

Parish Update 29 November 2021

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will take place from Thursday the 2nd of June to Sunday the 5th. As for previous similar celebrations in the village a sub-committee of the Parish Council is to be formed to determine and organise the parish's events. Would all who would be willing to serve on the sub-committee please contact Matt Glover on 01296 623475 or MattGlover@epcouncil.co.uk for further information.

Carol Concert – Parish Hall -10th December 7.30 – 9.00pm.

Join the Silver Band for carols around the tree at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm for half an hour of singing before some refreshments of mulled wine, mince pies and small bowls of curry and rice to keep you warm. Then a further half hour of carols.

Christmas Church Services.

5th of December at 10.45am – Christingle.

19th of December at 6.00pm – Nine Lessons and Carols.

24th of December, Christmas Eve at 4.00pm – Crib service.

25th of December, Christmas Day at 10.45am – Christmas Communion.

Speeding and Speedwatch.

Speeding in the village has been a constant topic for discussion at Parish Council meetings for as long as I can remember. Cuts in the police budget and manpower have led to reduced levels of enforcement and the establishment of groups of volunteers manning Speedwatch equipment. The Ellesborough group was set up prior to the lockdown which then saw Speedwatch activities suspended. The resumption of Speedwatch on the 6th of August saw some, but not all of the Speedwatch volunteers return to service and since then some 637 vehicles have been reported to Thames Valley Police for speeding within the village. Alan Cripps, the Speedwatch co-ordinator, has carried out some analysis of the figures and despite only 22 sessions being carried out since the restart, this has shown a reduction of 6.35% in the number of vehicles speeding. So Speedwatch is having a positive effect. Ellesborough bought its own Speedwatch equipment therefore it is available for use at any time in daylight hours. The more that it is used, and the more vehicles reported, the more drivers will observe our speed limits. We just need more volunteers to man it. So, if you are really concerned about the number of speeding vehicles within the village, how about volunteering your services. Speedwatch sessions are only for an hour but with a greater number of sessions being carried we could make our village safer, quieter and a better place to live. To volunteer, contact Alan on 01296 706906, 07981250030 or acripps27@gmail.com.

Fix my Street.

Buckinghamshire Council have a web link for reporting problems with roads, pavements and other matters to do with our transport system. It includes reporting fly

tipping. The link is <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>. It is available for anyone to use and it does work as we have recently reported the road sign at the cross roads that was uprooted, and the degradation of the path up to the church which is shortly to be repaired.

Footpath ELL/20 Closure.

Footpath Ell/20 which crosses the HS2 route to the north west of Nash Lee, is now closed and is planned to remain so until September 2024.

AIM Children's Literary Festival.

The AIM Literary Festival for Children will return on 4th and 5th of December this year! There will be so many writers, illustrators and young authors participating in the two-day festivals that will be streamed live globally from 10am - 3pm. To book a free place for this online contact events@authorinme.com.

Lindengate in Lights 17th to 19th December.

Illuminated night walk and nature trail through the gardens at Lindengate Charity, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6BD. Tickets £7/£10, www.lindengate.org.uk.