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Editorial

Wandering through Hughenden Park it is easy to see that the stream is no more. Fear not as this issue explains the whys and wherefores of this phenomenon. Also in this issue are lots of opportunities for new residents to Downley to participate in the goings on in and around the area. Please spare some time if you can to help this community continue to thrive and retain its unique appeal.

The residents of Downley are hugely diverse and talent abounds here in these streets. Take pride in living and raising your Families in this special corner of High Wycombe. Looking forwards we have the ever popular and very busy Up Festival with its entertainment and opportunities for residents to come together and the talent of the area to be presented for all to enjoy.

Enjoy the Spring months and Summer activities in and around Downley. Do not forget to make your informed decision about in or out of Europe in June. This is a big decision for each of us and 'us' as a Nation. I am sure whatever the outcome the debate will keep going long after the decision is made.

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Editor



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Downley Common News

Mannings Pond

The winter period saw the society concentrate on Mannings Pond with the aim of reducing the amount of sweet-grass and reeds that are starting to clog up the pond. In case you hadn't realised, the pond is actually split into two parts, with the southern half quite shallow and currently over grown with grass and northern half (separated from the south by a narrow causeway) quite a bit deeper (about 4-5 foot) and supporting a lot of reed mace (the new name for bulrushes). The idea is not to completely strip all the growth out but to remove a section each year so as to keep it under control and to not disturb the wildlife too much.

So at two work parties in December and January a team turned up with wellie boots (for the southern half) and rubber waders (for the deep bits) and number of sharp implements. The reed-mace in particular is quite a challenge as it forms a dense floating mass of vegetation that is all bound together and can only be removed by sawing off a manageable chunk and pushing up onto the bank where it can be removed.

Surprisingly, the bottom of the pond is quite a firm stony surface rather than silty mud which was expected, with the exception of numerous water-logged branches and logs that have found their way into the pond and do their best to trip us up.

January was our last chance till the autumn to do this work as the newts return in February to breed and we're not allowed to disturb them until they've finished in the autumn. Hopefully they will enjoy the swimming pool we've created for them.

New Year Beacon

There was a good turn-out for the beacon-lighting on New Year's Eve but it's a shame the fireworks were let off in a rather uncontrolled fashion – they came close to injuring spectators. Please leave them at home next year.

Coppicing

By the time you read this we will also have planted another batch of trees in the next strip of coppice just north of Downley Lodge. These were a donation from BTCV funded by OVO Energy so thank you to them for helping to re-tree the countryside.

The next work party in March will be to remove litter from the usual areas such as the Dells and to attack the knotweed near the cricket pavilion if it is starting to shoot by then. All volunteers welcome to get involved – we will meet at the Old Dairy at 10am on 6th March.

*Bill Thompson
Downley Common Preservation Society*



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JILL'S MATHS FOR FUN - ANSWERS ON PAGE ?

Earlier this week, on social media, I encountered a maths posting, which was followed by many, many, many responses indicating amazement that the instructions given gave a result which seemed, to those commenting, to be some sort of magic. This is the gist of it, along with an amendment added by me to take account of when your birthday is.

1 Take your Shoe size (no half sizes, round up)

2 Multiply it by 5

3 Add 50

4 Multiply by 20

5 Add 1015 (Actually you need to add 1016 if you have already had a birthday this calendar year - my amendment to the original post, and a big clue as to what is going on to achieve the magic).

6 Subtract the year you were born

The First digits of your answer are your shoe size and the last two digits are your age. Maths Magic.

There is a brief explanation of why it works, with apologies to those of you who look at it and just know why it works. I have to admit to being somewhat taken aback that so many people on line seemed to have no clue that they were inputting both their shoe size and their age. Many forcibly argued that they had absolutely not given their age at any point.

Your age is input when you multiply the 5 and 50 by 20, adding them together during the procedure, then adding 1015 or 1016 to the total
 $(50 \times 20) + 1015 = 2015$ or $(50 \times 20) + 1016 = 2016$

Subtract your year of birth from this and the result is your age.

Your shoe size simply winds up being multiplied by 100;

Shoe size $\times (5 \times 20)$

So it winds up in the 1000 and /or 100 column of the magic answer. This isn't going to work if you are over ninety nine years old; we'd have to adapt it to take account of that. It can be done, with maths but not with magic.



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The Downley School

We can hardly believe that Spring time is upon us already. At The Downley School we have had an excellent first term culminating in lots of different celebrations and parties for Christmas.



Back in September we welcomed our new Reception age children and some new staff members. Everyone settled quickly and they now feel fully part of the school's community. We continue on our recruitment drive to find a permanent Headteacher for the school, but for now I (Mrs Hadaway) will remain in post as Acting Headteacher.

Our Values Based Education continues to go from strength to strength and February marked a special milestone in our journey – three years since we introduced values to our school. The children's understanding of their values and the way in which they help them to live their lives continues to astound us. We would very much like to extend a values based approach to the wider community during this cycle so look out for more information about this!

The children have also impressed audiences with their dramatic performances over the last term. As ever, our Year 2 children gave an excellent Harvest performance. The Christmas plays were also wonderful! 'Shine Star Shine' was the version of the Christmas story told by Reception children, while Year 4 shared 'A Pudding for the Chimney Sweep'. Audiences for all the productions included all pupils and staff, local nursery children, senior citizens and hundreds of family members.

Our sports teams have had great success, with both the boys' and girls' football teams celebrating an unprecedented double as County Primary School Champions. Children also took part in the annual cross country competition in Hughenden Park as well as netball tournaments at Kingsmead.

Lots of our school governors came to 'Governors in School Day' a few weeks ago. They spent the day in classes with the children and came to our Celebration Assemblies. They work extremely hard for the school and it was nice to be able to say thank you to them in front of the children – for whom they do the work!

Our Parents Association are a fabulous group of parents who meet every month and work on organising fund raising events. So far this year they have organised a fish and chips evening for parents of our new Reception children; a Quiz and Bingo evening and of course the annual Christmas Fayre. We really appreciate all of the hard work that goes into organising these events and with ongoing budget cuts the money raised from such events becomes more and more crucial to enhancing the children's curriculum.

We are sure that the rest of the academic year will be just as busy as this first part with more productions, trips and increased use of our lovely grounds once the weather improves a little!

We are always looking for ways in which to engage with the local community so if you have any ideas or if you have any time or expertise that you would like to offer, please contact us either by email at office@downley.bucks.sch.uk or telephone 01494 527033

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We engage 8 speakers who present a whole range of talks about the flora and fauna and various topics all associated with the good earth. Our talks are scheduled throughout the year so please contact us if you wish to know more.

The talks coming up in the next few months are; March 21st Rod D'ayala – mushrooms and toadstools, May 16th John Tyler – the lost forest of Beanwood, June – an evening visit to a local garden at which tea and cakes are also available

There is something satisfying about pulling your own produce from the ground and consuming it along with all the goodness contained within it. Did you know a radish contains vitamins C, B6, K and minerals

calcium, copper, manganese, iron amongst others and also offers a list of health benefits as long as my arm. All this goodness from something you could be growing for yourself in just 22 to 70 days.

Juniors are most welcome and we hold growing competitions with the winners receiving medals or vouchers and getting to eat their winnings too!!! Don't delay, contact me on 01494 524622 so you can get a jump on the growing season and read our tips, advice and what's on in the monthly newsletter.

Happy sowing and growing to you this Spring.

Ken Thompson 01494 524622

Downley Evening WI

Is it too late to wish you a happy new year? I suspect it is, because as I write this the first month of 2016 has already been consigned to history. Frightening, isn't it, how the time flies. We wonder where it goes as one busy day succeeds another.



Well, let's make a difference and see about making our time count. At Downley Evening WI, we take our time seriously. We plan informative talks and entertaining and educational outings and activities. We've already had a wonderful talk from Graham Laurie about the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Australia which gave us a vivid insight into the challenges of providing medical care in such a vast country with a population dispersed over huge distances. As ever, we were struck by people's ability to think creatively and find solutions to daunting problems. Very inspiring! In February, we are all set to learn about Buckinghamshire Spies and Subversives (there are more of them than you might think), courtesy of author D J Kelly and we're looking forward to celebrating our 53rd birthday in

March. Sadly for you, dear reader, that's a closed meeting but look ahead to April and we have Teresa Hehir coming to talk to us about wildlife photography. That should be great so why not put it in your diary for April 12th. We welcome visitors who would like to come and give the WI a try and recently, we have been delighted to see some of those visitors come back now as full members. But there's always room for more! Come and see.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in St. James' Church, Plomer Hill. You'll find a warm welcome and lots of new friends. For further information, call Frances, our president, on HW 524835. We're looking forward to meeting you. Angela Taplin

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Coffee Stop News

Hello again everyone, here we are in a new year and already the time is flying by, does it really get quicker as we get older?



able to wash up! The more the merrier and it really is an incredibly easy and rewarding way to make new friends and catch up with old ones. We

We hope you all enjoyed our Christmas special event with the visit from the Downley Descants, many of whom we are delighted to have as helpers and customers; it was most enjoyable to hear them and appreciate how they have all grown in confidence and repertoire since their early days. Lyn's quizzes are always thought provoking and enjoyable too, as well as the raffle and expertly wrapped Christmas gifts.

At the Coffee Stop we really feel at the heart of village life and that we provide a vital community service. Many of us have been part of the team from the very beginning over 12 years ago and having started off full of the enthusiasm of early retirement are now starting to feel a touch of Anno Domini and are not as fit as we once were. We really need some new people to join our team to bring fresh ideas as well as energy. It isn't too difficult to make a few sandwiches or some soup or a cake and I defy anyone not to be

have been inspected twice by the health and safety people and are proud of our 4 star rating – it would have been even better but for the hole in the kitchen wall.

Last week we had our annual get together lunch, this time at The Britannia in Marlow. It was a really nice gathering and we raffled the Christmas presents that we'd been given together with a few other bits and pieces, a most enjoyable event. Please continue to support us and if anyone feels like volunteering this side of the hatch you will be welcomed with open arms and a presentation of the ceremonial pinny. As always we are extremely grateful to the many helpers who are already on our radar and fulfil so many roles from driving customers to putting up and taking down tables (and expertly sweeping up, Ray). I hope it's not too late to wish everyone a very happy new year.

*Ann Buxton
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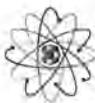
30th High Wycombe Scout and Guide Show

April 6th-9th Lancaster Arts Centre, Wycombe Abbey School

This year is the 30th High Wycombe Scout and guide show.

This was first brought to the town by Ron Cooper, and a popular Downley resident of the time Kay Wyborn. Kay was not only one of the teachers at the primary school but also a talented musician accompanying choirs such as the Wycombe Orpheus choir and various school music festivals. The show has gone from strength to strength over the years with changing faces and styles but the format of musical items interspersed with sketches remains the same. Audience comments indicate that performances are full of energy and enthusiasm and of a highly professional standard. Our wardrobe and props departments support this to the full.

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*Ron Cooper and Fiona Wyborn
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St.James Voice Easter 2016

What does Easter mean to you? Bunnies, chicks and eggs; a break from work; a chance to catch up with friends and family? A festival that inconveniently falls on different dates each year, Easter Sunday is calculated to fall on the first Sunday after the full moon which falls nearest to March 21st- a rather complicated calculation. It seems a bit odd that such things as school term times are still linked to Easter, but this reflects the importance of the festival in the Christian calendar.

Easter is the great festival of the Christian faith, at which we remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. After the drabness of Lent, which coincides with the season of Winter, Easter is a glorious rebirth which coincides with Spring- the reawakening of the natural world, longer days and warmer weather. It is a festival of great optimism and hope and all are welcome to share it with us.

Details of our Easter services and activities will be available nearer the time on our website www.stjamesdownley.org.uk. Information will also be available on posters around the village.

Between now and then there will be our usual activities, including of course our Sunday services at 11.00 am . The first Sunday of the month is usually an all age service aimed especially at children and



families, but enjoyed by people of all ages. On occasions we have a lay-led service, which can be on a range of subjects but is always interesting and informative. The third Sunday of the month is when our children's group meets. This group is called F.L.I.G.H.T., which stands for 'Finding Life In God's Heavenly Truth'. Activities include games, crafts, singing traditional and lively hymns and learning bible verses and stories.

We would be delighted to see you at any of our forth-coming social events, or at any of our services, which are always followed by coffee and an opportunity to meet the members of our very friendly congregation.

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Downley Community Centre

Refurbishment Programme 2016

Downley Community Centre will shortly announce the next phase of decorating and modernisation work to be carried out in the building during 2016.

Redecoration and a fresh paint job will be on the agenda for the Beech room and over 50 new chairs will be with us very soon as part of this year's ongoing refurbishment programme. All the ceiling lighting in Beech will be replaced in February to match the Oak room and the whole scheme will be extended into the library as soon as possible.

Recent work in the library has now created much more space for people to use which means it can now accommodate larger meetings when required.

Bucks County Council have already confirmed that they will shortly be advertising two new IT courses as a follow-up to the very successful course completed last November which will be staged in the library after Easter.



Downley Descants – A member's view

Downley Descants have had another successful year and are improving all the time. Singing is so uplifting and mood changing around the house as we take our warblings home with us.



We have had various concerts throughout the year and are getting even more requests as our fame is spreading – all done for charity!

There are always places for newcomers in the choir, no auditions, just come along and sing with us on a Thursday evening 8pm at Sunnybank Church in Moor Lane.

Louise, our Musical Director, always makes it a fun evening and we have a lovely new pianist, Yuan, who plays her part in our scaling even greater heights.

Our concerts over the Christmas period resulted in donations of £330 each to Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Child Bereavement UK., thank you for your support.

Since Christmas we have performed at a Lunch Club at Amersham Free Church and provided after dinner entertainment for Downley Evening WI. Future performances in the pipeline include The Heights Nursing Home and a joint concert with Wycombe Concert Band, as part of Up! Downley Festival.

Come along for a couple of free trial weeks to see what the choir can do for you. For more information and contact details look on our website www.downleydescants.org.uk. If you have no access to a computer please contact Lyn on 01494 436063 or Julian on 01494 440430.

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Chameleon Singles Group

Another year gone, another AGM behind us and another year of events ahead. As always at this time of year we look forward to spring and summer which means we can start to think about events in the great outdoors once again



We are planning a short Gourmet Cruise to St Malo at the end of May and staying on the food line the BBQ will no doubt be out at one of our members homes on a warm summers evening. Our summer trip to the coast this year will be to Brighton where even if the weather does not turn out to be the best on the day there is plenty to see and do around the old town streets.

Over the last few months members have enjoyed meals out, a film show, brewery visit, a take-away evening, live music and walks. Some of the more popular events are run on a regular basis so there is no reason to miss out. All events both at home or a local venue are organised by members acting as hosts. To them all we are very grateful as no organisers would equal no Chameleon!

Our regular events each month continue to include the popular Lunch Club on the first and the Pub Night on the last Friday of each month. For those interested in live music we also visit Dusty's at least once most months for some great live bands at the Holmer Green Sports Club. Coffee mornings have also proved popular and it is likely we will do more of these both at home and at venues

such as Garden Centres and cafes in the coming months.

All our events are open to new members with the Pub Night a great place to meet up. You would be very welcome to come along and join us for a drink on the last Friday of the month at The Crown, Amersham Road, Hazlemere from 8pm. There is food available if you wish to skip the cooking at home and many members take that opportunity!

Single, 40 – 60's, and looking for a great social life and new friends then why not give us a try? There are no strangers at Chameleon, just new friends to be made in a social group run by and for its members. We have several local people from Downley, West Wycombe, Sands and surrounding areas in the group and you would be very welcome too. **To find out more call one of our membership secretaries:**

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New Library Layout

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As mentioned in the last issue of the Downley News the Parish Council was awarded the sum of £750 to make improvements to your local library, these have now been completed. Six new bookcases have been made and these have replaced the four movable ones which were taking up a large amount of space. Removing them means that there is now far more space allowing the room to be used for more activities when the library isn't open. The photo above shows how much more room we now have available to us and also how much more light there is at that end of the library. Although freeing up space was the main priority enough money was available to purchase two new computers to replace the 10 year old machines and the purchase on more modern barcode software. There was sufficient funds left to enable the purchase of three new chairs to replace the old rickety one.

Why not pay the new look library a visit, we are sure you will be impressed perhaps enough to take a few books!

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SCIENCE FOR FUN

Today's facts are a quick reference for those seeking to ensure they can differentiate easily between oft confused and mislabelled wildlife, mostly reflecting my penchant for primates, but I'll start with some ancient reptiles, several smiling ones of which I was delighted to encounter whilst in Costa Rica recently.

CROCODILES AND ALLIGATORS

Crocodiles have a "V-shaped" jaw with a 'toothy grin' provided by a bottom tooth on each side which pokes up over the upper 'lip'. Alligators have a "U-shaped" jaw, and the bottom teeth stay tucked under the larger upper jaw when their mouth is closed.

(Vee crocodiles smile at u alligators – we all have to have our own way to remember which is which, this is my silly saying.)

PRIMATES

Generally lemurs have bigger noses than monkeys. Lemur species are endemic only to Madagascar, whereas monkeys are much more widespread; this last fact does not help much when you are viewing them in a zoo. However, the first should suffice at a glance.

Virtually all monkeys have tails, apes never have tails; gibbons, orangutans, gorillas, chimpanzees, bonobos and humans are apes.

Lesser apes are generally smaller than great apes; those gibbons I just mentioned, they are lesser apes.

Bonobos are shorter and more slender in build than chimpanzees, and they have longer hair. Chimpanzees have brown lips and faces which change colour with age, whereas bonobos have pink lips and black faces.

Chimpanzee groups are led by an alpha male and maintain order in the group via aggression. Bonobo groups are dominated by females and peace is maintained through "love", which they use to solve all crises: conflict resolution, maintenance of social status, stress reduction, showing affection, or simply saying hello. (Maybe human apes should reflect on these social differences, but we may want to restrict most of the "love" to a hug and a thought, unlike the bonobos.)

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Downley Diary events

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Round-up of Regular Activities

Downley Community Centre

Alzheimers Carers Support Group	3rd Wed am
Art Group	Term time Mon & Tues 10am - 12.00
Bible Study Group	Sun 10am - 12pm
Bridge Group	Thurs 7.15pm
Chipmunks Woodcarving	Wed 10am
Community Library	Mon & Sat 10am Thurs 3pm
Craft Group	1st Tues 10am - 12.00
Dance Classes (ballroom and Latin)	Tues 7.30pm & Weds 8pm
Downley Village Evening WI	1st Tues 7.35pm
Downley Wine & Beer Club	2nd Wed 8pm
First Class Learning	Sat 10am
French Circle	2nd Fri 7.30pm
Lace Making	Term time Thurs 12.45pm
Line Dancing	Tues 12.45pm and Fri 10am
Mums & Toddlers Group	Term time Mon 9.30am
Pilates - term time	Mon 7pm, Wed 6.30pm, Thurs 7.30pm
Pilates for beginners	Term time Wed 9.30am
Simply Walk	Mon 10am and Thurs 11am
Sing & Sign	Thurs 10am - 11am (12 Coffee)
Spiritual Centre (Downley)	1st & 3rd Fri, last Mon 6.30pm
Tai Chi – for Arthritis	Term time Wed 10.45am
Wargamers	Mon 6.45pm
U3A Ukulele	4th Thurs 10am - 12pm

Round-up of Regular Activities *...continued*

St James Church Hall

Art Club	Thurs 9.30am
Assisted Scrabble	4th Friday of month 2.pm - 4.pm
Coffee Stop	Mon 10.30am
Dog Training	Tues 6pm
Downley Evening WI	2nd Tues 7.45pm
Downley Gardening Society	3rd Mon of Month 8pm
Greatest Hits Choir	Tues 8.30pm
Karate	Wed 7pm
Links Lunches	Fri 10.30am
Louise Dance Class	Sat 9.30am
Natalie's Meditation Class	Wed 8.30pm -10.30pm
Philatelic Club	Alternate Thurs 7.30pm
Weightwatchers	Thurs 5.30pm

Sunnybank Methodist Church Hall

Dance Classes for Young People	Mon pm & evening
Downley Descants	Thurs evening at 8pm
Tai Chi	Thurs am

Downley War Memorial Hall

Fencing Training	Wed & Fri 5.00pm
Karate (Shotokan)	Wed 7.30pm
Sunshine Montessori	8.30am Every Day
Yoga	Wed 9.45am
Yoga	Term time Fri 9.15 am
Zumba	Mon 8pm

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Praise where praise is due!

Walking home from an evening out on Friday 18 December, there was a distinct “pong” of something not at all nice near the garage in Littleworth Road and a large quantity of water around the manhole cover in the road. A call to the Thames Water 24-hour leak line on 0800 714 614 resulted in a team being despatched within the hour and a repair was effected immediately: the foul water was entering the clean water system via the drains making it an urgent pollution issue.

Praise to the team for such prompt action – most residents were, no doubt, completely unaware of the drama!

Ukulele Strummers

The ukulele is a fun instrument to play. Join us at the Downley Community Centre on the fourth Thursday of the month. We begin at 10am and finish around noon.

Contact

Sylvia Chadwick; sylvia.chadwick@zen.co.uk for more information.

Are you able and interested in working with Young People in Downley?

Two of our local facilities are looking for assistance Downley Guides and Stouts contact:

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Downley Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday every month. *Up to 30 minutes are allowed for public questions. Agendas are posted on the Parish Council notice boards at least 4 days in advance.*

Held alternate months at:

War Memorial Hall 7.45 pm

January, March, May, July, September and November

Downley Community Centre, School Close

7.45 pm

February, April, June, August, October and December

Agendas are posted on the Parish Council notice boards at least 4 days in advance. Copies of the Parish Council's Minutes are available at the Downley Community Library for residents to read. They are also included on the Parish Council Website.

The Clerk (Chettina Masters) can be contacted on 01494 444683

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Downley Art Group

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Downley Parish Notice Boards

Any notices for the Parish notice boards need to be left at the Community Centre in the wooden box in the oak room in an envelope for the attention of the parish clerk. Notices must be received one month in advance of the event. Notice boards are updated on the first and last Monday of each month only. All notices must be for local non profit organisations.

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Up & Coming... Please visit Downley.org for all the latest and up to date events and news.

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| April | 3 | Downley Common Preservation Society Work Party meet at the Old Dairy |
| | 5 | War Memorial Hall AGM 8pm at the WMH |

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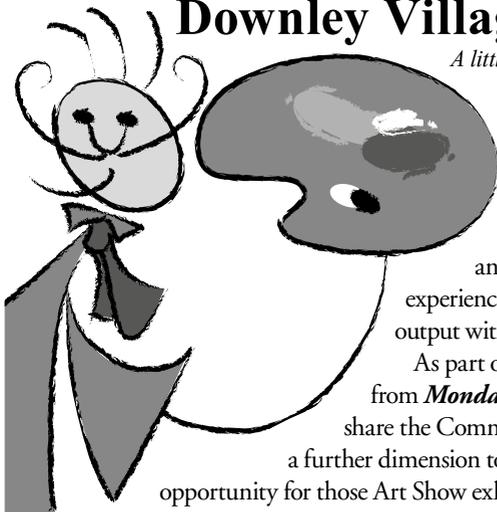
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Downley Village Art Show 2016

A little reminder to start planning your pieces!



The Village Art Show is now in its fifth year attracting nearly two hundred exhibits. The show is distinctive in its range of work. Drawings, paintings, photographs, digital, 3D and poetry from the very young to the rather more experienced. An annual opportunity to share your creative output with others in Downley.

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Steve Baker MP

Defence of the realm is the primary purpose of government. Without peace, strong borders, law and order, civil society and freedom cannot flourish. I believe everyone is equal before the law, and should be treated without fear or favour. There have been a number of local stories in the news recently which have shown this is not something about which we should be complacent.



It was announced in the last few weeks that High Wycombe has been selected as one of nine new areas to receive assistance to tackle gang and youth violence. I am advised we do not have an entrenched gang problem here in High Wycombe, but welcome this intelligence-led preventative work and think High Wycombe will benefit from tailored support from experts to better understand the nature of gang-related violence and exploitation, identify opportunities for collaborative working and share effective ways of tackling local challenges.

Buckinghamshire County Council has recently agreed to a number of recommendations to prevent child sexual exploitation in Buckinghamshire. These recommendations have the potential to be a real step forward in the prevention of this evil criminal activity. I welcome the commitment of the Council to these new measures, and whilst the report itself focuses on prevention, we must also consider the wider issues of detection and prosecution. I stand ready to assist the Council, the police and other institutions in the protection of children.

I am in regular contact with the Superintendent at High Wycombe police station, and we discuss issues to do with crime and disorder in the constituency. In early January, I met Francis Habgood, the new Chief Constable, and expressed my confidence in Thames Valley Police. There will be elections in May this year for the

Police and Crime Commissioner, and I hope you will participate and vote for the candidate of your choice.

I know the railway line runs very close to houses in the Downley area, and a number of constituents have been in touch about noise from trains. I have raised this directly with both Chiltern Rail and Network Rail, and have been told 13 freight trains pass through the High Wycombe section of track each day. I am waiting on a Freedom of Information request to see how this has changed over the last two years and will then decide what more can be done. If you have thoughts on this please contact me. At the same time, I want the best possible service for rail users in Wycombe, and know many constituents use Chiltern Railways to commute to work. In the autumn Chiltern Railways began running a new service to Oxford, which has meant changes to the timetable but has also led to questions about punctuality. I have raised this directly with the Managing Director of Chiltern Rail. Details of the questions raised at the meeting and Chiltern Rail's response will soon be on my website (stevebaker.info).

If you would like to comment on the Government's programme, please email me at: steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk

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The Hughenden Stream, Now You See It, Now You Don't

So what goes on, in a watery way, down in the valley to the east of Downley?

Well, both the Wycombe Wye and the Hughenden stream are chalk 'winterbournes', rivers which appear and disappear according to the seasons, and associated rainfall.



A rare form of river, nearly all the chalk streams on the planet are in England and northern France, and our Chiltern Hills have their fair share. To understand why these streams have this rather ephemeral characteristic I have taken an explanation from the Chilterns Conservation Board website, with their permission.

'Chalk streams are fed from ground water held in the chalk that makes up the Chiltern Hills, and this gives them some unusual features. Chalk is an 'aquifer', which means that it is able to soak up and hold water, rather like a sponge. Water can move through the chalk in cracks called fissures. The water emerges at ground level in the form of springs that feed the chalk streams. Since ground water levels (the water table), vary according to rainfall and season, chalk streams are naturally intermittent in their flow.

During the winter, when rainfall is heavy, and able to percolate through the chalk, the aquifer will be well topped up. The head of the stream moves up the valley as the water table rises. In summer, little rainfall percolates into the chalk as it is mostly taken up by plants and lost through evaporation. The water table drops and the head of the stream moves down the valley, leaving the top section of the stream dry. This section of the stream is called a 'winterbourne' because it only flows after the winter rains.

Winterbourne streams have their own special wildlife which is adapted to cope with intermittent flows'.

So you can see it can be a little complicated. The rainfall in the autumn and winter 2015/2016 was, believe it or not, below average, the heavy burst, short lived rainstorms did not last long enough to properly re-charge the aquifer, what is really needed is long periods of steady rain, soaking down into the chalk. Short term heavy rain runs off too quickly to substantially soak into the chalk. This has meant that the head of the streams remain dry, as you can see in both the Hughenden stream bed and the Wye, now dry up stream of West Wycombe. (February). The recharge and discharge of the aquifer takes some weeks or months, so there is always a delay. Also with the Hughenden stream the gradient from the main head water



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BRING YOUR OWN DRINK



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spring in the meadow opposite the bottom of Cryer's Hill to the Wye junction in High Wycombe is very slight, so when the water table lowers, most of the springs dry up at much the same time, so now you see it, now you don't! And of course the southern end of the stream is largely under tarmac and buildings, the springs here are under Bellfield and Frogmore, (Frogmore, now why is it called that?). But in Morrison's car park there is a visible section of the stream, nicely landscaped, so have a look next time you are there.

Finally, the water you use at home is pumped from the aquifer, (see the pumping station at Cryer's Hill), that of course will add to the discharge, lowering the water table, so stay dirty, reduce your showers and baths, only use the washing machine once a week, install a water meter and help the Hughenden stream to re-emerge!

John Willson

With thanks to the Chiltern Conservation Board Chalk Streams Officer

'I must get fit'

Spring is a time for committing to those New Year's resolutions; I must get fit, I must lose weight, I must, I must, I must. We all have these resolutions and we all either get there or drop out as the spring sunshine and our busy lives take over.

Downley offers various venues and training classes to help us keep fit and healthy. As with muscles we must 'use them or lose them' so to help you use them here are a few classes that you may want to attend this Spring.

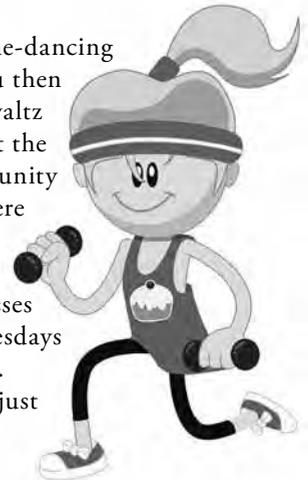
Pangaea Training offer classes around Downley on a Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. These classes offer fitness in the form of 20/20/20, insanity training, Clubbercise training, Body Blast and PIYO. One or other of these will allow you to keep that New Year's resolution alive!! An interesting aside is that Pangaea, pronounced Pan-gee-ah, is named after the last supercontinent (when all the continents came together) which existed some 300 million years ago and man could have walked from Downley to Australia to keep fit.

Don't stop there though as also on offer every week are Yoga classes which take place in the Memorial Hall as do Zumba and martial arts classes.

If strictly-come-dancing has enthused you then cha-cha-cha or waltz the night away at the Downley Community Centre where there are beginner, progress or intermediate classes for adults on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

If all of these just sound too much, then harmonize your inner and outer self with some Tai Chi.

As with all that is Downley please see the centre pages of every issue to find out where and when all of the above activities are on. Good luck keeping up the 'I must get fit' New Year's resolution.



*Simon Scott
Editor*

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Looking Forward to a Creative Spring

Thanks to everyone who came to our Christmas market in November – it was our biggest event yet with over 200 customers through the door. .



All our makers presented beautiful homemade treats and gifts, from gorgeous cakes, artisan chocolates, fabulous bath-bombs and

homemade soaps, to delicate ceramics, one-of-a-kind glassware, and creative toys. It was lovely to see so many local people doing their Christmas shopping with us, but also exciting to welcome new faces from outside the area who were discovering Downley for the first time.



As Easter is on the early side this year we'll be holding our Spring Market on Saturday 19th March. As always we'll be filling the Downley Memorial Hall with a selection of makers all offering a wide variety of lovely things. Come along and chat with our makers and find out more about their bespoke work.



Maggie and Fiona

The Downley Makers' Market

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Annual Words for the Wounded LitFest

The Downley based charity, Words for the Wounded, will be holding its 2016 fundraising LitFest on April 16th at the lovely and newly revamped Downley Community Centre, School Close, High Wycombe HP13 5TR.



We have wonderful speakers again, which both readers and writers will love. The lunch, including wine, will be pretty good too! Sunday Times No 1 bestselling author Elizabeth Buchan will be in conversation with

bestselling Downley author, Margaret Graham. Jemima Hunt, editor and literary agent will be talking us through her work as a literary agent and giving useful tips on editing your work.

If you like reading short stories in magazines such as Woman's Weekly, My Weekly etc. you'll enjoy Tracy Baines, one of the UK's most successful genre short story writers. Catherine

Balavage, blogger and editor of Frost Magazine will be explaining her life as an editor for Frost Magazine, for which Margaret is Contributing Editor and also discussing her latest book which makes blogging much more understandable.

Cost £35 (which includes lunch with wine, morning coffee and afternoon tea) Every penny goes to help the wounded, because the organizers absorb all costs.

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It is difficult to know how it felt, one hundred years ago; waiting for news from loved ones and every day without a letter increasing the fears of bad news. However, another three months passed without any fatalities although there was news of a villager being wounded. .

Wilfred Youens, son of Mr Willoughby Youens who I have mentioned before in this series of articles, was wounded on 6 April 1916 whilst serving in the Persian Gulf. Further details were still awaited.

News elsewhere included Dyson and Sons of 22 High Street High Wycombe who proudly announced that following the passing of the “Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Bill” into law they were only employing British piano tuners.

An amendment to The Defence of the Realm Act meant that employers needed to keep up to date records of all their employees aged 18 to 41. This was a precursor to Conscription.

On 28 March there was a blizzard that was the worst for 35 years. More than 200 large trees were uprooted in Daws Hill Park and Deangarden Wood. Reports from around the area reported similar damage including an orchard at Kings Wood (Tylers Green) “Where the majority of trees were snapped in the trunk ... and not one is entirely unscathed.”

Also in March, eleven year-old Charles Hill died in an accident at Plomer Hill Farm and the inquest, held in the Village, recorded a verdict of Accidental Death. The jury gave their fees to his mother, his father had been an invalid for ten years. The Doctor did the same as did Charles Spriggs in whose property the Inquest was held.

In April Downley Red Cross reported raising £60 within the Village at a special collection. This was on top of the regular subscriptions.

On 3 May the Royal Field Artillery held an afternoon of sporting activities at Loakes Park that culminated in a football match between East Anglia RFA and the Permanent Staff. Entry for spectators was free for VAD patients and children.

Undertaker, beekeeper and musician William Martin of Well Cottage died on 10 May aged 82.

Finally, news had arrived home of a soldier from Marlow. He was part of an expedition attempting to relieve British forces besieged by the Ottoman army at Kut al Amara a town about 100 miles south of Baghdad. Whilst helping a wounded comrade he was shot in the shoulder with the bullet passing straight through. During the struggle to get themselves back to their unit he was hit again, this time in his wrist. Undeterred, he continued retreating only to get shot in the back with the bullet exiting through his chest. After being treated at the Field Dressing Station he was sent by riverboat down the Tigris to Basra and then by ship to India from where he wrote to his mother saying that he was getting about very well!

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Poetry Corner

Greetings from the team at Downley Pharmacy

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Thank you to this grateful customer, whose identity is unknown to us slipping in at a busy moment but certainly brought a smile to us all.

Downley Pharmacy

Wedding Day

By Catherine Price

The date is set	All is ready to begin	Photos are taken
The venue booked	The guests all stand	Cameras click
The wedding cake	As the bride walks in	All are trying
Has been cooked		To take the best pics
	Radiant on this her wedding day	
The rings are chosen	Let's hope the clouds	Glasses are raised
The flowers picked	Are kept at bay	The feast begins
Menu tasted		Speeches delivered
All boxes ticked	The vows are taken	Soon the room spins
	The rings are placed	
Dresses fitted	Third finger, left hand	Here's my toast to the happy couple
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My London Marathon Challenge.

As I've got older, I have been inspired by many people around me to say farewell to the couch and get myself fit. Much of my inspiration and encouragement came from a long-standing industry colleague, Andrew Lynn.

I first met Andrew 25 years ago as we both worked in the ventilation industry. More recently, he had been running for pleasure and he encouraged me to join him running the 2015 Silverstone Half Marathon. Andrew started feeling unwell during his preparations for this event, becoming increasingly breathless as our training progressed. He was diagnosed with cancer of the lung and passed away last summer. Andrew successfully completed the London Marathon some years ago. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to him than to run the event myself in aid of the British Lung Foundation. I am sure he would approve!

I am training hard and the Big Marathon Day in London is on 24th April 2016. If you are a runner or getting fit then get involved for charities sake. I really appreciate all those who are and will be supporting me and also for the donations I have received in aid of the British Lung Foundation.

Best wishes Bob Yates

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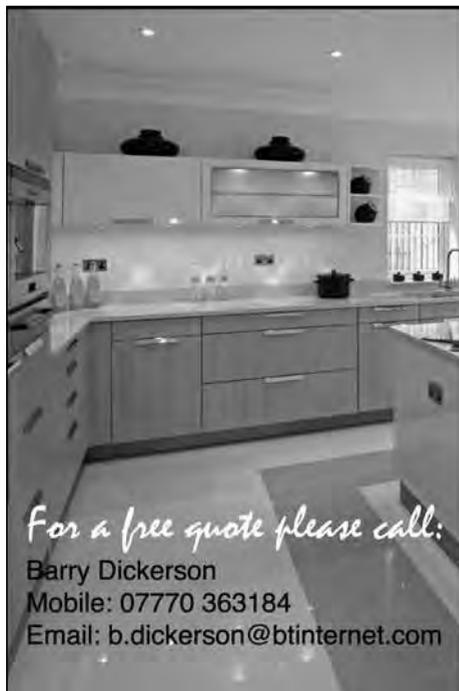
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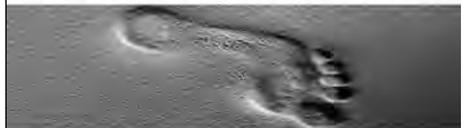
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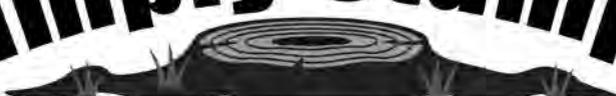
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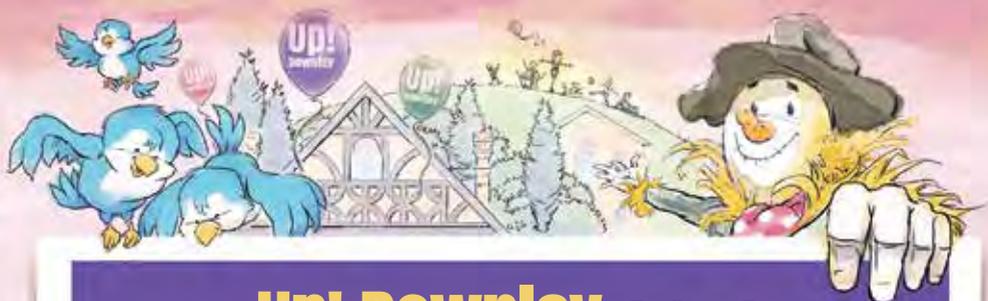
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