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## Editorial

Spring has definitely sprung in Downley and our countryside is looking glorious, although as I write this it is still quite chilly. No doubt we will pay for such a dry April with plenty of rain and mud in May! I know the gardens and allotments (not to mention the crops) could do with the rain, but I do love to see a clear blue sky against all the new green of the trees in the woods. And I think the bluebells are more vibrant than ever this year!

Although Covid is still very much with us, it is fantastic to see our local groups and organisations back in full swing, including Downley Day and Up! Downley festival, not to mention the Platinum Jubilee celebration on 3 June. What a summer we have to look forward to!

As usual, we will be delighted to hear from any organisation in Downley (or the surrounding area) with news or information for the Autumn edition, which will be out in mid-August.

You can submit articles via the email address [editor@downley.org](mailto:editor@downley.org). Copy deadline is Sunday 31 July.

*Anne, Editor • [editor@downley.org](mailto:editor@downley.org)*

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If you would like to be considered, please contact the clerk who will forward an application form and explain the co-option process. The clerk can be contacted at: [clerk@downleyparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@downleyparishcouncil.org)

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# Downley Common News

## Alan Hunt

Alan Hunt, a founder member of the Downley Common Preservation Society died in Waco, Texas at the age of 83 on 26th February 2022. Alan was a reporter for the Bucks Free Press from 1953 until he left for Texas in 1975. However, it is his activities supporting Downley Common that he is best remembered for in Downley. Alan was a founder member of DCPS in 1969 and provided the society's first tractor for cutting the grass. This was an old "Farmall" model of American origin that towed a rotary grass cutter. Apparently the tractor used TVO, a petrol-paraffin mix which occasionally caused sheets of flame to shoot out of the exhaust pipe. Alan was an expert at pulling hawthorn trees out by the roots with the tractor. He was also a local history enthusiast and provided much information for the society's local history evenings. Our condolences go to his family.



## Windy Weather



Storm Eunice had its expected effect and brought a few trees down on the common, most notably the one pictured just downhill from Well Cottage. As it had hung up on a tree across the path, we had to pull it down with the tractor before cutting it up.

It will now serve a useful purpose as logs to block access points where required.

## Downley Day

DCPS will be displaying our activities at Downley Day in June. Come along and see what we do and, if you like it, you can join as a member and receive regular updates and information on work parties.

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# Downley Community Centre

The relaunch of the Monday morning baby and toddler group as “Monday Minis” has been hugely successful thanks mainly to the efforts of Downley mums Caroline Wisbey and Kimberley Reed.



Their enthusiasm has been exceptional not only in attracting new users to the Centre but by also joining the management committee bringing some much needed younger blood and ideas. Thank you also to Caroline & Kimberley for cranking up the Centre’s FaceBook presence which has already raised further the awareness of the Centre to the local community.

Bookings are now at record pre-pandemic levels. In order to demonstrate the facilities offered at the centre, as well as the regular photographic images a new video has been professionally produced (without charge) by our caretakers Dave and Emma. The video takes the form of a 3.5 minute video tour with commentary and is designed to anticipate new hirers questions before they even ask!

A big thank you to Dave and Emma



Go to [downley.org](http://downley.org), click Venues, Find a Venue, click Downley Community Centre and scroll down to the photo link “How to Hire the Community Centre”

## CLEANERS

Our wonderful cleaners Angie and Graham are retiring after many years of loyal and excellent work so please show the advertisement below to anyone in Downley who you think might be interested in applying.

*DOWNLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE – Management Committee*

The Downley Community Centre management team is looking for a new cleaner to start in June when the current staff will retire. This is a paid, part-time, position which calls for 2 hours per week general cleaning on the premises with all equipment and materials kept on-site. (The job is currently carried out in one session early on Friday mornings.) Additional time may be requested from time to time as necessary.

The position would ideally suit a local person, or a couple, possibly retired, with a little time to spare every week who will work in conjunction with the existing caretaking team to ensure full coverage throughout the year. The position reports to the management committee.

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# Coffee Stop News



Coffee Stop is now meeting regularly twice a month at St James Church Hall on Monday mornings from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Due to the Bank Holidays we will open on 9th May and 23rd May. From 6th June onwards we will be meeting on the first and third Mondays of each month.

We serve coffee, tea and cakes – made and served by our Volunteers. We occasionally have stalls selling gifts, cards etc.

We are always keen to welcome new helpers, whether to put up and take down tables, help in the kitchen, or drive some of our regulars to and from St James Church Hall. We have a rota so you can help out as often as convenient.

Coffee Stop is a good place to meet old friends and make new ones. Help with lifts to St James Hall can be arranged if necessary.

*Chrissie Styles christinelstyles@hotmail.com*

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## Downley Theatre Group

We're back! The first outing since lockdown has been organized to see “**Mary Poppins**” on 18 May. We've got lots of catching up with new productions to do and are keen to get cracking. We're hopeful that there'll be an appealing mix of evening theatre trips plus day excursions. We've already booked for the popular Royal Philharmonic Christmas Cracker at Cadogan Hall, London, in December. Members will be notified of what's in the pipeline as details are finalized.

To receive information about the Group, please get in touch and we'll add your details to the mailing list; there's no membership fee or obligation to join in.

We'll be at the UP! Downley Leisure Showcase in the Marquee, along Commonsides, on Monday 20th June 6-9 pm with a brain tickling quiz – hope to see you there.

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

### **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.

Downley Parish Council, Community Centre School Close, Downley, HP13 5TR

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# Top Notes

## “Nothing’s gonna stop us now!”

It’s been a fantastic start to 2022 and rehearsals for our Charity Summer Concert are in full swing. This season we will be raising money for Thames Valley Adventure Playground who offer a unique range of adventurous, therapeutic and educational play activities for both children & adults with all types of disability.

We hope you can join us at All Saints Parish Church in Wycombe town centre on Saturday 25th June at 7:30pm, for an evening of pop, musical theatre, jazz & more! Tickets are now available via the Eventbrite website - search for Top Notes Choir.



We kicked off 2022 with a performance at The Beaconsfield Festival of Choirs back in March. It was our first time at the festival, which was a truly wonderful evening. St Mary & All Saints Church, Beaconsfield has such brilliant acoustics - it was great to sing in there and watch other local choirs perform too. We then all came together for a finale group song, “Do You Hear My

Voice?” which really raised the roof! We’re already booked in for next year!

As well as our main concert, we’ve got lots of other smaller performances to look forward to in the coming months - private charity garden parties, a sneak preview concert at TVAP and we’ll be back entertaining the residents at The Heights in June too. We’re continually grateful that we’re able to sing together again and share our passion and love of music - there’s really nothing better.

Please follow us on our social media channels (Instagram & Twitter: @topnoteschoir, Facebook - Top Notes) to stay updated on what we’re up to as well as future concert and ticket information. Or get in touch via [topnotestunes@gmail.com](mailto:topnotestunes@gmail.com) for any general enquires.

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March is our birthday month so we celebrated our 59 years with a sit down meal supplied by Anne Tennant followed by a beautiful birthday cake made by Alex Scott. Martin Foley provided entertainment and our theme was red, white and blue in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. Sadly I missed it having had a hip replacement only a few days before it but I was pleased to be brought a piece of cake once I was home again.

At our April meeting we learned a lot about Andrew Carnegie who was born into poverty in Dumferline. He emigrated to America with his parents and through his own efforts and investment skills later became the richest man in the world, worth more than Bill Gates in today's money! He decided he didn't need so much and didn't want to leave it all as inheritance so worked at giving it all away setting up Trusts, Libraries etc all over the world.

We have been pleased to have a very good response to membership renewal for the year despite not being able to get together very much over the last couple of years. We're still happy to welcome new members though and here to tempt you are some of the speakers we have lined up for the next few months: May 10th is Princess Margaret a 'Marmite character', June 14th Gertrude Bell, the greatest woman of the 20th Century, July 12th Narrowboats and Canals, and August 9th Chloroform, Tales of Early Anaesthetics. We look forward to seeing all our regular members plus anyone else who would like to come and see what we are all about.

*Heather Read*

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## Update from the Downley Pharmacy

Please note we will be closed for the duration of the Jubilee weekend, Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June inclusive. We expect to be extremely busy in the lead up to this time (think Christmas!). Please therefore be aware and plan to submit requests for repeat medication needed early in the week commencing 23rd May. If this is a little earlier than the usual seven day lead time please mark the request Bank Holiday order or some such note to prevent dismissal of the request.

We have been working hard to streamline our processes. One feature we have now improved upon is our SMS service when prescriptions are ready for collection. Please update us with your number to receive this service as this may save you and us unnecessary calls to the pharmacy for updates. Use of the Medpoint for collection

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of prescriptions also has benefits enabling us to spend more time helping with healthcare advice.

Going forward we will be encouraging folk to check their general health in a variety of ways.

May Measure Month (MMM) is a global awareness campaign led by the International Society of Hypertension (ISH). Launched in May 2017, MMM put the spotlight on increasing access to blood pressure screening as potentially the most effective way to reduce hypertension's adverse toll on health. It also incorporates World Hypertension Day on 17th May and the Know your Numbers campaign, all designed to encourage people to take control of their health and wellbeing.

Hypertension is a major cause of a range of health problems such as strokes, heart attacks and kidney disease, and can also contribute to dementia. Many people who suffer from hypertension are not aware that they have it as there can be no symptoms; often people only find out after suffering a heart attack or stroke.

We are able to provide an NHS blood pressure check within the pharmacy, as a single option or alongside other health checks, some of which will require payment. We can also advise on ways to increase general health and well-being. Please ask in store

Finally, we're looking forward to seeing many of you at Downley Day in June.



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# News from St James

*"You are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble." Psalm 59:16b*



I know that all of us have been so shocked and saddened by the war in Ukraine over the last few months and our thoughts and prayers are very much with the people of Ukraine who have experienced so much trauma and loss. I know many people in this community will be welcoming refugees into their homes and we are praying that they will be able to feel safe, settle quickly, and find rest, love and support as they start the long journey of healing from these experiences.



Looking at what is happening in other parts of the world can make us especially grateful for what we have here in Downley. We are so blessed to live in such a lovely place, with countryside all around us.

Sometimes being outside gives us space to process all that goes on in our lives. I often find that I have

conversations with God about the challenges of life when I am outdoors walking or running. As that verse at the start says, he is our refuge in times of trouble. God is someone that we can take any worries or anxieties to. He wants to share in both the joys and the sorrows of our lives.



The summer is a time we associate with being outside, enjoying family activities. We are going to be holding a family activity afternoon on Saturday 9 July from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Please do come and join us.



As I mentioned in the last magazine, we have been starting to host Growing Hope High Wycombe clinics at St James, for children who need help with speech and language. I wanted to let you know that we have had many referrals and Estelle our therapist is working with many appreciative families. It has been great to see children really progressing even in the few weeks this has been running. If you know of any children

who would benefit from some help with their speech and language do encourage their parents or carers to look at the website [www.growinghope.org.uk](http://www.growinghope.org.uk) . There is a link from there to make referrals.



*Heather Graham  
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# Downley Descants



In our last article we were looking forward to participating in the Beaconsfield Festival of Choirs. We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were pleased with the reaction of the audience. In fact, we enjoyed it so much that we're taking part again next year. We had reservations about one piece in our programme: the stirring 'Anthem' from the stage musical Chess. You may be aware the show revolves around a Chess Tournament between Russia and the USA at the height of the Cold War. With the current situation in Ukraine, this caused us a few reservations. If you look at the words, however, out of context with the show, they describe a man's love of his country which endures through wars. We thought it was relevant to the Ukrainian people and we dedicated this piece to them, much to the approval of the audience. This shows how words are so important in a song, provoking all manner of emotions.

After all that excitement, we are now back to normal rehearsals. This is in preparation for our upcoming events at Downley Day and our Joint Concert with Wycombe Concert Band on Friday 24th June, which is part of the UP! Downley Festival. Please look for the publicity and buy a ticket. We'll be so pleased to see you and you might be persuaded to give us a try.

We seem to have had more than our fair share of problems caused by Covid, with several members and our accompanist all being affected. One or two weeks we were down to only 25 members at our rehearsals instead of the usual 35+. We have just started the summer term so we can all look forward to healthier times, now we're told the virus is receding and the weather is improving.

If you are interested in trying us out, please contact our chairman, Lyn, on 07974026213 or by email

grannyandbobby@tiscali.co.uk. We are a community choir for the residents of Downley and the surrounding areas and as such we do not insist on the ability to read music, nor do we have any auditions. The community aspect is of great importance to us with any surplus made donated to charity. Since our start in 2012 this figure is in excess of £10,000.

*Bob Cook (Bass)*

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## Downley Wine and Beer Club

The club has resumed a full programme of meetings for 2022 after two years of intermittent meetings and a lot of virtual events using Zoom. We are pleased that our membership numbers have remained strong and that several new members have joined this year. It seems like all those lockdowns have renewed people's interest in alcoholic beverages!

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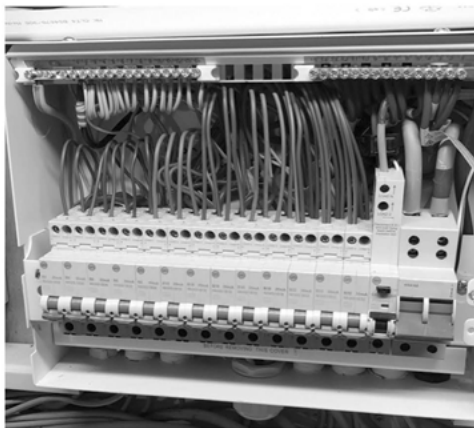
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Our events during the Spring have mainly been wine tastings from local suppliers, although we have also had an excellent gin tasting which was presented by Cate Grigg. At our next meeting we will be tasting wine boxes so will have the chance to decide whether quality is as consistent, and wines as varied, as bottled versions. Later in the year we will have our customary members' summer barbeque and summer social at the Le De Spencer's Arms.

This year we are also resuming our continental weekend away with a Eurostar trip to Cologne where we plan to sample some of the local beers and Mosel wines in the company of a former member who has returned home to Germany. Autumn meetings will continue the European theme with an Eastern European meeting and Oktoberfest, both with samples of typical drinks and food.

You don't have to be a wine buff or a real ale drinker to join the club where our aim is to enjoy wine, beer and other beverages in an informal and social setting. So if you would like more information please email [downleywinebeer@gmail.com](mailto:downleywinebeer@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook <https://tinyurl.com/DownleyWBClub>

*Richard Armitage, DWBC Secretary*

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## Downley Gardening Society

We had our last Zoom meeting of the season in February on Gertrude Jekyll by Davis Usher which had lots of lesser-known facts about the great gardener.

In March we were back in the hall and very well supported by our members. Our talk was on the Birmingham Botanical Gardens by Philip Aubury. Some of our members talked about visiting the gardens as they are not too far away.

Our April talk was also in the hall, proceeded by our AGM and followed by cheese and wine, enjoyed by 39 members - a good turn-out. Steve Batchelor talked about honey bees; if you ever get the chance to hear one of his talks they are very informative.

### Next events:

**18th June** – plant stall at Downley Day

**25th June** – coach trip to Hidcote Manor

**3rd September** – Autumn show

**17th October** – talk by Nick Marriner on the birds and farmland project

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

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We played 18 games, won 16, lost 2 and drew none. We scored 89 goals, and have 3 players in the Top 10 overall goal-scorers in the Sunday league, Jon Cox (1st), Mikey Martins (3rd) and Sydney Woods (7th).

The group of lads who have played this season have shown great commitment and determination and I'd like to thank each and every one for making this season great. Also a massive thank you to our 2 managers, Paul Baker and Paul Lenton, who orchestrate the magic on the pitch! Both Pauls won the same championship 20 years ago with Hithercroft FC. They have also made a couple of playing appearances this season when needed.

Our end of season party is on 1st May, we have a Club Golf Day booked for the end of May, and we are attending and supporting Dynamos Day in June. So it's not all football!

As we enter close season we are looking to recruit a few more players to strengthen our squad to play in a higher division next season. Pre-season training will begin shortly and if you are interested in joining our friendly Club please get in touch. Home games are played at Mannings Field and away games are played around the Wycombe area.

Finally, another thank you to DOSCA, Downley Communications Forum and Downley Parish Council for their support last year, and enabling us to continue playing football this season.

We are still actively looking for any type of sponsorship or grants available to keep our Club in a healthy position financially. Please do get in touch if you can help.

Have a great Summer and see you in September for the new season.

*Sally Baker, Club Secretary, [downleyalbionfc@gmail.com](mailto:downleyalbionfc@gmail.com)  Downley Albion FC*

# Downley Day and Concert on the Common

**Events this year will be held as follows:**

**17th June: 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Family Disco**

Hosted by popular local DJ and children's entertainer John Johnny  
Children's entry £3, adults go free

**18th June: 1:00pm - 5:00pm - Downley Day**

**Provisional Programme:**

1:00 Downley King and queen

1:10 LEAP Song and Dance routine

1:40 Downley Descants Choir

2:00 Falconry Display by the Hawking Centre

2:45 Dog show

3:30 Natalie Jane Dance show

4:00 Falconry Display

4:45 Raffle

Plus all the usual attractions including the fair, teas and a barbeque

Local organisations wishing to book a pitch should complete the application form located at [www.downley.org/community/downley-day](http://www.downley.org/community/downley-day)

**9th July: 7:00pm - 10:30pm - Concert on the Common**

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Full programme to be confirmed.

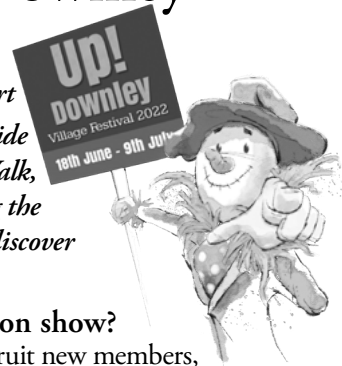
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# Plan your events in the Up! Downley Festival Programme 2022

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## **The Downley Showcase - will your club or society be on show?**

Come and show Downley what your group does and maybe recruit new members, volunteers and participants. It is a brilliant opportunity for people to hear about the wide variety of great things that go on in the community and to meet the volunteers that run them. It's entirely free, we just ask that you try to include some sort of interactive element of some sort, a display or demonstration in your stall. Contact Clara (before the end of May) at [festival@downley.org](mailto:festival@downley.org)



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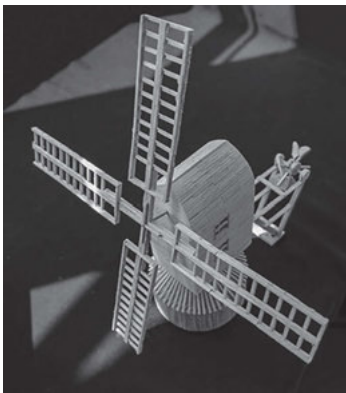
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On 1st of June you will be able to enter your work for the show. There will be an online form at [Downley.org](http://Downley.org) together with entry guidelines. Hardcopies will be available in the Community Centre together with a post box to submit them. If you would like these sent to you email; [festival@downley.org](mailto:festival@downley.org)



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# J. Heartycough's Horticultural Hints

## Summer 2022

Wal me ole mates, it's here! Wot is? Wal it's wot we've been a'waitin for orl them cold and dark days eh, it's ... wait for it, it's summer! Wal near enough I reckons. But I supposes that wun thing I'll be missing now it's got warmer is that luvly stove, a'warmin me and Mrs H as we snoozes away a'plannin our jobs for the year. Wal that's important because it's easy to miss the right time to get them seeds a'going. But if you've bin followin my hints you'll know when that is! Wal, wot 'ave I got go'in orlready? Wal my broad beans is well up, at the plot, 'aquadulce', you'll be bored with me orlways go'in on about them, but it's a good way to bring a bit of life up there. And you knows wot the allotments is called? Wal 10/10 if you gets it right first time! Jubilee Allotments, first started up there in 1977 and if you can work it out ('I'll ave to help him' ses Mrs H) it's 45 years since the first sod was turned there, in the Queen's 25th anniversary, and now it's her 70th, wal that's summat to think about, eh? So why 1977? Wal then the allotments was roundabout where Narrow Lane is, and my allotment was goin to be built on, so there was a deal with Sir Francis Dashwood down in West Wycombe who owned the land, and he gave sum land up Mannings to compensate, wal, I'm not sure wot Percy Hounslow at the farm thought of it, not much I reckons! ('He's getting orl pollytickle now' ses Mrs H...). So I'd better get on with my vegetable hints- wal, spuds, and I hopes you've got lots a'planted, because food in the shops is goin up orl the time.. ('Yor not kiddin' ses Mrs H, 'but you don't know wot shops is'..). Wal, I duz, I ave to get my seeds sumwhere, and shops is shops, where people work, not wot they calls 'on-line', and wot a state we'll be in if you can't see the seed spuds you wants, and they won't go through the letter box! Ha ha... I think that's a joke eh?



You'll need to pot up yor tommy toes now and get em into the ground if you avent got a greenhouse, hopin you've got several varieties on the go, sum don't get the blight till later. Now you can get yor frost sensitive plants out I reckons, squashes, runner and dwarf beans, and yor onions and leeks should be well up, and roots, wal I means carrots, turnips, swedes, beetroot, orl luvly stuff, wal a mate of mine grows straight parsnips, wal he's sum kind of genius, doin that in Chiltern clay with flints!

I knows I've bin a'ramblin on a bit, but 70 years of Queen Elizabeth eh! So ave a great platinum jubilee and get along to the celebrations, my French cousin Jean d'Artichoke has no idea wot it's orl about, he ses he's a republican, and long live the President, wal, they can get rid of him or her any time, wal most, though sum seems to go on and on, especially in the east, but our Queen keeps out of orl that, and I don't blame her eh!

Wal, I'm off to build my bean pyramid now, and do a bit of hoe'in, so cheerio and a'bientot,

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# Chameleon Singles Group



The early part of the year started with attendance at many events increasing as our members began to get out a bit more following the end of Covid restrictions. We are now looking forward to doing many more events this year including the return of our day trips out and perhaps even a few days away on a short holiday.

Coffee Mornings, Walks, Lunch Club and Pub Nights have all been popular events recently and these are run on a regular basis. We will continue to have a social evening via Zoom once a month for those who are unable or do not wish to go out at present. The Friday Lunch Club has now settled into its new second Friday of the month slot. This works better with the calendar where on one or two occasions the Pub Night held on the last Thursday of the month was on the day before the lunch event.

Our programme for March and April offered a variety of regular and new events including a Bus Day Out to Henley suggested by one of our members. Our planning for summer events has already taken place and the first of those will be in our May and June 2022 programme. As always Chameleon members put forward and host all events which gives a variety to suit almost everyone in the bi-monthly programme.

**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. 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](mailto:info@chameleonsingles.org.uk).**

**Visit us on-line at [www.chameleonsingles.org.uk](http://www.chameleonsingles.org.uk) for more information and our current programme or connect with us through Facebook.**

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By the beginning of 1943 the tide was turning in almost all theatres of the war.

During the first four months of the year in North Africa the British advanced through Libya and into Tunisia with the Axis powers in retreat. Despite several attempts to counterattack, on May 13th they surrendered.

In November 1942 the Red Army had trapped around 250,000 German troops in Stalingrad. To exploit this victory, they planned a winter campaign of continuous offensive operations. The plans were subsequently reduced but still succeeded in smashing Germany's Italian and Hungarian allies, and applied pressure on the over-stretched German forces in Eastern Ukraine preventing further German advances to relieve their forces at Stalingrad. However, the Soviets themselves became over-extended, setting up the stages for the German offensives around Kharkov, where they were successful, and subsequently Kursk, where the Red Army prevailed. The net result was that the initiative on the Eastern Front passed to the Soviets.

It feels incredibly sad to be writing about battles almost eighty years ago in the same areas where fighting is taking place today.

The Battle of Midway in June 1942 had acted as a brake on Japanese expansion in the Pacific giving Allies an opportunity to switch to strategic initiative and pave the way for landings on Guadalcanal. This campaign lasted until early 1943 and drew in considerable resources from Japan's other operations. Subsequent Allied attacks aimed at re-taking the Solomon Islands and neutralising the Japanese forward base at Rabaul in Papua New Guinea were also successful allowing gradual reclamation of the surrounding territories.

Winter weather provided a brief respite from the fighting in January and February 1943, but in the spring convoy battles started up again with the same ferocity as the previous year. There were so many U-boats on patrol in the North Atlantic, it was difficult for convoys to evade detection, resulting in a succession of vicious battles. On March 10 1943, the Germans added a refinement to the U-boat Enigma key, which blinded the Allied codebreakers at Bletchley Park for 9 days. That month saw attacks on five Atlantic convoys, 82 ships of 476,000 tons were sunk while 12 U-boats were destroyed but the next two months saw a complete reversal of fortunes.

In April, losses of U-boats increased while their kills fell significantly. Only 39 ships of 235,000 tons were sunk in the Atlantic, and 15 U-boats were destroyed. The turning point was the battle centred on slow convoy ONS 5. Made up of 43 merchantmen escorted by 16 warships, it was attacked by a pack of 30 U-boats. Although 13 merchant ships were lost, six U-boats were sunk by the escorts or Allied aircraft. Despite a storm which scattered the convoy, the merchantmen reached the protection of land-based air cover, causing Admiral Dönitz to call off the attack. Two weeks later, another convoy saw at least three U-boats destroyed and at least one damaged for no losses. Faced with the dramatic change in fortunes, Dönitz called off operations in the North Atlantic.



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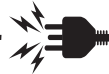
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## **Wilfred Gerald Harvey had married Joyce Mendy in March 1942.**

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The book of Remembrance for 106 Squadron contains the names of 990 personnel who died during the Second World War along with the following entry by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Commander in Chief Bomber Command.

“There are no words that can do justice to the aircrew who fought under my command in the RAF. There is no parallel in warfare to such courage and determination which at times was so great that scarcely one man in three could expect to survive his tour of 30 operations. For the RAF crews in general, it must be truly said that no more highly trained body of men has ever gone out to war.”

Hopefully, by the time you read this work will have commenced, and possibly finished, on our latest refurbishment project at the Hall. We have finalised the plans, appointed a contractor and work is due to start imminently on refitting the kitchen.

*Alan Baker, alanbaker49@btinternet.com 07890 762527*

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## **‘Not the Christmas Lunch’ Celebration!**

The Downley Simply Walkers had to cancel the annual Christmas Celebrations back in December (Covid of course), so we bravely reinstated the event and turned it into a ‘Spring Lunch’ in late March. Instead of Christmas Carols and mince pies we had jolly, foot tapping music provided by Pat Greggor’s All Stars saxophone quartet, a buffet lunch and wine after a Spring walk to Hughenden Park to browse among the daffodils.



The occasion also gave us the opportunity to hand over a cheque for £100 to Fiona Broadbent, Simply Walk organiser for Bucks Council. This was raised by various activities prior to the Lockdown Days and by donations from grateful Downley walkers who benefit from our regular walks on Monday and Thursday each week.

The photograph shows the ‘hand-over’ and some of the walkers on the green outside the Community Centre, after a Thursday walk. As you can see, we all look very happy and healthy.....must be all that walking and talking we do! If you would like to join us, go to the Simply Walk website and register, or just turn up at the Community Centre and fill in a form with the Walk Leader. (Monday 10.00 am or Thursday 11.00 am).

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# Downley Cricket Club

What a pre-season it has been with lots of work done on the wicket, although the lack of rainfall is beginning to present a challenge for ongoing maintenance. Meanwhile work-parties have been organised to clear-up the nets area in Mannings Field and then put up the nets after the long winter.



Groups of volunteers from the cricket and football sections have worked hard together to clean the pavilion and tidy up the area outside.

The enthusiasm from the Seconds winning their division last season and gaining promotion under our all-action captain Ben Hughes has carried through into pre-season net practice. Even powerful hitter Spreckers stopped by to add encouragement while walking his dog. Younger members returning from University will be rejoining and helping us to secure our place in Division 2.

Recently pink balls have been introduced to improve visibility on duller evenings and give everyone experience of the evening knock-out competition. There's always plenty of fun and laughter, often finishing at The Le de Spencer nearby.

At the AGM, due to non-availability of many players, a decision was taken to play with just one team this season. Gratitude was expressed to the Firsts for punching above their weight in finishing runners-up in the very high-level Championship Division of the Berkshire Chilterns and Mid-Bucks League. The demise of the first team will enable the club to reset and take the club back to village grassroots and maybe rebuild over time.

While it was a difficult decision to fold one team, it has encouraged several former players to express an interest in playing again. As always, we are keen for new players, scorers and umpires to join the club. If interested, please email [webmaster@downleycc.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@downleycc.co.uk)

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# Chiltern Wood School Chat



My first term seems to have gone by in a flash so I thought I would share some of the highlights.



The beginning of March is World Book Day and many of the staff and children at the Downley site dressed up. Opal Class had been looking at Alice In Wonderland so we had a Queen of Hearts, Cheshire Cat and Alice. The photograph opposite is of Emerald Class and their fantastic costumes.

Some of our amazing students took part in ECHOs Event at The Royal Albert Hall with the Buckinghamshire Music Trust at the end of March. We all had an amazing evening with the pupils join others schools from around Bucks in singing a wide range of songs. I was so proud of all the pupils and staff involved. We will also be taking part in Young Voices at the start of May, another amaing opportunity for our pupils to be part of the wider community.

Touch tray activities for Easter were created by the staff for some of our PMLD pupils. The photograph shows Orchard Class staff with a range of activities for our pupils including coloured spaghetti, rice, feathers chicks and bunnies for the children to explore.



The best part of my job is getting into classes and seeing the creative ways that the staff work with our pupils.

They are all fantastic and bring so much joy to the holistic education of our pupils. It really is wonderful to come to work.

The Friends of Chiltern Wood School have been very busy recently undertaking Easter Egg Hunts across the school and hosting a Quiz Night at The Spindle and Thread helping to generate much needed funds for the school.



We are excited to be involved in The Downley Day activities and also the upcoming Art Exhibition. The images are some of the brilliant art work that is up in my office at Downley, so I can't wait to see what they create for the exhibition.

I hope to meet some more of the Downley Community at some of these events, so please do come and say hello.

*Rachel Chapman, Headteacher*

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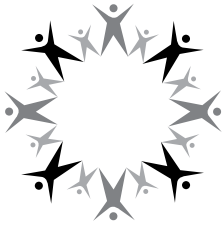


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The charity is hoping its local community will support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.



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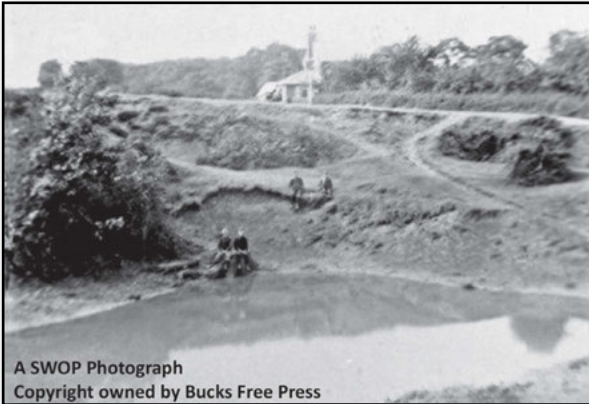
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# DOWNLEY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

## Wanted: Old Photographs and Memories

In late 2017/early 2018 a small group of people came together to both investigate the history of Downley and to make their findings readily available to all. The Downley Local History Group, as we became, were fortunate in both having access to the website 'Sharing Wycombe Old Photographs' as well as offerings of photographs from Downley residents. In addition we were made aware of a collection of memories put together by one of the Downley Women's Institutes for their 50th anniversary in 1974. Some of those contributors told of their experiences growing up in pre-war Downley- a remarkable insight to times gone by. One of our earliest photographs, dating from approximately 1895 and shown below, is of two groups of boys playing near one of the water-filled ponds on Downley Common near to the Le De Spencers Arms.



Our first public meeting, as part of Up! Downley 2020, attracted over 90 people, as did the second public meeting in 2021 which took place just before the onset of the Covid-19 restrictions. Both meetings were highly successful not only in terms of numbers attending but also making contacts with people who could provide yet more historical information and

photographs. We held a further, well-attended meeting in Spring 2021 with a National Trust guest speaker who revealed some of the WWII secrets of Hughenden Manor. We thank all those who attended the meetings, and we are planning something similar for the future.

The group are now at the stage where much of the information and photographs originally provided have been catalogued. Many of the photographs can be found on our website ([downleyhistory.uk](http://downleyhistory.uk)). However we are aware of large gaps both in the collection of photographs and, just as important, in personal memories. We are therefore appealing for written records and old photographs that may be lying in the corner of shelves and cabinets, or perhaps are now with other relatives or friends who have moved away from Downley.

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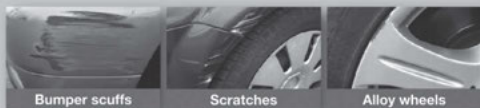
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*Steve Baker - MP for Wycombe*



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At the time I am writing this, the war in Ukraine continues. There are many kind people living in our county, and Buckinghamshire has one of the highest offers to house refugees under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. My staff in the constituency office have been working with host families to try to secure the visas and documentation people need to come to this country. Special care is being taken by both the British and Ukrainian governments on issuing visas for children to ensure they are kept safe when leaving war zones. I have had the privilege of meeting the parents of one constituent who has arrived to live in High Wycombe from Ukraine, and I hope to meet others in the coming weeks.

One piece of recent legislation that has gone through Parliament is the Charities Act 2022. The work of civil society spans many aspects of our lives supporting the most vulnerable in our communities. The Charities Act 2022 will simplify charity law, reduce red tape and save time and administrative costs for charities, allowing those resources to be redirected to serve their charitable purposes whilst also maintaining sensible regulatory safeguards. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is working alongside the Charity Commission to implement these changes over an 18 month period, to give charities time to prepare for the changes.

The Department for Health and Social Care has recently launched a call for evidence to inform the development of a new cross-government 10 Year Plan for Mental Health and Wellbeing. Ministers are keen the new plan responds to the public's priorities, and people are being encouraged to make their views known. Questions range from prevention through to acute mental health care, and they are particularly keen to hear from people who have struggled with their mental health, cared for people living with mental health difficulties or work in services supporting people. If you have something you would like contribute to the discussion you can either respond online or by letter. More information can be found here: Mental health and wellbeing plan: discussion paper and call for evidence - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) The closing date is 5th July.

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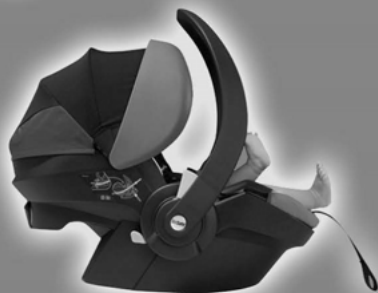
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## **Educational Needs & Disabilities inspection – the results**

Between 28 February and 11 March 2022, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) conducted their first inspection of the services and support provided across Education, Health and Care in Buckinghamshire for children and young people with SEND. The report published on 29 April 2022, identifies strengths and areas for development across the local area. Cabinet Member for Buckinghamshire Council's Children's Services, Councillor Anita Cranmer said:

“Children's Services are firmly at the heart of the new unitary Buckinghamshire Council and in recent years SEND has become an increasingly prominent priority for us and there is now a considerable amount of co-ordinated activity taking place. We are pleased that the inspectors recognised areas of strength; however, we do know that for too many children, young people and their families, we do still fall short of what they deserve and I want to reassure them that we are not shying away from the crucial areas where sometimes much improvement is still required”.

## **Two more fly-tippers successfully prosecuted in court**

High Wycombe magistrates have sentenced two further culprits caught fly-tipping in Buckinghamshire. One received a suspended prison sentence, the other was ordered to carry out unpaid work, and both received hefty fines.

## **Council Tax rebates being paid to Buckinghamshire residents**

Buckinghamshire residents living in homes under Council Tax Bands A-D will begin receiving their £150 rebate payments from w/c Mon 2 May. This is part of the national scheme to off-set the rise in energy costs. Some residents who live in homes in Bands E-H who receive certain benefits such as Employment and Support Allowance will also be able to claim money back on their Council Tax under Buckinghamshire Council's own scheme, which aims to provide extra support for those who need it but who don't qualify for the national Bands A-D scheme.

The Council is also topping up payments under both schemes through its own 'Helping Hand' programme, meaning some residents will also be eligible for an extra £25 payment on top of the other payments.

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# Downley Diary | Round-up of Regular Activities

## DOWNLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE - SUMMER 2022

Hall Bookings: [bookings@downleycommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:bookings@downleycommunitycentre.org.uk) or call Cathy on 07580 953 181

GROUP	DAY	TIME	NEW MEMBER WELCOME	CONTACT
Art Group 1	Tuesday Term-time	10.00 - 12.00		Sue 01494 443393
Art Group 2	Monday	10.00 - 12.00		<a href="mailto:alastair.pike@artsmartuk.com">alastair.pike@artsmartuk.com</a>
Bridge Club	Thursday	18.15 - 22.15	✓	<a href="mailto:paulf.goddard@icloud.com">paulf.goddard@icloud.com</a>
Carers Bucks	4th Friday	13.00 - 15.00	✓	<a href="http://Sue.Connelly@carersbucks.org">Sue.Connelly@carersbucks.org</a> 0300 777 2722
Children's Dance Group.	Wednesday	16.45 - 18.30		<a href="mailto:Zoe.k.thompson@hotmail.com">Zoe.k.thompson@hotmail.com</a>
Chipmunks Woodcarving	Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00	✓	Margaret 01494 523912
Community Library	Monday	10.00	✓	<a href="mailto:enquiries@downleylibrary.org">enquiries@downleylibrary.org</a>
	Thursday	15.00	✓	
	Saturday	10.00	✓	
Craft Group	1st Tuesday	9.30 - 12.30		Helen 01494 564414
Dance Classes (Ballroom & Latin)	Tuesday	19.00 & 20.00	✓	<a href="mailto:karen@comedancingwithme.co.uk">karen@comedancingwithme.co.uk</a>
	Wednesday	19.30 & 20.30	✓	0787 353 8709
Downley Parish Council	2nd Tuesday	19.30	✓	<a href="mailto:clerk@downleyparishcouncil.org">clerk@downleyparishcouncil.org</a> 01494 257711
Downley Wine & Beer Club	2nd Wednesday	20.00 - 22.00	✓	Nigel. N234838D@hotmail.co.uk
First Class Learning	Saturday	10.00 - 13.00	✓	Himanshu 07949 590466
Hartbeeps	Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30		<a href="mailto:hannah.dixon@hartbeeps.com">hannah.dixon@hartbeeps.com</a> 07745 861615
Kingdom Dynamics Chapel	Sunday	10.00 - 12.00		Sharon 07961 822347
Lace Making	Thursday	12.45 - 14.45		Frances 01494 524835
M00 Music	Friday Term-time	9.00 - 11.30	✓	<a href="mailto:elvan@moo-music.co.uk">elvan@moo-music.co.uk</a>
Mondays Minis <i>formerly Toddlers/Bumps etc</i>	Monday Term-time	9.30 - 11.30	✓	<a href="mailto:downleymondayminis@gmail.com">downleymondayminis@gmail.com</a> 07704279102
Musical Mayhem	Thursday	9.15 - 12.15		Monica <a href="mailto:info@musicalmayhem.co.uk">info@musicalmayhem.co.uk</a>
Pilates	Thursday	18.30 - 19.30	✓	<a href="mailto:Emma@asenseofbalance.co.uk">Emma@asenseofbalance.co.uk</a>
Relationship Counselling	by appointment		✓	<a href="mailto:Chris.Jefferies@bucksrelationshipcounselling.co.uk">Chris.Jefferies@bucksrelationshipcounselling.co.uk</a> 07549 103298
Simply Walk	Monday	10.00	✓	Starts from the Community Centre
	Thursday	11.00	✓	<a href="mailto:simplywalks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk">simplywalks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk</a>
Twins & Multiples Club	Friday	10.00 - 11.30	✓	
Ukulele	4th Thursday	10.00 - 12.00		Sylvia <a href="mailto:sylvia.chadwick@me.com">sylvia.chadwick@me.com</a>
Wycombe Spiritual Centre	1st & 3rd Friday	18.30		<a href="mailto:ashleydarkwood@gmail.com">ashleydarkwood@gmail.com</a>
YOGA	Monday	19.30 - 20.30	✓	<a href="mailto:Louise.lerayogaandtherapies@gmail.com">Louise.lerayogaandtherapies@gmail.com</a> 07894 050092

## SUNNYBANK CHAPEL, MOOR LANE - SUMMER 2022

Hall Bookings: [margaretstagg75@gmail.com](mailto:margaretstagg75@gmail.com) or call 01494 530 736

GROUP	DAY	TIME	NEW MEMBER WELCOME	CONTACT
Downley Descants	Thursday Term time	20.00 - 21.30	✓	<a href="mailto:grannyandbobby@tiscali.co.uk">grannyandbobby@tiscali.co.uk</a>
Natalie Jane Dance Class	Monday Term time	14.45 - 21.00	✓	<a href="mailto:natalie@njdance.co.uk">natalie@njdance.co.uk</a>
Natalie Jane Dance Class	Tuesday Term time	17.00 - 20.30	✓	<a href="mailto:natalie@njdance.co.uk">natalie@njdance.co.uk</a>
Natalie Jane Dance Class	Friday Term time	15.30 - 19.00	✓	<a href="mailto:natalie@njdance.co.uk">natalie@njdance.co.uk</a>

## GUIDE AND SCOUT CENTRE - SUMMER 2022

Hall Bookings: [margaretstagg75@gmail.com](mailto:margaretstagg75@gmail.com)

Rainbows/Brownies	Monday	16.30 - 19.00		<a href="mailto:gill.lawrence@btinternet.com">gill.lawrence@btinternet.com</a>
Rangers	Monday	19.30 - 21.15		<a href="mailto:gill.lawrence@btinternet.com">gill.lawrence@btinternet.com</a>
Rainbows/Brownies	Tuesday	16.30 - 19.00		<a href="mailto:gill.lawrence@btinternet.com">gill.lawrence@btinternet.com</a>
Guides	Tuesday	19.00 - 20.30		<a href="mailto:margaretstagg75@gmail.com">margaretstagg75@gmail.com</a>
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Wednesday	18.00 - 21.00		<a href="mailto:ric.j.adams@gmail.com">ric.j.adams@gmail.com</a>
Dog Training	Thursday	18.30 - 20.30		<a href="mailto:suzannebullworthy@hotmail.co.uk">suzannebullworthy@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Friday	18.00 - 21.30		<a href="mailto:gsl3rdDownley@gmail.com">gsl3rdDownley@gmail.com</a>
Dog Training	Sunday	10.00 - 12.00		<a href="mailto:lisa@shunty.co.uk">lisa@shunty.co.uk</a>
Woodlands Preschool	Daily	08.30 - 16.00		<a href="mailto:admin@thewoodlandspreschool.co.uk">admin@thewoodlandspreschool.co.uk</a>

## ST JAMES CHURCH - SUMMER 2022

Hall Bookings: [hilmad1842@gmail.com](mailto:hilmad1842@gmail.com) or call 07973 770 180

Downley Evening WI	2nd Tuesday	19.45		
St James Church Coffee Morning	Thursday	10.30 - 12.30		
Top Notes Choir	Monday	19.45 - 21.45		
Chepping Wycombe Trefoil Guild	2nd Thursday	19.45		

## ST JAMES HALL - SUMMER 2022

Hall Bookings: [hilmad1842@gmail.com](mailto:hilmad1842@gmail.com)

Art Club	Thursday	09.30		
Coffee Stop	1st and 3rd Monday	10.00 - 12.00		
Downley Gardening Society	3rd Monday	20.00		
Karen Pilates	Wednesday	09.30		
Natailie's Meditation Class	Wednesday	20.30 - 22.30		
Philatelic Club	Alternate Thursday	19.30		
Sing and Sign Baby and toddlers	Tuesday	10.00 - 13.00		
Sunaina Prolife Pilates	Saturday	08.00-09.00		
Tuneless Choir	1st and 3rd Tuesday	19.30 - 21.00		

## DOWNLEY WAR MEMORIAL HALL - SUMMER 2022

Hall Bookings: [dwmh.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:dwmh.bookings@gmail.com)

Sunshine Montessori	Weekdays Term time	08.00 - 18.00		<a href="mailto:roden-sunshine@tiscali.co.uk">roden-sunshine@tiscali.co.uk</a> 01494 442057
Pilates	Monday	19.00 - 20.00		<a href="mailto:karensynergypilates@gmail.com">karensynergypilates@gmail.com</a> 07786 567376
Yoga	Tuesday	19.20 - 20.45		07904 438411
Fencing 1 to 1	Wednesday	17.30 - 19.30		
Yoga	Thursday	19.15 - 20.45		07904 438411
Yoga	Friday	10.20 - 11.50		07904 438411
Fencing 1 to 1	Friday	17.30 - 19.30		

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Life threatening or critical situations only

**Telephone: 999**  
and ask for relevant service  
**AMBULANCE • FIRE • POLICE**

### HEALTH

NHS Direct 111  
Downley Pharmacy 01494 513 060

### POLICE - NON EMERGENCY

Report 101 or [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

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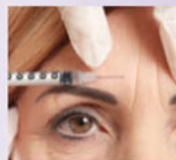
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