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We have been busy on social media in the last few months and we would love you to follow us or like our page. Just type in Chiltern View Magazines on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to find us. We will be running a 'just for fun' competition to see what you think Fidget and Widget might be saying to each other. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Other events that are definitely worth adding to your diaries are The Chilterns Walking Festival (p.80), The Thame Carnival (p.38), Art at St Dunstan's (p. 82), Beacon Festival (p.28) and The Thame Duck Race (p. 72). All this plus all our other community events and our usual fantastic competitions!!

Until the next time

Jan & Coralie

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100Bucks members are also looking forward to working closely with the onsite Missenden Walled Garden Charity. The Walled Garden offers day support for people with disabilities and mental health issues, in the grounds of Missenden Abbey.



At the recent Corporate Day at Missenden Abbey, 100Bucks founder Gary Pitt ran a 'creative generosity' session for attendees, offering the chance to come up with suggestions and ideas that could further help the great work being done by the Charity. The gardeners are now maintaining the gardens and grounds at the Abbey and have been selling seasoned firewood alongside the hanging baskets and plants on offer from the Garden.

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# Ingredients for 2:

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- sesame oil
- I tsp Chinese five spice powder
- 2cm piece fresh root ginger, grated
- 2-3 shitake mushrooms, sliced
- I tbsp Shaohsing rice wine
- I tbsp light soy sauce
- I tbsp dark soy sauce
- I litre chicken stock
- 6 pieces of bamboo shoots
- I tbsp comflour blended with 2 tbsp cold water
- 2 nests medium egg noodles or ramen noodles, cooked
- 2 handfuls baby spinach
- 2 spring onions, finely sliced
- salt and white pepper

**1.** Preheat a griddle or grill pan. Lightly oil and season the chicken breasts and sprinkle with a little Chinese 5 spice powder. Grill for 4-5 minutes each side until cooked through.

2. Allow to rest for 5 minutes then slice on the diagonal and set aside.

3. Heat a little oil in a wok, add the root ginger and mushrooms and stir fry for a few minutes until softened.

4. Add the rice wine, soy sauces, stock and bamboo shoots. Bring to the boil then add the comflour mixture, stir to mix and reduce to a gentle simmer.

5. Layer the noodles in the bottom of a bowl, followed by the sliced chicken and a handful of spinach. Pour over the stock and finish with the sliced spring onions. Eat immediately.

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Celebrating the most iconic legs in the business, **Totally Tina** (Sat 4 May) promises high energy dance and humour alongside Tina Turner's classic hits, and is followed by the **Bowie Experience** (Sun 19 May), a must-see for David



Bowie fans paying astounding attention to detail to Bowie's golden years.

Direct from London's West End, **Fastlove** presents a tribute to George Michael with favourite songs including Freedom and Faith to name just a couple, and **Money For Nothing** (Sun 23 Jun) faithfully recreates the distinct sound of



Dire Straits and their instantly recognisable riffs.



For a visual treat do not miss **The Simon and Garfunkel Story.** Described as 'fantastic' by Elaine Page the show uses original film footage with projection promising the ultimate nostalgic evening. Equally sensational with a stunning light show and incredible string section is **The ELO Experience** (Fri 21 Jun). See the world's foremost tribute to Jeff Lynne and The Electric Light Orchestra and enjoy foot tapping along to Mr Blue Sky!

Musical lovers are in for a treat when **The Barricade Boys** (Fri 24 May) arrive. Showcasing four of the UK's finest male voices complete with breath-taking harmonies, the show features songs from many of the best-loved



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#### The Familiars – Stacey Halls

1612<sup>°</sup> is a dangerous time to be a woman in Northern England, as King James has declared war on witches. Fleetwood is 17 and pregnant for the fourth time. Her other pregnancies ended in miscarriage. Desperate not to



miscarry this child or lose her own life in childbirth, she turns to a local midwife, Alice Grey. When Alice gets accused of witchcraft, Fleetwood has to decide how far she'll go to save her friend. Loosely based on the Pendle witch trials, this is a gripping, atmospheric page-turner.

### Louis & Louise – Julie Cohen

A baby is born in 1970s Maine, USA. In one reality she's a girl – Louise; in the other, a boy – Louis. Both have the same friends, the same interests and the same ambitions. Both flee from their hometown after one fateful night that changes everything.

Thirteen years later, Lou's mother is dying, so he/ she returns to face the past. Original, thoughtprovoking and highly enjoyable, Louis & Louise is perfect for book clubs.

### The EnergyPlan – James Collins

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Olympic athletes and premier sports stars. His first book, The Energy Plan, is not about cutting out food groups, quick fix diets or denial. Instead, it's about fuelling your body so it performs better and you feel fitter, have more energy and can fight off illnesses. The Energy Plan is well worth a read, whether you're training for a marathon or just want to avoid the 3pm energy slump.

#### The Honey Bus – Meredith May

With a depressed single mother who could barely get out of bed, Meredith relied on her grandfather for love and solace. She also found another avenue for learning life's lessons – her grandfather's bees. Through the hive, Meredith learned about family, loyalty, self-



sacrifice and resilience. A thought-provoking memoir.

#### Voices of Powerful Women – Zoe Sallis

When Maya Angelou calls something a 'fascinating collection', you know you're in for a treat and Voices of Powerful Women certainly doesn't disappoint. Zoe Sallis interviewed 40 women for her book, including Judi Dench, Tracey Emin, Benazir Bhutto



and Mariane Pearl. Each one gives us a glimpse into what made her who she is today. You'll learn what inspires these women, what angers them, who they admire and what advice they want to pass on to the next generation.

#### Micro Living – Derek 'Deek' Diedricksen

This book takes the concept of downsizing to the extreme. Many of the 40 homes featured are smaller than 150 square feet. From a refurbished Airstream to a treehouse, what these homes lack in space,



they more than make up for in character. The book includes floorplans, advice and lots of lust-worthy photographs. Whether you're thinking of building your own tiny home, want some tips to make the most of smaller rooms or just fancy taking a peek into how other people live, Micro Living is for you.



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#### Saturday 4th May The Friendship Club at Stokenchurch Methodist Church

We meet on the **first Saturday of each month** and try to do something different each time. Don't spend Saturday on your own - come and join us. Bluebell Walk. Join us for a short (or longer) walk in the woods. Let us hope the sun shines! **May 4th** - meet at Stokenchurch Methodist Church at **2.30 pm**, return for tea at about **4.15pm** (or just come for tea if you like.) June 1st - we are hoping to go on another outing to look at gardens. Lifts available. For further information contact Jane on 01494 482880.

#### Wednesday 8th May Stokenchurch Women's Institute

Why not come along and visit us on the **2nd** Wednesday in the month **7.30pm** -

**9.30pm** The Stokenchurch Centre Youth Room, Bartholomew Tipping Way, HP14 3RX Next meeting (June I 2th). Visitors warmly welcomed. Entry £3.50 includes tea/coffee/ biscuits. Contact Christine 01494 482888

#### Thursday 9th May STOPAG a group specifically for retired people.

Light lunch followed by a mystery speaker. A light lunch at **12.45pm** followed by a speaker: Meet at the Youth Area at the Community Centre in Bartholomew Tipping Way, Stokenchurch.



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**12.45pm - 3.00pm. May 9th** - Songs for a Summer Afternoon - Lorma James. **June 13th** -Tales from the Auction Room - Steve Bruce. Steve is an antique dealer and would be happy to look at any items you care to bring. If transport is a problem we could arrange to pick you up in the village bus. Contact Joan 01494 483033

### Saturday 11th May Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

The Hambleden Valley Gardening Club is holding a Plant Sale on **Saturday I 1th May from 10.00am to 12.00noon** at Manor Farm, Chequers Lane, Fingest, RG9 6QE. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available. Contact: Celia Warren, cejwarren@btinternet.com

#### Saturday 15th June Shopmobility

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#### Monday 20th May Lane End Evening W.I.

We meet in the Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall at **8.00pm. Last Monday in the month** (excluding Bank Holidays). All are welcome. Do come along, **May 20th** - Tales from the Opera - Mrs Purcell. **June 8th** - Lane End Village Fete, do visit our tombola stall in the Village Hall. **June 24th** -Pamela Digby Churchill Heywood Harriman - Mr Wood. Please contact Ann Carter 01494 881987 for details

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#### Saturday 6th July Friends of Stokenchurch Primary School (PTA) Summer Fete 12 noon - 3.00pm

Stokenchurch Primary School, George Road, Stokenchurch, HP14 3RN. Come along and join us at our summer fete for a fun-filled afternoon. All the usual activities plus a few extras to keep everyone entertained, including licenced bar, bbq, ice-cream, games, inflatable assault course, tombola, and much more. All welcome. www.facebook.com/StokenchurchPTA or email: info@stokenchurchpta.org.uk

## Ongoing

## Downley Bridge Club

## Every Thursday evening 7.00pm

-10.15pm at Downley Community Centre. We are a small friendly club and all standards of players are welcome, with or without a partner. Players who have not played in a club before are also welcome. For those wishing to learn bridge no previous knowledge is necessary. Lessons weekly at 6pm 01494 530558 or email syme. pat@gmail.com Website www.bridgewebs.com/ downley

## Watlington Gardening Club

A small friendly group who generally meet monthly on the **first Wednesday evening of the month** in Watlington Town Hall at **7.45pm** for a specialist talk with tea and biscuits. Non-members welcome for a small fee. Chairman: Caelia Pereira 01491 612368 www.watlingtongardeningclub.co.uk



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We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to June; 8.00pm –

**10.00pm.** Not just about wine & beer! We have a varied programme of talks, tastings, & outings. (Recent talks have been on glow worms, English wines & the Queen's Butler). Longburrow Hall. For more details contact Larry on 01494 482189

## Lane End Bridge Club

Lane End Bridge Club meets in Lane End Village Hall on Monday evening 7.30 pm and Wednesday afternoon 1.30 pm. We pride ourselves on being a friendly club, welcoming players of all standards. There is a host system, so you can be sure of a game. Table money is  $\pounds 2.50$  members and  $\pounds 3.50$  for non-members. This includes refreshments. For more information www.bridgewebs.com/laneend.

### **Stokenchurch Day Centre**

The Day Centre meets on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10.00am and 2.30pm. Clients enjoy coffees/teas and refreshments, board games, quizzes and sing-songs before a freshly cooked meal, followed by cakes and Bingo! There are also occasional trips out and visitors come in to entertain us. Please call Alan on 01494 483937 or 07768 287806 parsley.redkite@hotmail.co.uk

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### Lane End Twinning Association

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### **Downley Gardening Society**

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### **Radnage WI**

New to the area and want to meet people? Come along on **first Weds of month at** 

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### Local Carers Support and Information Group

The Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month from 1.30pm - 3.30pm at Stokenchurch Medical Centre. Wed 29th May and **Wed 26th June.** The Group is supported by Carers Bucks and a member comes to meetings whenever possible. For further information, please call Carers Bucks - Tel. 0300 777 2722. Details of any Speakers will be posted on the main door at The Medical Centre.

### Downley Evening WI

We meet in St James Church, Plomer Hill, HP13 5NB on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm. In April we welcome Peter Hague who will give us 'A Taste of Yorkshire Food & Traditions' and in May, Sandi Primrose talks about 'The Language of Flowers'. Visitors and New members welcome. downleyeveningwi.weebly.com lanet Durkin 01494535662

### Lane End Junior Youth Club

Lane End Junior Youth Club. 6.00pm - 8.00 pm, Wednesday evening, term time at the Lane End Youth & Community Centre. Youth leader - Jeffery Rodgers 07759 540921

#### Downley Village Evening WI Ist Tuesday of month at 7.45pm

Meet at the Community Centre, School Close Downley. Each month we have speakers and members are informed about future events. Refreshments, raffle and a competition make up the format for the evening. 01494 535998 or email patheath@virginmedia.com. Pat Heath President

### Stokenchurch Medical Centre

The medical centre will be closed on the afternoons of Wednesday 22nd May and Wednesday 19th June for staff training. Have you downloaded the new NHS app, which contains a symptom checker, self-care, service finder and book/manage appointments via your smart phone/iPad? This is the future as we release more appointments via technological solutions.

#### The Stokenchurch Educational Charity - Community Grants

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*By Dr Kathryn Miller BVSc CertAVP(SAM) MRCVS Advanced Practitioner in Small Animal Medicine* 

### Just like people, our pets get quietly older everyyear, some even start to go grey! And just like people, with age can come various medical problems.

But not all of these will be very obvious - animals are masters of disguising their symptoms! It's a good idea to have regular check-ups with your geriatric pet as age related complications can be easily managed when found early enough, greatly improving the quality of a pet's 'golden years'.

What is a geriatric pet? This varies a little with species/breed. Generally, a cat could be considered geriatric when they reach the age of 12. A small dog would be considered geriatric at around 10, whereas a larger dog would reach this mile stone at around 8.

What is a geriatric health check? Your vet will take a detailed history to see if you may have picked up on any changes at home that could indicate a possible problem – for example; a cat that has stopped grooming or jumping may well be getting arthritis, a male dog that is having difficulty urinating may have an enlarged prostate, a cat that is losing weight could well be developing a thyroid or kidney problem. They will then perform a detailed clinical exam, checking your pet's vital signs and taking particular care to examine the body systems that can be most affected by age.

But can anything be done to help? Absolutely! Pain relief/anti-inflammatory medication can massively improve an arthritic animal's quality



of life. Blood pressure medication can help control high blood pressure, which is very important as, if left uncontrolled, it can lead to blindness, heart disease and kidney failure. An overactive thyroid can be controlled, allowing a cat to regain its weight and reducing the metabolic stress on its internal organs. And not every condition requires tablets, some conditions such as kidney disease do best with a simple change of diet.

Have you heard about our Pet Health Club? It is designed to help members spread and reduce the cost of veterinary care. We even have a specific 'Geriatric Plan' for our older patients – this includes a 6 monthly check up with a vet, and an annual blood test, blood pressure check and urine sample.

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Here are some signs to look out for if you suspect your child has a hearing loss: Difficulty in understanding Speaking more loudly or quietly Asking you to repeat what you are saying Turning the TV or music up very loud Easily distracted when people are talking to them.

Unexplained tiredness and/or irritability in babies, early signs include not being startled by loud noises, being unable to hear different pitches and tones or not recognising a parent's voice.

Ear infections are more common in children and young babies and can cause temporary hearing loss. A doctor should be consulted if symptoms do not settle in a couple of days. They often follow a cold and the child may rub or pull at an ear, may cry more or be more irritable, have difficulty feeding and sleeping, and may have a cough.

Glue Ear is a condition that can affect us at any age but seems to occur more in children than in adults. It is when the middle part of the ear fills up with fluid, blocking the Eustachian tube. It can cause earache, pain and even tinnitus.

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Try to protect your child's hearing wherever possible, especially with contact sports and in loud environments, and get their hearing regularly tested. Do not hesitate to seek help if you suspect a problem with your child's hearing or ear health.

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Both these pepper types need the same conditions as tomatoes, consistently warm and watered regularly.

If you are growing cucumbers, choose an 'all female ' variety. This means you do not have to worry about pollination. Once the seed germinates, keep a very close eye on the young plant. In the early stages you must not overwater, and the temperature needs to be just right. When the plant gets over this initial stage and begins to put on new, strong growth, all should be well. The cucumber is a big plant that will produce lots of heavy fruits, so make sure you have it securely fixed in the greenhouse.

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### Friday 10th May Thame Chamber Choir

Auction of Promises and Wine Tasting. Thame Town Hall, 7.30 pm. Organised by Thame Chamber Choir as part of its 20th Anniversary year: Choir members offer their varied skills and services and lead a tasting of regional Italian wines. Free glass of Prosecco on arrival! Tickets from the Book House, from www.wegottickets.com, and at the door. £10



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#### Saturday 18th May Crendon Chamber Orchestra St Mary's Church, Thame 7.30pm

The orchestra's final concert of 2019 will be on **Saturday 18th May** and will include the American Quartet by Dvorak, (arranged for string orchestra), Howells, Elegy for Viola and Atterberg's Suite for Violin and Viola. There will also be a piece by Hubert Parry.

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### Thame Hockey Club

www.thamehockey.co.uk We welcome players of all abilities - it's all about taking part and enjoying the company of fellow hockey players in and around Thame. We run 6 adult teams, training on a Wednesday or Thursday evening at Thame Leisure Centre, where we also run junior hockey training on a Saturday morning from 9.00am - 11.00am for ages 6 to 14. From humble beginnings in 2008, the club is growing steadily, and our teams play at a variety of levels in the local league divisions.

If you are interested in playing, please contact the club secretary. Email: info@thamehockey.co.uk

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The Rotary Club of Thame welcomes new members, both women and men. The club's meetings take place at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. For more information about club activities or to enquire about becoming a member, please visit the Rotary Club of Thame's website: www.thame.rotary1090.org

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## What's on Thame

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# Kenzo's Diary-*A dog's life 2*

### Today I decided that I was fed up and tired of being a white polar bear, and I had a plan.

Firstly, I needed food to fuel my antics, but one breakfast was simply not going to be enough. Daddy is a clueless hooman so I whined and cried in front of my food-hole they call a 'booowl' and he filled it up with my tasty soft pebbles, giving me an early breakfast which I made disappear. Then I did the exact same tac-tic with Mum, fooling her into thinking daddy had forgotten poor little Kenzo's food, easy – 2 breakfasts!

The time then came for them to take me on my daily field romp, however with the wet and windy weather, my plan would work perfectly. It had created the one thing I needed, MUD!!! I pretended to be the good-est boy a hooman could ever want, jumping into the 'caaw' fearlessly, unlike my usual self, fooling mummy into a false sense of security. We were on our way, stage one complete.

We arrived, and the field was heaven; puddles of glorious mud 3 inches deep and grass ripped away revealing the gooey goodness I needed. I ran, speeding superbly, a missile with lock-on, straight to the dark oval swamp. "KENZOOOOO!" Mummy screamed fearfully, but it was too late! I had reached the thick, brown liquid and rolled and rolled until there was no patch left untouched. I had done it, I was now a black bear.

It would be fair to say mummy was not happy, but it did not matter because my mission was accomplished. Back in the 'caaw' I went. We got home to the gaping jaws of my brother and sister who kept saying OMG! then they carried me AGAINST MY WILL, into a plastic hole known as a 'barrrf', it was sickening. They were onto me, they had it filled with water and smelly stinky soap.



Before I knew it, I looked down, and to my despair, my hard work was undone. I was a white, polar bear puppy again.

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## ACROSS

- 1 Arrest aunt cooking here? (10)
- 6 Dash back for jazz. (4)
- 10 One might see a rainbow through it. (5)
- 11 Something like this might need proof. (9)
- 12 Old transport for comedians Laurel and Hope. (8)
- 13 502 following soldiers they meet at the centre. (5)
- 15 Incorrect indicators for many doublehearted flowers. (7)
- 16 The French leave choice part. (7)
- 18 Put up with rude shape in the end. (7)
- 20 Footballer might be on the carpet. (7)
- 21 It happens in eleven towns. (5)
- 23 Boots always have them. (8)
- 25 Change half polo goalies to say sorry. (9)
- 27 The city house might rebound. (4)
- 28 Badgered pet reduces mauling. (10)

## DOWN

- 1 Mature leaders run in Port Elizabeth. (4)
- 2 Canonisation of George and Robin, perhaps. (9)
- 3 Correctly train maids into running the business. (14)
- 4 Thinks logically about motives. (7)
- 5 Greek character changed clues found in the middle. (7)
- 7 Delirious debt-free backing caused aggravation. (5)
- 8 Wordy reference book. (10)
- 9 Typical role first in charge. (14)
- 14 Speed up, create lace production. (10)
- 17 I am in hospital rather irritated. (9)
- 19 Go downhill to say 'no'. (7)
- 20 Pierces drains enclosing muck at last. (7)
- 22 Many hope to return about time. (5)
- 24 Dull sound in West Huddersfield. (4)

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Neil Matthews is the co-author, with his wife Helen, of Slow Travel: The Chilterns and the Thames Valley, a new guidebook available to buy online (bradtguides.com) or in local bookshops.



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May / June 2019

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### Wednesday 8th May Princes Risborough Morning W.I.

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#### Saturday 11th May Green Living Event

With Bike Exchange, Plant and Seed Swap and colourful gift and craft stalls Presenting a great opportunity to sell or buy a second-hand bike, swap seeds or plants and enjoy a variety of information and presentations on Green Living, including Bee Keeping. Mill Lane School **10.00am – 2.00pm** Free craft activities for children. You can also deposit any of the following items for recycling on the day: household batteries, CDs, used postage stamps, foreign coins, mobile phones, printer cartridges and old reading glasses. Refreshments available throughout the day, including cakes and drinks and a selection of home-made soups. Entrance Free. Organised by Chinnor and Thame Friends of the earth. For more information ring Maureen on 01844 352816, mdyroff@tiscali.co.uk.

## What's on Risborough

### Sunday 12th May Chinnor Windmill

Along with many watermills and windmills across the country, Chinnor windmill will be open to the public on **Sunday 12th May** as part of 'National Mills Weekend'. From **12:00 noon to 5:00pm,** volunteers will be on hand to guide visitors round the mill, which is being completely rebuilt after it was bulldozed in the 1960's to make way for housing. If the weather is fair, we hope to turn the sails for the first time under wind power. See website for more details http://www.chinnor-windmill.blogspot.com

### <mark>Monday 13th May</mark> Forget Me Knot Café

We meet twice monthly, 10.30am -12.30pm at Chinnor Village Centre. Hands on Heritage – Travelling Museums (May 13th). Bank Holiday - no club (May 27th). Kaleidoscope Art Therapies – Annabel Shilliday (June 10th). Singing for the mind – Julia Hollander (June 24th) For further information please contact Michele on 01844 353154 / 07779732097 or at info@holisticmassageuk.co.uk or Val on 01844 352254 or at valerie.edwards2053@btintemet.com to find out more. Chinnor Village Centre www.facebook.com/forgetmeknotcafe

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### Thursday 16th - 18th May Chinnor Village Hall

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### Princes Risborough Methodist Church

Morning Worship 10.00am each Sunday. Holy Communion celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month (may vary). Fellowship and refreshments after each service. Full details of church activities https://www.aylesburyvale.org.uk Should you wish to come to any church activity but are a little apprehensive please telephone 07894159544 and a church member will arrange to meet and greet you and introduce you to members of the fellowship.

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### Princes Risborough Evening W.I.

A group of welcoming women who meet on the first Thursday of the month at The Princes Centre, Clifford Road, HP27 0DP from **7.45pm**. We enjoy speakers on a wide range of topics as well as organised trips and activities. If you would like more information, please email us on risboroughevew@gmail.com We look forward to meeting you. We don't make a charge for entry, but any donation is welcome.

## St Mary's Church

Details of our weekly services and events for the month can be found at www.stmarysrisborough.org.uk. Everyone is welcome to our regular events: **Thursdays 10.30 am:** Coffee in the Chapter House; **First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm:** Open Door in the Chapter House. All welcome to join us for afternoon tea. We particularly cater for the lonely and those recently bereaved.

### **Risboro' Lacemakers**

We still meet at the Cherry Baker Room, Princes Risborough Community Centre on the **4th Wednesday of each month 7.30pm -9.30pm.** and usually the **second Saturday of each month 9.30am - 4.30pm.** For more details see our website http://adkins61.wix.com/ risborolacemakers

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In 2019 the windmill will be open on **Sundays** and **Bank Holiday Mondays from Sunday 7th April until Sunday 29th September from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.** Admission is £2.50 per adult and £1 per child (aged 5-15).



## What's on Risborough

On National Mills Weekend we will be open on **Saturday I 1th May from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, and on Sunday I 2th May from 11.00am to 5.00pm.** The windmill is the oldest smock mill in the country, with wooden machinery dating from the mid-17th century, and has been restored by members of the Chiltern Society. Please park in Pink Road and walk up the path on the right-hand side of 'The Whip' pub. For further details about the windmill, including travel information, please see www.laceygreenwindmill. org.uk or telephone 01844 275871.

### **Risborough and District Bridge Club**

The club is pleased to announce that they will, as from **25th April 2019**, hold an extra duplicate session each **Thursday afternoon** from **2.00pm (for a 2.15pm start) until 5.30pm.** The sessions will take place in the Carrington Room of the Community Centre in Stratton Road HP27 9AX. Light refreshment is always available. There is a modest table fee (£2.50 for a visitor). Pairs of any playing strength will be very welcome. The club also holds sessions

on **Tuesday afternoons** (which are oversubscribed) and on **Wednesday evenings beginning at 7.15pm.** www.bridgewebs.com/ risborough Tel. Barbara Oates 01844 344264 theoates123@gmail.com.

## Princes Risborough Bowls Club

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## Princes Risborough U3A

If you are retired or semi-retired. To find out about our activities and events come to an Open Meeting for new members on **Tuesday 30th April 2.00pm - 4.00pm** at Risborough Community Centre. For more information look on our website: www.risboroughu3a.org.uk



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Alongside the professionals, local Pirate celebrity Captain Ducky, will attempt to navigate the river with an entertaining but less than seaworthy vessel. There may be a chance of a few leaks developing during the race which will only add to the enjoyment of the kids watching the show from the river bank.



The race starts on the old town bridge, accessed via Priest End, behind St Mary's church. Gates open at 10.30am and the race will start at around 11.00am.

Tickets are on sale for £2 per duck, from local groups, Thame Town Hall and at Thame Carnival held the day before the race. There may be a limited amount of tickets on sale at the start line on the morning of the race but in previous years the event has sold out so it's best to buy your tickets in advance if you can.

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Starting in late January in the sub-tropical south, the blossoms sweep up the country, reaching Tokyo and Kyoto in the first two weeks of April, though this can vary due to the weather. In the two weeks after they first bloom, locals and visitors alike



stroll, sit and picnic beneath the laden boughs, but we particularly like to enjoy them lit up by lanterns at twilight.

Cherry blossom season is extremely popular and our tours often sell out a long way in advance. If you want to travel during this period, make sure you book early!

#### Autumn Leaves

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#### Sun and Snow

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In the winter, outside the cities, the country becomes a snow-covered wonderland. Vibrant ski resorts spring into action, ice festivals take place (Sapporo's is the world's biggest) and the Japanese Macaques earn their Snow Monkey moniker. Oh, and there is nothing better than the glorious warm waters of an onsen on a cold winter's day!

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# Midsummer Meanings By Catherine Rose

The month of Wimbledon and Father's Day; synonymous with freshly mown grass, the first Pimms and a sudden abundance of flowers, we welcome June as the beginning of summer.

In Anglo-Saxon times, June was known as midsummer month or sera monath, meaning 'dry month'. It also brought with it the big pagan celebration of the summer solstice – the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

It was the Romans who were responsible for giving the sixth month in their Roman and our Gregorian calendar its current name. Jun(e) is believed to be a shortened version of Junius -Latin for 'sacred to Juno'.

Juno was the wife of Jupiter and patron goddess of Rome. She was also the goddess of marriage and childbirth. The blessing she was said to bestow on couples who marry during this month has meant that June weddings remain popular to this day.

In early Roman times, June had 29 days, but Emperor Julius Caesar added an extra day, making it 30 days long.

People born in June are said to be ruled by the planet Mercury, representing youth, and come under the zodiac signs of either Gemini (the twins) or Cancer (the crab). Scientific studies have claimed that June babies tend to be physically stronger and suffer less with mental illnesses than those born in any other month.

June has three birthstones: the pearl, moonstone and the more obscure alexandrite. The birth flowers for this month are the rose and the honeysuckle.

There is a saying in folklore that in June, summer doesn't begin until the elderflower is in blossom.

Apart from the summer solstice, other festivals that take place in June include well-dressing,



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where natural springs are honoured with elaborate decorations that include intricate mosaic-like pictures made using flowers, grasses, moss, seeds, bark and berries. Well-dressing is particularly popular across Derbyshire.

The many significant historical events that have happened in the month of June include: the signing of the Magna Carta on 15th June 1215; the infamous Battle of Waterloo on 18th June 1815; the Queen's coronation on 2nd June 1953; and D-Day, on 6th June 1944.

The month of June has long fascinated poets, artists and lyricists from Shakespeare to Rogers and Hammerstein. 'Flaming June' is a famous painting by Lord Frederick Leighton completed in 1895. Scottish poet Robert Burns also paid homage to the month in the first lines of his well-known poem 'A Red Red Rose'. And there is no end of romantic ballads out there rhyming 'June' with 'moon'.

Believe it or not, June was a popular name for both boys and girls in the first part of the 20th century but over the last 40-50 years it has declined in favour in the UK. However, June has enjoyed a resurgence as a favourite girls' name in the USA during the past decade.



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The programme for May's Chilterns Walking Festival spring event has been announced by the Chilterns Conservation Board, organiser of the popular festival.

Running from Saturday I 8th May to Sunday 2nd June 2019, the programme includes over 70 guided walks, events and activities covering the whole of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which stretches from Oxfordshire through Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire into Hertfordshire.

The new programme includes specialist themed walks, and opportunities to discover lively stories and scenic landscapes associated with the Chilterns. Some walks include the prospect of sampling local food and drink, others provide 'have-a-go' sessions or chances to learn about the area's wildlife, history and colourful characters.

## The Spring programme opening week - highlights include:

 Classic Chilterns
 Views – join our knowledgeable guide and follow the ancient Ridgeway, taking in the views from Coombe Hill Monument before



lunching in Buckmoorend at the Farm Shop café; returning past Chequers, country home of Britain's Prime Minister.

 Midsomer Murders Revealed! – explore Henley's historical past and visit Midsomer Murders locations; our guide will reveal filming locations, personal anecdotes & facts you won't find in the guide book.

 Mindful Wellbeing Nordic Walk – improve your health physically and mentally with a 2–3 mile Nordic trek through Chilterns Woodlands using walking poles; a feast for the senses discovering woodland plants and trees.



 Bluebells and Blacksmiths – this 'Meet the Maker' craft walk will introduce you to two workshops: Cobalt Blacksmiths and Gordon Kent Furniture Maker. The walk takes in beautiful scenery including beechwoods carpeted in bluebells (nature permitting).

• Living History: Jordan's Village – discover the history

of this Quakerfounded village, including a tour of Jordan's Meeting House and optional tea & cakes at Spindrift B@B



Each walk is guided by an experienced leader who knows the area well and is keen to share stories of the people and places that have shaped the countryside.

Chiltems Conservation Board People and Society Officer Annette Venters said "The Chiltems Walking Festival is now a firm favourite with both tourists and residents: each year we see more walks, more guides, more local business involvement, and above all growing numbers of participants. This year the programme includes a huge variety of walks to enable everyone to explore The Chiltems and discover remarkable people and places within a beautiful natural environment. There's already been lots of interest, so please do book early to avoid disappointment."

Details of all guided walks, events and activities available in the spring programme can be found on the website **www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest.** 

Most are free of charge though some require a small fee which is clearly shown. To assist walk leaders with expected numbers, most events must be pre-booked.





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#### Puzzle



# Sudoku

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- base meals on wholegrain bread, rice, pasta and potatoes
- have dairy or dairy alternatives daily (eg soya, nut or coconut based yogurts, milk and cheeses)
- eat some beans, pulses, fish, eggs, meat and nuts and other protein.
- choose unsaturated oils and spreads in small amounts
- drink plenty of fluids especially water

#### Eating a healthy nutritious diet doesn't need to be expensive – here are some tips to help feed your family for less....

- I. Plan meals ahead
- Cook in bulk and freeze leftovers (if not using the next day) to prevent wastage
- 3. Buy fruit and vegetables in season
- 4. Buy frozen fruit and vegetables
- 5. Visit the Market at the end of the day and buy the £1 bowls – if buying large amounts chop up and store in the freezer so they are ready to go when you need them
- 6. Take a packed lunch to work and on days out with the family
- 7. Try 'value' supermarket brands
- 8. Reduce meat and fish meals and instead have more meals using beans, lentils and chick peas
- Reduce number of snack and take-away foods
- Use 'value' wholegrain cereals and 'value' wholegrain breads/pitta's

- II. Aim to home-cook most meals and choose quick simple recipes the family will enjoy
- Cut down on fatty, sugary, salty snacks and choose fruit. carrot sticks. nuts or cereal instead
- 13. Make homemade soups add lentils

#### Nutritious affordable foods

- Baked beans
- Tinned chick peas, tinned lentils and beans
- Frozen peas and other frozen vegetables
- Fresh carrots, potatoes, swede and broccoli (especially 'less than perfect')
- Frozen berry fruits
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned sardines
- Plain frozen fish
- Bananas
- Own brand cereals and porridge oats
- Eggs
- Tinned tomatoes
- Liver and bacon mis-shapes
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- Value ranges of foods

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Processed meats – sausages, burgers, fatty meat products Pastry - pies, pasties, sausage rolls Fast foods and takeaways Fizzy drinks Crisps, biscuits, cakes

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Sunday 19th May

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coming to Thame on his first UK Tour. His latest show, Lunatic, is about identity politics and trying to be a good father in a horrible world. He provides no answers, only questions.

#### **DUNG BEATLES**

Saturday 8th June at 7.45pm

Hailed by The British Beatles Fan Club as 'definitely not your average Beatles band', the band has earned high praise for its



authentic musical renditions and close-harmony vocals. Based in Buckinghamshire, The Dung Beatles got together in 2013, with Danny Prendergast on lead guitar and vocal, Mike Ashton on drums, Steve Hillier on rhythm guitar and lead vocal, and Phil Toler on bass and vocals. Martin Kent joined in 2017 on keyboards.

Tickets of various prices available online from www.thameplayers.co.uk or from Spear Travels on 01844 217228

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