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### Welcome to the Winter edition of the GKRA Newsletter

Dear Reader,

Now it is December and heading towards Christmas! How did that happen? Since the last newsletter we have had the village bonfire and fireworks (see article on page 8 and photographs on page 14). Last year many residents were disappointed that it didn't go ahead and this was mainly because of lack of volunteers to help. This year we were very pleased to have a number of new volunteers helping — thank you all very much for giving up your time — we couldn't have done it without you. Building the bonfire and moving equipment across the field was certainly a challenge due to the mud. It also made things difficult for the many people who turned out to support the event, but the weather was fine for the evening so we were very lucky! Thank you all for coming.

A huge thank you to Cryers Hill Post Office, SPAR who supplied much of the food and drinks, Keegan White for printing and erecting the advertising boards, Pipers Corner School for the loan of equipment, Pyromagic for the splendid firework display, the Village Hall for lending us the tables and our local land owner for the use of the field. We are grateful to you all for your support.

We would still love to have more people helping at these events though. It is always a lot of work for a very small team so if you would like to help with any of the GKRA events in the future then please get in touch.

New contributors to the newsletter are always very welcome. Copy for the spring edition is required by mid-February 2024 please.

Finally (if it isn't too early) wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. Jackie

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#### **RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

ACTING CHAIRMAN John Golledge SECRETARY Shirley Challis TREASURER John Holwill chairman@greatkingshill.org shirleyannchallis@gmail.com john.holwill@gmail.com

#### **Diary of Events**

Sunday 17th December at 5.30pm Spring date tbc Sunday 14th July 2024 Carol singing outside of SPAR followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

Quiz

**Great Kingshill Fete** 

Please look out for posters around the village and on the notice board by the pedestrian crossing for more details and confirmation of dates and times.

#### **GKRA Committee Report**

As we currently have no chairman we have no usual chairman's report, but instead a general committee report written by our secretary:

GKRA includes everybody. If you live in the village as a resident you are automatically a member!!

Since our last event, the celebration of the Coronation, we have held two more. In October, our very popular quiz night was oversubscribed and our thanks go to Barney, our quizmaster for all his hard work. We will be holding another quiz in the spring so watch this space.

Our main event, the fireworks and bonfire went ahead despite the dreadful weather preceding it, turning the ground into a mud bath. This is our main fundraiser of the year and requires lots of helpers, so our thanks to them for making it possible.

If you have any ideas for new events, why not come to one of our committee meetings and tell us all about it? Meetings are held at 7.30 on the first Monday of the month in the HPC meeting room opposite the common and we look forward to seeing you.



#### **GKRA Fete on the Common 14th July 2024**

Having listened to the positive comments from residents about how much they enjoyed the Coronation Fete held on the Common earlier this year GKRA are very pleased to be holding a similar event next year on Sunday 14th July.

A number of stalls and activities have already signed up including a funfair, dog show, tombola, live music, and children's races. The Great Kingshill Cricket Club will again provide bar facilities as well as their excellent BBQ food. The Village Hall are involved and picnic tables will be available as before. We hope that other local community organisations will also be able to support the event.

This time the village competition will be the 'Great Kingshill Bake Up', giving everyone regardless of age, the opportunity to demonstrate their baking skills.

More details on the event and the baking competition will be shared over the next few month but please put the date in your diary.

If you would like to have a stall or contribute in any other way please get in touch via the newsletter email: gkra.newsletter@gmail.com.

Look forward to seeing you all on the 14th July.

Paul Nicholls GKRA Fete Committee



## **Great Kingshill Village Hall Your Community Centre**

Repeating an exercise we did six years ago, we conducted a (village hall) hirer satisfaction survey in September, and it was reassuring to see very high levels of satisfaction being reported by the wide variety of hall users – regular and ad-hoc. The survey also provided insight into what our priorities should be for making improvements going forward: decorating the small hall, improving the hall divider doors, and improving the lighting.

Our AGM meeting in early September was well attended. As a registered charity, the main purpose of this is to report to the community on formal matters such as the financial management (we continue to retain a solid user level and stability), and introduce and appoint the management committee. One new member, Katie Hemmings, is now the Secretary, replacing Jill Jackling. We should be in a position to appoint a new Chairperson at the next committee meeting in early January.

One change: Simon Bradley has moved away – he was the caretaker, but he also looked after the front garden – so, we are looking for a new volunteer to cut the grass and do the occasional pruning.

The hall again hosted the important Remembrance Service for the community on 12th November. It was very well attended, and special thanks go to the trumpeter Tom Aston for his evocative playing of The Last Post and Reveille.

Next up: Christmas! Look out for the Village Hub Christmas Fayre on Sunday 17th December, and GKRA Carols the same evening.

For booking enquiries, please e-mail bookings@gkvillagehall.org, or for more about the hall and a list of what's on, see www.gkvillagehall.org. And please don't forget the regular Friday Morning Coffee and Cake

gathering – open to all for a friendly chat. Peter Jackling, Great Kingshill Village Hall







Remembrance Day 2023





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#### **GKRA Fireworks Party 2023**

"You know, I think we'll be all right," I said, optimistically, looking at the weather forecast for the hundredth time that day. The app on my phone now promised a sunny afternoon. Well, perhaps not an actual promise, but a glimmer of hope that the rain would stop finally after what seemed like weeks and weeks.

I loaded my sound equipment into the car and drove from my little cottage to help set up for the big event. To say the field was sodden would be a huge understatement: the ground sucked at our wellies as we walked over it carrying tables, gazebos, and 8 foot by 4 wooden sheets of makeshift flooring. Gosh, it was wet underfoot — and full of bumps and ridges, of course. I was already seeing in my mind hundreds of people pouring in after dark, churning the grass into sucking mud, losing their boots in it, falling over in it, and I shuddered.

Then, just after half past two, the sun came out and a beautiful half rainbow appeared fleetingly but reassuringly, and I knew that everything would be OK. People came together to help with finishing the bonfire, putting up the fencing, stalls got built, and the fireworks team arrived with their whizz-bangs and electronic control boxes. Things started to take shape, all ready for opening.

At six o'clock I pressed the Start button for background music, grateful to my friend Lesley for helping create a good playlist. People were arriving with children of all ages. The field started filling up, and queues were forming for hot food and drinks. "Welcome to the Great Kingshill fireworks party 2023!!" I yelled over the microphone. Then I walloped the music up to maximum, and we were up and running.

Soon the bonfire was lit, with flames appearing slowly but surely, and before long it was burning bright and we could feel its heat. I got the nod from the fireworks chaps so we did a countdown: "Five, four, three, two one, FIREWORKS!" The display was fabulous, of course: rockets, Roman candles, everything you could possibly wish for was up there in the night sky making beautiful patterns. The atmosphere was the same as always: happy. Village life really is lovely.

Huge thanks to everybody who helped make the party such a success: SPAR, Pipers Corner School, Cryers Hill Post Office, Keegan White, the Village Hall, Lesley Sams, PyroMagic and all of the volunteeers and the GKRA Team (especially Brian and Jackie), but most of all to the hundreds of peope who turned up and enjoyed our village firework party.

Robin Springall (DJ on the night)

See photos on page 14

#### **Pigeon Dust**



This obscure photo is taken through double glazing with confusing reflections, but you should still be able to see a pattern in white that looks familiar: the outline of a bird in flight with outstretched wings, feet dangling, and, on the body, scalloped marks of small feathers. The image was formed by a wood pigeon flying full tilt into my window. There was an audible bump, but the lightness of the bird and cushioning breast feathers enabled the bird to fly off apparently unharmed, although no doubt rather bewildered. It happens often when I clean the window. The clear glass reflects the sky and may look to an inattentive bird like open flying-space. It is particularly likely when there are sparrow-hawks around. Pigeons are their chief prey and their presence can cause the birds to rush off in panic. Mostly the birds fly away immediately after the accident. Occasionally one may flutter to the ground and stand motionless for a while, while it gets its brain, strength and confidence back after the shock. They seldom kill themselves, at least not immediately.

The image left on the window is like powdered chalk. The fluffy downy feathers close to the skin (which help to maintain temperature) are made of thin filaments of a type of keratin (the same substance that in other forms is part of hair, claws and horns). These thin strands easily break up into a fine powder that itself helps condition the feathers and it is this that was left behind on the glass when the pigeon blundered into it. There is a general white cloud from dust flying in all directions,

but concentrations where the feathers directly hit the window create a recognisable image. This dust can cause respiratory diseases if breathed in. Most of us do not go around sniffing pigeons, but people who keep parrots, Psittacus species, which also produce plenty of keratin dust, may suffer from psittacosis, an illness similar to the silicosis suffered by miners.

Pigeons are by far the most frequent of our garden birds to fly accidentally into our windows. There have been occasions, however, when aggressive male song-birds in summer have attacked their reflections in our windows when light conditions were just right to give a clear impression, interpreting them as rival males. Robins are inclined to do this, but I have also seen blue tits, chaffinches and goldcrests doing the same. The battle of course is unwinnable, the closer they approach, the closer their opponent comes and they match them thrust for thrust, wing-flap for wing-flap, peck for peck. I try chasing them off but they often return immediately afterwards, so inflamed are they by these pertinacious intruders into their territory. I worry that they are wasting too much vital energy in such futile aggression. Mirrors are not something our wildlife have evolved any instinct to tackle. The same goes for roads and cars. Most birds searching roads will leave it until the very last minute to fly away from an oncoming vehicle. I am surprised they so often get away with it, but then again they often do not. Pigeons, again, are among the main culprits in this respect too.

In fact pigeons seem to be the perennial clowns of our bird world and their appearance does not help — those white-ringed eyes giving an expression (to our eyes) of permanent surprise and blank amazement, their pompous fat waddling bodies like something from a circus. They also sit around a lot, much more than other birds apart from predators. This latter fact is because they can find enough food to sustain themselves much more quickly than other birds, due largely to their wide diets, so unlike, say, a blue tit, they do not have spend almost all their waking hours seeking to ward off starvation. They are certainly a very successful bird, by far the most commonly seen around our area, and possibly increasing in numbers. The latter is no doubt due to their propensity to mate at any time throughout the summer, as witness the familiar sight of a male wood pigeon with low outstretched head following close

behind a female, essaying persistently to fly upon the poor girl (who only wants to feed and is annoyed by the continual harassment). A familiar experience, half of you may say. And as for nest-building, they do not waste energy on that — a loose platform of ill-matched twigs will do, the shabbiest construction of any bird.

Wood-pigeons are possibly more intelligent than they appear, for they have always prospered well, taking advantage of man's propensity to leave edible scraps around by moving from their ancestral woods into our farmyards and gardens, where food is plentiful enough. Their numbers were kept lower in the past by annual pigeon-shooting parties and the regular consumption of their rich red protein-packed breastmeat. I see that pigeon is now returning to many restaurant menus, like venison, and if they become a popular food item more people may be encouraged to take up shooting them again, helping to control their burgeoning numbers.

**Tony Marshall** 



#### **Carol Singing**

Sunday 17th December at 5.30pm

Come and join us for our annual carol singing outside of SPAR Followed by refreshments in the Village Hall at 6.00pm

Please bring a torch!

Be aware that this is by a busy road, so please look after your little ones!

#### **Cockpit Hole**

On Saturday 7th October Hughenden Parish Council joined forces with Great Kingshill Village Hub, and the Chiltern Rangers, to begin restoring the area around Cockpit Hole. A team of volunteers were guided by Chiltern Rangers, to work within a sustainable plan.

Work included clearing some of the overgrown reeds, removing dead shrubs, mowing, raking and removing the arisings, sowing yellow rattle seeds, and general tidying. Follow up work will include new planting, further clearing, and the installation of some bird and bat boxes. A consultation will take place to gauge community opinion on the possible installation of community art. Of course, the volunteers also enjoyed refreshments, provided by the Chiltern Rangers, and plenty of fun for everyone who joined in – with ages ranged from young children through to some in their 80's!

The ongoing maintenance of the area is crucial to sustain a range of wildlife that relies on the pond habitat. An updated management plan has been developed for this space. The council is working hard to assess all its key natural assets, and will prioritise nurturing its wild spaces in the coming months. We look forward to more successful community days.

Debra Main Ward Councillor - Great Kingshill



#### The Great Kingshill Post Box Toppers!



One year ago the first GK Postbox Topper appeared. The two new Remembrance toppers are the 9th and 10th creations the group have worked on which have received such positive comments. Our aim is to brighten your day.

By the time you read the Winter GKRA Newsletter you will hopefully have had the chance to admire our Christmas bunting adorning our village hall plus two Christmas toppers made with love for our village.

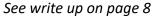


Happy Christmas from the GK Postbox Topper Ladies: Maggie, Chris. Jean (photographed), Jackie, Myriam, Ann and Lynn.

#### **Great Kingshill Bonfire Building and Fireworks**













#### **Repurposing The Old Bus Shelter**

**GK Village Hub** were delighted to be given permission over the summer to use the disused bus shelter on Missenden Road as a community communication hub. It is located behind the main postbox. This has been painted inside, displays an open HPC noticeboard and a swap shop bookcase. An attractive wooden planter with bulbs and shrubs is also located at the side. This has been a great community project with villagers donating a range of items and time.

If you haven't had the chance to look at the notices or books on offer, why not pop down and see the new community area.















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# Cycling with the Chiltern Hills Group

Chiltern Hills Cycling UK group offers both led rides and coffee pots every Sunday. Now winter and the cooler shorter days are here it's still time to enjoy cycling, coffee stops and rides in the countryside that surrounds our local area. Autumn and winter mean rides will be that bit shorter but there is still time to enjoy your cycling and make new friends.

There is something for everyone of all ages and abilities who wants to get out with both pedal bikes and e-bikers welcome. Cafes such as Hughenden Valley Coffee Shop, Hildreths at Prestwood, The Potters Arms at Winchmore Hill and Costa or Matilda's in Great Missenden regularly feature in the club rides list so you are never far from home.

While most rides are easy paced and suitable for all the group does have some moderate and slightly longer rides in the monthly rides list too. Occasionally there is also a chance to do some off-road riding.

Chiltern Hills Cycling UK have a Zoom social on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8pm and a meet up clubroom at Little Kingshill Baptist Church on the 3rd Thursday 8pm -10pm.

Hope you can join us! For more Information:

Web: www.southbuckscycling.org.uk E-mail: publicity@southbuckscycling.org.uk

For general information about Cycling UK visit: www.cyclinguk.org

#### Glis Glis Gone

Love them, hate them, you can't escape them. Having lived in Great Kingshill for 12 years we have shared our home with Glis Glis (Myoxus glis), also known as edible dormice for a long time. We became suspicious that the infestation was much higher this year so I installed a field camera in the loft. What I caught on camera was very like the 1984 movie Gremlins. So I started trapping and have caught 137 until Oct 25th 2023.

For many in our community they make life an utter misery. They can be found in lofts, airing cupboards, kitchens etc contaminating all areas with urine and faeces. More seriously they can chew through electric cables, roof structures and fabrics causing extensive damage and even the risk of fire. Most insurance companies will not pay out for a fire caused by rodent infestations.

Glis Glis history is very interesting. Although broadly spread across Europe, they are not a UK native species. We have our own UK dormouse, called the Hazel Dormouse, which doesn't invade people's homes and is becoming increasingly rare. I believe the Glis Glis is having a negative impact on birds, bats and other mammals. Is it a repeat of the grey squirrel invasion I wonder?







First recorded in history as a culinary delicacy loved by the ancient Romans, who would fatten then up in a large pot called a glirarium and then roast them as a tasty snack. Even now, in Slovenia and Croatia they are a popular food and there are 'YouTube' videos of Hester Blumenthal turning them into tasty dishes.

Although protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Natural England can issue a CLO2 License to allow Glis Glis to be trapped and humanely killed for the purposes of preserving public health and public safety, and to prevent serious damage to crops, fruit, growing timber and other forms of property. Because of my prior training and experience, I have been granted this license. So, I am now a woman on a mission and I have set up a Glis Glis removal service with my husband to eliminate them from people's homes. Additionally, I believe they are such a danger to public health, they should be taken off the protected species list, allowing people to legally kill them, like rats. Through our business, reporting of the data we collect, will hopefully show the level of invasion we are facing in the Chilterns and I would use this information to lobby Natural England.

If you think you have a Glis Glis problem and want some help, please don't hesitate to contact me by email ywilding@outlook.com or phone 07500 663 220

Yvonne Wilding

#### **Village Events For Your December Diary:**

**8th December** the "Just a Sing-a-Long Choir" will be holding an evening of music, carols and mulled wine from 7:30pm in the Barns at Cherry Tree Farm in aid of the Jack Sparrow Fund – supporting research into Chondrosarcoma (a form of bone cancer). More details on the poster in the old bus shelter

17th December Village Christmas Party – see advert on page 17

17th December at 5.30 Carol singing outside of SPAR

**20th December** Chequers Folk Christmas Special with the Wick Trimmers and friends (8.00pm in the Barns at Cherry Tree Farm as usual)



#### CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP

Over the autumn we have held a variety of events including a Take-Away evening at home, Autumn Tints Walk and for those who prefer to stay at home or cannot get out, monthly Zoom socials. With the cooler winter days ahead, the group will be doing more indoor events although we still have the occasional day trip out and our walks.

We have two great days out in the run up to Christmas that are outdoors and hopefully both will encounter good weather. Firstly, a day trip to one of England's smallest towns, Stockbridge then on to Salisbury to visit the cathedral and Christmas Market. Then in December on the solstice we have an early morning sunrise walk and breakfast. Christmas has been looked after for the group with a dinner and dance at High Wycombe Town Hall.

At home evenings, take-away food nights and the occasional Quiz Night also feature in our bi-monthly events programme. The Pub Night on the last Thursday of the month has currently settled at The Crown in Hazlemere. Along with the Lunch Club on the second Friday at the Spindle & Thread in High Wycombe these events are ideal for newcomers giving a chance to meet other members in an informal location.

If you are single, 40-60's, looking for a great social life and new friends then why not give Chameleon Singles Group a try? There are no strangers at Chameleon, just new friends to be made. The group has several local people from Great Kingshill, Widmer End, Hazlemere and the surrounding areas and you would be very welcome too. To find out more call Terrie on 01494 445816, Trevor on 01494 529067 or e-mail: info@chameleonsingles.org.uk. Visit the group on-line at www. chameleonsingles.org.uk or search Facebook.



In spite of there being staff vacancies over the past few months that need to be filled, the Council has been able to make headway with a number of key projects. Our fifteen Open Spaces are being reviewed to plan for their futures with significant progress being made; for example the community renovation of Cockpit Hole, the detailed plans for Burnham Meadow and Spinney and the development of the Old Allotments in Great Kingshill. The Garden of Rest has been further landscaped and the allotment management significantly improved.

Speeding, a high priority for residents, has seen community speedwatch continue unabated thanks to volunteers. The speed signs are returning after being damaged when the batteries were stolen. Contractors have been keeping the hedges and verges tidy, and tree removal continues when they, unfortunately, succumb to disease. We have also provided several grants to village halls and others to improve their facilities.

The Council now has an experienced Locum Clerk, Philip Truppin, who is working to bring stability back to the Council and to bring us back on track after the past two years of volatility. There are still some councillor vacancies and residents who wish to contribute to their community in that way can contact the Locum on clerk@hughenden-pc.gov.uk.

For further information contact the Locum Clerk on:

clerk@hughenden-pc.gov.uk or telephone 07518 810192.





#### Catch up with friends and make some new ones in 2024.

It is almost one year since the launch of the Hughenden Street Association Pub Lunch at the Full Moon in Little Kingshill. A warm welcome is assured from everyone involved and the food is good!

One of Hughenden Street Association's priorities is to bring people together. Our Pub Lunches — at the Harrow in Hughenden Valley and the Black Lion in Naphill are very popular. With our strong links with the Great Kingshill Village Hub we are hoping that the one at the Full Moon will be equally successful.

It might seem a bit daunting coming along to an event particularly if you think that you won't know anyone else. Please be assured that our Pub Lunch Co-ordinator, Janet will make sure that you are well looked-after.

Enjoy a £9 two-course lunch in the restaurant at the Full Moon, Hare Lane, Little Kingshill, HP16 0EE. To find out more contact Janet Booth on 0797 6896219. Booking is essential and the lunch takes place on the fourth Wednesday of each month (excluding December).

#### **About Us**

Hughenden Street Association is a volunteer-led local community group. Working collaboratively with like-minded organisations including Great Kingshill Village Hub as well as Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Council.

If you would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter simply send an email with 'newsletter' in the subject line to the Editor:

hughendensa@gmail.com You can also find us on Facebook!

Hilda Stearn
Communications Coordinator

#### GREAT KINGSHILL VILLAGE HALL REGULAR EVENTS

	Mo	nday	
Group Name	Frequency	Contact	Phone
Yogalates	Morning	Alison Lacey	07813 540751
Senior Fitness/Fit for Life	Morning	Alison Lacey	07813 540751
Sit & Sew	DayWeek 3 only	Tricia Lockhart	01494 714764
Mah Jong	Day/Most weeks	John Grainger	01494 715530
Pilates	Day/Eve Weekly	Rosie Lewin	07932 607116
Chiltern 20s Badminton	Evening/Weekly	Hazel Strathdee	01494 562689
Table Tennis	Evening/Contact	Susana Hansell	01494 713572

Tuesday			
Group Name	Frequency	Contact	Phone
Ladies Badminton	Morning/Weekly	Chris Gould	01494 714566
Kingshill Line Dancing	DayWeekly	Robin Springall	07977 517436
Anna Rose Dance	Day/Eve Weekly	Alex Sanmogan	07841 124697
Table Tennis	Evening/Contact	Susana Hansell	01494 713572

Wednesday			
Group Name	Frequency	Contact	Phone
Niki Gibbs Pilates	Morning/Weekly	Nicola Gibbs	01494 525459 07949 164613
Great Kingshill Ladies	Aft/Week 2 only	Sylvia Briggs	01494 714127
Tai Chi	Aft/Eve Week 3	Tricia Lockhart	01494 714764
NEW Lotus Flower Yoga	Evening/Weekly	Davina Hughes	07919 623068

Thursday				
Group Name	Frequency	Contact	Phone	
Keep Fit	Morning/Weekly	Kath Essex	01494 714719	
Pilates with Pamela	Morning/Weekly	Pamela Wilson	07759 831706	
Dance with Attitude	Aft/Eve Weekly	Rebecca Beauchamp	07795 173581	
Ballroom&Latin Dance	Evening/Weekly	Linda Paton	newvisiondance@gmail.com	

	Fri	iday	
Group Name	Frequency	Contact	Phone
<b>Body Control Pilates</b>	Morning/Weekly:	Alison Lacey	07813 540751
Coffee Club	Friday 10:30	John Capell	Just turn up
Chiltern Crafters	Evening/Contact	Alison Maclean	07966 149747
Chiltern Garden Group	Evening/Contact	Sarah Peplow	s.peplow474@btintemet.com

	Si	iturday	
Group Name	Frequency	Contact	Phone
Chiltern Crafters	Day/Contact	Alison Maclean	07966 149747
Sew Crafty	Day/Contact	Julie-Anne Jordan	jordan73@outlook.com
Chiltern Countryside	Day/Contact	Linda Hughes	01628 530649

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#### Think Twice Before Giving Money to Street Beggars

Aggressive begging has become a concern in High Wycombe town centre. Occasionally, individuals engaged in begging claim to be homeless and in need of immediate shelter, but this is often not the case. The money collected through begging may be used to buy alcohol or drugs, rather than towards help for addiction issues.

Begging on the streets is an offence, and it is considered a more severe offence when such actions result in individuals feeling unsafe, threatened, or harassed. Additionally, it can perpetuate negative stereotypes about homelessness, making it more challenging for genuine individuals in need to receive the support they require.

Wycombe Homeless Connections and other partner agency groups are doing some great work in trying to help people who are homeless. High Wycombe's town centre organisation, HWBIDCo, is taking proactive steps to address this problem and provide an alternative way for the public to donate and support those in genuine need. Last month, they have launched a new initiative called the 'Diverted Giving' scheme.

These points have been located on the High Street, White Hart Street, and at the McDonald's Drive-Thru in order to enable the public to make small donations using fixed card terminals.

We have recently met with the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer from Buckinghamshire Council regarding the town centre of High Wycombe. Our focus was primarily on exploring the ways in which Neighbourhood Watch could actively address various concerns, including drug dealing, public drinking, and aggressive begging. The meeting showed how NHW can contribute to reducing such anti-social behaviour.

Learn more about crime prevention by joining Neighbourhood Watch!

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#### **Great Kingshill Cricket Club Flag**

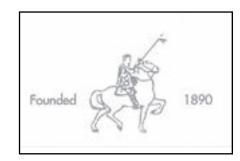
In the last issue of the GK magazine I mentioned the person illustrated on the flag. Who is he and how did he come to be represented on the ensign?

The hoardings back then advised that Peterley Manor was up for sale! When the manor estates were auctioned off in 1921 a large area of Great Kingshill, including the Common, was purchased on behalf of the Church commissioners and what was then, Wycombe Rural District Council, wheras the Common is under the management of Hughenden Parish Council today.

So, is the Knight on horseback pictured the Mayor of Wycombe? I don't think so! Perhaps he was the Vicar of Prestwood who made the successful bid for the land? I don't think so either!

My thinking is that it is one of the Dormer ancestry who is the person illustrated and that gives range to a huge number of possibilities as the Dormers have been in England since William the Conquerer invaded the islands of Great Britain in 1066 AD!

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Above: original GKCC flag Right: new GKCC flag



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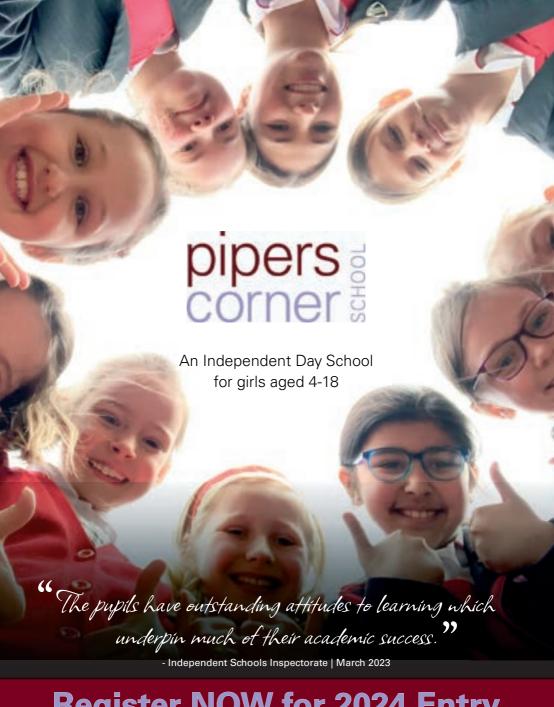
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