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7th Sept. Trinity 12	Ramsdell	Holy Communion	8.00 am	BCP
	Hannington	Children's Service + HC	9.30 am	CW
	Wolverton	Holy Communion	11.0 am	CW
	Baughurst	Songs of Praise	11.0 am	lay-led

14th Sept. Trinity 13	Ramsdell	Morning Prayer	9.30 am	lay-led
	Hannington	Morning Prayer	9.30 am	lay-led
	Baughurst	Holy Communion	11.0 am	CW
	Wolverton	No Service		

21st Sept. Trinity 14	Ramsdell	Family Service	9.30 am	lay-led
	Hannington	Holy Communion	9.30 am	BCP
	Baughurst	Informal Service *	11.0 am	lay-led
	Wolverton	Morning Prayer	11.0 am	

28th Sept. Trinity 15	Ramsdell	Holy Communion	9.30 am	CW
	Hannington	Morning Prayer	9.30 am	lay-led
	Baughurst	Holy Communion	11.0 am	BCP
	Wolverton	No Service		

* Informal lay-led service with refreshments afterwards. Children very welcome.

Dear Reader,

It's still mid-August as we put this magazine together but we can't help noticing the many trees around us showing signs of changing colour ready for Autumn.

As nature gets ready for a new season, so the events in the magazine are moving from summer fetes to Autumn Harvest celebrations. Some villages are listing their Harvest Suppers and Hannington has a special report on their exhibition of Hannington history which took place in August. In addition we are pleased to include this month, news of a new choir forming (p.20), and an outdoor musical matinee (p.17) and there is a new Advertiser to meet (p.23). Lastly Rev. Jill (p.22) reminds us how holidays came about.

We hope you enjoy browsing through this month's magazine and find plenty of interest.

Gill and Bruce Jones (Joint Editors)

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BAUGHURST NEWS

PCC 200 Club Draw for 2025

The winner for the July draw was: Mr W Monger

St. Stephen's Churchyard Tidy Up

Many thanks to everyone who came last month and worked so very hard to make a big difference to the Churchyard

We would be very grateful if you could come along with some gardening tools to help make our Churchyard beautiful! even if you can only spare half an hour? Please come as this will make a big difference.

The September session will be on : **Saturday, 20th September at 10.30 am.** Refreshments will be provided

Harvest Supper & Sing Along! Saturday 27th September:



At **Heath End Village Hall - 7pm for 7.30 pm**
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A Baughurst Clock - A 'Repair Cafe' Tale

This clock was presented to the present owner's Grandfather, who was bandmaster of the Baughurst Temperance Band, in 1912. It lived in Grandfather's cottage in Baughurst for nearly eighty years before being inherited by his grandson. The clock was refurbished in the 1990's and only recently decided to stop. It was taken to the Baughurst Repair Cafe and given to Bob for repairs. The owner had been under the impression that the clock was French, but Bob found evidence that it is American made by the Ansonia Clock Company. The clock is now back on the mantelpiece in the Grandson's Baughurst home and is once again keeping 'Good Tempo'. A Baughurst Repair Cafe success story.

HANNINGTON NEWS

Hannington's "**Down Memory Lane**" photo and archives event, held on 9th and 10th August, drew people from far and wide. The fact that it could happen at all was thanks to Gareth Martin of Kingsclere's Photo Club and Local History Association, who kindly loaned the display boards needed to mount the display.



It proved to be a happy and well-attended event with the village hall full of lively chatter over almost the entire 12 hours of opening. Memories were revisited, acquaintances rekindled and 150 years of village history pored over.



We learned more about our old school from past pupils, the war years, Michael's Field and Hannington Band to name a few. The archives will now be safely stored and hopefully added to for future interest.

Part of the aim was to raise funds for the Wales Air Ambulance Service.



Their skills have this year saved the life of a Hannington resident, caught in a road traffic accident. The total raised is £5,076 (including gift aid) and our sincere thanks go to the organisers and all who supported both the event and charity.

Maggie Hughes

RAMSDELL NEWS

LADIES CLUB We very much enjoyed our meeting in Jane James garden. Members bought cake and sandwiches, which we ate just ahead of the wasps. Jane arranged a quiz and we looked around her lovely garden. **September 4th** is our next meeting at Sue Pitman's, Poveys cottage, **2.30pm.**
Dawn Armstrong

KNIT AND STITCH. Thursday **18th September at 2pm**
in Ramsdell Village Hall

We should love some new members to keep this group going - come along with or without a current project - help given - refreshments provided.
Jean Mosley

COFFEE MORNING. Wednesday **September 24th** at **10.30 am.** In Ramsdell Village Hall. **Bring and Buy.** This is a **Macmillan Coffee Morning.**
Host: Jane James

***** **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER** *****

Ramsdell Harvest Supper

Friday **10th October 2025.** In the **Village Hall. 7.30 pm**
Tickets £10. Please reserve a place to assist with catering numbers
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WOLVERTON NEWS

Winners of the **150 Club draw for August:**

1st prize No 3 Simon Gee

2nd prize No 50 Moya Tosh

3rd prize No 30 Chris Tomlins

Wolverton Village Hall roof refurbishment. The village hall committee are still working hard to raise money to pay for the thatched roof to be re-rigged, moss removed and top-dressed. We have received one small grant and are waiting for three others to be decided. We have also received two donations from villagers, for which we are very grateful. To date we have raised **£2500** towards the roof but still have a long way to go. If you would like to help with a donation, please contact Frances Langley on langleyfrances@hotmail.co.uk or our bank details are Wolverton Village Hall, Sort Code: 30-95-89. A/c no: 00494459. Anything you can do to help will be much appreciated.

The **Saturday market** in the village hall on 2nd of August was quiet this month probably due to summer holidays.

Please come along and support this friendly event . The **next market will be on Saturday 6th September. Doors open at 9.30 am.** Admittance is free, and refreshments are available. There are a variety of stalls to browse including, bric-a-brac, crafts, and plants, plus more.

If you would like a stall of you own, please contact Wendy Morgan on 01635 297538.

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Quiz Night - Friday 21st November

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WEATHER WATCH



Indian summer breezes blow, the geese are taking flight
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I heard some geese fly over the house a few nights ago and I realised that the year is moving along, and summer is coming to an end. We are nearing Autumn. The geese do have a wonderful calendar! I love September for its bountiful harvest in the gardens and hedgerows. We certainly are enjoying a good crop of plums, and the apple trees are laden with fruit to keep us going through the winter. The blackberries are good this year too. What a wonderful summer we have had – unless you are a gardener and are desperate for rain! At least we haven't had to mow the lawn for weeks!

People have likened this year to the drought of 1976. I have found the daily figures for 1976 at Wootton. It is true there was no rain at all from 22nd July till 27th August. It was then on and off for a few weeks and then it rained every single day for two months. The other difference was that in 1976 the year started much drier. January and February were very much drier than this year.

Over the years September rainfall has varied from a high of 176 mm in 1999 and 168mm in 1974 to as little as 7.1mm in 2014. The 60-year average at Wootton is 66.1mm.

July this year had 34mm, about half the average. We are now 120mm/5 inches short of the average running total for the year. This time last year we were well ahead.

Daphne Oliver-Bellasis

IN MY GARDEN

I was hoping we would have had some rain before I wrote my piece for this month. All we had was a drop of rain on one day and the weather forecast is still dry. The garden is drying up and some of the trees are getting ready for Autumn already.

But in spite of the dry weather the wall I planted up earlier is still full of colour from the busy lizzies and the fuschias are looking good too. In my pond I've never seen so many water lilies with their lovely pink and white flowers. The hostas are still looking good and there are no slugs! Perhaps this is due to a mixture of being in pots where they are easily watered and the dry weather. The poor hydrangeas were good but they went over very quickly because of the heat.

In the vegetable garden Geoff has just harvested the shallots. The potatoes are also good but the sugar snap peas didn't do much at all - we only had two helpings. The French beans are so, so and the tomatoes are OK as well. The mini munch cucumbers were good, then one plant just gave up and it looks like another is on the way out too. The courgettes are always good. But everything has had to be watered regularly to get any crop at all. So in spite of the lack of rain, the harvest has not been too bad providing we kept everything watered. And by the sound of the forecast we won't get much break from watering any time soon

The jobs I will be tackling now it's not quite so hot are cutting the box, yew and conifer hedges. Because of the dry summer they've not put on as much growth as they do in a wet summer (that's one benefit of a dry summer). And I have lots of plants in pots that have been waiting all summer to go in my new bed - so when it finally rains I'll be busy getting them planted.

Happy Gardening
Hazel Taylor



WENDY'S WANDERINGS

For July I have increased the scale of my Wanderings and the scope and the heat (believe it or not!) I went to Italy! As this year is my big birthday year, when my family asked what I wanted to do....I opted for a week in Tuscany with my whole family. The whole family being nine people. My birthday is in October but holidays needing to be in school holidays, we opted for July. The weekend before was the Opera in West Green Gardens which is a very grand affair with everyone in evening dress, a luxury picnic in a Raj tent (nine of my party going together) by the lake. Then the Opera, which was Macbeth, was wonderful and dramatic. Followed by the gardens being lit up and everyone allowed to walk round them. A truly magical event.

The next week was a rush to pack for the trip to an incredible villa in an olive grove just outside Lucca. The place was amazing with chandeliers from Venice, a swimming pool, outdoor eating and views of the mountains to die for. My son hired a people carrier at the airport to fit us all in. Then as we had arrived in Pisa early we left the car and luggage, took a train into Pisa itself and viewed the leaning tower. Then we set off to the Villa. Next day we visited Lucca (a walled city where Puccini was born with a museum which I loved as he wrote opera) and a tower with trees growing on the top. I did not venture up the 400 steps but saw the pictures! We went to Florence (by train) saw the statue of David; threw a coin down the famous copper boar in the market place; saw the Duomo and all the wonders including lunch. As we were leaving my grandson asking how I was enjoying my birthday treat said "You are all right now you have seen the pig and the naked man!". We went to the five coastal cities with their beautiful harbours and coloured houses hanging on the cliffs. We had a day at the seaside swam in the pool at the villa and visited a marvellous supermarket! We had many meals in sundrenched squares and ate Gelato every day. When we cooked in the great wood and marble kitchen my daughters did the cooking. The whole week was superb. Now we are into August and my brothers' birthday treat which is a trip to Hever Castle to have a feast and an opera about Anne Boleyn (who once lived there) and it still is not my actual birthday. ... I have things planned for September and for October. When I get to November I will be exhausted!

Enjoy the hot weather and the holiday time.

Wendy Pagdin

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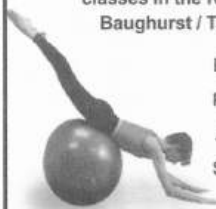
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REV. JILL'S JOTTINGS

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing this piece in mid-August. August, the traditional month for holidays - the schools are closed, the prices go up and many places are seriously overcrowded! However it is a great thing to visit somewhere different and to make good memories to bring home. Holidays began as Holy Days. Thousands of years ago, the great leader of the Hebrews, Moses, was given 10 rules for community living. One of them set the pattern for a regular rest day - the seventh day of each week, known as the Sabbath. It was (and is) observed as a day for worship and for rest. The early christian community, to distinguish themselves, chose the first day of the seven-day week for their Holy Day.

The tradition of visiting holy places is ancient too, for example the holy city of Jerusalem where Jesus himself went as a pilgrim. For his followers the places Jesus visited were holy. Not just Jerusalem but Bethlehem and Nazareth. Over the centuries other places were associated with holy men and women such as Rome, Compostela, Lourdes, Canterbury and nearer to home Winchester and Salisbury. A journey to such a place was a way of being in touch with God and some of his followers.

Today people still visit holy places. An open church with a visitors book will show that our churches in the Benefice are signs of God's interest and presence. Places that hold history and memories for many. Places to visit at significant moments in life, to find peace and welcome in a busy and sometimes confusing world.

Maintaining a church building is a struggle both financially and at a practical level but the buildings are very much needed in our communities and by those who visit - thanks to everyone who supports their upkeep, keep up the Good Work.

Shalom
Rev. Jill Bental

Is your Parish meeting local housing needs?

Many rural communities are facing a quiet crisis. Local people - those who grew up in the village, work nearby, or have family ties, are increasingly unable to find homes they can afford. Without action, rural communities risk losing the very people who keep them thriving.

Action Hampshire is a local charity which provides Rural Housing Enabling (RHE) services to support communities and parish councils to deliver the homes needed in their community. They act as an independent advisor providing impartial assistance to develop affordable and community led housing for people with a local connection and work with and on behalf of rural communities to address the shortage of affordable homes within the parish. These homes can be for rent or sale, and eligibility for occupancy is based on a strong local connection.

Why it matters

Hampshire has a serious housing affordability gap. Property prices are high, while wages are below average, in 2023, the median house price was **10 times** the average wage. Unlike general housing developments, rural affordable housing built on rural exception sites is reserved for people with a local connection. Rural Exception Sites are small plots of land just outside or adjacent to village boundaries that are permitted as exceptions to standard planning rules because they meet a proven local need.

What can you do?

Even if you're not directly affected you can help raise awareness and encourage local action:

1. **Speak to your Parish Council** Ask them to contact Action Hampshire to request a **free Parish Housing Profile** for your area.
2. **Support a Housing Need Survey** This survey identifies the type and amount of housing needed locally. These are usually commissioned by your Parish Council and can be carried out by Action Hampshire.
3. **Know a local Landowner?** If you know someone with land near the village, they might be interested in offering it as a Rural Exception Site. Ask them to get in touch with Action Hampshire.

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In 2016 Debbie qualified as a Canine Massage Therapist to add to the therapies she provides. She keeps her skills and knowledge up to date with constant training and as a member of the International Association of Animal Physiotherapists she completes a minimum of 25 hours CPD every year.

Splash is based at Debbie's home in Stoney Heath, where she has lived for over 20 years, converting the double garage into a therapy centre in 2006. She has two Border Terriers and a Rottweiler and is also a successful dressage rider and British Dressage judge.

Kingsclere Community Library

Our Annual **Giant Book and Picture Sale** will take place at the Fieldgate Centre on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October 2025. Thousands of good quality books will be available so make a note of the date! Book donations can be taken to the Kingsclere Community Library from 1st September 2025. Paper forms for entering pictures into the picture sale will be available in the Kingsclere Community Library from Tuesday 16th September and on-line forms will be available on our website from the same date. **PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER PICTURES TO THE LIBRARY AS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THEM.**

We would very much like to thank the anonymous donor who gave us our new very smart A Board – we are really very grateful as the last one was literally on its last legs!

..... and finally – the Mad Hatter and his friends will be visiting the library throughout October - more information in the next issue!!

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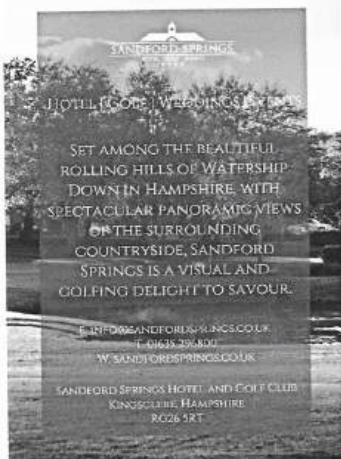
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