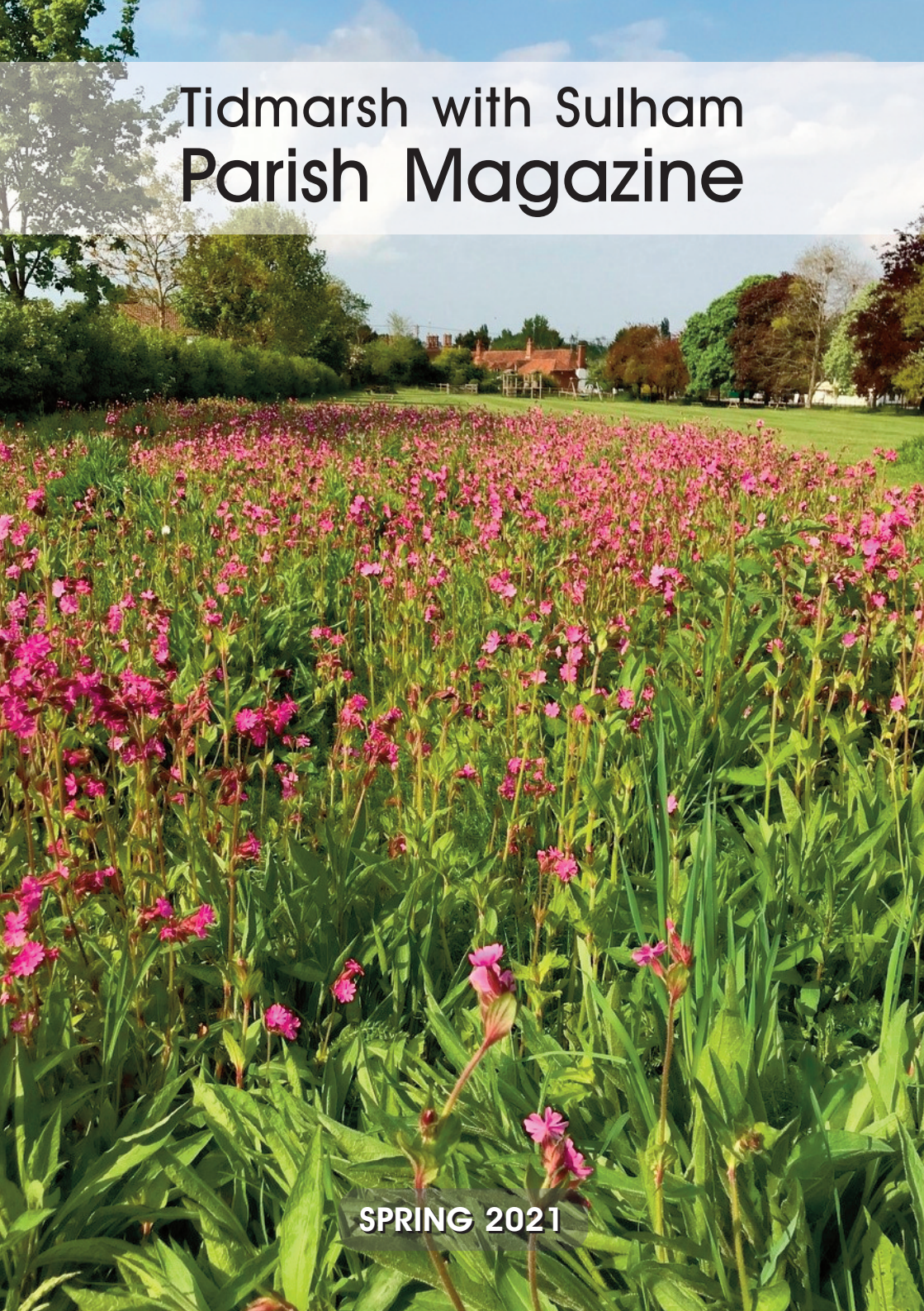




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As I write, the sun is shining, temperatures are mild, blossom is appearing everywhere and our lockdown end is in sight! Many of us have already had our first vaccinations and some even the second! The lighter evenings are here and hopefully we have a lovely summer to look forward to.

I would like to thank the Parish Council for agreeing to a grant in order that we can continue publishing this magazine. Over the past few years', we have managed to fund the production of the magazine from advertising revenue. Last year, not surprisingly, we had less advertising and funds were getting very low. We are now in a healthy position thanks to the Grant and advertising renewals. Whilst on the subject of the Parish Council, I had some feedback that it would be good to know a bit more about the people that represent the villages. In this issue we have three Councillor profiles and I hope that we will be able to feature the remaining two in the next issue.

I would like to also extend a thank you to a couple from The Street in Tidmarsh who were out along Mill Lane litter picking a few weeks back. My husband stopped to speak to them and took the bag of rubbish from them to put in our skip. Unfortunately, he did not ask their names but you know who you are and thank you for braving the traffic and elements to tidy up Mill Lane/Sulham Hill which does seem to be the road of choice where drivers passing through choose to throw their rubbish out of their car windows!

Sadly, we say a fond farewell to Fi Warren-Smith and her family who moved from Oaklands Farm at the beginning of March. Fi generously stepped in and opened her gardens and grounds to host the Village Fete in 2018 and has been a great supporter of village life and our fetes over the 19 years she has lived here. We wish her every happiness in her new home in Upper Basildon. And we can welcome Sean O'Leary and Elizabeth Perkins along with children Oliver, Harry and Grace who are the new owners of Oaklands Farm.

Thank you to all those who have sent in articles for this issue – often my pleas are answered by the same loyal supporters but I am delighted to say things have proved to be different this issue and we have some new contributors and it seems that most people feel the magazine is valued and both villagers and Parish Councils would like it to continue for the foreseeable future. In support of this view, I had a lovely message from Linda Price of Tidmarsh, as follows “Just to say thank you so much for producing the magazine in these trying and depressing times: what you do is so valued and appreciated”. Makes it all worthwhile!!

Jenny Cope, Editor (jenny@candcsystems.co.uk, tel: 0774 777 5900)

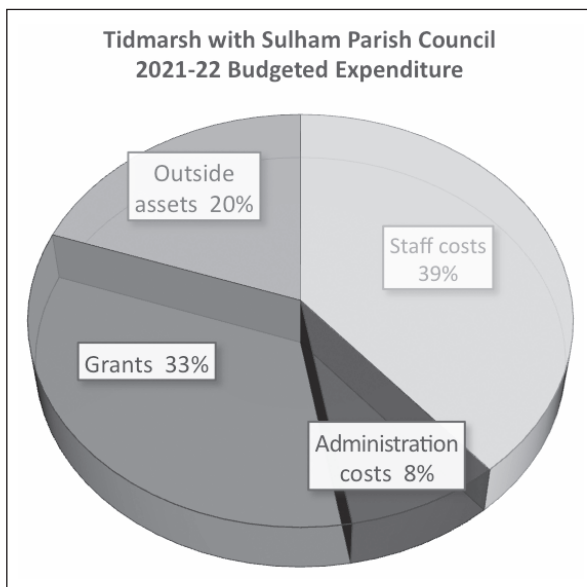
BUDGET SET FOR 2021-22 WITH A 5% INCREASE IN THE PRECEPT

Councillors have agreed to set the Parish's part of households' Council Tax bills (the precept) at £8,652 for the forthcoming financial year. This would be an average of £28.69 per year for a Band D property, a rise of £1.37 from the previous year.

The precept had previously remained at £8,240 for 3 years, the increase of £412 came in conjunction with increased budgets for staff costs (an extra £1,493) and grants (an extra £1,084). Following a staffing review the Clerk, Jennie Currie, was awarded additional hours each month and her salary remains in line with national pay scales for local government officers.

The increase in the grants budget has come about after a review of the current funding provided to the Tidmarsh Millennium Green Trust. The Trust is a separate body to the Council yet in recent years all of the Trust's expenses have been paid directly by the Council. During 2021 the current trustees will step down and the Parish Council will become the sole trustee. The current trustees include a number of people who organised the creation of the Millennium Green in 1999 and oversaw its management, including many years of fundraising. The increased amount provided to the Trust will ensure a fund is established to maintain the trees and hedging and for future upgrades of the gates and fencing.

The budgeted expenditure is significantly higher than the income. The Council has decided to have a deficit budget due to the high level of unrestricted reserves that it holds in addition to developers' contributions that the Council retains from the IKEA development and more recent minor developments.



The agreed budget will be published on the Council's website www.tidmarshwithsulham.co.uk.

Parish Clerk, Jennie Currie, clerk@tidmarshwithsulham.co.uk, 01635 580190

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Starting in this issue, we thought you might like to know a little more about our Parish Councillors . . .

Jon Chishick

I have lived in Tidmarsh for 33 years, since July 1987. I graduated from Oxford with an Engineering Science degree in 1972 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1975. I retired early in 2001 after working for 23 years for an American Investment Bank in Asia, New York and London. I have been a governor for 26 years of Englefield C of E Primary school, the catchment primary school for Tidmarsh and Sulham, and was also a governor of Theale Green, our local secondary school, for 17 years. I am married with three sons who all attended Englefield and Theale Green and four grandchildren. I have represented the parish council on the AWE Local Liaison Committee since 2007 and am also the council's representative on the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) which is the liaison between local parishes and the police.

Sima Elliot

I'm Sima and have lived in Tidmarsh since 2011. I work for a research company and also volunteer to support young children within the local community. I enjoy all sports and love a good game of chess!

Steve Webb (Vice-Chairman)

I've lived in Sulham since 2007 and joined the Parish Council a couple of years later, at the instigation of my neighbour Ted who was looking to step down after lengthy service.

Having worked in IT for many years, I set up the parish website (with the help of another resident) as the villages came together and drew up our parish plan in 2008. Amongst other things, the website serves as our repository of Parish Council documents and the online version of our excellent Parish Magazine.

Since I'm always out walking my dogs, I've naturally a keen interest in the state of our footpaths and the access we're all lucky to enjoy locally. It'd be fair to say the West Berkshire "report a problem" website receives a good number of reports as I spot things. I'd encourage all residents to use it to keep the council informed of any issues you notice: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>.



INNOVATOR AWARD FOR YOUNG TIDMARSH BUSINESSMAN

Christopher Elliot runs Untrapped Ltd, a one-stop student rental resource providing advice to tenants and landlords. He has won a prestigious award for this ground-breaking business.

The Young Innovator Awards are run by Innovate UK and The Prince's Trust. They recognise the business initiatives of young people, especially those said to demonstrate significant social or philanthropic value.

In all, 64 recipients are set to be announced this year. Untrapped aims to improve market standards and reduce the cost of renting for both parties.

Christopher, aged 23, is the son of Parish Councillor, Sima Elliot. He comments, "Untrapped's offering will significantly reduce the total cost of student letting, improve compliance and drive the overall market standards. I am both thrilled and honoured to have been selected for the Innovate UK aware. I hope the funding and support will enable me to soft test the produce in at least two major cities in the UK".

Christopher's award includes a £5000 grant, personal business coaching and an allowance covering living expenses.

*Do you have a success story you would like to share?
Please contact the editor – jenny@candcsystems.co.uk.*

Dear Jenny

I would like to say, what a delight it has been to see the beautiful lights outside Coltmoor Cottages these past few weeks, they have cheered us up no end on our drive home from work, during these dark Winter months. I understand that they were put up to add some much needed cheer, during these troubled times. Thank you very much Mick and Karen Fountaine, you have brightened up our days!

Valerie Chick

TIDMARSH VILLAGE HALL NEWS

During the last year use of the village hall has been very limited due to Covid 19.

We put in place all safety requirements and hosted a variety of events whilst classes were permitted.

The hall has been kept in good repair and will be available subject to the progress of the government road map. As it stands at the moment there may be limited use from 17 May subject to the rule of six, social distancing and wearing of face masks. Current government plans indicate that full social interaction will be permitted from June 21st. These dates are subject to change if Covid 19 develops differently to current scientific expectations.

If you need to book or enquire about the Village Hall please contact our Booking Secretary Hilary Innes by phoning 0118 984 2561 or emailing tidmarshvillagehall@hotmail.com.

Village Hall AGM

The delayed village hall Annual General Meeting has been provisionally booked for 8pm 24 June 2021.

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to Gabby, Harri and their dog, Dougie who recently moved into The Old Kitchen, Nunhide Lane, Sulham.

FRANCES MINETT – 1938 TO MARCH 2021

We are sad to report the sudden passing of Frances Minett. Fran lived in Sulham for over 15 years in Corner Cottage. She liked to attend church services at St Nicholas and every year she and her family and friends brilliantly ran the white elephant stall at the village fete. She always supplied everyone parking in the lay by at the end of Sulham lane with boxes of apples from her garden. Frances was often seen driving or walking to and from Pangbourne, stopping to chat with neighbours as she passed. Her daughter Jane lives in Tidmarsh and Fran looked after her daughters Tash and Alex whilst they were at Englefield School.

Frances was a much loved village member who will be sadly missed.

SCAM ALERT

Action Fraud is raising awareness of a coronavirus vaccine scam, after it received a high volume of reports relating to a phishing email in January 2021.

The email, which attempts to trick people into handing over their bank details, was reported more than 1,000 times in 24 hours. It appears to come from the NHS and asks the recipient to click on a link to accept or decline an invitation to receive the coronavirus vaccine. If they click accept, they are asked to input personal information and their bank card details.

The national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime has previously warned about coronavirus vaccine scams, with many people reporting receiving fake text messages purporting to be from the NHS.

How to protect yourself

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine.

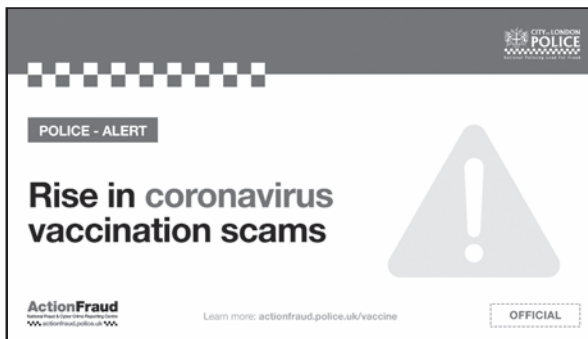
Remember, the vaccine is free of charge. At no point will you be asked to pay.

The NHS will never:

- ask you for your bank account or card details.
- ask you for your PIN or banking password.
- arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.





ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

Our village churches sadly remain closed.

St Nicholas churchyard sees many visitors who often sit to enjoy quiet time on the benches there. The spring flowers have been beautiful and in February when the crocuses were in full bloom church member Rachel Littleddale made beautiful crafted hearts that she hung on the railings for visitors to take home.

On Mothering Sunday boxes of posies were placed outside each church for visitors and passers' by to take home for their mums.

We are all hopeful that soon our churches will be able to open their doors again.



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HAMNET by Maggie O'Farrell

The story is about William Shakespeare's eponymous son, but the central protagonist is the boy's mother Agnes Shakespeare, known to most as Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare's wife. Few details exist about their lost son. Maggie O'Farrell has taken inspiration from Shakespeare's play Hamlet, which was written four years after Hamnet's death. Set during the time of plague this book is especially poignant as we are living through a pandemic.

A book about a grieving mother and loving wife who has supernatural powers, a good read, filled with emotion.

Next read:

AWAY WITH THE PENGUINS by Hazel Prior



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FOODBANK COLLECTION

Every third Wednesday of the month I deliver food to a foodbank in Reading called **ReadiFood**. They have collection points in many supermarkets around Reading and you may recognise the above logo. I collect the food from friends, neighbours, customers and other people with their own networks in Tidmarsh, Sulham and Tilehurst mainly.



The amount collected varies between a half and a full cage pallet of packed trays. As you may be aware demand for supplies from foodbanks has rocketed.

If anybody would like to donate to this collection on the third Wednesday of the month, please contact me, Alan Maskell, on 07954 140048 or alanmaskell56@gmail.com and I can arrange to pick up the donations.

If you would like to know more about ReadiFood, please see their website <https://readifood.org.uk>.

The list of items that they need is:

Food: Tinned vegetables – Small Bags of Rice – Tinned Ready Meals – Tinned Chopped Tomatoes – Tinned Soup – Tinned Meat – Tinned Potatoes – Biscuits – Small Bags of Pasta – Tinned Fish – Pasta Sauces – Tinned Fruit – Coffee – Tea Bags – Tinned Puddings – Tinned Pies

Toiletries: Toothpaste and Toothbrushes – Soap – Shower Gel – Shampoo and Conditioner – Deodorant – Household Cleaning Items

Please ensure all food items are within “use by date”.

To view more about this list see <https://readifood.org.uk/what-food-we-need/>

To find out about my association with ReadiFood email admin@readifood.org.uk or ring 0118 9872672.

A big thank you to readers of this magazine who have donated over the past year.

Alan Maskell (07954 140048, alanmaskell56@gmail.com)

THRIVING IN A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Having lived in Tidmarsh for over 13 years, it finally took a global pandemic to inspire me to put pen to paper and write an article for our lovely magazine. I thought I'd share my experiences of volunteering during the past 12 months as well as taking the opportunity to introduce you to the fabulous charity I volunteer for. I hope you enjoy reading it!

About two years ago I decided to take a career break. Most of my working life has been in marketing roles for technology companies and I decided I wanted to put my marketing skills and experience to good use in a volunteer capacity but was keen to do this in an area that was very different from my 'day job'. I came across a marketing volunteer opportunity one day for a charity called **Thrive** and, as I'd not heard of them before, I was interested in finding out more about what they do.

Thrive is a local charity based in Reading which specialises in social and therapeutic horticulture (STH). In practice, what this means is that Thrive uses gardening to bring about positive changes in the lives of people living with disabilities or ill health, or who are isolated, disadvantaged or vulnerable. The charity's aim is to ensure that people with varying needs have the opportunity to access therapeutic gardening and horticulture programmes, wherever they live, and are actively encouraged to use gardening as part of their personal health and wellbeing management.

I've always loved walking and making the most of being outdoors but my gardening skills left a lot to be desired. I was hoping that by getting involved with Thrive, my fingers might become a bit greener too!

I officially started volunteering for Thrive last January and was able to enjoy about six weeks of volunteering in the office when COVID struck and the Reading centre had to close. Fortunately, Thrive's marketing team got in touch with me during the first lockdown, asking if I'd be interested in resuming my volunteering duties remotely from home and I was able to start volunteering for them again last May.

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, I get to 'see' the Thrive marketing team most weeks and they have made me feel so welcome. I love the fact I get involved in a wide variety of tasks – from building webpages and copywriting to finding out fun facts about reindeer, daffodils and moss (!) – and am learning new skills along the way too (and yes, my gardening skills have improved a bit as well!).

I feel passionately about everything Thrive stands for and how gardening and spending time outdoors can play a key role in people's wellbeing and their physical and mental health – never more so than when we're living through a global pandemic.

If you fancy getting into gardening and need help with the basics to get started or are looking for new ideas for your garden, why not sign up to Thrive's Gardening

Club, It's free to join and every fortnight you'll receive an email containing how-to and activity guides to make gardening easier and enjoyable as well as explaining the mental and physical health benefits they offer. You can sign up at www.thrive.org.uk/gardeningclub.

Happy gardening! – *Britt Measures*

FINANCIAL HELP AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED LOCALLY

The pandemic has put a lot of pressure on everyone recently but particularly those who may struggle to make ends meet even at the best of times. There is a local charity – **The Fanny Maria Kemp Welfare Fund** – that exists just for the residents of Pangbourne and Tidmarsh and the surrounding area. The charity is able to make grants to those in need, focussing mainly on local residents who may be elderly, sick or in distress. For example we can help with:

- Augmenting funding for a boiler repair
- Contributing to a stair lift installation
- Help with heating bills
- Cost of transport for hospital visits



Recently the charity responded to a request from the Patient Participation Group at the Boathouse surgery. The group were fundraising to purchase a Holter heart monitor and the charity was happy to contribute the full balance of the money needed.

Dr Chris Keast commented that 'Now the surgery has its own monitor we have been able to save up to 20 patients each year the inconvenience of having to travel to the Royal Berks, and with the bonus of enabling the doctors to more accurately diagnose irregular heartbeats.'

Do you know anyone who may benefit from this sort of assistance? Maybe a neighbour or a friend who is struggling? If so, please ask them to contact us by e-mail: treasurer.fannymariakemp@gmail.com or by telephone on 0118 9843894.

Whilst there is no guarantee that every nomination will be supported, the Fanny Maria Kemp Welfare Fund trustees meet to award grants twice a year usually in the run up to Christmas and Easter so please encourage individuals to get in touch. The funds are there waiting to bring a little bit of happiness in dark times.

Brenda Kerr-Muir (Councillor, Pangbourne Parish Council)

Trustee – Fanny Marie Kemp Welfare Fund

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Charities aims as recorded on the Charity Commission website:

'Provides small grants for those in need, those who are sick, those who require help for purchase of equipment or goods, or who need some respite care or support.'

FREE GADGETS ENGINEERED FOR PEOPLE IN AND AROUND TIDMARSH AND SULHAM

The pandemic hasn't stopped the volunteer 'MakeAbility' engineers from making equipment and gadgets for people with disabilities or special need. Among the projects recently completed locally by the charity Remap have been:

- Specially-padded bathroom steps to help a six-year-old with the rare RERE Syndrome get in and out of the bath.
- Long-reach window-opener for a woman who finds it impossible to stretch up.
- Wooden extensions to the legs of a dining table so a wheelchair user can sit comfortably close.



- Conversion to the wheels on a walker to allow it to be used on soft ground.



The 25 volunteer 'MakeAbility' engineers at Remap Berkshire enjoy using their skills to create custom-made equipment and gadgets for people in the county who have disabilities or special needs and who cannot find anything suitable to buy.

This 'MakeAbility' service is entirely free.



Panel members have a wide variety of expertise between them, ranging from IT and electronics, to metalwork, carpentry and 3D-printing – the list is endless.

Remap Berkshire engineers often work alongside health professionals like occupational therapists, physiotherapists, doctors or Special Educational Needs staff to make sure that the equipment provided safely meets individual situations.

Remap Berkshire has assisted people in all age groups with a wide variety of issues. Some 'MakeAbility' projects are simple, others extremely challenging – all can make a real difference to the recipient's quality of life.

Each piece of equipment is tailor-made to suit specific needs. Many of the materials used are recycled, but some have to be bought using funds kindly contributed from sources including charitable foundations, Rotary Clubs and community groups. Although no charge is made to users, many are so pleased with the service that they choose to make a donation to facilitate projects for others.

The MakeAbility service has continued throughout the pandemic, with all necessary precautions being taken.

Remap Berkshire is one of 70 county 'MakeAbility' groups spread across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The charity (reg. no. 1137666) was founded in 1965 and assists around 3,000 people every year.

Further information:

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The warm welcome of La'De awaits you with complimentary deals and free delivery on their website www.ladekitchen.com from their Pangbourne, Muswell Hill, Woodley and soon from Newbury and Camberley restaurants.

You can place your order via the website www.ladekitchen.com or by calling 0118 327 9143.



SOWING THE SEEDS FOR A FLOURISHING FUTURE

Finally! Pupils and staff are back fulltime and school is feeling normal once more.



Most of our pupils have been learning at home since the start of January and have done magnificently. Our parents showed themselves to be super teachers and our teaching staff became very creative at teaching live using Microsoft Teams. Our teaching assistants worked in school supporting our growing keyworker group as well as giving additional online well-being support when needed. Engagement in learning was excellent, though of course we all missed our friends and the range of opportunities that being in school provides.

School Lockdown seemed to last an eternity and the whole school community is rejoicing now that it has ended for us. Warren Taylor, one of our parents who owns Combat Pest Solutions, gives our building a fortnightly 'fogging' with disinfectant, and everyone is still following the 'hands, face, space' guidance as we really hope to keep the virus out of school as we did in the autumn term.

Times like these really test us and we are delighted to have come through this period as a whole school team. Homes can now return to being havens of peace and tranquility and school can return to being a busy, buzzing centre of learning and friendship.

The whole school has used the book *After The Fall – How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again* by Dan Santat; this is a wonderful book that has allowed us to think about the ways in which situations can hurt us and how we can get help as well as help ourselves to get past these difficulties. This is hugely important at the moment as emotional well-being is at the heart of our school recovery plan.

Years 1 and 2 had some fun with the story and decided to design and make boxes to keep Humpty Dumpty safe. They then tested their boxes by throwing them off our adventure playground and seeing if their Humpty Dumpty egg stayed intact . . . I am happy to say most did!



Years 3 and 4 spent some time in our grounds painting and drawing. It was a good opportunity to catch up with friends too.



Years 5 and 6 have taken part in an online STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) lesson with other schools courtesy of the Tim Henman Foundation. The lesson involved designing and making gliders which they then tested on the school field. This was a great way to reintroduce teamwork to the classroom after so long working alone.



We really hope that the gradual easing of restrictions will mean that we can get out and about more in the summer term and maybe even start playing sport against other schools. It is amazing how many things we all take for granted until they are taken away.

We wish our local communities a healthy and happy run up to the Easter break.



Rhos-y-Gwaliau is a really important resource used by many Berkshire pupils both past and present (I did my A Level biology field trip there so it has been around for a long time!) . . . it would be a tragedy for it to go – please see below . . .

Rhos-y-Gwaliau

Many of you will know that outdoor centres which host school residential trips have been really hard hit during this period. The sad thing is that they may face closure in which case there won't be anywhere for our children to go in coming years. Rhos-y-Gwaliau, which is situated in North Wales, used to be owned by Berkshire Council and is still used by many local schools; it has lost over £900,000 since March last year which is threatening its very existence. Residential are such an important part of our children's school experience and usually provide the longest-lasting memories. If you would like to support them, they have started a crowd-funding scheme which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/support-ryg-outdoor-education-centre>

This year spring flowers appeared to be delayed due to cold weather in February. However the numerous days of rain and flooded fields, woods and gardens may promise a bumper harvest of fruit and flowers as 2020 saw.

By now there will be a profusion of fruit blossom. In my garden I have white blossom stretching across the garden from an Amelanchier, Bramley and Pear tree. The greengage suffered from a fungal attack and finally fell over.



April will hopefully see the weather drier, the water drained away and the ground firmer because it is not good to mow lawns when it is too soft as it leaves ridges in the lawn. Remember to leave blades on higher settings for the first few cuts.

Winter flowering shrubs such as Forsythia and Viburnums can be cut back now the flowers have faded. Get weeding as soon as possible before they go mad in May. Put tender plants out on warm days to harden them off.



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UPDATE FROM BBOWT (MOOR COPSE)

Ash dieback works (1)

The roadside work is now complete and other than one large ash on the ground, all is logged and the brash stacked in a 'windrow' inside the reserve but parallel with the road.

EJM, the contractors who undertook the work are now off site. One lot of timber has already been taken and the remaining timber will be collected over the next few weeks, subject to weather conditions. I have a contractor booked in to extend the access track to where the timber stacks are and put in a new gate and post and rail. This access is **not** for public use and we will put some brash and logs across the gateway/track to prevent unauthorised access and the inevitable flytipping that might otherwise occur.



Ash dieback works (2)

Connick tree surgeons will be doing some surgery (pollarding and removing limbs) and felling work on some of the marked, numbered ash within the reserve before the end of February, they are scheduled to do four days and then will return in the autumn to do some more. Again, this is all subject to weather conditions and how wet it gets in there!

River Pang Bridge

Cain Consultancy are repairing the main wide footbridge across the Pang on the riverside path (by the entrance to Park Wood). They will be starting next Monday 8th February and will be there for several days. This will unfortunately mean that visitors won't be able to cross the river at this point. I will sign a diversion in both directions and put up signs in key locations on site indicating that the bridge is closed for repairs. We have also put a note on our web page to this effect: <https://www.bbowt.org.uk/nature-reserves/moor-copse>. Unfortunately the diversion is a bit of a long way round but will take people through some lovely parts of the reserve.

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