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## Letter from Patrick Taylor, publisher of this magazine



A Happy New Year to you all. The prospects seem to be much better this year than last. I hope and pray that it turns out to be that way.



It was with sadness that we heard a few days ago that our vicar, Ben Read, is leaving us after nearly 6 years in our parish. Ben and his wife, Bethan, have decided to take themselves off on a training course with the global charity, Youth with a Mission, commonly known as Ywam. This looks like a really exciting step forward for Ben and his family, leading possibly to overseas assignments after his training has finished. We all have thanked Ben for his ministry at Kingsclere, Ashford Hill & Headley, and we give him and his family all our best wishes. We will be planning a leaving party for him in the next few weeks. His last Sunday with us will be 6th March.

Religion – church may not be for many of you but can I please invite you all to come and find out what it's like to come to our services. We have lovely churches in our parish, and they need supporting.

We try to make our services friendly and welcoming with coffee and biscuits being served at the end so that we can meet other members of our local community. If you have any thoughts as to how we can make “coming to church” more appealing, please do let me know. The photos opposite show what a lovely environment it can be. Do come and give us a try. Service times are given on page 8.

As the new year starts out for this magazine, I would like you all to look through our advertiser pages. These are almost all local businesses, who are keen to help you. It is their payment for ad space that enables us to print and deliver this magazine at no cost to you. Please give them support by employing their services when you need their services. The advertiser directory can be found on page 63 – the inside back cover.

As the nation gets underway with celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we intend to feature something of the celebrations each month until June when the special bank holiday is to be held. Have a look at page 11 to see what's happening.

This month we have a great article by Gareth Martin about John Porter who founded the Newbury Racecourse and lived in Kingsclere (page 18). There is a fascinating reflection by Philip Crisford on the 1991 fire that destroyed the Ashford Hill Village Hall (page 20).



He happened to be the fire officer that fateful night. And then there are the selection of our old favourites: recipe of the month, jobs for the garden, an update on the Community shop and of course news from the Ashford Hill Primary school. Please do read all of these and if you have any suggestions as to what additional content we can bring to you, please let me know.

Once again, I appeal to everyone to help in the production of the magazine by putting forward ideas

and when possible, to write an article or two.

You may have noticed a major mistake on the cover of the last issue of the magazine. The years in the date were for the previous year! I'm obviously not doing my job well enough. So, the Mistakes Competition is

back. See page 25 for the details. I hope you continue to enjoy the magazine during the forthcoming year. With best wishes to you all

**Patrick Taylor**  
[patrick@ourparishmag.com](mailto:patrick@ourparishmag.com)

## A letter from our Vicar, Ben Read



It was late evening and it had been an intense day. They were facing greater opposition than they expected. Jesus had taken them to a garden on the Mount of Olives, called Gethsamane, to pray. But they were mentally and physically spent and if you've ever tried praying when so exhausted, then you'll know how hard it is. Jesus deeply distressed and troubled begins to pray on the ground nearby, pouring out his pain to God. Perhaps, they listen for a while, but then can't fight the weariness and drift off to sleep. Jesus wakes them a few times asking them to pray but they are weak, and so they sleep. When they wake the last time, it's too late, as Jesus is surrounded by a crowd armed with swords and clubs and arrested.

The disciples were clearly tired but they failed to recognise how serious the situation was and how time was so short. Perhaps they thought that once they'd slept, they'd pray. But sadly, there wasn't and they missed the opportunity of praying with Jesus at such a difficult time for Him.

Being there for Jesus was not a priority for them that evening. And that must have hurt.

And I guess we all know that feeling of letting someone down, of hurting someone, and regretting it. But what's wonderful about Jesus is that He takes the hurt and rejection and He dies so that everyone who trusts Him can be forgiven of all the hurt and pain they've caused. And He goes on loving those disciples giving them time after He has risen from the dead, preparing them for the life He called them to.

But as we think on that evening, what challenges me is, will I make faith a priority? Will I make the decision not to allow other things in life to get in the way? Will I listen to Jesus above the other voices that crowd in? Will I truly love Him as He loves me? And will I choose these things before it's too late?

Sadly, we're moving from our home here at the beginning of April (more on that next time). My encouragement to you is to not keep putting faith questions off, thinking you've got more time, but to make them a priority now. If you want to talk it through, please do get in contact soon.

**Blessings, Ben**



## Goodbye to Desmond Tutu

The world recently lost a great man, loved by many, hated by few. An example to all of us; a man whose Christian faith beamed out of his wonderful smiling, kindly face. Here are a few of his famous sayings. If we can live by just a few of these, our world will be a happier and more contented place.



"Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another."

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

"A person is a person through other persons. None of us comes into the world fully formed. We would not know how to think, or walk, or speak, or behave as human beings unless we learned it from other human beings. We need other human beings in order to be human. I am because other people are. A person is entitled to a stable community life, and the first of these communities is the family."

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family."

"When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land."

"Forgiving is not forgetting; it's actually remembering – remembering and not using your right to hit back. It's a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened."

"Don't raise your voice, improve your argument."

## Church Services & Rota – February 2022



Services in our churches this month will be as follows:

Date	6th Feb	13th Feb	20th Feb	27th Feb
<b>Time</b>	9.30am	9.30am	6.00pm	9.30am
<b>Service type</b>	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
<b>Where</b>	St Peter's, Headley	St Peter's, Headley	St Paul's, Ashford Hill	St Paul's, Ashford Hill
<b>Service Leader</b>	Revd Ben Read	Bryony White	Bryony White	Revd Ben Read
<b>Chalice</b>	Penny Stewart	N/A	N/A	Lorraine Cusworth
<b>Sidesperson</b>	Petronelle Eastwick-Field	Jane Loveless	Heather Taylor	Heather Taylor
<b>Reader</b>	Paddy Dring	Penny Stewart	Patrick Taylor	Patrick Taylor
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 4: 5-12, 23-31	Psalm 1 & Luke 6: 17-26	Psalm 147: 1-9 & Matthew 6: 25-end	Acts 6: 1-12
<b>Intercessor</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bryony White
<b>Altar Colour</b>	Green	Green	Green	Green

This month, services will be held at St Mary's, Kingsclere as follows:

Date	Time	Type of service
6th Feb	10:30am	Holy Communion with Junior Church
13th Feb	4.00pm	Remembering at Christmas
20th Feb	10:30am	Morning Worship with Junior Church
27th Feb	4.00pm	Christingle & Children's Christmas Party

Every Thursday at 10:30am, there is a Morning Worship held in St Mary's, Kingsclere

### Other Church Activities

Please continue to look out for notices on email ([contact 07422 687125](mailto:contact@stpaulsashfordhill.co.uk) or [administrator@stpaulsashfordhill.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stpaulsashfordhill.co.uk) if you are not signed up to our mailing list). Our online calendar is also updated regularly so please look there for the most up to date information.

## Carols at Christmas

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We had 2 lovely carol services before Christmas, one – a family service – in St Peter's in Headley and the other, an outdoor-drive in service in the car park of St Paul's, Ashford Hill. Both were very well attended and provided a good starting point for the Christmas festivities that were to follow. The pictures below are a reminder of those occasions. Half the collection at the car park service went to the Camrose Centre in Basingstoke, and I have received a delightful thank you email from the manager. For those of you who did not come to one of these, we do hope you will join us next year. They were both joyous and fun occasions. (All photos thanks to David Hartley).



# APPEALS FOR SUPPORT

## Please step forward – another Parish Councillor is needed

The Parish Council is still looking for more people to become a parish councillor or represent Ashford Hill.

A prospective Councillor does not have to live in the Parish but needs to be interested in and want to be involved with Parish concerns. If you would be interested to join the Ashford Hill with Headley Parish Council or have any questions about the role, please indicate your interest by contacting the Clerk, Steven Marshall, [ashfordhillheadleyipc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashfordhillheadleyipc@hotmail.co.uk)

If you would like to get involved in your local area and are passionate to help with improvements in the Parish, we could be delighted to hear from you!!

### Joe Woodford

Cllr and Chairman

Ashford Hill with Headley Parish Council

<https://www.ashfordhillwithheadleyipc.org/>

## Parish email list – do you want to be on it?

For a number of years now, David Henning, a resident of Ashford Hill, has maintained a list of email addresses, with the owners' permission, in order that messages can be distributed to our local community in a quick and efficient way. David has the right to decide what can and what cannot be distributed to his email list. He has maintained a strict rule that messages must not be of a commercial nature and should be without doubt for the benefit of the community.

In this day and age of social media, there are many ways to keep in touch with one's various friendship groups, e.g. whatsapp, but these tend to put the decision of whether or not to post something to the group in the hands of the author; and thus one can be overloaded with the pings of incoming messages.

David does not allow that to happen but there are occasions when something that affects large numbers of us with our local community can best be reached by David's local community email list.

If you are not a current subscriber to his list – it costs nothing to be on it – please do contact David Henning and ask to be added to his list. His email address is: [davidhenning65@gmail.com](mailto:davidhenning65@gmail.com)



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As you probably have read, our Queen acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 – 70 years ago this month. During the next few months, there will be a number of events to mark the Jubilee.

### The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)

The first thing that Her Majesty has asked us all to support is the planting of a tree. The QGC is a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee." Everyone from individuals to villages, schools and corporates are encouraged to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

The Queen's Green Canopy aims to encourage everyone to learn more about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come. If you plant a tree as we come into spring and early summer, do make sure you have the facilities to water it.

Have a look at the QGC web site – <https://www.royal.uk/queens-green-canopy> – to learn more about what is proposed.

### Jubilee weekend – 2nd - 5th June

A bank holiday weekend has been declared in early June in order to mark and celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee. Please keep these dates clear for the moment. We will be arranging a parish/village parties, details of which will be

announced in upcoming issues of this magazine. Keep an eye on the What's on page (page 22).

### The National Anthem

Someone said to me recently how sad it is that so few people, and particularly the younger generation, don't know the words of the National Anthem. I will, therefore, include the words in each of the issues leading up to the Jubilee weekend. By then, we should all know it by heart!

**God save our gracious Queen!**

**Long live our noble Queen!**

**God save the Queen!**

**Send her victorious,**

**Happy and glorious,**

**Long to reign over us,**

**God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store**

**On her be pleased to pour,**

**Long may she reign.**

**May she defend our laws,**

**And ever give us cause,**

**To sing with heart and voice,**

**God save the Queen.**





**A Happy New Year to everyone. Well, at least we are not locked down this year and we can return to something like normal. I have ordered all my seeds on-line from Suttons again this year. This is considerably more expensive than waiting for offers in the garden centres but remember what happened to me two years ago with old seed bought on offer. As I write, the sun is shining, and I will soon be out into the garden to dig over a small plot where I have removed a very large pampas-grass. I am planning to replace the pampas with three minarette apple trees. These are to replace the large Bramley which blew down in the autumn gales. Now is the time to plant trees and shrubs before the sap starts rising. The bulbs are also starting to emerge in the tubs and borders, a sign of spring perhaps, but we had a hard frost this morning.**

### Lawns

- If the weather is very wet, try to keep off the grass as much as possible. But, if relatively dry and growth has started, it might be time in the latter part of the month to top trim the grass on a high setting (No 5 or 6) to make things look a little smarter.
- Purchase weed and feed in readiness for feeding the lawn in March.

- If lots of moss has built up over the winter, try puncturing/draining the lawn with a garden fork to a depth of at least 6ins or more and give the fork a 'wobble' to open up the hole a little, but only if the surface is dry enough to walk on.

### Shrubs and Roses

- If the ground is not too sticky or frozen, now is one of the times to continue planting new shrubs and roses. Dig a hole about twice the volume of the pot which the shrub or rose has been living in, put plenty of garden compost and 4ozs of f/b/b or bone meal into the hole, mixing it into the sub-soil, apply about 4 scoops of root grow into the bottom of the hole and insert the plant, firming gently after filling. Remember to provide a stout stake for standard roses. A 15ins diameter/and high wire ring made from stock wire helps to keep the deer at bay together with the application of 'Grazers' sprayed onto any shoots/leaves which may be developing. I have tried this and it works.

### Flower Borders

- Tidy up the borders and split the herbaceous plants, keeping the best bits to replant or give to friends.
- Fork over the borders to help drainage and remove weeds or failed plants.
- Spread the border area with a good mulch of well-rotted garden compost, avoiding the emerging spring bulbs.
- If you didn't cut back all the previous year's growth last autumn, now is the time.

### Tubs and Containers

- Just enjoy the spring displays and wash out any pots in readiness for the summer displays.

### Vegetable Garden

- Complete the winter digging.
- If really keen, cover the soil with a sheet of plastic to warm up the soil in readiness for seed planting next month. Weight the plastic down with bricks or something quite heavy.
- Harvest the remaining leeks, sprouts and parsnips before everything goes to seed.
- Provided it is nice and rotten, distribute your garden compost on the soil surface to about 2-3 inches thick to improve the soil structure, hold in moisture and help prevent weed growth.

### In the Greenhouse

- Don't forget to keep the greenhouse warm in frosty conditions.
- Set seed of the hardy perennials in trays or pots.
- Plant broad bean seeds and leeks in large pots or divided trays in readiness for planting out in April when the weather should warm up.
- Keep the stored plants as dry as possible until the end of the month and then water well with a little tomato feed to encourage the new season's growth.
- On warm days remember to open up the vents to avoid fungal attacks.

Enjoy your garden. This is currently helping to keep me sane.

**Michael Everitt**



## Ambling Around – A Warden’s View of 2021

The good news is that last year began with no Rights of Way wardens in our parish but thanks to the efforts of Parish Councillor Steve Hoskins the year ended with eight. The not so good news is that all eight wardens live in Headley and despite a number of requests in this magazine for volunteers from Ashford Hill no one has come forward. This is hugely disappointing especially as Ashford Hill has twice as many Rights of Way as Headley.

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Being a warden has been an interesting and enjoyable experience but also very frustrating as we navigate the inevitable red tape. We have identified a number of tasks we could easily undertake except the “process” limits what we can do. We have our own brush cutters/strimmers, hedge cutters and chain saws but we’re not allowed to use these unless each item of equipment has a paid for, annual safety certificate and we have received (expensive) training in their use. This is a third party insurance requirement by Hants CC. Fortunately, Steve identified a source of funding, made an application and was successful in a grant to fund a new brush cutter/strimmer and hedge cutter along with associated training. Now we have the kit – supplied by RA & MD Butler – but the training, from a specific supplier, isn’t available until the Spring so until then we’re stuck. This means we will

miss the main season for vegetation clearance – see following article on Protecting Wildlife.

Given the lack of response in Ashford Hill towards monitoring and helping to safeguard Rights of Way the existing eight wardens have agreed with Hants CC to occasionally monitor and report issues in the Ashford Hill area (i.e., East of Ram Alley). With 60 Rights of Way in our parish each warden has approx. eight paths to monitor. Apart from vegetation ingress most issues are associated with stiles and we are only able to report these to Hants CC for them to follow up. Stiles are the responsibility of the landowner and even if it’s only a trivial issue, like requiring a screw to secure a loose step, we are unable to action this as it could cause a liability on us in the event of a subsequent accident if the stile collapses when being used.

Keep to the designated rights of way and enjoy the Winter landscape.

If you wish to contact the footpath wardens, please use this email address:

[ahahrightsofway@gmail.com](mailto:ahahrightsofway@gmail.com)



Headley footpath wardens - L to R are: Stephen Hoskins, Alan Baikie, Peter Hemmings and Richard Bayly.

## Ambling Around – Protecting Wildlife

The Hants Countryside team, including its volunteer wardens, undertake the majority of vegetation clearance on Rights of Way during the Winter months. Resident birds often start nest building in February providing only a short taken to avoid disturbing hibernating animals such as hedgehogs, harvest mice and reptiles.

The With the main breeding season for birds being March to August this approach is good practice and is in support of Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981. This law makes it an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built, or to intentionally kill, injure or take chicks or adults, or intentionally take or destroy any eggs. This law applies to residential, farming and public environments.

Fiprinol and Imidacloprid are neurotoxic pesticides used in pet treatments for fleas. Their properties of high toxicity, high persistence and water solubility make them effective treatments for dogs and cats. However, a study by the University of Sussex conducted across a range of water courses, found chronic high levels of these pesticides in the water samples. Historically these pesticides have been little used in farming, and more recently not at all. So the researchers looked for other sources. Investigation identified the primary source of contamination was from flea treatments. Transfer from pets into water courses was identified as both indirect (washing pets, their bedding, etc.) which passes through water treatment works, and direct through rainwater wash-off and swimming in lakes and rivers.

For insects, fish, reptiles and birds the effect of chronic levels of these pesticides is devastating and very evident with population crashes. This is of particular concern in our parish as we have a significant number of water courses and wetland areas. Footpath 007/701a, which runs from Headley Ford to Mill Green, is a particular favourite with dog walkers with many dogs taking a dip in the River Enborne. Apart from the disturbance to wildlife it is likely many of these dips result in another minute deposit of pesticide in the river which ultimately could lead to little or no wildlife in this important wildlife environment!

If you own a dog or cat you can make a difference by using a natural flea control product which can be bought from pet supply retailers or you can prepare your own. The internet has lots of useful information on preparing your own remedy and you can always check with your Vet for advice.

Keep to the designated rights of way and keep our wetlands wildlife friendly.



As I write this, Christmas and New Year celebrations seem in the distant past – the children are all back in school with a renewed vigour for learning.

All of our Christmas events went really well with the children excelling themselves as usual.

We got into the Christmas spirit by wearing our Christmas jumpers to school. Not only did we look festive, but we also raised lots of money for Save the Children.

The whole school went to The Watermill Theatre to see 'The Jungle Book' – it was amazing. The PTA kindly supplied snacks and drinks for the interval – a big thank you to them. Our children, as always, were well-behaved and had a brilliant time.

The infants wowed us with their version of the nativity story, which was called 'A Big, Little Nativity'. Sadly, we were unable to perform to the parents but a recording was made available online for everyone to enjoy. Our delicious Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all of the children with Christmas music, hats and crackers to add to the festivities. The PTA Christmas online hamper raffle made over £1,000 for the school – an amazing effort by all.

Our term was rounded off with infant and junior discos.

Our new term has got off to a flying start with some exciting topics for each class with our new adapted curriculum.

Hornbeam and Oak Classes are learning about volcanoes whilst Maple and Chestnut Classes began their topic about Kabuwambo in Mityana,

Uganda by having a visit from Reverend Dodie Marsden. Dodie has made many trips to Mityana compiling a wealth of knowledge and Ugandan items used by the people there.

We have several sporting events coming up at Park House. We will be attending a range of competitions over the next few months so are practising our skills to ensure we are ready.

**Currently, we are looking for a new school caretaker. If you have any interest in this role, please contact the School Office.**

As always, we welcome visitors to our school. If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer, your help would be gratefully received. Please feel free to email or call the School Office on **0118 9813822**.

**Sue Yockney, DHT**

Ashford Hill School PTA would like to invite you all to our black tie ball. We are fundraising for a new phonics scheme for the children.

Friday 11th March, 7pm - 00.30  
Sandford Springs Golf Club, Kingsclere

To buy your tickets please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/ashfordhillprimary](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/ashfordhillprimary)

For more information please email: [ah.pta.chair@gmail.com](mailto:ah.pta.chair@gmail.com)

A very Happy New year to all our customers and let's all pray that this year will be a lot better than the last. 26th January could well herald the start.

Christmas celebrations as far as the shop was concerned started with Carols outside as we did last year. At least forty people attended and sang the carols with great gusto helped no doubt by Neil and Elisa producing delicious, mulled wine, mince pies and sausage rolls.

Once again, our grateful thanks go to Steve and Hayley Dunn for donating a magnificent Christmas tree to the shop. Given how gloomy the weather was over the Christmas period it certainly cheered the place up a lot.

Early in December the Community Room hosted a food and drink tasting morning. A selection of Eng-lish Cheese, Smoked Trout Pate, Panettone, delicious Italian antipasto and locally produced award-winning Gins proved very popular and are available to buy in the shop.

We have a new line of Italian Fresh filled Pasta available in the chiller, not to be missed!

Those of us directly involved with the shop are very grateful for the support our customers gave us in the run up to Christmas and the new year.

Most of you will know that our fruit and vegetables comes from Fishers of Newbury, who buy it from Covent Garden market that same morning. Customers can order their choice of fruit and veg from Fishers through us and pick it up the next morning from the shop. There is no charge for this service.

Lastly, those of you that enjoy the Grande Mayne selection of Red, White and Rose wines we have had in the shop will be pleased to know that a good supply of it will be available very shortly.

**Graham Stewart**

	SHOP	POST OFFICE
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00am - 5:30pm	9:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:00am - 5:30pm	9:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00am - 5:30pm	9:00am - 1:00pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:00am - 5:30pm	9:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:00am - 5:30pm	9:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00 - 5:00pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:30am - 12:30pm	CLOSED
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30am - 10:00am	CLOSED

Contact details: Tel: 01635 268849 Email: [headleyshop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:headleyshop@hotmail.co.uk)

# JOHN PORTER 1838 – 1922

**Outside the west door of St Mary's church is a magnificent pink marble tomb for John Porter, who died 100 years ago in February 1922, and both of his wives. But who was he?**

Born 1838 in Rugeley, Staffordshire, after leaving school at 14 his father wanted him to study Law. John had other ideas and filled his summer holiday assisting a local trainer, later applying and taking up as a lightweight Jockey at Michel Grove in Findon, West Sussex, only weighing 4st 10lbs(!) at the time.

He lodged at the Gun Inn in Findon, run by a widow and her daughter Emily aged 16.

Fast forward 10 years and he was taken on by Sir Joseph Hawley as trainer for his 12 horses at Cannon Heath, just south of Kingsclere. But firstly he married Emily Moodie, the innkeeper's daughter, before they came to Cannon Heath in 1863.

It was Sir Joseph Hawley that had Park House Stables built some four years later, however John was able to incorporate some of his ideas.

Soon the winners came, 'Blue Gown' win the Derby in 1868 and many more followed.

Fast forward 8 years and Sir Joseph Hawley died, however in his will he had allowed John Porter to purchase the estate for £4,000, half of what it originally cost to build.

After a few lean years this investment started to pay off, and the stables attracted many well-to-do owners entrusting their horses to John to train.

The 1880's were particularly successful, with the 1st Duke of Westminster and the Prince of Wales as clients, and visiting many times.

Ormonde was the most successful horse he trained, winning the three great races (2,000 Guineas, the Derby and the St Leger) in 1886.

Ormonde's grandson Flying Fox repeated this achievement in 1899.

In all he trained seven Derby winners, each time there were grand celebrations in the village, and even the inmates of the workhouse treated to a feast.

Tragically his wife Emily died 1902, after a long illness. A year later he was remarried to Isabel Pilsbury in London.

John Porter retired from training in 1905, having set up Kingsclere Racing Stables Ltd with two of his patrons, who employed William Waugh to continue training.



John Porter



Porter tomb outside west door



Stained glass window with 'Ormonde'

John initially moved to Strattons Farm, just west of Kingsclere, to set up a stud. However, was also immersed in a much grander project which he had been thinking of for some time – to build a racecourse at Newbury. He moved to a house in Donnington which he renamed Ormonde House (which after his death and subsequent sale became a school and later the admin building for the original Newbury College)

Newbury Racecourse was managed by John Porter right up until his sudden death on 21st February 1922, having become unwell whilst supervising the preparation so for a steeplechase meeting.

His passing was widely reported in newspapers around the world, such was his legendary status. He was brought back to Kingsclere to be buried with his first wife Emily, the Yorkshire Post for example reporting that 'Almost the whole population of

Newbury turned out to pay its last respects, and both sides of the road from Newbury to Kingsclere were lined with people'.

So next time you pass the pink marble tomb outside the west door, spare a thought for John Porter, our local legend, who contributed so much to horseracing and late Victorian Kingsclere.

*Gareth Martin, Kingsclere Local History Association, January 2022*

# ASHFORD HILL VILLAGE HALL FIRE 11.10.1991 (YOU CAN'T WIN THEM ALL)



Browsing through the 2021 editions of our excellent Parish Magazine I came across, in the July / August edition, a very informative article all about Ashford Hill Village Hall. It reminded me that I had promised the Editor a contribution about my own personal experience of the building, and in particular my involvement with the fateful night of 11.10.1991 when the old wooden hall burnt down. So better late than never, here goes.

By 1991 I had been a member of Hampshire Fire Brigade (HFB), for fourteen years and had risen up through the ranks to the dizzying heights of Assistant Divisional Officer (ADO), based at Basingstoke Fire Station. On the night in question, I was one of the on call officers who would turn out to incidents from their home. Living at the time in Oakley, I was the nearest officer, and duly got the call to respond to a report of a fire at Ashford Hill Village Hall.

In the time it took me to drive from Oakley, crews from Kingsclere and Tadley Fire Stations were already in attendance and setting up to tackle, what was an already well developed, fire involving the whole building.

Now please forgive me for a short lecture on the accepted tactics at the time for fighting a fire in a single story building, where the fire is still mainly contained within the structure. The textbook method is to try, if possible, to keep the fire bottled up in the building and to task Breathing Apparatus (BA) teams to enter and attack the fire from within. Only once the fire had been knocked down sufficiently to prevent any further spread, would the building then be ventilated allowing for the heat and smoke to dissipate.

However, firefighting is an ever developing science, and at about this time the HFB were experimenting with a new technique imported from the USA, called Positive Pressure Ventilation (PPV). This involved abandoning the tried and tested method keeping the fire bottled up, and committing BA teams to take the punishment of firefighting from within. Instead, the building would be opened up front and back and a large portable fan would be got to work at one end, effectively blasting the fire, heat, and smoke clean out the opening at the other end. Only then would firefighters be committed to enter to knock out any

hot spots and dampen down where needed. Less water damage, more effective extinguishment, and much less punishing for the BA teams.

The nature of the structure, and the development of the fire, seemed to present an ideal opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of this radical new approach. The fan was got ready and placed at the front, started up, and on my given signal, front and back doors were flung open. The outcome was not quite what we were hoping for. The fire, being so well developed, the introduction of such a forced air supply resulted in the whole building simultaneously erupting in one huge ball of fire. Despite us being ready with hose lines laid out and charged to cover such eventuality, it was only a matter of moments before the whole building was totally lost.

In my defense, the advanced state of the fire, and the wooden structure of the building meant that, in all probability, we would have been looking at a total loss anyway. Also, and most importantly, no one was injured at the incident. We live and learn. Now I've been retired from the Brigade since 2003 and I've no idea if PPV has been adopted, and maybe developed even further. My own view at the time was that maybe sometimes the old tried and tested methods might just have something going for them after all.

**Philip Crisford**

## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY & BEYOND

If you are arranging any event which you would like mentioned in this magazine, please do let me know. Send details to [patrick@ourparishmag.com](mailto:patrick@ourparishmag.com)  
Please take note of the following:

### **Kingsclere Photo Club – Wednesday 2nd February – Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street, Kingsclere RG20 5NH – doors open at 7:15pm**

Self-portrait Challenge images and photo critique  
2nd March – Photographing glass – practical evening

### **Greener Kingsclere – Sunday 13th February – Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere at 10:00am to 12:00noon.**

Shop for household goods in a greener manner. Entry is free.

### **Parish Council meeting – Mon 14th Feb – Ashford Hill Village Hall – 7:30pm**

If you have any issues or questions you want to put to our Councillors, this is your chance. They work for our good. Attend the meeting and show your support. You could not have a better date on Valentine's Day!

### **Ashford Hill Garden Club – Wed 16th Feb – Ashford Hill Village Hall – 7:30pm**

This month there will be talk by Kevin Mason on Pruning.

### **Kingsclere Local History Association – Thurs 17th Feb at Kingsclere village club at 7.30pm**

The Kennet and Avon Canal : it's rise, decline and triumphant rise again "An illustrated presentation by Rob Dean CMG Honorary President of Kennet and Avon Canal Trust. The story of the heroes who rescued it and brought it back to life.

### **Village drinks at St Paul's – Sunday 6th March – 12:00noon – 14:00hrs**

You are all invited to a village drinks. Come and meet your neighbours to whom you may not have spoken to in years! There is no charge. There will be simple drinks – wine, beer, soft drinks – and some nibbles. This is a simple idea hosted by the PCC to enable us all to get to know each other. Do come and support this initiative.



### **Bank holiday weekend in June – 2nd-5th June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

Plans are afoot to do something on Headley Recreation Ground on Thursday 2nd June, and for there to be a lunch at St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill on Sunday 5th June. Please save the date. If you would be prepared to help with the organisation of these events, please contact Graham Stewart for the Thursday event in Headley and Patrick Taylor for the St Paul's event.

## Ashford Hill and Headley Garden Club

### An appeal for members

Ken White from Plaistow Green gave a fascinating talk on a visit to Patagonia at our meeting on 12th January at the Ashford Hill village hall.

We have decided to widen the variety of talks in an attempt to increase the club membership. We need at least 25-30 members to break even over the average financial year. Our annual costs are around £700-£800. With a speaker led evening costing on average about £80-£100.

We have eleven meetings per year and we try to have seven speaker evenings per season, three social meetings and one garden party. Unless we can generate more income we may have to either reduce the number of speakers, raise the annual fees, (currently £20 per annum), or in the worst case, disband the club.

We currently have 23 paid up members. Last year we had 33 members. We have understandably lost members, we think due to Covid circumstances. We are hoping most of the previous members have just failed to return since we re-opened last September due to Covid rather than the meetings being insufficiently interesting.

The meetings planned for the rest of the current season are:

**Feb** – Kevin Mason – Pruning

**Mar** – Geoff Hawkins – Shrubs – the Backbone of the garden

**Apr** – General Discussion

**May** – Basingstoke Bees – Talk on Bees

**June** – John Negus – To Be Decided

**July** – Garden Party

For all meetings we provide coffee and biscuits and for a social evening e.g. the Christmas Party and the summer Garden Party, we provide party snacks and drinks.

If you would be interested in supporting /joining the club, either just turn up on the second Wednesday of each month, barring August, or contact the Secretary, [Sandra Everitt on 01635 268619](mailto:Sandra.Everitt@ashfordhillgardenclub.org.uk).

If you would like to attend particular meetings rather than join on an annual basis, we invite non-members to meetings with an entry fee of £5.00 per meeting.

**Mike Everitt** (Treasurer)

## A recipe for February

I hope everyone is fit and well, and ready to take whatever 2022 brings. All positive and exciting, I hope! Here is a nice and simple recipe. Tasty and light and can be made in advance and also any leftovers can be gently warmed through to enjoy another day. This tart can be served with anything you like to be honest. My easy go to is a fresh green salad, maybe with the addition of some crumbled feta or goats cheese. Some simply blanched greens also work very well. I hope you enjoy this recipe. It's very simple to prepare, and more incredibly my 9 year son thinks its "not bad". I'll take that!

**Toby Barrett** (*Head chef of the Dolphin pub in Newbury lives just outside Ashford Hill*).

### Celeriac, mustard and onion puff pastry tart

#### Ingredients

- Olive oil for frying
- 2 onions
- 100g celeriac
- 1 lemon
- 320g ready-rolled sheet all-butter puff pastry
- 130g crème fraîche
- 1 tsp wholegrain mustard
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 medium free-range egg
- 2 fresh rosemary sprigs

#### Method

1. Heat a little oil in a frying pan. Slice the onions and fry gently for 15 minutes or until soft, stirring now and then. Meanwhile, slice the celeriac finely using a peeler, then drop into a bowl of water with a squeezed lemon half.
2. Heat the oven to 200°C/ fan180°C/gas 6. Unroll the pastry onto a baking sheet; then score a 2cm border. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and press a baking sheet on top to flatten.
3. Zest the remaining lemon half; then put in a bowl with the crème fraîche and mustards and mix. Season.
4. Beat the egg, brush over the pastry border, then spread the crème fraîche in the centre.
5. Dry the celeriac on kitchen paper, layer over the crème fraîche, then top with the fried onions, rosemary and a drizzle of oil. Bake for 15 minutes.
6. Grate the rest of the celeriac and toss with olive oil and rocket leaves. Season, then scatter over the tart.



## Mistakes Competition is back for 2022!



Last I wonder how many of you noticed the howler of a mistake on the front cover of the last issue of the magazine. It was dated with the wrong year!

So, the Mistakes Competition is back. For every issue in 2022 there will be a £10 voucher for the Headley Community Shop.

The rules are as before, viz:

- In the event of a dispute as to whether a "mistake" is a qualifying one, I shall be the absolute and final arbiter. Yes, autocrats do exist! By way of example, I will not deem a split infinitive to be a mistake.
- You can only win once in every 6 months.
- In the event of more than 1 entry in a month, the winner will be drawn by someone at the Headley Community Shop who is on duty. In the event of there being more than 1 mistake in the magazine, there will still only be one winner.
- Your entries must be sent to me by email by the 10th of the month of the said issue so that you can receive appropriate recognition and praise in the following month's issue. If you don't have a computer or can't hack emails, please put your entry on a piece of paper and drop it into the Community Shop. Your entry must state the month of the magazine issue and clearly reference the mistake. Please also give your name and contact details.
- Lastly, if these rules prove unworkable or there is so little interest in this bit of fun, then I will either amend the rules as required or terminate the competition forthwith.

**Patrick Taylor** [patrick@ourparishmag.com](mailto:patrick@ourparishmag.com)

## CHUCKLE CORNER

### Switched on

A housewife was helping her aged mother get up the stairs on their brand-new stair lift when the minister telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say: "I'm so sorry, but I'll have to ring you back. I can't talk right now because I've finally got Mother in the electric chair and I'm eager to press the switch and see if it works!"

## Local Charities



Citizens Advice Tadley are based in the Turbary Building in Franklin Ave, Tadley RG26 4ET.

We are an independent charity that offers free, confidential and impartial advice and information to those in the community with whatever problem they face.

### Do you need help?

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[www.basingstokeandtadleycab.org.uk](http://www.basingstokeandtadleycab.org.uk)

### Kingsclere Charities - Welfare Charity Reg no: 237218

The Charity helps those in need in the Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley. Grants have been given towards the provision of Motorised wheelchairs and mobility scooters; Stairlifts and installation costs; Medical equipment, such as nebulisers; Various aids to make life easier for the sick and less mobile; and Travel costs to and from hospital .

This help is available for all ages regardless of means. Please apply in the first instance for an application form to: Mrs Jan Pearce The Clerk, Kingsclere Charities, Russell House, Ashford Hill Road, Headley, Thatcham, Berks. RG19 8AB

Email: [kingsclerecharities@iname.com](mailto:kingsclerecharities@iname.com)

Website: [www.kingsclerecharities.org](http://www.kingsclerecharities.org)

### Ashford Hill Educational Trust

*Whatever you are studying, your local Educational Trust is here for you.*

The Trust was set up to assist with educational activities and recreational training for all people living in Ashford Hill and Headley, irrespective of age or means.

### Dates of remaining Trustee meetings in 2022:

**13<sup>th</sup> April; 30<sup>th</sup> July; 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Contact Julie Bassett on 07500 927707 for an application form or email

[julie.bassett1@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.bassett1@btinternet.com)

*The deadline for applications is two weeks before the date of each meeting. All applications must be accompanied by itemised receipts.*

## Ashford Hill with Headley

## Contacts

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## Village Hall contacts & hire rates

### Ashford Hill

Mrs J Maylen 01189 813653	Main Hall	£8.50 per hr
	Committee Room	£6.00 per hr
	Children's parties	£60.00
	Evening Party	£75.00
	Afternoon/evening	£105.00
	All day	£130.00

### Headley

Mrs K Saunders 01635 269408 www.headleyvillagehall.com headleyvillagehall@gmail.com	Hourly rate	£8.50
	Children's afternoon party	£50.00
	Evening letting	£60.00
	Afternoon & evening	£90.00
	All day	£110.00

## Other useful contacts

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Ashford Hill Cricket Club	Mr R Evans	01635 36773
Ashford Hill Education Trust	Julie Bassett	07500 927707
Ashford Hill Primary School	Mrs S Yockney	0118 981 3822
Ashford Hill with Headley Garden Club	Mrs S Everitt	01635 268619
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Basingstoke Police Station		101
Hampshire Mobile Library Service		0845 603 5631
Headley Athletic Football Club	Mr Bassett	01635 268092
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Cllr Adrian Saunders	07515 337215	adrian_saunders@mac.com

#### Headley ward

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Cllr Graham Stewart	01635 268320	graham@holdrop.co.uk
Cllr Steve Dunn	07802 911112	stevedunn34@yahoo.co.uk
Cllr Stephen Hoskins	07774 226518	stephenhoskins1@btinternet.com

#### Parish Clerk

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### Hampshire County Councillor

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### Member of Parliament

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### Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner

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**ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
8th NOVEMBER 2021**

**Present**

Mr J Woodford (Chairman), Mrs K Saunders (Vice Chair), Mr G Stewart, Mr S Dunn, Mr S Hoskins and the Clerk.

Cllr Rhatigan, Cllr Mellor, a member of the local press and a number of members of the public were also present.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr A Saunders.

**2. Declaration of interest**

None declared.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021 were approved.

**4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5. Highways**

Cllr Stewart expressed his ongoing concern regarding the dilapidation of the red asphalted areas of the A339. Cllr Mellor explained that what was occurring was the usual deterioration of a high friction surface and would receive remedial works in due course.

Cllr Hoskins reported that he had reported the pavements overgrown with vegetation on the A339 through Headley.

**6. Planning Applications**

Planning Councillors.

Applications for Chippings Barn and Broadcroft still awaited comments.

**7. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Hoskins reported that the Borough's Principal Planning Officer had commented on the plan and where appropriate such comments had been incorporated into the plan. The next action is for the Parish Council to appoint an independent advisor and the Clerk has confirmed that the Chairman has the authority to do on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council will also have to approve the plan prior to submission. The evidence of this approval is required for the Consultation Statement. If this does not coincide with the normal meeting cycle of Parish Council meetings, an Extraordinary meeting will be convened to solely approve the plan.

**8. Reports**

County Councillor's report

Cllr Mellor reported that the main focus was currently being concentrated on the 'County Deal' initiative from central government, the issues relating to a new recycling centre and highways' issues.

Borough Councillor

Cllr Rhatigan reported on his attendance at the recent public meeting to discuss the new housing development proposal in Ashford Hill. Cllr Rhatigan reported on the vital importance of the Parish Council endorsing the Neighbourhood Plan at an Extraordinary meeting if needed. Cllr Rhatigan further emphasised the Borough Council's policy of only endorsing small housing developments of no more than 10 dwellings and ideally on brownfield sites and with a style and size of dwelling that suited younger and lower salaried people with local connections to the area. Cllr Rhatigan encouraged residents to express in writing their opposition to a large-scale housing development as being proposed for Ashford Hill.

Cllr Rhatigan further reported on the sound financial status of the Borough Council together with the welcomed budget for next year. The Council being in a strong financial situation had been able to recruit more staff to further improve front line services to the residents of the Borough and there was an ongoing emphasis to make Basingstoke even more of an attractive location to work and live.

The Chairman's verbatim report;

**"Councillor email addresses**

Our web site provider can offer this at £4.60 per person per month, which would be about £442 per year. There are alternatives like Ionos, for 10 emails at £30 inc VAT or £360 per year. Alternatively, we look at something like GMAIL etc.

The Chairman proposed the use of Ionos as provider and apart from Cllr Hoskins, all Councillors were in favour of such a proposal. The Chairman would enrol the Parish Council and inform the Councillors and the Clerk of the new addresses in due course.\*

**Cesspool at Ashford Hill recreational grounds**

A large cesspool had been installed in the recreational grounds with work being carried out on behalf of the Cricket Club and its use of the pavilion. The work appears to have gone well but the area does look a bit of mess due to the wet conditions. As the hole was filling with water the contractors had to pump it out into a nearby ditch. In the water was a lot of silt which has filled the ditch.

Councillors felt we should write to the Cricket Club to get further clarity on the ground plans and the filled in ditch.\*

**Ashford Hill recreational basketball net & Play Park repairs**

The basketball nets have been fully repaired with assistance from Cllr Dunn. Replacement swing bushes have been ordered at approx. cost of £30.

**Request for funding**

Landowners around Great Haughurst Copse have carried out repairs to the area and are seeking funding for such works. The Baughurst Parish Council has offered funding and we can offer £500 (according to the Clerk).

Councillors were unanimous in approving this funding.

### Ashford Hill Educational Trust

We have been asked to approve our representative on the AH Educational Trust, Bob Lawrence.

Councillors were unanimous in approving Mr Bob Lawrence as a Parish Council representative.

### Parish Councillors

Cllrs Hoskins and Dunn had successfully secured the broken door to the old changing room facility on Headley recreation ground.

Cllr Hoskins reported on the renewed interest from Cold Ash Juniors Football Club to use Headley recreation ground. The main unresolved issue is parking and the Club have suggested an appropriate form of matting. Cllr Hoskins would be proposing a site visit to discuss the parking issue.

Cllr Hoskins had applied on behalf of the Parish Council to Hampshire County Council's 'Countryside Access – Parish Delivery Partnership' for funding of equipment (brush cutter & hedge trimmer) and training for Headley's ROW Wardens.

Cllr Saunders expressed her concern over comments from residents about the problem with the garden waste collection whereby they felt abandoned by the Borough Council because of their geographical location in the borough although the residents paid the same amount of Council Tax than those unaffected in the borough.

### Clerk to the Council

The Clerk reported on the resignation of the Litter Warden for Headley at the end of December 2021 and confirmed that the post would be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

The Clerk asked Councillors to email the Chairman with any considerations that they wished to be included in the budget for next year.

### 9. Recess

The editor of the Parish Magazine informed the meeting of the schedule for publication and printing.

### 10. Financial Statement

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £2,534.56

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £28,372.40

### 11. Accounts approval & payment

PKF Littlejohn LLP – External audit – £360.00

Mr S Dunn – plywood for old pavilion on Headey recreation ground - £37.80

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.31pm.



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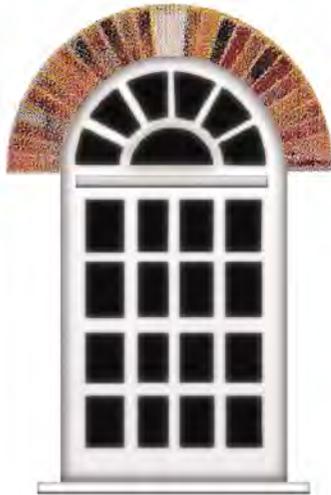
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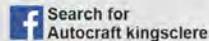
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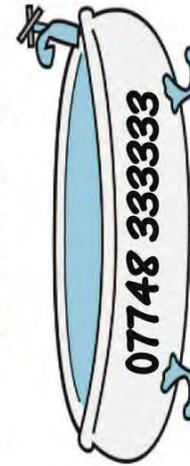
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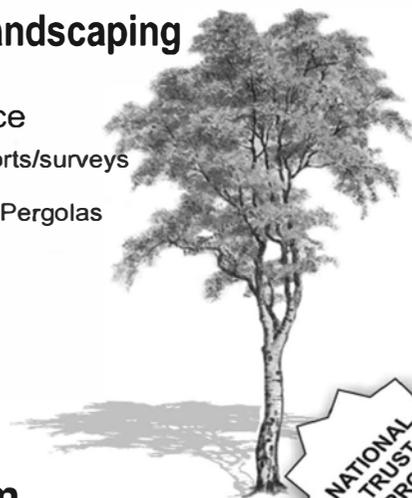
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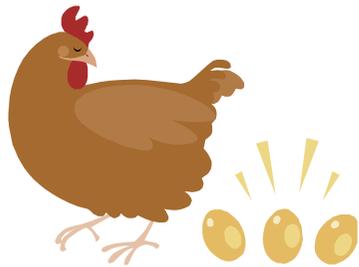
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