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I wonder who or what has been keeping you company during our weeks of isolation and lockdown? Perhaps it has been someone in your family, someone on

the other end of phone, a pet or even a character from a novel who has become like a friend.

Over the last few weeks, I have found myself spending time with a rather surprising companion - not someone with whom I have been much acquainted previously, but a rather strange comrade: the ancient biblical prophet Habakkuk. Now please do bear with me before turning the page, because I discovered that Habakkuk - who lived through some challenging times in the 600s BC - actually has much in common with those of us who are living through challenging times in 2020. Habakkuk's world is to be turned upside as his country is about to be invaded; he questions God, wrestling with him, through this life-changing situation.

Nevertheless, Habakkuk waits on God for answers and in the closing verses is able to say that 'even though' things aren't going well... 'even though' the fig tree does not blossom, 'even though' there is no fruit on the vine... yet he, Habakkuk, will find hope. Brought alive by the book God among the Ruins, Habakkuk's story helps us trace our own paths through adversity and difficulty, encouraging us to search for God as our own companion in tough times.

And so that we can be each other's companions on this part of the journey, while lockdown and isolation continue, you are warmly invited to gather for Zoom Church on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10am. Do look out for details in Group Emails or contact Vicky Hollier vickyhollier@aol.com 01491 638760 if you would like to know more.

As we wait on God in our own situations, we are invited to respond to Jesus' wonderful words (Matthew 11:28-30): Come to me... Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace... Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

May God bless you,

Sue Morton

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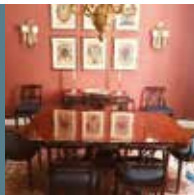
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GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

Documenting Life During Lockdown

The Bucks archives team is keen to help document people's experiences of this point in our history during the Covid-19 pandemic. They're asking people if they would like to keep a diary record of day-to-day life during lockdown, recording experiences and feelings. When this is all over, the diaries can then be submitted to the archives team who will store them for use in the future by researchers.

If you have any questions please email the team at archives@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Your diary record would also be valuable as part of our local Hambleden history. I am happy to collate these, so feel free to send me your offerings, and I will see what I can do. Eventually, we may publish a supplement to the Parish Magazine.

Meanwhile, keep safe.

Chris Whitehead

Danesfield Gardens

Danesfield Gardens Nursery is OPEN for business.

Many thanks to all our customers for their patience and support over the last month or so. Covid Rules are being applied (gloves to be worn and 2m social distancing) when visiting the Nursery. We are offering vulnerable customers appointments between 8 - 9.30am. Please call Isabel to book. (07920 448131 or email zizzymac@hotmail.co.uk). Normal opening hours 9.30am – 5.30pm (last entry 5pm) seven days a week.

Isabel McCrindle

Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

Living in this surreal world of Coronavirus, lockdown and beyond I thought that it was time that I, on behalf of the Hambleden Valley Garden Club would submit a few words. Gardeners are naturally sociable people who love to share their hobby, sharing advice, exchange of plants and visiting gardens.

These have been difficult. The garden centres are now open. However there have always been vast numbers of online places from which to purchase plants etc – with varying delivery times delayed due to 'unprecedented demand' the catch phrase of lockdown.

Taking our daily exercise through the beautiful countryside in which we live we have seen colourful wild flowers and heard much birdsong, including whitethroat displaying,



blackcap and skylark, but no cuckoo. The song thrush seems also absent in Skirmett. A first sighting for me was a striking plant with abundant yellow flowers on the edge of Great Wood. This was identified as Wintercress *Barbarea vulgaris*, a medium sized 'rocket' found in dampish, disturbed habitats on road-verges, river banks and rough grassland. Its clusters of small yellow flowers appear in April. The leaves have been eaten as a vegetable, but are exceedingly bitter.

All blossoms have been noteworthy with *Wisteria-Leguminosae apilionaceae* – standing out. With careful attention to its twice yearly pruning and also frost free conditions the long pendent racemes come with pink/purple/white flowers from April onwards. These flowers may be single or double and are followed by bean-like seed pods. *Wisteria* can be trained up walls, over arches and pergolas as the magnificent one at Greys Court or grown as standard trees. Loved by bees.

Abiding by Government advice the HVGC will restart as soon as possible when details will be sent out to all members. Would

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Celia Warren

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The Butterfly Isles

I hope everyone is managing their isolation safely and not getting too bored. With the lovely weather we have been having it has given me a good chance to do some gardening. With that and ringing friends who live on their own for long chats, time is passing OK.

At the moment I am also reading more and am particularly enjoying a book, picked up on impulse in one of the many second hand book shops in Hay-on-Wye last summer, called "The Butterfly Isles" written by Patrick Barkham. In it the author tells of his quest, in 2009, to track down and see all 59 species of British butterfly in one year. No mean feat it turned out to be.

Until reading about them, I naively thought butterflies' life cycles fairly simple but no, the complexity and demanding requirements of some species defies belief.

For instance, the Duke of Burgundy lays its eggs on cowslip plants but these must have

at least four medium sized leaves which must be covered by grass in the summer to prevent them turning yellow before the caterpillars are fully grown. On top of this the male only lives on average for 5 days and has trouble finding females who like to stay hidden in foliage.

That is nothing to the complexity of the Large Blue's requirements. A number of people over the years have studied the decline of this butterfly. Amongst one of its very demanding needs is a particular species of ant! This ant is also extremely fussy in the conditions it requires, including the right height of grass (1cm good, 3cm bad). Too-long grass shades the soil preventing it from warming up enough for the ant nest where the butterfly lays its eggs. The lengths one man, Jeremy Thomas, went to - spending six summers studying this butterfly before enlisting the help of another enthusiast, David Simcoy, to bring it back to this country after it became extinct - were extraordinary. They found the right site, assisted by the National Trust and Nature Conservancy, a warm south-facing heath, ensured it was kept well grazed to build up the ant colonies, then they scoured Europe for a suitable colony of Large Blue butterflies from which they gathered eggs and planted them in the ant nests. And it worked! More colonies were encouraged, all on private ground except a National Trust site at Collard Hill where visitors can observe them. They can also be seen on railway embankments near Castle Cory. It seems that climate change could help the Large Blue as long as sites don't become too hot for the ants.

I'm only half way through the book so hope to record more butterfly lives later. Meanwhile pass those lazy days in the garden recording where and when you see butterflies and perhaps we can compare notes towards the end of the summer. If you can get your hands on a copy it makes a wonderful read.

Jo Tilbury

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are out of hibernation, mating season is in full swing and many females (sows) will be already nursing young. Last year I did a leaflet drop but this year I want to turn you all into Hedgehog Goodwill Ambassadors with knowledge at your fingertips. Lots of people want to help these endearing creatures but the information churned out by wildlife television programmes, their presenters and societies professing to care about hedgehogs, is often incorrect and a threat to their welfare rather than a help. We have moved on slightly from the days when it was suggested to put out a bowl of milk but sadly we haven't got much further... and please don't!

Hedgehogs are nocturnal. If you see one during the daytime, it is almost certainly in need of being gently caught and taken to a rescue centre. The only exception is if it is moving quickly and purposefully trying to stay under cover because this maybe a nursing female having not been able to find enough food or water during short summer nights. Hedgehogs appearing to sunbathe, to try and warm up, are very sick indeed and need urgent professional help.

Hedgehogs don't eat slugs and snails unless they are desperate and starving. Their preferred diet is one of caterpillars, beetles, larvae and other insects. Slugs and snails often carry the lungworm or fluke parasites, both of which are fatal to hedgehogs unless treated with medication.

Fresh water is crucial and they drink a lot of it. A huge percentage of hedgehogs taken to rescue centres in Spring 2019 were suffering from dehydration. During hot dry weather, a shallow bowl of fresh water outside your back door really will help. If you have a pond please make sure there is a shore or an exit plank wrapped tightly in chicken wire for traction. Hedgehogs can swim but they will tire and drown if they can't get out.

Hedgehogs can travel around up to two kilometres a night searching for food, water

or a partner. They are not very sociable creatures and only tolerate each other during the mating season. An encounter can often end up reminiscent of a scene from Alice in Wonderland when the Queen of Hearts uses hedgehogs as croquet balls!

Please tell anyone who will listen, not to let hedgehogs access mealworms, peanuts, sunflower hearts or dried fruit. Pieces of dried fruit can be as bad for them as sultanas are for dogs and also get stuck in their teeth. Mealworms, peanuts and sunflower hearts are adored by hogs but all of them cause Metabolic Bone Disease. These foods create a calcium/phosphorus imbalance in their bodies, which results in calcium leaching from their bones to counterbalance it. Sadly, after a few weeks they die from starvation as a result of weakened bones and being unable to walk. It is heart breaking, untreatable and avoidable. If you feed your birds mealworms, please place them off the ground.

This brings me neatly to 'Hedgehog Food', which is completely unregulated. Therefore, anyone can (and does) put anything into a cardboard box /packet, label it 'hedgehog food' and sell it at huge expense. Check the ingredients before you buy. Often the main ingredient is cereal, which is of no nutritional value and these mixtures frequently include peanuts, sunflower hearts, dried mealworms and fruit; the first three as I have explained are literally lethal to hedgehogs. They have simple digestive systems and the best and safest food for them is dry kitten food. It is balanced nutrition at a reasonable price and will help them keep a healthy immune system. Look for one with some kind of meat as the first listed ingredient.

We are experiencing a decline in beetles, caterpillars and the other insects, which make up the hedgehog diet and populations are definitely suffering as a result. Putting log piles around your garden where beetles will thrive helps and allow them to rot down. Not mowing all your lawn will help. Avoid all pesticides

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including slug pellets. Try to love dandelions; they support over 50 insect species. Try to leave some nettles, they support 40 different insect species including many butterflies and hence caterpillars for hedgehogs. Checking an area before strimming is so important; hundreds of hogs are killed or injured this way. Hedgehogs are around us; your slightly messier garden and a bowl of fresh water may be a lifesaver.

Putting out kitten food is a challenge to ensure the hogs, (who have a very acute sense of smell and will find offerings fairly quickly), actually eat it rather than your local cat population; I have finally succeeded! If the creatures are hydrated and have full tummies, their immune system is strong and also means the sows can nurse the 2020 generation with ease. Their numbers are declining year upon year and they need support.

I have learnt all this from Pauly Andersson at Hedgehog Cabin in Hartney Witney. I have never met her but she is clearly an extraordinary woman who has dedicated her life, every spare penny and every hour in her day (and night) accepting sick and injured hedgehogs, nursing them back to health and then releasing them from whence they came. Some even self-refer which always makes me smile. Other referrals seem to instantly recognise her voice, calm down and accept injections or treatment baths without a murmur so she knows they have been before. Hedgehog Cabin's Twitter feed of videos is uplifting and her website is full of information. She has rescued and rehabilitated hundreds of hedgehogs. The monthly medication and food bills are enormous; so forgive me if I finish by asking you to please make a donation if you are inclined.

Thank you.

Sarah Ronan

Fawley's own feathered friends

In the May issue of this magazine I wrote about Fawley's feathered friends from Africa but in this issue I am writing about

our resident friends here in Fawley. I wish I could report all was well on the home front but it is a somewhat mixed picture with some species doing well while others have almost disappeared. In my garden there are plenty of Blackbirds, Thrushes, Robins, Blue/Great/Long tailed Tits, Jays, Wrens, Chaffinches and Goldfinches but a distinct decline in Hedge Sparrows, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Starlings and House Sparrows but you may have a different mix in your garden depending often on whether you feed them or not.

Let the garden birds come to you. By just sitting out in the sunshine in your own garden try to see how many species you can identify by their song. You can obtain birdsong cassettes from the RSPB or indeed Amazon. The Song Thrush comes top of my list but the Robin has a catchy little song too. Don't be fooled by the male of the species. He is not singing for you but to warn other cock robins to keep out of his territory. The Wren who has a rather wheezy song is the most promiscuous bird in your garden. He can have up to five wives but is happy to leave them to build the nest and bring up the family.

Out on your daily walk it is difficult not to see a Red Kite. Interestingly the very successful re-introduction of the Red Kite (it started here in our area) has had some unexpected consequences. The Buzzard which had almost disappeared around here but returned on the backs of the Red Kite is now a common sight. Who would have guessed also that the Raven would follow the Buzzard and become a resident of the area? The bad news is that the Skylark, Yellowhammer, Meadow Pipit, Little Owl and the Lapwing, formerly a common sight in our fields, have virtually disappeared.

I am hoping that the readers of this article will have better news of the above species in the Hambleden Valley and neighbourhood.

Alfred Waller

PS. Many of you will have noticed that I was describing the Wheatear not the Whinchat in my previous article. Senile dementia fast approaches.

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Oliver

Last Thursday (May 7th) over a hundred villagers gathered in Hambleden village square to applaud the NHS, and then to pay their respects by a silent tribute to Oliver Bowden, who had sadly died after an accident at his farm the previous day.

A single church bell tolled melancholily, and Oliver's daughter Rosie spoke a few emotional words on behalf of the family.

Twelve days later, on May 19, villagers gathered again, at Mill End corner and outside the showground to applaud as his coffin left the farm and for Henley. The hearse was accompanied by a cavalcade of over fifty tractors and other agricultural machinery – all cleaned up for the occasion! A memorable and moving occasion.

We all send our condolences to Oliver's family, and mourn the loss of a true man of Hambleden.

Farewell, Oliver – you are missed. May peace be with you.

Chris Whitehead

Verging on the footpaths June

This is written for the as-yet unborn researcher in 2120 seeking how Hambleden fared in the pestilence 100 years before.

Despite emphasised, pleaded, hourly broadcast national instructions to stay at home, Hambleden footpaths hosted many strangers from an imagined Covidia-land, often in groups. On the Chiltern Way which passes through and divides intimate family gardens in Pheasants Hill, lead dunderheads carried Ordinance Survey maps in pendant perspex pouches. Their coteries dutifully walked each from the other two metres apart. Then, slowed by passage through kissing gates, they closely bunched in a queue. Each opened and closed gates with bare hands. Nimbyism took root in locals who for a month had been walking and staying well apart and

opening and closing kissing gates with gloves when cold and elbows when warm. With 800 deaths a day, such was the parochial sensitivity. Vexation was expressed towards unsought recalcitrant visitors sitting on the Queen's commemorative bench eating ice creams on VE Day Bank Holiday.

Seven footpaths start in Hambleden. Each allows a hoop-shaped return to the village centre without recourse to retracing steps. They often overlap as petals around a pistil. How extraordinarily lucky we are to traverse ancient beech woods, finding on those footpaths a welcome measure of tranquil restoration. Hambleden, long comfortable with the slower life, has re-adopted its Victorian paths and pace. Self-absorbed in the meaning of the geek word 'furlough', whilst walking alone in the woods, I spied a local man equally alone, also self-absorbed, observing, selecting, cutting hazel runner bean poles. I knew he would encircle and bundle the lengths' middle and ends, lift them on his shoulder and walk them two miles home. It was the very essence of Hardy's Wessex hills.

'Furlough' I decided was the geek word for 'leave of absence', in the way that 'hike' is the geek word for 'rise'. Every seat of learning now has a 'campus' where before it was a 'site'. Places that were 'centres' are now 'hubs'. We no longer have 'actresses', they are all 'actors'. Exiting the woods at Lower Colstrop into sunshine, I said to myself silent thanks to all NHS frontline heroes, even though I suspect the majority are heroines.

Local heroines are the staff of Hambleden Stores. They have been key contributors to the national response by keeping open every day, a good well stocked local source of essential groceries, removing any necessity for parishioners to travel afield to buy essentials. They supervised regulation social distancing with a one-out, one-in regime for which none were prepared or trained. They acted in a front line public health role to the benefit and appreciation of us all.

In these troubled times locals seem to have

Sunday Services This Month

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Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another *Hebrews 10:25*

walked early in the day, alone or as household couples, unknowingly self-separated on our footpaths from others by a mile, or twenty minutes, or more. Away from the constant depressive wallowing Covid-19 punditry and analysis paralysis of radio and television, the utter privilege of our own Hambleden footpaths and woods allow such private inconsequential thoughts and observations. The world reveals itself to those who walk. Hambleden footpaths blossoming with primroses, bluebells, cowslips and the hum of bees in sloe blossom are nature's wonderful curative for our fretful minds.

Next month: Verging on ... perfect gardens.

This short reflection must conclude with the dreadful news of the death of Oliver Bowden in an accident on his farm at Mill End on 4th May. In a spontaneous gesture of respect and in consolation to his family a bell tolled out from the parish church tower at 8pm the following evening.

Alan Armstrong

Thomas Cantilupe 1218-1282

When we moved from Turville to Kenricks in 1997 we did a bit of research and came across the name Thomas Cantilupe who was born here around 1218. I was curious because the first school that I attended was in Cantilupe Road in Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire although I had no prior knowledge of the connection.

Thomas was the third son of William Cantilupe and Millicent Gournai. William was an Anglo-Norman magnate and Millicent was the widow of the Earl of Gloucester who had died in 1213 and left her the Manor of Hambleden. Millicent married William in 1216 and Thomas was born around 1218 or possibly 1220 in the medieval Manor House which stood where Kenricks stands today. Thomas was baptized in the font still in use today in St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden.

To say that Thomas did well is an understatement. Educated at Oxford, Paris and Orleans, he went on to teach at Oxford and became Chancellor of Oxford University

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From The Registers

Rest in Peace

May 13

Peter Willis

Graveside Funeral, Frieth

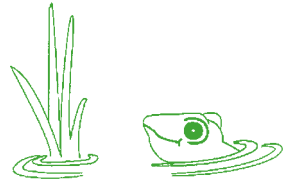
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in 1261. In 1264 when he was Archdeacon of Stafford he was made Lord Chancellor of England by King Henry III. In 1275 he was appointed Bishop of Hereford and became a trusted adviser to Edward I with a home at Earley near Reading.

Thomas was close to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Kilwardby, who died in 1279 and then had disputes with his successor, John Peckham, who excommunicated him causing Thomas to journey to Rome to pursue the matter with Pope Martin IV. Thomas died in Italy in 1282. His remains were returned to Hereford for burial. On 17 April 1320 almost exactly 700 years ago, Thomas was canonised by Pope John XXII to become St Thomas of Hereford. He was the last Englishman to be canonised before the Reformation. He was credited with “no fewer than 425 miracles including the healing of 21 lepers, the restoration of sight and speech to 23 blind and dumb men, and three-score several persons were raised from death.” Pretty impressive stuff!

The Choir of Hereford Cathedral were due to sing Choral Evensong in Hambleden on Sunday 28th June (unfortunately cancelled due to the coronavirus) to celebrate the 700th anniversary of Thomas’ canonisation.

The medieval Manor House became The Parsonage in 1627 and was substantially altered by the Rector, Reverend Dr Scawen Kenrick, in 1724 becoming a classical Georgian Rectory. The “new” Elizabethan Manor House was built in 1603 for Emanuel, 11th Baron Scrope of Bolton Abbey, 1st Earl

of Sunderland, and subsequently passed to the Smith family in 1925 and more recently to Peter and Petra Jensen.

Peter Steward Kenricks, Hambleden

Hambleden WI May 2020

It does not seem long ago that in early March we on the WI Committee were discussing a wide variety of events, for all members to enjoy during 2020. Sadly the March Hambleden WI meeting, was to be the last before lockdown descended upon us, with meetings now cancelled through to the end of June. It would be lovely to think we might all meet up again for the Summer get together in July however “only time will tell”.

On a positive note, the speakers we have sadly had to cancel have happily all agreed to reschedule for next year.

And, on an even more positive note, in these difficult times, Hambleden WI Ladies have continued to shine. In total, 120 scrub bags have been made and delivered to our ever-wonderful NHS staff. Members have been brilliant. They have really rallied by sharing fabric and sewing machines and have walked and cycled, using their daily exercise allowance, to deliver their bags to the doorsteps of collection points. One member has even gone so far as purchasing a new machine and has re-acquainted herself with sewing after 30 years!!! A truly remarkable feat by all whilst simultaneously, observing social distancing rules.

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Special thanks have gone to Sue Walden, for launching the initiative and who along with Jan Connolly did a sterling job of collecting bags from doorsteps and delivering them to the distribution contact.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone good health and to remain safe and we sincerely hope the Hambleden WI will be getting together again in the very near future.

Sally-Ann Roberts

FAWLEY

Clap for Carers



Just before 8pm there was a shower, followed by this inspiring sight. It was gone when the clapping and cheering started, but was very poignant nonetheless. I am proud of our village making their voices, hands, pots, pans and bells heard every Thursday in a show of appreciation and solidarity.

Claire Eccles

FINGEST

Sign of the times

For as long as those of us in Fingest can remember, celebrations, commemorations and anniversaries have been marked by a gathering “on the Verge” beside the church. We have no other community space. Friday 8th May, the 75th Anniversary of VE day would have been no exception. For new residents it would have been a great way to get to know their neighbours a little more, and for those who have lived in the village for

some time an opportunity to tell them tales of previous such gatherings and to remember fondly the friends and family who are no longer here to join in. Wine and beer glasses (and the odd teacup) would have clinked and more than once someone would have commented on how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful place.

Covid 19 prevented us from following our tradition this year, but we put out the bunting and watched the coverage on the news, and we remembered.

Let's hope the next meeting “on the Verge” will be a celebration of the freedom to meet together en masse... won't that be great?

'VE Day 1995'



Jill Dean

TURVILLE

Dorothy Burroughes

With VE Day celebrations behind us and VJ Day yet come, this may be of interest.

In 1941 Tony Harman, aged 6, was given a book called ‘Teddy the Little Refugee Mouse’, written and illustrated by a local author and illustrator, Dorothy Burroughes. She lived in a house called Three Ways, Summer



MEDMENHAM



Heath Common,
Turville Heath.

From photos we know that the animals were on Turville Heath Farm, home of Tony's Grandad, William Harman. The two horses had seen action in WW1. One can only guess what that was like.

The book is dedicated to two girls Wendy and Jill.

Miss Burroughes wrote more children's books. Other local children received them as gifts from her.

A graffice designer, she drew posters to aid morale during the War and when asked to illustrate a brochure for London Zoo, reluctantly she did it, but drew the animals with sad faces.

Dorothy Harman

MEDMENHAM

Medmenham Swan Family

A few weeks ago we noticed two swans in the garden and I have made friends with them! Since then I have named them Terry and Julia. Every day I looked at the swans' nest at the back of our garden. On May 5th their eggs hatched and they had seven babies - I



saw a little grey head poke out of Julia's back. I'll never forget them!

Recently a heron came into the garden and me and my sister, Florence, scared it away because we know they can try to eat baby birds.



By Chief Swan Correspondent Henry Cox, Brook House (aged 8)

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