928 the property was sold by Legal and General to Devitt & Moore's Ocean Training Ships Limited who, following the advent of steam, had earlier developed a training scheme for cadets and founded The Nautical College, Pangbourne.

Devitt & Moore were only interested in securing the Thames river frontage that came with the property and they therefore immediately split Shooters Hill House into three individual properties, each of which were then put up for sale. It was at this point that the founder members of **Pangbourne Lodge** that was founded in 1922 and held meetings in the Elephant Hotel and other local establishments purchased the magnificent east wing housing the Billiard and Picture Room for £1,100.

Obviously some minor modification to the building was necessary and this was tastefully and sympathetically carried out by local builder and one of the Lodge Founders, John Smallbone, who ensured that the beauty of the original, Stokes designed, building was retained. Since then, Pangbourne Lodge has continued to maintain the building to the highest standard and indeed many believe that it is the most beautiful, privately owned, Masonic Temple in England . . . and until now, hidden away in a small Thames side village in Berkshire.

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Ray Lloyd



PANGBOURNE PLACE-NAMES

DUNLUCE GARDENS

Dunluce Gardens is interesting in the history of our village, as it lies on its original eastern boundary. This boundary extended from there north to the Thames, and ran to the south between Briars Close and the Primary School, and onwards. Although the details are confused, in principle all land to the east of that line was in the parish of Purley. This meant that houses there, mostly built after World War II and clearly in Pangbourne, were administratively in Purley. Pangbourne Parish Council proposed to Purley in 1963 and again in 1972 that the parish boundary should be moved to Sul Brook, but it was not until the provisions of the Civil Parish Boundary Review of 1977 were implemented that the eastern boundary of our village was set as it is today.



Dunluce Castle, County Antrim.

Dunluce is from the Irish *Dun Lios*, meaning 'fort of the fort'. However, scholars are not sure of the significance of the repeated idea to describe the original, early Irish fort, replaced by a now ruined medieval castle. Standing on the coast in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, it was the seat of Clan McDonnell. The nearby village of the same name was razed to the ground in the Irish uprising of 1641.

The reason why the name **Dunluce Gardens** was chosen by the Parish Council for our road is not clear. As Ellie Thorne of the County Record Office has found for me, its minutes for 5 April 1966 state: 'Resolved that no objection be raised to the name 'Dunluce Gardens' being adopted as the name of the estate road of the new development on the north side of Reading Road on the Marsh Farm Site'. This implies that the name came from the developers, Podberry Bros of Farmoor, Oxfordshire, rather than the Council. Maybe they had a link there or perhaps it is the surname of someone connected with the company, but as it went bankrupt in 1979, we shall probably never know.

The Celtic *dun* has its equivalent in Germanic languages in *burh*, with the root meaning of 'protection'. It has proved versatile in English, appearing in a wide range of situations including burial grounds, financial transactions, Iron Age forts and the High Street.

In a churchyard, if a corpse is interred in a grave, 'six foot under', it is, at least in theory, protected and secure from intrusion for all time. It is buried. The idea of security also extends to borrowing. If you borrow something, there is an implicit assumption that you will give it back. Your word becomes security for the loan, and in financial transactions you will probably have to provide actual security against your borrowing. This same idea of security in a different sense is visible in a borough. More secure than the countryside, from the 16th century the term was used specifically to refer to a town that had attained a certain political status.

The Anglo-Saxons brought the word *burh* with them when they invaded in the 5th century, applying it in place-names in the sense of 'fortified place', usually in the form -bury. Over the centuries the term has developed a surprisingly wide variety of applications.

In our area, possibly the earliest *burh* by date is **Perborough Castle**, Compton, which is early Iron Age, so c. 700 BC, the hillfort perhaps being constructed over earlier field systems. Since World War II it has been extensively ploughed out, so it is not now as impressive as it must have been to Saxon eyes. However, its exact purpose is uncertain, and it may not have been a fort as such, but simply a defined, secure area for a community. Another contender for the earliest hillfort in the area is **Walbury Camp**, Kintbury, but this was perhaps more of an enclosed hilltop than a defensive monument.



*Blewburton Hill, Blewbury
in the 21st century . . .*

More definitely an ancient fort is to be found on the hill by Blewbury, which the Anglo-Saxons saw as 'variegated (*bleo*)' from the creamy-white chalk soil. It dates from the mid Iron Age, so c. 350 BC, as does the fort at **Grimsbury**, Hermitage, which, although now engulfed in woodland, is in a commanding position on the top of a hill. Later, the Saxon settlers in the region found its earthworks so impressive that they thought they must have been built by the chief of



*. . . and as it might have been
in the Iron Age.*

PANGBOURNE PLACE-NAMES



Grim's Ditch, near Southridge.

their gods, Woden, alias Grim. They gave the same name to what must have been the similarly impressive **Grim's Ditch**, a boundary ditch in the area probably from the same period.



Bamburgh Castle.

Major fortifications, but of later date, are the massive strongholds at **Bamburgh**, Northumberland, mentioned in the 10th century as having been named after a queen called *Bebbe*, and **Edinburgh**, first documented in 1126. Crusaders to Palestine in the early Middle Ages took the skill of

fortification building with them, constructing a series of castles to protect pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem. As a result, the Arabs copied the skill of constructing a *burh*, which as a name appears in **Burj El-Siba'a**, 'The Lion's Tower', a small fortress at the port of Tripoli, Lebanon.



Burj El-Siba'a, Tripoli, Lebanon.

Closer to home, in the later Anglo-Saxon period *burh* developed the sense of a 'fortified house or manor', probably the meaning at **Westbury Farm**, Purley. At **Bucklebury** it was associated with a woman, *Burghild*. It is not known whether she held the manor in her own right, which would at the time have been very unusual, but, with a name whose two syllables mean 'fortress (*Burg-*) war (*-hild*)', she must have been a formidable lady. The other possibility is that her husband was constantly away from home on the King's service, and so the settlement became associated principally with her in the minds of the local inhabitants.

Newbury shows *burh* in the specialised sense of a 'market town', a new borough that had gained that status by the grant of a charter from William the Conqueror. It was founded by its Norman lord and Domesday tenant-in-chief, Arnulf de Hesdin, at the point where the road from Oxford to Winchester crossed the Kennet. This site was within the much larger manor of *Ulvritone*, a name now lost, but which stretched from Thatcham to Speen. It is strange that so important a site as the crossing of a major river within that manor did not apparently have a name before then, and it has been suggested by a Celtic language specialist that the name Newbury also conveniently fitted in with what was quite possibly its earlier, unrecorded Celtic name 'ford (*berw-wy*) of the fleece (*knew*)'. It would then have been the Celtic equivalent of names like **Great Shefford**, associated with sheep (Shef-).

Even more specialised is *burh* as recalled in **Forbury Gardens**, Reading. This was the 'forecourt' of Reading Abbey, which was founded by Henry I in 1121. The Forbury, 'outside (For-) the borough', was an area of open land between the town and the Abbey, a meeting place and market place of significant size since fairs were held there, including the three day fair associated with St James's Day, 25 July.

There is hardly a town or village in Britain, however small, where one cannot obtain a burger, whether cooked or uncooked. Its main constituent was originally meat in the form of beef or, later, ham, as indicated in its prefix, but the culinary options are now remarkably varied. However, the name 'burger' is a misnomer by the American fast food industry, whether deliberate or not. A hamburger has nothing to do with the meat of the pig, being in fact simply a 'method of cooking minced beef associated with the city of Hamburg'. **Hamburg** is a *burh* name in its German form, meaning the 'castle (-burg) on the low-lying land (Ham-)', with the -er added, which is the usual German way of turning the name of any town or city into an adjective. The all-pervading importance of the hamburger in the American adolescent mind is brought home by the following incident, experienced by the son of a friend of mine who confirms every detail.

He was the English courier for a group of American adolescents touring Europe, which had been in France for two weeks. They were sitting in lovely weather in the magnificent gardens of Versailles, facing the Château, when he saw one of the girls in floods of tears being comforted by her friends. He rushed over, fearing that she had just heard on her mobile about some terrible tragedy at home. But no, she was so upset only because she had not been able to have a burger for all of a fortnight.

Such is the modern scope and power of the root *burh*. Seldom can a four-letter word have caused so much emotion.

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PANGBOURNE AND WHITCHURCH SUSTAINABILITY NEWS



At last we are emerging into summer after a long cold spring! The gardeners are busy, as are the farmers who have been very concerned about fields of seedlings rotting in the cold, wet ground. Food production worldwide is always at risk from the weather and the increasing loss of insect life, so important to the pollination of plants adds yet another anxiety for food providers.

However, the PAWS biodiversity group is busy working with Pangbourne Parish Council to help with their planned tree planting in the autumn and wilding the area around Chiltern Walk. Following a presentation to Paws by Rory Harding, conservationist with Kent Wildlife Trust, PAWS aims to provide information for how we can encourage insect life and hedgehogs back into our local environment. We aim to produce leaflets to help identify our wildflowers and how to create insect/bug/hedgehog friendly environments. It is clear that many of us are making the move to encouraging wildlife. As I write there is a beautiful step of mixed wildflowers on one of the Pangbourne allotments. The campaign to grow more trees and flowers was launched on World Environment Day in June.

NEWS FROM THE CYCLING GROUP

The cycling group has now had time to analyse the results of the cycling survey in Pangbourne and produced the following report:

PAWS CYCLE SURVEY RESULTS

We all realise that tackling the climate and biodiversity emergencies will require major changes in our lifestyles. However, it is crucial that these changes are not imposed top down but rather that people must be given a chance to say what they need in order to make the necessary changes. The Government, West Berkshire Council, the Parish Council and sustainability groups, all would like the public to make more use of bicycles for local journeys. This is also part of the bigger picture of reducing the number of car users, which in turn would reduce fuel use and emissions and at the same time lead to more Active Travel and healthier lifestyles. The challenge of finding a safe place to park a bike in Pangbourne was also one of the reasons the Sustainability group decided to look at provision for cyclists in the area.

With these ideas in mind, PAWS put together a Cycling Questionnaire that we featured in the previous magazine.



We are delighted that we had a massive response. Thank you to the local communities of Purley, Tidmarsh and Basildon who participated together with Pangbourne and Whitchurch. We are also grateful to all, including local businesses, for helping advertise and circulate the survey.

MAIN FINDINGS

Parking bikes:

- We listed four locations with cycle racks in the village, but most people said they didn't use them. They felt it was unsafe to leave bikes out of sight, so parked as near as possible to the place they were visiting. Around the Coop was the most requested place for additional racks. Useful to know! Although there are no racks at the Coop at present many currently leave bikes at the front, side and back of it.
- Most used are the racks outside Garlands, then the Village Hall car park, the library (with just one rack) – the Dolphin centre is used least. When choosing a place to park bikes, the two main criteria were security and proximity to place of interest. What we don't know is if anyone secures their bike whilst in the village.
- A special mention should go to a Pangbourne cyclist who responded: He/she lives in a flat with no on-site cycle racks, carries the bike up and down stairs and commutes to Reading by bike! Impressive! We are very sympathetic to this situation and it raises the question of overnight secure cycle parking. If you would like to get in touch to discuss your situation please email pawsg21@gmail.com. We also wondered if there were other people feeling frustrated in the same way.

Bike Security:

- 9 out of 143 replies reported a bike being stolen, and one unlucky person seemed to suggest they'd had nine stolen including five from the station. Maybe that covered one family rather than one person. Overall, there was a strong message that people are very careful about where they leave their bikes, and prefer to put them close to their destination.

Reasons not to cycle:

- By far and away the main reason was that roads are too busy/ behaviour of motorists.
- Inconvenient and insecure bike parking was also high on the list.

Suggested changes to encourage more cycling:

- Cycle paths and cycle lanes were unsurprisingly most requested. Again, better cycle parking came up frequently.
- Comments: There was a whole range of good suggestions here with several asking for reduced speed limits on parts of the A roads into Pangbourne and better speed control measures. The most frequently used road in our survey is the road between Pangbourne and Purley. Several commented on things like keeping vegetation well cut back, better road surface with fewer potholes and

introducing signage for cyclists. Five people said no changes were necessary.

Next steps for us at PAWS: Use the survey findings to create a plan for PAWS, local and district councils (Pangbourne, Whitchurch, Purley, Basildon and Tidmarsh) and continue our liaison with local and district councillors as well as other relevant parties including our MPs.

Next steps for you – cyclists and all road users: If you've not already looked at the West Berkshire HEAT map then we would urge you to do so. It gives all road users the chance to have their say on improving road use and other issues you feel need addressing. You have until 2nd July for this:

<https://westberksactivestreeets.commonplace.is/proposals/have-your-say-on-the-west-berkshire-active-travel-heat-map>, and <https://westberksactivestreeets.commonplace.is/overview>

Once again thank you for participating in the survey. Barbara Singleton-Crisp – The PAWS cycling group.

The PAWS AGM was held in April via zoom and very well attended. Chaired by Jackie Hoskins, the meeting reflected how hard the group has been working during this pandemic year. Obviously we were unable to put on our community events outdoors, but the membership has grown as more people seek to find ways to mitigate the impact of climate change. Our

Facebook page is generating more action, our letters to MPs on issues such as water pollution and biodiversity have generated replies. Our commitment to sustainability and protecting the environment remains high as we provide opportunities for the local community to contribute to decreasing our local CO2 emissions. Also at the



AGM PAWS member Peter McManners gave a short presentation on his latest book, *Face up to Climate Change: Demand Change Now*, which is encouraging us to actually believe we can make the necessary changes to prevent the chaos threatened by global warming.

ITEMS FROM THE PRESS

The bad news is that the Global Footprint Network has calculated that this year's Earth Overshoot Day will fall on 29 July, compared with 22 August last year. Earth Overshoot Day marks the date when humanity has used all the natural resources that the Earth regenerates during the entire year. This year's date is almost as early as 2019, when it fell on the 26 July, after being pushed back in 2020 by coronavirus lockdowns. (*The Independent* 5 June)



The point of this statistic is that with almost half a year remaining, we will already have used up our quota of the Earth's biological resources for 2021!!

The good news is that three of the world's biggest publicly-traded oil and gas companies- Exxon Mobil, Chevron and Royal Dutch Shell – were dealt stunning blows, with the upshot that 'they are going to have to clean up their acts a lot faster than they were planning'. Exxon shareholders, in the face of stiff opposition from management, voted to appoint at least two 'climate-conscious' members to the board. At Chevron, meanwhile, a shareholder rebellion supported activist demands to cut emissions; and a court in The Hague legally obliged Shell to meet a stiff carbon reduction target. (*The Week* 5 June 2021).

Although these actions should have happened years ago it is becoming clear that fossil fuel companies are now being put under pressure to make changes.

Heather Thorne

2021/22 PAWS CALENDAR

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Sunday 18 July 2pm start	Join with WoTHabs for a Meadow Biodiversity Walk led by James Norman The meeting point will be signposted on the day	Meet at the field entrance on the left-hand side of Sheepwash Lane, Hardwick Estate
Sunday 26 September 2pm – 4pm	Apple Pressing Day	Whitchurch Maze, Muddy Lane Whitchurch on Thames
Saturday 16 October 10-12.30pm	Launch of PAWS COP26 Tree Campaign	Outside Garlands
Thursday 21 October 8pm start	Talk and discussion: <i>Trees: their role in biodiversity and climate action</i>	Pangbourne Village Hall
Thursday 18 November 8pm start	Film Night	Pangbourne Village Hall
Thursday 16th December 8pm – 10pm	Christmas Gathering: a celebration of 10+1 years of PAWS! Potluck supper; all welcome	Pangbourne Village Hall
Thursday 13th January 8pm – 10pm	PAWS 2022 Planning Meeting	Pangbourne Village Hall

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At the time of writing, repairs are expected to continue in the small hall for another two weeks and it is hoped that they will be complete by the next target date for easing lockdown in late June. Until that time, only very limited use of the small hall would have been possible due to social distancing measures in any

event. As we all know, things are subject to change, but at the current time we are hoping to be able to return to near normal levels of bookings by the end of June.

Please do visit the re-launched Parish Website www.pangbourne-pc.gov.uk to see more details for the hall and to book online via the hallmaster system.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of Residents (Electors) was held via zoom on Tuesday 20th April 2021. Thank you to everyone who joined the meeting and/or made presentations.

It was an interesting and informative meeting as a number of representatives from a variety of community groups, sports clubs and other local organisations joined the Parish Council to provide an update on their activities throughout the last two years (there was no meeting last year due to the pandemic).

It was wonderful to hear that the community has continued to thrive despite difficult times.

The recording of the meeting and a number of community group reports can currently be found on the Parish Council website under the Minutes and Agendas section. The Parish Council also gave an update on projects and activities over the last 24 months.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

With the temporary Coronavirus Legislation (as it affected the operation of Parish Councils) ending in early May, online meetings of the Council are no longer permitted and are once again only deemed to have been lawfully held where Councillors are physically present and voting. As such meetings will return to the Village Hall from June onwards (June 22nd and then every second Tuesday of the month thereafter -excluding August). Members of the public are very welcome and entitled to observe meetings, with an "open forum" at 8pm during which time members of the public are able to raise any matters relevant to the operation of the Parish Council.

In the immediate term (for as long as social distancing guidance is in place), numbers may need to be limited based on the covid secure capacity of the hall so please do get in touch with the Clerk via the Clerk email address so that we can do our best to accommodate everyone.

ENJOYING OUR OPEN SPACES

As we enter the warmer months, the Parish Council are once again planning for an increase in the number of visitors to the River Meadows and Recreation Ground.

Waste collection frequency will be increased and additional measures taken where necessary, but we would also ask all who use the spaces to use the bins provided or take your rubbish home where possible especially if the bins are full. Please make sure that all your family members are doing their best to leave the open spaces as they find them.



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PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Parish Council have a small amount of funds remaining in this year's grant allowance.

Bids can be made by local community groups and charities, for activities which directly benefit residents of the parish. Applications should be made to the clerk in the first instance. More details and the application form can be found on the Parish Council website.

Grant requests will be considered at the September meeting and so applications should be made by the end of August.

WATERMILL TOURING PRODUCTION

The Watermill Theatre are hoping to be able to take a touring production to local village halls over the coming months. The production will be the Hound of the Baskervilles. At the time of writing there are no fixed dates for the tour and it is not certain that it will go ahead.

Please do look out for updates on the Parish Council's social media and on noticeboards should this event prove possible.

PLAYGROUND – PANGBOURNE RECREATION GROUND

Sadly there has been recent vandalism at the Playground with damage to two of the "springer" rides.

Replacement parts are on order and repairs will be undertaken as soon as possible. In addition, the large swing seat has had to be removed for safety reasons while a part is repaired. It is hoped that these will be returned in the coming weeks.

It is so disappointing when equipment at this much loved amenity is made unavailable for our local children to use. Please do report any instances of anti-social behaviour or vandalism to the Police via 101 (online or phone) if it is safe to do so.

Please do report any wear or faults to the Parish office via the Clerk email – Clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk

We know how much the playground is loved and would like to create a "Friends of Pangbourne Playground" Group to help look after the playground and perhaps carry out minor repairs/re-painting etc. If you would be interested in being part of such a group, please contact us via the website or Clerk email address to express your interest.



THAMES PATH IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Following on from correspondence between Pangbourne Parish Council, local landowners, the Thames Path National Trail and West Berkshire Council over the winter, Thames Path National Trail are now in a position to move forward with a series of improvement works. One of these works is to install some new anti-slip surfacing on the ramps/boardwalks in Pangbourne Meadows. Works are currently programmed in for the first two weeks of July.

Other works include extending ramps to the boardwalk further downstream and installing stone to dust on all the gate landings Pangbourne to Purley.

During the Autumn period (after the bird nesting season) it is hoped that Volunteers will be tasked with a couple of weeks scrub clearing and chipping onto the path along this reach.

COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Gareth Hurley has decided to step down from his role as Pangbourne Parish Councillor to focus on his role as District Councillor for Pangbourne at West Berkshire Council. We thank him for his contribution to the Parish Council. We now have a Parish Council Casual Vacancy and welcome applications in the usual way. Please see full details.



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APP NO	PROPOSAL	RECOMMENDATION
21/00836/ HOUSE	Proposed single storey rear extension and outbuilding following demolition of detached garage Blue Daws, Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7AS	NO OBJECTION
21/00819/ PASSHE	An application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Rear single storey extension. Dimensions: To the eaves: 2.45m highest point: 3.25m, Depth from back wall: 4m, Length: 8.15m 27 Bourne Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JT	NO COMMENT REQUIRED
APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL:		
APP NO	PROPOSAL	WBC DECISION
20/02283/ HOUSE	Demolition of front porches and replacement with full width single storey, pitched roof extensions to numbers 19 and 20 Chiltern Walk 19 & 20 Chiltern Walk, Pangbourne RG8 7LE	APPROVAL
21/00836/ HOUSE	Proposed single storey rear extension and outbuilding following demolition of detached garage Blue Daws, Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7AS	APPROVAL
20/03102/ TPW	T28, T29, T30 – Lime – Crown lift to previous pruning points at approx. 4m agl. Folia, Flowers Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7BD	APPROVAL
21/00217/ TPW	T1 – Beech – Selectively prune to give a clearance of 2m to the building. G2 (6no. English Yew) and G3 (5no. English Yew) – Reduce height by approx 1.5m and lateral spread by upto 1m. T4 – Yew – Reduce in height to a 1m stem and allow to regenerate. T5 – Field Maple – Selectively reduce the over long lateral branches by approx 1.2m, cutting back to suitable growth leaving a flowing natural canopy line; Lift the crown to height above ground level of 2.5m removing secondary and tertiary growth. T6 – Common Ash – Reduce height and spread by 2m, cutting back to suitable growth. T7 – Sycamore – Selectively prune to give 1.5m clearance all round lamp head; lift crown to height above ground level of 5.5m over the highway. T8 – Ash – Remove as close to ground level as possible. T9 – English Yew – Trim all round as ongoing maintenance. Hartslock Court, Shooters Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7BJ	APPROVAL
21/00473/ HOUSE	Matching single storey rear extensions to numbers 105 and 103 Horseshoe Road, single storey storage shed to side of 103 at the rear and replacement of external windows and doors to 103 103 and 105 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JL	WITHDRAWN
21/00430/ HOUSE	Conversion of loft space including change from hipped roof to gabled, plus rear single storey extension 22 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JQ	APPROVAL
21/00512/ HOUSE	Erection of single storey rear extension, single storey front extension and infill of existing porch Winloed, Bere Court Road, Pangbourne RG8 8LB	APPROVAL
21/00538/ CERTP	Convert existing garage into 4th bedroom and utility room. Rebuild front porch. Floor of garage raised 200mm to match existing house. Flat roof of garage raised 200mm to give sufficient headroom 3 Briars Close, Pangbourne RG8 7LH	APPROVAL
21/00836/ HOUSE	Two storey side extension and single storey front extension to dwelling with changes to fenestration and external materials 151 Bourne Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JT	APPROVAL
21/00681/ HOUSE	Single storey extension 1 Thames Villas, Thames Avenue, Pangbourne RG8 7BY	APPROVAL
21/00294/ HOUSE	Demolition of garage. Double and single storey extension to side + detached double garage. Grove Cottage, Tidmarsh Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AY	APPROVAL
21/00621/ TPW	A – Sycamore – Reduce height by 2.5-3m to good growth points and final cuts of 50mm diameter. Damaged and broken branches would be tidied up in the process. The over-extended lower limbs would be reduced to be inline with the crown. Approximate 15-16m FFH. 23 St James Close, Pangbourne RG8 7AP	APPROVAL

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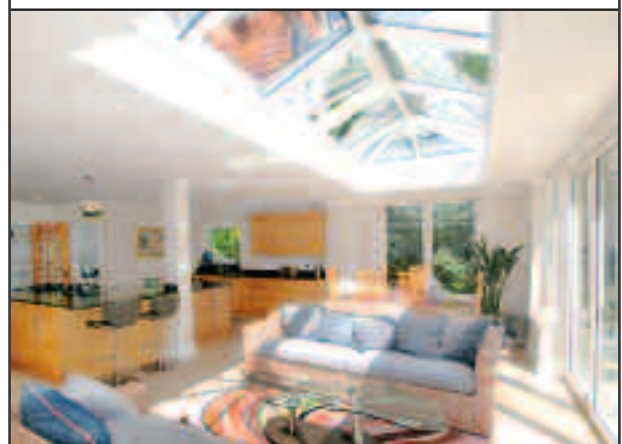
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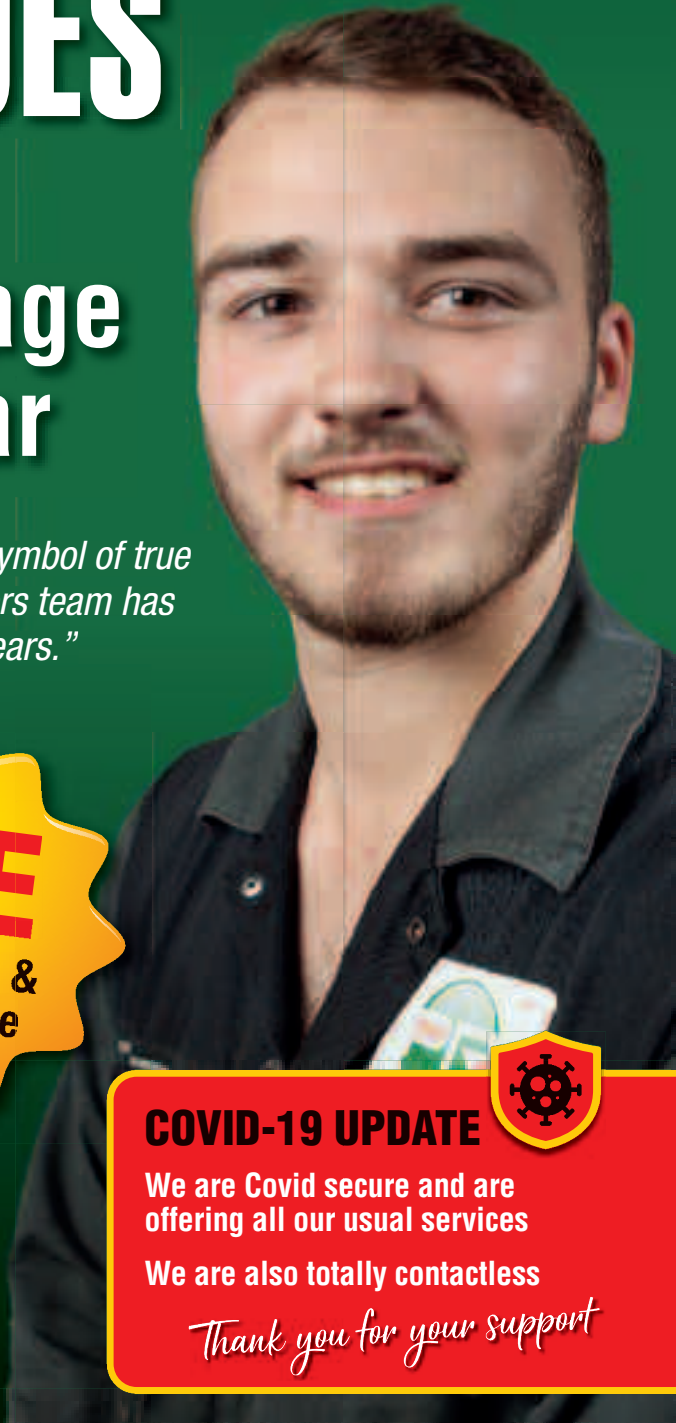
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