

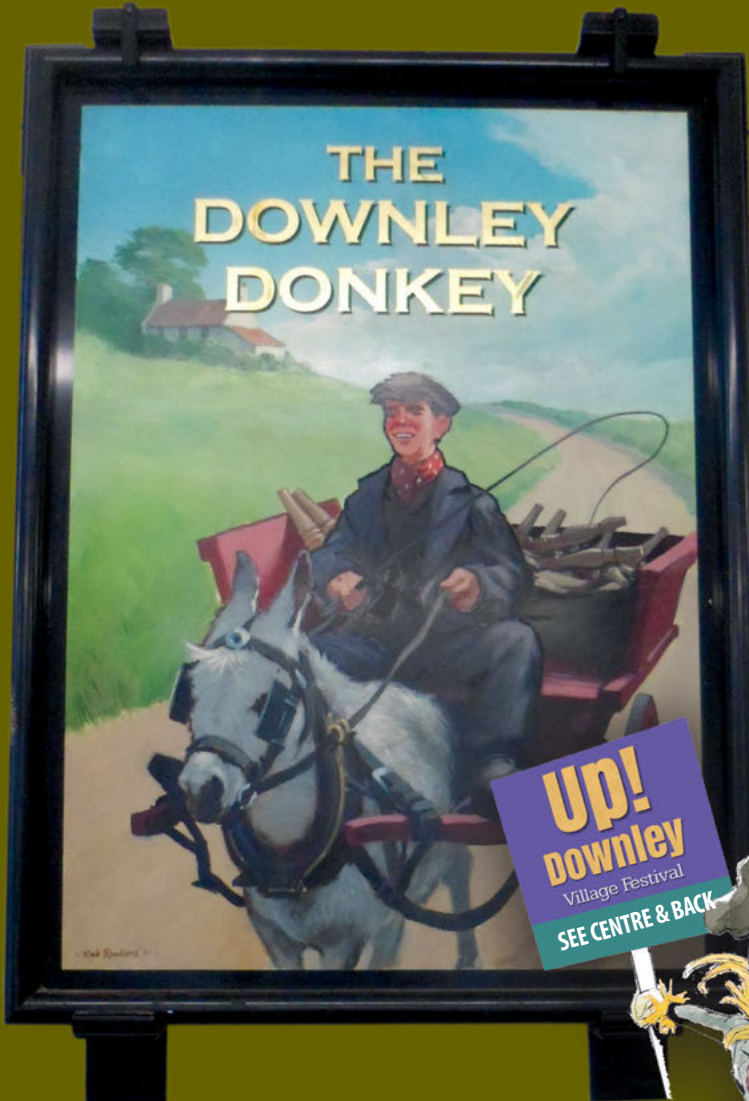


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Editorial

So...."freedom day" has come and gone and do we really feel all that different? I'm not sure I do! I'm sure that for many people, in particular those whose livelihoods were affected, it couldn't come soon enough, but as for me - I'm still wearing my mask and keeping my distance from people when I'm out and about, and I think it will take some time to feel "safe" again. I am delighted, though, that many of our clubs and societies are starting to meet up again in person.

And I am definitely looking forward to Downley Day and a chance to enjoy a bit of "normal" activity, Let's hope both the Covid restrictions and the weather are kind to us and it can go ahead as planned on 18thSeptember.

I hope you like the photo on the front cover of the refurbished Downley Donkey sign, which you can see in all its glory in the Library. It's well worth a visit, and you'll find a handout there too to tell you about its history. It's great that a piece of Downley's local history has been saved for future generations to enjoy.

Unbelievably, the next issue is our Winter one and, as usual, we will be delighted to hear from any organisation in Downley (or the surrounding area) with news and information. You can submit articles via the email address editor@downley.org (copy deadline 31 October).

Anne, Editor • editor@downley.org



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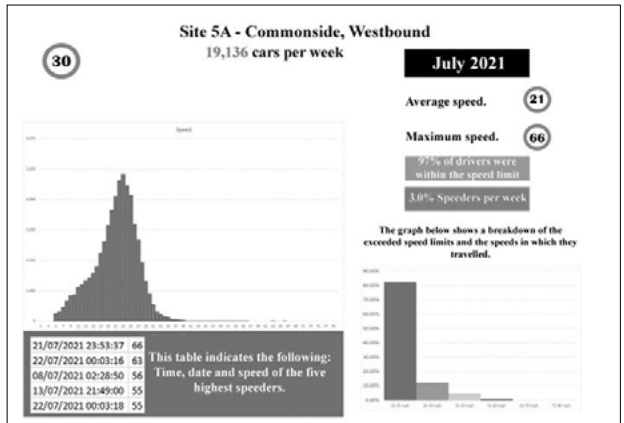
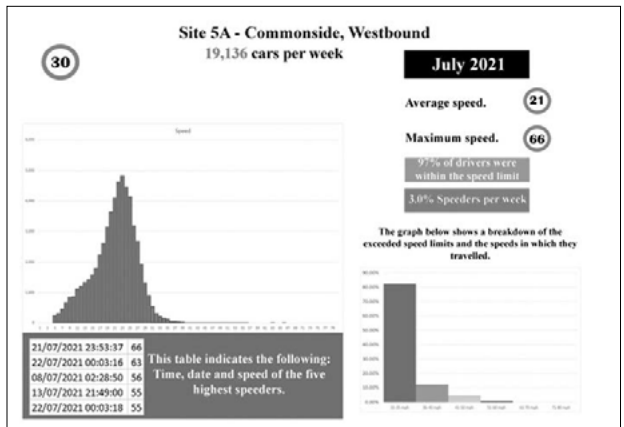
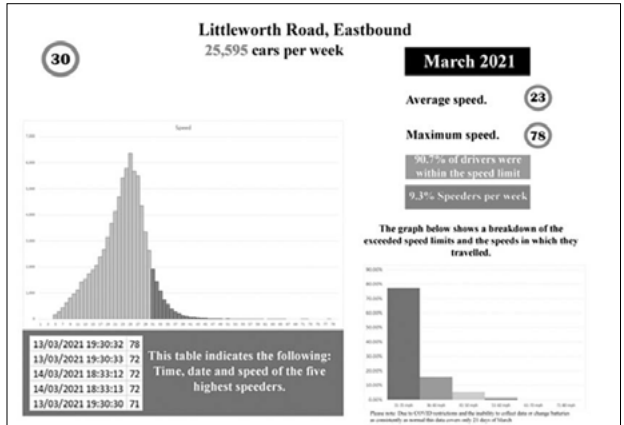
Downley Parish Council



Downley's lighting replacement programme, where sodium lights are replaced with more efficient LED lights, is now well underway. There are some exceptions but most columns are now converted. Work remains outstanding on the pole bracket lights which form the next stage of the project and we hope to update you shortly around their completion.

We are delighted to report that, with the lifting of COVID restrictions, the Parish SIDs (Speed Indication Devices) will now be moving more frequently around the Parish in order to collect data. Despite Covid restrictions we have managed, with the help of our two volunteers, to download some limited data. Alongside are the March figures for Littleworth Road and July figures for Commonsie and Plomer Green Lane. There will be more data available on the Parish website and Facebook page.

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Downley Day 21



The Downley Day Committee is busy organising this year's event on 18th September which now appears fairly certain to go ahead. The programme of events starting at 1:00pm in the main arena includes:

- Grand Opening by the Downley King and Queen
- LEAP song and dance performance
- Black Eagles acrobatic show
- ZKT Dance Academy demonstration
- Dog Show – entries in advance or on the day
- Top Notes choir
- Natalie Jane Dance demonstration
- Raffle draw – tickets available in the marquee

One of the ensembles from the High Wycombe Music Centre will also be performing in the marquee during the afternoon.

Regulars at Downley Day will be back including:

- John Johnny as MC and entertaining the kids
- Hart's Funfair
- Face Painting
- Barbeque
- Tea and Cakes
- Liquid refreshment all afternoon at the bar

So forget about Covid for an afternoon and come and enjoy yourselves at a traditional Downley community get-together. **See www.downley.org/community/downley-day for more up to date details.**

Chameleon Singles Group



Unfortunately we have been unable to include an article from our regular contributors Chameleon due to a lack of space.

If you are single, 40-60's, 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 both through our Zoom meet-ups and at regular events where these are possible. We have several local people from Downley, West Wycombe, Sands, Cressex, Booker and surrounding areas and you would be very welcome too.

To find out more call our membership secretaries Terrie on 01494 445816, Trevor on 01494 529067 or e-mail: info@chameleonsingles.org.uk. Visit us on-line at www.chameleonsingles.org.uk for more information and our current programme or connect with us through Facebook.

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Downley Covid Action Group

Freedom Day has happened but you probably won't notice much difference for a while. Statutory rules have been replaced by the following guidance:

- Meet up outside if you can, or if indoors open windows or doors if you have visitors.
- If you think you might have COVID-19 symptoms, take a PCR test and stay home.
- Wear face coverings in crowded places to help protect others.
- Check in with the NHS COVID-19 app when you're out.
- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds with soap.
- Get vaccinated if you are 18 or over. Most cases of infection and hospitalisation are now happening in the under-50s due to reluctance to have the vaccine among younger people. If you think you can't get Covid then think again!

However, numbers self-isolating are increasing rapidly so be prepared to support those who need help.

Downley Community Centre



Hirers are continuing to return to normal schedules at the centre.

There has been a huge increase in bookings for children's parties and new regular hirers include a new volunteer leader Andrew for the re-launch of Monday morning baby and toddlers group. Contact: andrewmingard90@gmail.com

A second Pilates class starts in September on Monday evenings. Details in the Downley Diary Round Up of Regular Activities on page 49.

The management committee is delighted to welcome two new members: Wendy Monroe-West (representing Downley Parish Council) and Giles Tandy our new Parish Clerk. If you have a local issue that you would like to discuss in person, Giles can be found at his desk in the Maple Room Monday to Friday 9-1pm.

In line with HM Government's revised Covid safety hygiene regulations, most of the previous obligatory regulations have been converted to voluntary but are still preferred. These include face coverings indoors and use of hand sanitiser at the same stations as before. Access to communal cupboards is still denied so cups and mugs must not be shared. If the kitchen is hired, items must be cleaned even more thoroughly than before Covid. A face covering is preferred please in communal areas. Track and trace directly by individuals or through each hirer remains obligatory. The Community Library will continue to record visitor details and use the side door exclusively, but it is two-way.

Thank you for your continued support through a difficult period for us all.

Downley Community Centre – Management Committee

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Downley Common News

Now that we're able to run some proper work parties it's been a busy summer. Anyone crossing the common will have seen how the grass, bracken and brambles have shot up. Even those areas of bramble that were previously strimmed have more than recovered the growth from earlier in the year. In other areas the grass is so tall that it's hiding the brambles which nevertheless are now covering quite large areas.



So the tractor and newly refurbished flail have been working hard to remove this growth and allow the more delicate wildflowers a chance to flower. It's nice to see the harebells and toadflax coming out now. The rosebay willowherb (otherwise known as fireweed) is becoming more invasive – they seem to grow hand-in-hand with brambles and have to suffer the same fate.



The saplings planted in the coppice area in March are again in danger of being overwhelmed by the bracken which can grow to 2 metres high in some parts and so needs to be removed around the saplings. This has now been carried out twice over the last 3 months and may need doing again before summer is over.

A survey of the posts around the edge of the common has been carried out to determine which ones need replacing.

This is important in order to stop incursions by travellers over the summer months. We have a WhatsApp group on which group members can report traveller sightings; if you would like to join and help secure the common please contact bill.thompson@downleycommon.org.uk.

Lastly, we are expecting to be able to run the Bonfire and Torchlight Procession on 5th November. The site will open on 16th October until 24th October, and bonfire building will take place on the 24th and the 31st October. It is very important that we get sufficient volunteers come along to help build, not just DCPS members, so please put these dates in your diary and make the effort to come along.

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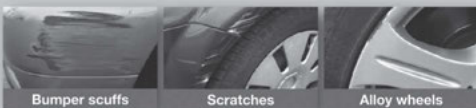
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Hi, my name is Giles Tandy, I'm the Clerk at Downley Parish Council and I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and tell you a little bit about my job. I've lived in Buckinghamshire for most of my life and moved to Naphill back in 2003. I love the Chilterns and like to spend as much time as possible out and about enjoying the countryside.

I've not been with the Council long; I started working with them at the end of April. Prior to that I worked in retail banking for 30 plus years, ending my career as branch manager at various offices throughout North London and Buckinghamshire. I took redundancy in April and saw it as a good opportunity to become involved in something new. Ideally, I wanted a job that would see me involved in the local community. When I saw the role of Parish Clerk advertised, I thought that this was exactly what I was looking for and would match with much of my background.

The job is more varied than I first imagined. My full job title is Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer which means that I manage the financial records for the Council and deal with the invoices and day-to-day banking. As you'd imagine, there are a lot of meetings for the Council and its various committees; it's my job to arrange these, prepare the agendas and keep the minutes.

My main function is to implement the decisions made by Council and act as a contact point for the public. I deal with the correspondence of the Council and I'm tasked with ensuring that it fulfills its legal obligations as a local authority.

I work from the Community Centre on weekday mornings and then from home in the afternoons. I'm becoming more familiar with Downley and like to walk round the village most days, so you'll maybe see me on my travels, if you do, feel free to say hello.

DOWNLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on 2nd Tuesday of the month

at **Downley Community Centre**, School Close 7.30pm

Up to 30 minutes are allowed for public questions

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.

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Vaccinations will be by appointment only, most likely managed online possibly via the national booking system. Please look out for details on posters and leaflets around the pharmacy and via social media.

**It is complicated as the criteria groups for the flu and Covid booster differ slightly
- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

Flu vaccine 2021 season

- Over 65s
- All those clinically at risk as per previous years eg Diabetic, respiratory disease, obese, pregnant, immunosuppressed and their household contacts, carers, frontline health and social care workers.
- 50-64 year olds are also eligible but this could be at a later date in the season, as last year, unless in a clinical group.
- There is also a children's programme for under 16's but this will be managed via your child's school or your GP can offer if your child is at risk.

For adults Under 65s not in the above groups we will offer a private service.

Covid Booster vaccine

This will be in two stages similar to the initial roll out categories

Stage 1

- Adults over 16 who are immunosuppressed
- Those in residential care
- Adults over 70 (not 65 as the flu)
- Those over 16 clinically vulnerable – this will be strict criteria set as per initial programme
- Frontline health and social care workers

Stage 2

- Adults over 50- I suspect in a phased roll out
- Adults 16-49 who are on the clinical list as per flu vaccine
- Household contacts of those who are immunosuppressed

At this stage there is no private service anticipated for Covid boosters and for either vaccination we can only vaccinate those groups which have been announced.

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News from St James



“All Change” is an announcement that we have been used to hearing on our trains but one that has become a reality of our everyday lives over the last 16 months. The constant changing of restrictions has been very hard for all of us, and the lifting of restrictions legally does not mean that the changes have gone away; some of them will be with us for a long while.

Change is something that has always been part of our daily lives, and indeed it's really important because it is often through change that we grow and develop and move into new things. But it is also uncomfortable and sometimes painful because it involves leaving the familiar where we feel in control and safe.

There is a chapter in the bible that talks about the changing rhythms of life in Ecclesiastes 3. It starts off: ““There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...”” It goes on to talk about times for joy, laughter and dancing and times for sadness, weeping and silence. As humans we are part of the world with all its challenges and we can't stand still, so we will all go through these different experiences and emotions; one of the key things for us is to notice and process what we are going through. When we have a bereavement and lose a loved one, as so many have sadly done in the last year, we generally accept and acknowledge that we will need to go through a period of grief and mourning, but I don't think we always recognise that this is something that needs to happen with all changes we experience, and that, it is in the processing that we are enabled to move through those changes.



At St James' we are going to be running a 4 week course starting on Tuesday 28th September for parents and carers of children with additional needs, called When Dreams Change, which aims to help them to explore and work through the changes that they experience both practically and emotionally as they love, care and journey with their children. For more details email Jan Fishwick on jan.fishwick@growinghope.co.uk

Change is also often something to celebrate:



This month we have been celebrating with Cathy Piercy who has just retired from running Moor Lane Playgroup after 36 years. She is a well-known figure to so many in the Downley community whose children have been to the playgroup, and indeed in recent years she has had children she



taught, sending their own children along! We know that giving up running the playgroup will be hard for Cathy and this change will take time for her to adjust to, but we want to celebrate the amazing legacy that she has left in the lives of so many children by giving them such a good start as they have taken their first steps into

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As a Christian one of the things that I take comfort in are the verses in the bible that remind me that although everything around me may change, God remains the same “yesterday, today and forever”. His love for us all remains constant and he is there walking with us through all the changes that we face on our life’s journeys.

Heather Graham, Vicar

Downley Cricket Club

After the narrow miss, in many senses, at ultimate Euro football glory, attention has turned to cricket and, in particular, the exciting new format of the game, The Hundred (‘the decimalisation of cricket’). Cricket has always sought to re-invent itself and is now capturing the imagination of those who haven’t engaged with it before. ‘It fuses blockbuster entertainment with world-class cricket, inviting everyone to fall in love with the game at its intense, electrifying and incredible best’, say the organisers.



The Covid-delayed Olympics too have provided plenty of inspiring stories of sheer dedication and single-mindedness, culminating often in victory. Meanwhile here at Downley Cricket Club, our First team, at the time of writing, led by the charismatic Doc, are in third position in the high-level Championship Division, while the Seconds are in the unaccustomed position of being top of their Division, hoping to remain there, or at least ‘podiuming’, to borrow a phrase.

In the most recent Second’s game an improbable distant target was reached with Ledge missing out on a deserved century after a quite brilliant innings and Spreckers, who catches everything, and deals only in fours and sixes, hammering out a powerful half-century. It was a great win for stand-in teenage captain Rehaan. The finishing straight is in sight, but some strong teams need to be faced.

Huge amounts of work go into preparation of the pitch and outfield each week, by an incredibly dedicated group of folks, given the vagaries of this summer’s weather. Before each game it is a team-effort removing the protective equipment around the pitch, putting the sight-screens in place, the boundary-markers laid out, and sundry other bits and pieces done; afterwards, everything is done in reverse order.

If you would like to play, umpire or score for Downley you will be assured of a warm welcome, and plenty of laughs on and off the field. On Saturday 4 September we have our President’s Day, with several teams of mixed ability participating. For spectators it promises plenty of entertainment. If you would like to take part in this or in any other game, please visit webmaster@downleycc.co.uk

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What do we get out of it? Here are some comments from our Downley Team:

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- The chance to meet others regularly, have a friendly chat and make new friends in the neighbourhood
- To connect with community activities and play a part in developing services for all to use – ‘giving something back’
- Getting out in the fresh air and enjoying our beautiful countryside and sharing it with others.

If you are interested and would like to know more please have a look at the Simply Walk website (www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or phone the central office: 01494 475367. **If you would just like to chat about it with one of our current volunteers you can come along to one of the walks. We currently meet on the Common, near the noticeboard next to the Memorial Hall at 10.00 on Monday or 11.00 on Thursday. Or you can call one of our leaders: Jeanne Steward 01494 527004. You will be very welcome!**



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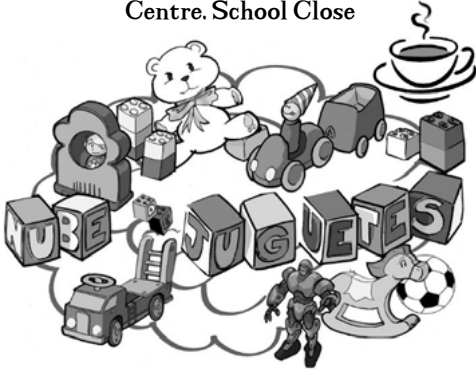
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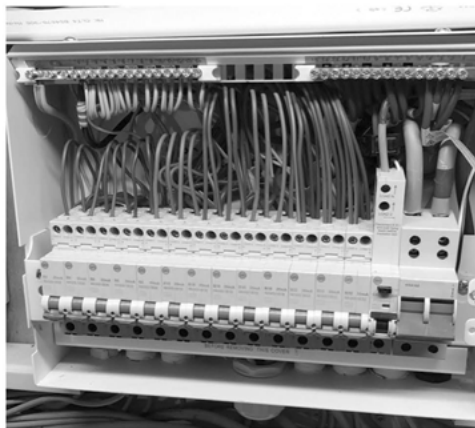
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Downley Evening WI

Hello again, everyone, from all of us at Downley Evening WI.

I hope you are all well and adjusting to the new circumstances. As I have said before, we all need to take our time and not feel pressured into doing things before we are comfortable. That said, I have friends who have been delighted to embark on longed-for holidays and have made their peace with the necessity for constant mask-wearing and testing. Safety and security must still be paramount. But aren't we pleased to see some signs of normal, pre-Covid life? The return of some of the big sporting fixtures (Euros, Wimbledon, the Olympics) have gladdened the heart and given us some much-needed focus away from the narrow confines of public and private health. I hope you feel refreshed.

This week saw some of our members gather joyfully for tea and cake in Janet Durkin's garden. There were about a dozen of us and what a relief it was to sit and chat and feel like 'normal' people. Inevitably, much of the conversation revolved around our experiences of this past 16 months, and there were some very sad stories, but overall the atmosphere was upbeat and cheerful, with members looking forward to being able to return to much-loved activities. Indeed, it is hoped and planned that Downley Evening WI will resume meeting in person at our September meeting. As I write, this is still to be confirmed but the Committee are hopeful. The speaker for September is Chris Caddy who will be addressing the subject of Tunnel Vision – a History of the London Underground.



That meeting is on Tuesday 14th September. Downley Day follows hard on its heels, on the 18th, and DEWI plan to be there with a display of what we do and what we make. It's different to what used to happen but the quote I heard was "just being there will be good". Hear hear! Downley has such a strong sense of community and it will be wonderful for that to be on show again. So why not come along and say "hi" to our members at the stall? If you've ever wanted to know a bit more about what goes on in a WI meeting, or wondered whether it's for you, if you're beginning to look for something new in your life, something to help you reconnect with people or make new friends – come and have a chat. The WI logo bears the words *Inspiring Women*: because, yes, it inspires us, but also because it is full of women who inspire.

The resolution I spoke to you about regarding increasing awareness of Ovarian Cancer was passed at the AGM and now will become a national campaign. There are other, ongoing national campaigns, as well as a focus on the environmental challenges we are all facing, with the national WI deploying Climate Ambassadors to raise awareness and provide training on climate issues. With an eye on the forthcoming UN climate conference, COP26, being held in Glasgow in November, the week 18th – 26th September has been designated by the Climate Coalition as Great Big Green Week and it is hoped that thousands of events will celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and protect green spaces (www.greatbiggreenweek.com).

Huge challenges face us, friends, with Covid not going away and our needing to find ways to live with it, and with climate change looming ever larger, but let's not be downhearted. Remember – there's always community. And compassion. And ... cake!

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Downley Local History Group

What was the Connection – Colonel Cody, Manning’s Field and Wycombe Cottage Hospital?

Although many know that the Wright brothers made the first manned flight in 1903, it is less well-known that Samuel Cody was a pioneer of manned flight in the UK, becoming the first man in Britain to achieve a powered, sustained flight.

Born Samuel Frank Cowdery in America in 1867, he subsequently changed his surname to Cody, claiming to be the son of Buffalo Bill Cody, although not related. He came to Europe in 1890 and formed his own company of entertainers, giving demonstrations of skills in riding, lassoing and shooting. The continued success of the shows gave him the financial independence to experiment initially with man-lifting kites.

In 1908 Samuel Cody turned his attention to building flying machines. His flight of 16 October 1908 is recognised as the first official sustained flight of a piloted heavier-than-air machine in Great Britain. He continued, often self-financed, to design and build biplane aircraft. In the early morning of Saturday 14 September 1912 the now Colonel Cody left Farnborough with the intention to fly directly to Cambridge on one of his own machines, with his eldest son, Leon, as passenger. Strong and gusty winds combined with low mist, together with problems with the biplane’s compass, prompted a landing at Downley.

Originally intending to land on the Common, they came down in Manning’s Field, farmed by Mr William Field, and soon large numbers of people flocked to see the biplane, including the Mayor of High Wycombe. The machine was roped off and a charge for admission made - 2d for adults and 1d each for children. The Mayor suggested that the proceeds should be devoted to the Wycombe Cottage Hospital. It is not documented whether this hint was considered seriously by Mr Field.

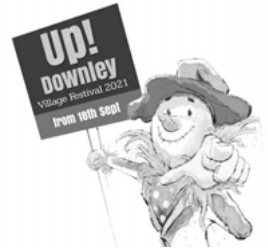
Late in the afternoon of the following day Colonel Cody briefly addressed the assembled crowds thanking them for their behaviour, before setting off again to Cambridge. It was reported that ‘the biplane rose gracefully, and then went off at a terrific speed in a northern direction, and was soon lost to sight’.



A more comprehensive article on the unintended visit to Downley by Colonel Cody will appear on the Downley Local History Group website at www.downleyhistory.uk

Up Downley Festival 2021

Is on its way!



...Slightly late but definitely worth waiting for, Downley Day kicks the Festival off on Saturday 18th September followed by some familiar events such as the massively popular Comedy Night!

After a lively Downley Day on Saturday (more details on page 7), **Yoga and Gong Bath** calms it down again in the marquee on Sunday 19th from 5pm - 6.15pm. Watch out on Downley.org for more details of the session and exactly how to get involved.



Comedy Night will be a sensational event as usual, this year our MC is Tom Elwes, a young comic and life long Londoner, featured in AAA Late Show Edinburgh 2019, delivers sharp storytelling and acute observations, and has a large social media presence. He will be introducing:



Jessica Fostekew, comedian, actor and writer, whose latest stand up show, "Hench" was nominated for the 2019 Edinburgh Comedy Award.

Jessica has appeared on BBC2's Live at The Apollo, QI, Richard Osman's House Of Games and Dave Gorman's 'Modern Life is Goodish'. She is also co-host of The Guilty Feminist (podcast with 60 million+ downloads) and host and creator of foodie hit and new chart-topping podcast, "Hoovering" (*recommended in the Guardian and The Independent*).

Larry Dean is a Scottish stand-up comedian. His comedy routines, based on gay and Scottish themes, have earned him several awards including Scottish Comedian of the Year. Seen on BBC2's Live At The Apollo and Mock The Week.



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Darren Harriott is a double Edinburgh Award nominee. TV appearances include, host of Live at the Apollo and Dog Ate My Homework, team captain on Guessable and series regular on Don't Hate the Playaz.



Downley History Expedition, Sunday 26th September, The Beacon, Commonsides at 10.30. What have all these in common? Tanks, fossils, chapels, drovers, Queen Elizabeth 1st, golf links, flint, clay, Colonel Cody, Scots pines, Littleworth, the pitch, bugs alley, sandpits, loess, chairs, Reverend Pole, doodle bugs, the steps ...and more. Find out by coming on the walk, takes about 2 hours, bring suitable clothing.

Downley Art Show. Now is the time to get busy painting, drawing, sculpting, taking photos and writing poetry to make the **10th Annual Art Show** even more diverse than previous years. If you have never exhibited your work before this is the ideal place to do it – beginners work hangs alongside experienced artist's pieces and the local schools and Nursery also contribute to make this a truly 'Downley' Art Show. We're hoping to have contributions this year from some of the talented residents of The Heights nursing Home too. Enter online at downley.org or pick up a form at The Downley Community Centre.



There are two ways to book your Comedy Night tickets.

1. Online at: festival.downley.org from 1 Sept - Pay by credit or debit card and tickets will be emailed directly to you.
2. Booking Office - Purchase your tickets at the booking office located at Downley Old School Community Centre (Credit and Debit Cards only).

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Climate Change

Response to Steve Baker's view on climate change in the Downley News

In the last edition of the Downley Village News, Steve Baker mentioned his concern about the cost of decarbonising the economy and suggested that this will cost £100,000 per household. I feel it is important to challenge this figure and present the consequences of failing to act.

In 2015, after years of trying to reach agreement, most countries in the world signed up to the Paris Agreement, a global treaty to try to limit global warming to 'well below' 2°C, aiming for 1.5°.

This sounds like a trivial increase but to put this in context, global average temperatures during the last ice age were only about 4-5° C colder than today. The impacts of climate change, which is already happening, include increased probability of flooding and drought as rainfall patterns are interrupted, increases in extreme weather events, melting glaciers, ocean acidification and rising sea levels which threaten coastal communities. This year alone we have seen extreme heatwaves in Canada, wildfires once again in California and flash floods in Western Europe.

The UK has a Climate Change Act which commits us to reduce our emissions by 63% (compared to 2019 figures) by 2035, in line with the Paris Agreement. The Government has then committed to reach 'net zero' emissions by 2050. This legislation is world leading and something which we should all be proud of. It is the cost of reducing our emissions to meet this goal which Mr Baker refers to in his column. The figures he uses unfortunately appear to come from an organisation, the Global Warming Policy Foundation, which has been accused of spreading misinformation about climate change to confuse the public into thinking that the science is in doubt.

In contrast with the figures cited by Mr Baker, The Climate Change Committee, which provides independent advice to the Government on tackling climate change, estimates the annual cost of policies needed to meet our climate goals will increase from around £10bn in 2020 to around £50 billion by 2030. Costs are expected to remain around this level through to 2050. This is below 1% of GDP over the next 30 years and less than half the Global Warming Policy Foundation's total cost figure on which the £100k is based. Neither figure takes into account expected savings as a result of this investment. Crucially, the Climate Change Committee expect that "Much of the investment spending can be recouped through lower operating costs. These savings, many of which relate to reduced reliance on imported fossil fuels, will rise to around £35 billion by 2035 and £60 billion by 2050." While the cost of a wind turbine or electric car may be higher than the fossil fuel equivalent, running costs are likely to be far lower leading to savings which partially or entirely offset the higher outlay.

There is a good chance that if we succeed in limiting temperature rises to 1.5°C then the most extreme impacts can be avoided. If we fail to act responsibly now, these worsening impacts will be felt most by our children's generation, whose futures are bound up with decisions and behaviours of the current generation and who currently have little power to do anything about it. We all, I think, want to do the right thing and to hand over a healthy, beautiful, and thriving planet to the next generation. This means both taking steps to reduce emissions in our own lives but also demanding that our elected representatives across the political spectrum take urgent and ambitious action to tackle climate change before it is too late.

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J. Heartycough's Horticultural Hints

Autumn 2021

Wal, hello to orl my ole mates, wot! It can't be Autumn orlreddy can it? Wal, not just yet but orl you gardiners ave got to get reddy for it eh? Just ave a look at wot them farmers does eh -. They gets their wheat or barley or wotever arvested, then straight away gets the next year's ground reddy agin, so wot are you goin to do now the roses ave more or less finished as ave lots of then early annuals like yor wallflowers.. wal the're bi-annuals of course, but not them perennial ones, do you know the difference eh? You needs to get em out reddy to plant out the wild flowers you'll ave got goin in seed boxes, maybe later on, even in the winter or spring. Remember they puts on lots of growth early on, especially if we gets rain like we've just had in June, wal we had over an inch (that's about 30mm), in one day and night. ('He's getting it now, that metric business') ses Mrs H. Hmmm! That rain! Did you see the weeds grow? Wasl, it just came at the warmest time of year, just swampin orl my stuff up the plot. No such thing as weeds of corse nowadays, you ave to call em wild flowers now, or summat technical like bio-diversity. ('He don't know what that is of corse, he orlways calls em them weeds'), ses you know who! But Mrs H loves wild life, with their little lives, until she finds one cooked in one of my prize winnin cabbages ha ha!



Now back to the plots.. wal it seems a bit more organised now, wot with orl the plots taken and them new diggers gettin used to a bit of hard work eh! Will they stick out until this time next year, we'll see! They orl needs to take heed of the plot diggers rhyme.. 'Eleven months hard labour and one months disappointment'. Wal its not orlways as bad as that, you knows the joy I feels when I digs up the first root of spuds, them lovely ovals just waitin to go into the pan with a sprig of mint, then with a bit of butter on yor plate, it's worth orl yor effort I reckons! Wal wot do you do with the ground once you've dug up yor erly spuds? Wal you can dig in a bit of home produced compost, or bought stuff, then pop in yor leek plants wot ave been a'waitin patiently since you sowed the seeds back in March. (I'm takin a chance with that alium moth I mentioned last time). So you dibs in a nice hole and in it gose, one per hole, we usually trims orf the long leaves to about 3 inches, (80 mm!)... to stop them long leaves from dyin orf. The soil is luvly stuff once the spuds is up, the spud leaves ave kept the weeds down.

Wal wot sowin can you do now? Autumn is the time to get yor wild flower seeds (orl reddy mentioned), into seed boxes reddy to put the plants in where the annuals came out the season before, just sow em into them little cells, then thin em out to one per cell, easy eh?

Now to finish orf, wot is the latest from my French cousin, Jean d' Artichoke? He keeps tellin me about his lovely 'pommes de terre' (wot a name.. 'earth apples', if you knows yor French). Wot! Do they look like apples? He ses they tastes wonderful compared with our poor ones, how duz he knows, he never cums here anyway! French spuds ave fancy names, not like ours eh? Like 'Majestic', 'King Edwards', and 'Home Guard'! But we even ave French names a'creepin in here, like callin our lovely reds 'Desiree'.. wot! Now we've got Brexit we've got to do summat about that I reckons!

So keep you on a'diggin'. Cheerio and a'bientot.

J. H. Sent from my iSpade

Downley War Memorial Hall



Firstly, a big thank you to those who responded to my plea for new Trustees. It will be a great help but we could still do with a couple more. The role is not too onerous and fund-raising, uncommon for a charity, is not a major issue as there is a tenant and several regular hirers. We meet once a month for about one hour. Please think about joining us.

Back to my brief history of WW2. Eighteen months ago I had got as far as November 1940 before being interrupted, but High Wycombe Library has reopened its Local History facility allowing me to continue the story including the impact on local people.

That's where I will start as December issues of the Bucks Free Press reported a £1 fine for Albert Heather of Sundown, Plomer Hill for breaching Blackout regulations and a list of Ox. and Bucks. Light Infantry soldiers reported as prisoners of war. Most of these had been captured during the retreat to Dunkirk. They included D.T. Larkin and my Father. The former appears in a photograph displayed in the War Memorial Hall. Mr Larkin's son Michael still lived in the Village until his death just a few weeks ago. He had kindly lent me some of his father's memorabilia.

On New Year's Eve 1940 eight Wren churches in London were destroyed or badly damaged as the Blitz continued. Fortunately, the introduction of airborne radar by the RAF and Hitler's decision to attack other British targets, particularly in the west, in an attempt to disrupt imports, temporarily eased the problems in the capital.

Elsewhere, early 1941 brought British successes against Italy in North Africa, including the surrender of 130,000 troops around Benghazi, and in a naval battle in the Mediterranean.

During this period General Erwin Rommel was appointed to lead the German Afrika Korps and within a few weeks British forces had been pushed back to Egypt.

In High Wycombe, the Mayor was appealing, on behalf of the Ministry of Supply, for 125,000 pairs of binoculars. Within a few weeks more than 30,000 had been handed in across the country. The Bishop of Oxford had been to St. James Church fulfilling a promise he had made when unable to attend its consecration two years earlier, and the LPO was holding two concerts at the Town Hall. In total, they had performed to more than 600,000 people since the outbreak of war.

The Death of Mr R Avery of Chapel Street was reported. He was 33 years old and left a wife and child. The 1911 Census showed three Avery families in Downley with one living in Blacksmiths Yard having a son aged three called Robert. If that is the one, his older brother Cecil was the first man from the village to be killed in WW2. I will cover his story in the next edition. If any of you have information about either of these men, I would be glad to receive it.

During the Spring of 1941 night bombing raids continued on London, most industrial centres and major ports, whilst Atlantic convoys were suffering at the

hands of German submarines.

However, in May one of these was captured with an intact Enigma coding machine. A few days later, in Scotland, Rudolph Hess, Hitler's deputy was seized. He had flown there in an attempt to negotiate peace with the UK.

The funeral of Frederick Joseph Bowler was held at St James Church. He was 38 and left a wife and three children. Among the many family members present was Master J Bowler junior who was the Joe Bowler known to many current villagers. He would have been about 13 at the time. Mr W Bowler, brother of the deceased, was probably Bill Bowler who used to have the shop in the High Street where Dingocroft and Altea are now.

Summer saw an increase in the involvement of the USA who had already agreed the Lend/Lease arrangement in March. This enabled them to supply war materials (ships planes and other weaponry) to the UK and France in return for leasing military bases in allied countries for the duration of the war. The German invasion of the USSR in June quickly led to the latter joining the Allies and benefitting from the support of the USA.

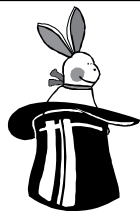
Henry Britnell had retired as the Licensee at the Le De Spencer after 47 years. He was replaced by Frank Batts.

By September the first of over 2700 Liberty Ships was launched. These were based on a British design heavily developed in America to allow quick and cheap production of cargo ships to replace those already lost and add to the fleet of merchant ships bringing ever increasing supplies across the Atlantic. Contracts were awarded to 18 shipyards and the last wasn't launched until September 1945. One of them, the SS Richard Montgomery, lies off the Kent coast with 1400 tons of high explosive on board.

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Downley Gardening Society

We had our final Zoom monthly talk before our Summer break on 17th May. Our May meeting was about the Rock Garden at RHS Wisley. The speaker, Trevor Wiltshire, was the superintendent there from 1993-2006 and, surprisingly, was taken on although he had no horticultural qualifications. In 1993 when he started there was just one glasshouse and Trevor's talk took us through his ambitious plans to turn it into the modern rock garden we see today. Trevor has made numerous botanical trips abroad and the waterfall at Wisley is based on one he saw in Turkey. Several trees were felled, and the ponds re-dug as they were not big enough. Incredibly, 800 trailer loads of sludge were removed from the ponds and ditches! Sandstone rocks were brought from Lancashire and, despite the concern expressed at the time, they have weathered to just the right colour. In Japan, rock gardens have been formed by volcanoes and therefore Trevor made sure some individual rocks were strewn about the area. In addition to the rock garden, Trevor built the landscape alpine house with the base resembling a dry riverbed of stones. Interestingly, the display in the alpine house is checked and changed daily to ensure it always looks its best for the visiting public.



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We have also organised wildlife walks for our members with John Tyler and attended the church coffee mornings with a plant stall.

We will have our plant stall at Downley Day, Covid restrictions permitting.

We will resume our monthly talks in October, either in the church hall or via Zoom, depending on the current restrictions at the time.

We are keeping in touch with our members with an email newsletter with chat and pictures about our own gardens and helpful tips.

If you would like to become a member of the Gardening Society and join our Zoom meetings, please contact Alison on downleyveales67@gmail.com or Julia on 01494 447323. Membership costs just £5 single and £8 family per year.

Please keep safe, enjoy your gardens and hope to see members and non-members, who are always very welcome, at one of our events.

Top Notes

“Joy to the world!” (Too soon?!)

We're already thinking about our Christmas repertoire as we will be starting rehearsals for Christmas in September. Besides, our MD Emma is always happy to sing Christmas rep, pretty much any time of the year! Make sure December 6th is in your diaries and keep your fingers firmly crossed that we are able to put on a spectacular live Christmas concert this year.

We were actually fortunate enough to get back to live rehearsals in June; first of all in small sectional groups but then eventually as a full choir. And even more fortunate to have our first live performance since December 2019 at St James' Day BBQ on July 25th! It was a huge success despite the threatening weather forecast and we certainly enjoyed entertaining the people of Downley.



Looking ahead, we're excited to be performing at Downley Day (September 18th) for the first time this year - catch us in the arena from 3:30pm. It's a double gig day for us as we will first be performing at The Heights ahead of our stint on the common - fingers firmly crossed the weather is kind to us all.

It feels amazing to be singing together again and to be able to share our joy and passion for music with any who cares to listen. Hopefully you'll catch us soon!

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DOWNLEY DESCANTS

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At the time of writing, it looks really positive that we will be able to resume singing again in September but, with the pandemic and associated restrictions, who can tell? I think one of our first songs could well be Hallelujah, Get Happy because that will sum up our feelings if nothing untoward happens.

In mid July we held a get back together socially distanced picnic on the Common which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A special guest was our new accompanist, Becky, who was introduced to the members present and talked with great enthusiasm about coming to join us and working alongside Louise. Becky is a very experienced and talented musician so we are lucky to have her, and our thanks must go to members of the committee who worked hard in the background to make this happen.

If, and that's a big if, and when we start in September it will have been eighteen months since we last met together. Will we still be able to sing or will our voices have seized up? Of course not! We might struggle to remember the words though, but after a few weeks we'll all fall back into the groove and be just as good as we were before. Obviously, we have no performances lined up at the moment but we will be working hard towards a normal Christmas programme.

What better time to join us at Downley Descants now the 'dream team' of Louise and Becky are in place (things can only get better!). Don't forget we are, and always will be, a community choir for Downley and the surrounding area. There are no requirements to audition, but you do have to love singing and enjoy learning and improving together. You are guaranteed to make new friends so if you think you would be interested please contact Lyn on 07974026213 or 01494436063.

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Downley Theatre Group

We have been watching developments around live theatre closely; whilst tickets are on sale at group rates, we've decided to wait a bit longer before booking an outing.

There is uncertainty whether performances will go ahead with the current increase in COVID transmission rates. Some shows have been cancelled, as the cast and crew were alerted to isolate by track and trace to stay home. We don't want that disappointment.

We would usually be arranging a springtime trip for 2022 around October and will look at the possibility then also taking into consideration coach travel arrangements.

Do contact us with questions and we'll keep in touch with members.

Alan & Claire Baker, downleytheatregroup@gmail.com 01494 437552

Thames Water Charges

Several Downley householders in the same street have reported higher than expected charges by Thames Water.

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In another case the property owner was charged over £2000 for their water supply in a 12 month period. After numerous communications and persistence with Thames Water customer service agents, the uncharacteristically high charge was investigated and a water leak on the street side of their meter was found. There was no obvious sign of a water leak from above ground.

In both cases compensation was offered and after negotiation offers accepted.

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Is it wrong to entice the artist in such a way? Or is it the drive the artist needs to finish the work and not flit from one idea to the next? The point is, that many of the great works of our time came from the passion of an artist and religious art was in high demand from both church and monarchy; those with the money to spend on art, would set the bar and the type of art produced.

But times have changed, art and sculpting has moved on, materials are cheaper, generally easier to find and easier to use. It is a leisure activity for many people and for some, a form of income. We are no longer reliant on wealthy benefactors to shower the artist in funds needed to create a masterpiece, foundries to make bronzes or mould makers to create reusable plaster moulds. New materials enable us to accomplish more cost-effective creations at home with little mess, smell or danger.

As an ex special effect technician, I trained in many different disciplines. This gave me an understanding of a wide range of materials and techniques from sculpting to mould making, casting and animatronics and finishing the finer details. I was lucky to be able to find a job that was originally my hobby for many years before. I have been sculpting for over 35 years and still I have lots to learn. The history, basics and materials all require understanding and research. That's why it is my passion and one that I have had for most of my life.

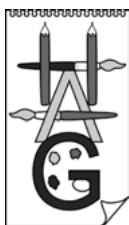
Sculpture is a voyage, an experiment in the form and function. There is mathematical precision, dynamic flow, and beauty. Inspiration comes in many forms and art has always reflected our desire to understand our surroundings.

At Downley Day, I will be demonstrating some sculpting techniques, tools, and materials. I will also be showing the process from armature to finishing. I will also be starting a sculpting class early next year. Please email me at studio@blackrain.co.uk for more details or to express an interest.

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Coffee Stop is Coming Home

This is going to be a positive article but first, I have to begin with some very sad news:



Christine Audcent, one of the founder members of the Coffee Stop team (which she helped set up 19 years ago) passed away on 2 June at her home in Preston, Oakham, Rutland. Chris moved away several years ago. During her time in Downley she joined in with lots of local activities, including membership of the Downley Descants Choir. At one of the Coffee Stop Christmas Lunches, she was part of a small group of choir members who entertained the customers with carols. Chris will be fondly remembered by many folks in Downley.

It's such a long time since we all got together for our coffee mornings and so much has changed that it makes you wonder if things in Downley will ever get back to normal (or anywhere else for that matter!). To look to the future, we had a Volunteers' meeting in Janet's garden recently to discuss the way forward for the Coffee Stop. The general opinion of those 'helpers' present was that some things would have to change, eg the time we all meet, the selection of food on offer and the charges. It was decided that we couldn't commit to providing the same selection of food as before so have settled on providing cakes, with either scones or teacakes, and the usual tea, coffee and squash. As we are no longer providing lunches, we thought it would be a good idea to change the time and therefore meet from 10am until 12 noon. There will also be a slight increase in the cost and to make things simpler a fixed price of £1 for each item, be it food or drink. When you think how much cafes charge, this is still great value!

Numbers of helpers are dwindling so we're on the lookout for more volunteers. To this end we have settled on a date for a get-together for prospective helpers with our current helpers (we have four) to explain what we do and what fun the mornings usually are. If you feel you might be interested in giving up a couple of hours, please ring the phone number at the end of the article and perhaps come along to St James' Church Hall on Monday 23rd August at 10am to meet 'the team'.

We all look forward to welcoming back our regular customers, and feel this also might be an opportunity for those of you who are now working from home to have the chance to meet others in the community. So come and give us a try!

Lyn Cook

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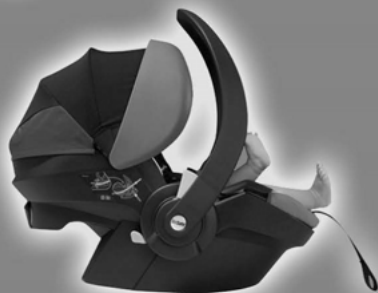
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From Westminster

Steve Baker - MP for Wycombe



Over 80 million vaccine doses have now been administered in the UK, and I am pleased most of the coronavirus restrictions ended on 19 July. The Prime Minister has been clear people's personal judgement will now be key in learning to live with the virus, although I would expect people to be mindful of those who are nervous about the restrictions being eased.

I know the past year has been difficult for so many people. Visits to care homes should now be easier, and indoor and outdoor gatherings, including weddings and funerals, will be able to go ahead without limits being placed on them. I recently attended a wedding, the first wedding I had been to in a long time, and it was wonderful to be sharing life's celebrations with others again.

One matter I have taken-up with local NHS leaders is the pressure put on the Urgent Treatment Centre at Wycombe Hospital when patients struggle to see their GP. I know our local GPs are working hard to see a higher number of patients fast. It's vital the public receive the service they need.

Proof of vaccination or a negative test is still required for international travel. I know many people, including me, will chose to holiday in the UK this year. However, I'm also conscious people do want to travel abroad for some sun and a well-deserved break. There are, of course, many individuals for whom travelling abroad isn't a holiday, but the only way to see their family. That is why, from 19 July, people who have been fully vaccinated with an NHS administered vaccine have been able to travel from amber list countries to England without having to quarantine.

Once furlough ends in September, we may begin to see the full impact the pandemic has had on jobs and the economy. Thanks to the Government's Covid-19 economic support, I am hoping that we will bounce back quickly and continue with the strong economic performance that we were experiencing prior to Covid.

I am pleased to see how much the country has enjoyed the Euro 2020 football and the Olympics. A number of Olympians come from our area, or trained locally, and I send my congratulations to all the coaches, competitors and medal winners. With the country's success in the swimming and diving competitions I hope this may inspire young people to take-up competitive water sports. We are fortunate in Wycombe to have a number of fantastic clubs and I hope the home-grown successes at the Olympics will encourage people to try any of the sports of swimming, para swimming, diving, water polo, open water swimming or artistic swimming. Obviously there are other sports where we have excelled too and I would encourage everyone, whatever their age, to think about taking-up a sport.

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Council is using the Government's Local Support Grant funding with £1.9million set aside to help Bucks families who need it. The voucher scheme is part of the council's 'Helping Hand' initiative to give extra help and support to families who might be struggling with bills or putting food on the table.

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A big thank you to everyone who has helped deliver over 680,000 vaccines making our programme one of the most successful in the country. It is not over, and infection rates are still high, particularly in some age groups.

Waste collection services continue to be hit by a combination of a lack of HGV drivers and Covid. This is a countrywide issue. Hopefully this will be a short-term problem in Buckinghamshire. The Council are working with the contractors to minimise disruption.

You may have already seen in the press the support Buckinghamshire Council is giving to our town centres, particularly High Wycombe. We were successful in bidding for High Street Regeneration monies and, together with funding from our own reserves, work is underway to improve our local town centre. There has been ambition for years to improve Frogmoor, the area in front of The Swan and the High Street itself amongst others. Constraints have made this difficult in the past, but progress is now being made.

Best wishes and keep safe.

Paul

*Cllr Paul Turner: Buckinghamshire Councillor for Downley
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French Circle	2nd Friday	19.30		Claire.atkinson10@outlook.com 01628 484833
Hartbeeps	Wednesday	11.00 - 15.15		hannah.dixon@hartbeeps.com 07745 861615
Kingdom Dynamics Chapel	Sunday	10.00 - 12.00		Sharon. 07961 822347
Lace Making	Thursday <i>term time</i>	12.45		Frances 01494 524835
Musical Mayhem	Thursday	09.15 - 12.15		Monica. info@musicalmayhem.co.uk
Pilates - NEW!	Monday	19.30 - 20.30		Louise. lerayogaandtherapies@gmail.com 07894 050092
Pilates	Thursday	19.30 - 20.30		Emma@asenseofbalance.co.uk
Russian group	3rd Thursday	14.00		Nadia. info@gorussianclub.co.uk
Simply Walk	Monday Thursday	10.00 – 11.30 11.00 – 12.00	✓	starts from the Common bus shelter simplywalks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
U3A Ukulele	4th Thursday	10.00 – 12.00		Sylvia. sylvia.chadwick@me.com
Wycombe Spiritual Centre	1st & 3rd Friday	18.30		ashleydarkwood@gmail.com

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Downley Pharmacy 01494 513 060

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18 Sept – 2 Oct

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Yoga Session Sun 19th Sept - 5pm - 6.15pm

Comedy Night Wed 22nd Sept - 7.30pm - 10pm

History Walk Sun 26th Sept - 10.30am - 2hrs

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Sat 2nd Oct - 10am - 12pm



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