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Well, we are now into Summer – after rain for weeks, we had a heatwave followed by, as I write – more rain! The upside of this weather pattern is that everything is green and lush around us although its tough keeping on top of the weeding! For the first time since we moved here over 15 years ago, we have kestrels nesting in our owl box (we haven't had owls for many years). I haven't managed to get a decent enough photograph of them for the magazine but it's great to watch them via a long lens.

The swans and their signets on the Pang have also been out and about and spent a few days around the stream which runs off the Pang and through our garden so we were able to observe them over a couple of days. We are so fortunate to have so much wildlife right outside our window and we never take it for granted.

Jean Harland has written a history of Tidmarsh Village Hall and the first instalment is in this issue. The village hall has been of huge importance to both John & Jean over the years and you will often see John mowing the grass at the front of the hall.

Please keep sending in your news and photographs!

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

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

RECENT NEWS

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May a new Chairman was elected. Steve Webb has been a Councillor for many years and recently held the position of Vice Chairman.

New metal gates have been installed at three locations on the recreational walking route around Sulham. The gates replace stiles near St Nicholas Church on footpath Sulham/12/1 as it joins the bridleway, at the northern end of Sulham/5/1 as you leave the road and further south on Sulham/5/1 at the field boundary alongside Moor Copse. The project has been funded with money the Parish Council holds from recent building developments in the area (known as section106 or more recently CIL funds).

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TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

TIDMARSH MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

The Green in Tidmarsh was created in 1998 with land donated by David and Penny Norris, since it's creation the Trust has been run by a group of volunteer trustees and for many years the trustees organised events on the Green.

In recent years the Trust has mainly received funding from the Parish Council and as the Council owns a number of assets on the Green it has been decided that the Parish Council will become the sole corporate trustee. There will be no change of use to the Green and the Council, as trustee, will continue to follow the original constitution that was agreed in 1998.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the trustees that have been involved with the charity and make special mention to the outgoing trustees: M. Broun; J. Haggarty; B. Murby; D. Norris; P. Norris; C. Pawson; and J. Drinkwater.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The next Full Council meeting will be held on 14th July 2021 in Tidmarsh Village Hall. The Council meets monthly, throughout 2021 these will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

The public are always welcome to attend Council meetings. Please contact the Parish Clerk or visit www.tidmarshwithsulham.co.uk/pc.htm for the agenda for the meeting.

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

Residents are welcome to contact the Parish Clerk (details below) or to directly approach a Councillor.

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TIDMARSH VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We are hoping that we will have been able to host the AGM in June and social distancing rules relaxed. Unfortunately nothing is certain.

Classes have been held following rule of 6 including sports activities. This may of course all change.

A provisional date of 16 October has been set for the Village Quiz, 8pm start. As usual participants are asked to bring their own drink and glasses. A cold buffet will be provided. Hope to see you there.

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. You can also find us on Facebook.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

Sadly St Nicholas church remains closed but the churchyard continues to bloom and receives many visitors – including one couple seen to be enjoying a picnic under the cherry blossom. We look forward to being able to open the doors again when it becomes possible.

VILLAGE WALK

The first 2021 Sulham and Tidmarsh village walk took place in May. Four walkers enjoyed a stroll through the Parish walk enjoying the scent of glades of bluebells and through the water meadows before finishing with a socially distanced cup of coffee from flasks on the Village Green.



Village walks will continue from now on the first Friday of every month, meeting at Tidmarsh Village Hall at 9.30. Walks last approx. 1.5 hours.

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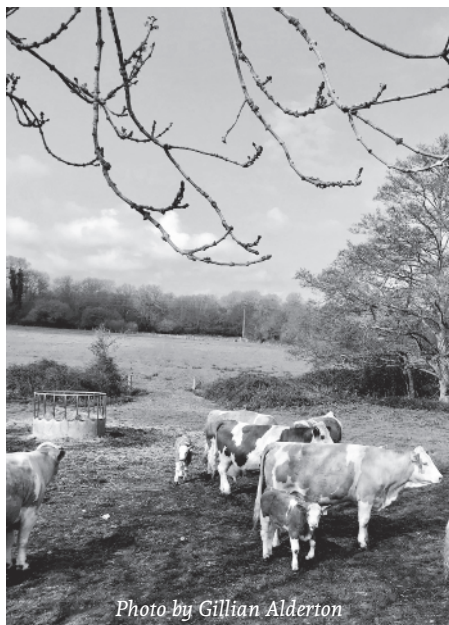


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SWANS HAVE RETURNED TO PANG

Thanks to Ali Masters who spotted a pair of swans with cygnets at the end of May. They were located on River Pang near BBONT site car park.

Lets hope that they are not just on a sightseeing trip.

I would appreciate news of any sightings on alanmaskell56@gmail.com.

Photo by Alan Maskell

Alan Maskell



ORCHIDS

A beautiful walk along the Thames path leads to the Hartslock nature reserve with beautiful views over the Thames.

Bee, pyramidal and common spotted-orchids, common twayblade and white helleborine grow on this sloping grassland. In May or early June, the famous monkey orchids flower here, too. These are so rare that they only grow in two other places in the UK and are protected by law. When the Trust took over this steep chalk hillside overlooking the Thames there were just seven plants, now they number more than 400. In 2006, BBOWT was amazed to find a hybrid of the monkey and lady orchids at Hartslock, the only place in Britain where this hybrid has been recorded. A rich variety of wild grasses and other flowers thrives on the thin soils and south-facing slopes, too. In July, the whole hillside is carpeted with pale mauve marjoram.

Beautiful orchids can also be found in Sulham Woods amongst the bluebells.

Gillian Alderton



Photo by Gillian Alderton

WHAT DOES THE VILLAGE CHURCH MEAN TO YOU?

There have been churches in Pangbourne, Tidmarsh and Sulham for hundreds of years. In times past each church had its own rector or vicar who ministered to the needs of his (it was always 'his' in those days!) parishioners and in those days most of his parishioners went to church on Sundays. In recent times things have changed; Pangbourne, Tidmarsh and Sulham is now one parish, albeit there is still a church in each village; the population of the three villages, especially Pangbourne, has grown but fewer people go to church on Sundays. One thing that has not changed is the fact that the rector still ministers to the needs of each and every one of their parishioners. The church is still very much part of the community and is available to everyone who lives in or visits the parish.

Most of you are aware that we are without a rector at the moment following the retirement of Revd Heather Parbury. We have advertised the position in The Church Times and on the Oxford Diocesan website; by the time you read this article, interviews will have taken place with a view to filling the vacancy in the early autumn. In making this appointment we are very much aware of the importance of linking church with the community and are seeking someone who will develop this aspect of Christ's ministry.

Something else that has not changed in recent times is the fact that the local church is funded entirely by local donations. The running costs of our parish are approximately £100,000pa. The majority (£70k) is the cost of ministry which includes the rector's salary (circa £26k), NIC, pension, housing, training and expenses plus diocesan support; part of this last item goes towards helping other parishes less able to meet their ministry costs. The remaining £30k includes insurance, utilities, church & churchyard maintenance, administration and supporting carefully chosen Christian-based charities. I should add that that the £70k cost of ministry still has to be paid to the diocese during a vacancy, otherwise they would have to seek even more from the "occupied" parishes.



WHAT DOES THE VILLAGE CHURCH MEAN TO YOU?

In normal years donations from our regular donors plus gift-aid recovery from HMRC covers the £70k ministry costs; the remainder is raised from collections during services, weddings, funerals and fund-raising events. During the last fifteen months covid restrictions have severely limited income from these latter sources. In the year to 31st December 2020 we suffered a deficit of £16k on our ordinary activities; this was partly off-set by a £7k gain on our investments, also we are fortunate that past prudence has enabled us to accumulate some financial reserves to cover these sort of “rainy days”. However restrictions so far this year means that we are heading for a similar deficit in 2021 in spite of forecasting some recovery on collections and fund-raising events.

This is why we are seeking your help in maintaining an active and community-led church presence in our three villages and to help maintain the three beautiful church buildings. Please, will you consider making either a one-off donation or even a regular monthly, quarterly or annual donation to the parish of Pangbourne with Tidmarsh & Sulham. There are a number of ways in which this can be done:

One-off donations:

- (i) Direct to 40-36-03 a/c 60649198 PCC of Pangbourne with Tidmarsh & Sulham
- (ii) Online at: www.pangbournechurches.org/donate
- (iii) Cheque to PCC of Pangbourne with Tidmarsh & Sulham sent to the Treasurer, 16 Briars Close, Pangbourne RG8 7LH

Regular donations:

- (i) Parish Giving Scheme – ask for details at:
www.pangbournechurches.org/donate-to-parish-giving-scheme
- (ii) Standing order to the account mentioned above

In all cases, if you are a UK tax payer, we can claim gift-aid from HMRC thereby increasing your donation by 25%.

If you wish to see the Parish's Report and Accounts for 2020 these are at:
<https://www.pangbournechurches.org/news>.

If you have any questions regarding the Report and Accounts please contact the Treasurer, Stephen Billyeald on 0118 984 3368 or by email at finance.ptschurches@gmail.com

If at any time you wish to seek pastoral help or advice please call 0118 984 2928 (this is the Rectory number which currently goes through to a churchwarden who will put you in touch with a member of the Ministry team)

Stephen Billyeald – Treasurer PCC of Pangbourne with Tidmarsh & Sulham

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THE EARLY YEARS

Tidmarsh with Sulham Village Hall first opened its doors to the parishioners of the two villages on January 1st, 1954, the long awaited hall was at last completed, but the planning for it began almost a decade earlier.

It was in 1943 when the present Rector of Sulham retired that the villages of Sulham and Tidmarsh were joined through the church. Up until that time Sulham was an Estate that had been owned by the Wilder family since 1497 and from 1785 to 1943 were also Rectors of the parish. Tidmarsh had at one time been part of the Maidenhatch and Tidmarsh Estates but this was sold in 1937.

Sulham village was about the same size as it is today although it would have had more people living there as all the cottages were then in pairs, now these have been converted into single dwellings. It also had the Church, Village School and a Post Office.

Tidmarsh on the other hand was much smaller than it is today consisting of a row of cottages on either side of the street near the Greyhound public house, some of which no longer exist and a few other scattered cottages. It too had its own Church, and as well as the Inn there was a forge and a bakery. In the early part of the century it also had its own School (closed in 1904) now a private house, a Toll House, still there today but again a private dwelling and also a Flour Mill.

As both communities were so small obviously it was more practical for them to be joined together and so the then Rector of Tidmarsh was instituted Rector of Sulham, and served both parishes.

This of course was during the Second World War and by now the population had increased with evacuees and members of the armed forces billeted in the area.

However once the war was over and the evacuees and military had departed it was felt the need for somewhere for people to meet and to communicate more. This was not so easy as it was to be some time before many things returned to normal. Building materials were in short supply, and the range was limited, also building licenses were required, and as well as all this money was tight, many things were still on ration.

During the years following the end of the war, for a time parishioners of both villages were able to have the use of a large ex army building on land at Moor Copse, by kind permission of the owners.

It was made of wood and the main hall was quite roomy, it had a small kitchen on the side and an outside elsan toilet.

TIDMARSH AND SULHAM VILLAGE HALL

So began many activities, a WI was started, a Gardening Club, Table Tennis Club, and it was used for meetings as well, one local girl had her wedding reception there. A committee was formed and some of the early fetes were held in their large grounds and both worked very hard and gave much of their time to the two villages.

However this was only ever meant to be a temporary arrangement and both villages were determined to try and raise money to build their own village hall, and so began the long task of fundraising. The only place now to meet for fund raising functions was the little village school at Sulham and this was only possible after classes were over for the day. Also too it wasn't particularly very comfortable as the desks and forms we had to sit on were small and hard and if you were of large proportions getting onto these caused much huffing and puffing and hilarity, but it was better than nothing at all. The Parish Room at Sulham which stood in the grounds of the Rectory was only used for Sulham Village when it was private Estate and these were events just put on for employees of the Rector but that also was no longer available, (Tidmarsh had no such venue.) The earliest records show that a building fund was in place in 1950 (although the fund must have been started before then) and from the receipt book of that time by the end of 1951 the fund had just only £62.10 in the bank. This was then made up to £100.00 by the then Chairman Sir Harold Graham Hodgson. Many of the fund raising activities from the years 51/52/53 were from donations, Carol Parties, Jumble Sales, Interest on Defence Bonds, Sales of Work, Coffee Parties, and Whist Drives, the last two usually held in cottager's homes plus the usual Raffle. The WI usually put on a Christmas show of entertainment with music and sketches. Where many of these other events took place is not clear but supposedly Sulham School was the most likely venue.

Of course a Committee had to be formed and meetings held (some were members from the old committee at Moor Copse.) and from the minute book of 1951 the main topic of course was the Village Hall and where was it to be situated, at this stage it was still very much perhaps a dream.

The Chairman at that time, Sir Harold Graham – Hodgson (Radiologist to King George VI and recently Knighted) lived at Tidmarsh House and together with his wife Lady Dorothy were prominent figures in the village. Most of those early meetings took place at their home and both gave much of their time and dedication to the Village Hall in the following years.

These meetings were held on a fairly regular basis and make interesting reading.

Apart from the question of land the main biggest hurdle was from what materials should it be built. Many were the suggestions that flew back and forth. Maybe it should be of pre-fabricated construction. (Pre-fab houses were the in thing at the



time because they were quickly and easily constructed during the post war years when so many were in need of homes after the bombing, so perhaps a Hall of this type would be the answer.) However it was discovered a hall of this size would cost in the region of £800.00 without footings, floor or other special fittings and the final cost would be around £1,500. This of course was out of the question for two small villages to raise as in 1951 the country was still recovering from WW2. Also if a building cost in excess of £1,000 a building licence was required and it would then become a matter for the Ministry of Works. The Ministry of Works was an organisation set up by the Government during the war and was still in operation in the early 1950s.

The next idea was to build it in brick as this was thought to be cheaper and could be built by a local village company Beeson Brothers who had just started out as a two man firm on the site where Strachey Close is today. They had just one small building as an office and a very small workforce. The price estimated was £600.00, but, did not include kitchen or cloakrooms which would have to be of a lean-to structure at the east end of the hall. It was also contemplated at one point to add a stage as well.

Another suggestion was that it should be a wooden building but on looking into this, and, after much discussion it would probably work out about £600.00 to £700.00 with all the necessary fittings and that would only be a second hand one. Also it was felt the life expectancy of such a building would be much shorter.

Of course at this time, 1951, there was still the problem of land on which to build the hall until a local resident Miss Drake of Blackbirds, Tidmarsh, offered to sell a quarter of an acre of her land adjoining Peacehaven to the hall committee. This was great news and much appreciated. The cost was £25.00 and Sir Harold generously offered to purchase this as a donation to the two villages.



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Sadly the site did not please some of the older residents of Sulham who felt the hall should have been half way between both villages, but ,as land in this area was not was available for purchase this was out of the question Many would not use it for some years to come, but the younger members of the community were only too pleased. At last they would have somewhere to go.

Although the villages now had a plot on which to build there arose another problem. The newly acquired plot became high with thistles, nettles and other weeds and a complaint was made as it was becoming an eyesore. So to solve this problem one of the committee member's was allowed to keep poultry on there to help keep the weeds down providing he securely fenced it all round. One other suggestion made to help swell the fund was that the land at the rear of where the hall was to be built should be rented out as allotments (very few villagers owned a car in the 1950's so the back of the hall would be rarely used). However this idea was not taken on board. To be continued . . .

Jean Harland

BOOK CLUB

AWAY WITH THE PENGUINS by Hazel Prior

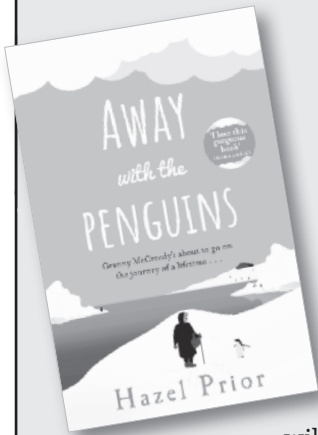
85 year old Veronica McCreedy lives in a mansion by the sea. Living alone supported by a long suffering home help, Eileen, she is very set in her ways. She loves watching wildlife documentaries whilst sipping a cup of tea.

Veronica doesn't have friends or family and has no idea where she's going to leave her considerable wealth when she dies. Watching a wildlife programme about penguins she has an idea . . .

The story unfolds taking Veronica on a long journey; where on arrival at her destination she is received as an unwelcome guest.

This Richard and Judy best seller was an easy read with an uplifting plot and was perfect for another lockdown.

Next read: **GIRL A by Abigail Dean**



HANDBASTING

HANDBASTING CEREMONY IN SULHAM WOODS

It was a pleasure, to congratulate Alex and Estelle Faulkner on their Handfasting Ceremony on the 1st May this year. The happy couple chose our beautiful woods as the setting for their Celtic wedding. Myself and Valerie Chick, were able to offer some last minute gifts and blessings for their future happiness.

It was also the first time that we have attended a wedding in our dog walking clothes . . . !

Karen Fountaine



WHAT IS A HANDBASTING CEREMONY?

A Handfasting Ceremony is a really moving Ancient Symbolic Wedding Ceremony which has become really popular with modern couples. Your hands are gently tied together with cords in a symbolic knot. This binding of the hands symbolises your unity and the binding of your lives together.

You've probably heard the well-known phrase 'tying the knot'.

Realistically, anyone can create and perform a Handfasting Ceremony for you. Traditionally, Wiccans and Pagans embraced handfasting as a part of their wedding ceremony. But these days, it's become very popular with wedding couples from many different beliefs and backgrounds. It really is a lovely way of personalising your Wedding Ceremony.

It's usually performed by a Wedding Celebrant, who can include many special and interesting elements into your Wedding Ceremony which will make it unique to you.

There's really no right or wrong way to tie a Handfasting. The core of the ceremony is the hands being gently tied in a symbolic knot. And as you can imagine there are many and varied ways to do this. Each person performing the handfasting will do it in their own way.

Both hands may be bound together or just the right hands, or opposite hands. Couples may be asked to stand face to face, or they may stand side-by-side.

There are many different ways to tie-the-knot, and yes, this is where this well-known phrase has its origins!

SULHAM SUMMER LUNCH

We were delighted to be able to attend the Sulham Summer Lunch on Sunday 30th May. After what has seemed like an eternity in Lockdown, we were blessed with a warm, sunny day to enjoy what has now become an annual tradition. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed catching up with friends and neighbours and enjoying a delicious lunch, provided by Gillian, Sally and Gill.

As always the food was exceptional and obviously prepared with care and attention to detail. Our starters of homemade smoked mackerel pate' were served with a selection of bread and Melba toasts along with a delicious seasonal salad. The main course of poached salmon with homemade potato salad, was served perfectly chilled, further adding to the taste of summer.

However, for me the 'crowning glory' had to be the excellent, homemade strawberry Pavlova, made and dressed to perfection. I am amazed that some of our group even had room to enjoy the final course of selected cheeses with biscuits!

A lovely time was shared and enjoyed by all!

Thank you, to everyone involved in making this a special afternoon.

Karen Fountaine





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Successful North- London restaurant La'De has opened its doors in Pangbourne.

La'De is the new Mediterranean inspired restaurant with a selection of dishes from Turkish, Greek, and Italian cuisine. The family-owned restaurant has been offering its Anatolian roots with warm hospitality to its customer's pre-Covid and the team still pride itself on high-quality takeaway service. La'De has a wide range of dishes on its menu, all representing the nutritional balance of Mediterranean cuisine, including a selection of well-known Turkish delicacies such as kebabs and lahmacun but also offers oven-baked Italian pizzas to upgrade your dinner experience.

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Sowing the Seeds for a Flourishing Future . . .

Everyone at Englefield has been very busy learning in and out of the classroom – mainly ‘in’ due to the recent inclement weather!



Mrs Sheppard's class has definitely been making the most of the outdoors and the children have been Woodland Learning every Friday. They have been looking at place value in teen numbers; whilst in the woods, they collected lots of sticks and tied them into bundles to make one lot of ten. They then used individual sticks to provide the extra ones.

The classroom is full of their growing seedlings as they prepare for filling their garden with fruit and veg plants; they have also enjoyed looking after our tortoise, Pebbles, and learning about what he needs each day to keep healthy. The class also has a lovely mini indoor pond in which they have hatched tadpoles, ready to go into our school pond.

To add to the menagerie, Mrs Karen Elliott, local chicken breeder and good friend to the school, brought in four of her chickens – they enjoyed roaming in the outside area. The children learnt about looking after chickens and the different types of chicken that Mrs Elliott breeds and shows. Mrs Elliott also brought in 32 chicken eggs which she set up in an



incubator for us to hatch in class. They hatched and we had nine beautiful little chicks running around a special indoor pen. They stayed with us until the half term break before returning to Mrs Elliot's outdoor pens. All of this excitement has inspired some super independent writing.

As part of our learning on our school values, Year 1 and 2 have been thinking about what it means to be Sowing the seeds for a flourishing future by planting bulbs, seeds and potatoes. Noah taught the class how to make plant labels. They have even set up a growing competition for our four school houses.

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been learning about the Romans and have created some wonderful 'double-page spreads'. The children in this class were also lucky enough to go on a two night residential trip to Foxlease Guiding Centre in Lyndhurst just before the half term break. They took part in many exciting activities including archery, tunneling, team-building and orienteering. The children supported each other brilliantly and you wouldn't have known this was the first

time away from home for many of them; they were a credit to the school. A huge thank you to the staff and Mrs Fearn who gave up their time to take them.



Years 5 and 6 brought their learning about 'The Explorer' to life by trying edible insects. They tasted like popcorn and peanuts and nearly everyone had a taste. One of our Year 5 pupils said, "I think dried bugs are my new favourite snack!" The class was very brave and nearly everyone tried them – even though they were a bit put off by their appearance. Grace, in Year 5, won the opportunity to teach the class in the game 'Homeworkopoly'. Grace taught the class about writing imaginatively in the context of Greek Gods. This

class are now looking forward to preparing their end of year production and also going on a two night camping trip to Rushall Farm.

Finally, this is the last magazine article I will be writing before the end of the school year. In July, Mrs Julia Kidd, our School Business Manager, will be retiring after 24 years of service at the school – an incredible achievement! Many people in the local area will know Julia and may want to do something to recognise her contribution to the local community. We will have a 'Good wishes' book in the school office on Thursdays and Fridays after the half term break if anyone would like to come in and add a message. We will also be making a collection if you would like to contribute to a leaving gift.



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GARDENING IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Chaucer starts his Prologue to The Canterbury Tales, "When April with its showers sweet the drought of March hath pierced to the root." This reflects the weather we have normally come to expect.

We certainly experienced a delay this year with virtually no rain in April and a very wet May, almost a month behind schedule. The delayed vegetation growth seemed to have shot ahead once it started raining, lawns putting on inches in a few days. No Mow May coincided with impossible to mow weather. On the one or two suitable days mowers could be heard everywhere, unless No Mow May was observed.

On 1 June I mowed a lawn that had become a meadow during May. I observed at least 6 wild flowers I had not noticed in previous years when I mowed during May. The benefit to insects of not mowing is obvious with more food available and the patches of colour were visually attractive. I would definitely recommend it next year.

JULY

- Keeping on top of weeds is top priority. July should be less of a problem as it dries up. Deadhead roses, geraniums (pelargoniums), prune plum and cherry trees (prunus), water plants well during early or late cool part of day and mulch to retain moisture. Pick all sweet peas every ten days to keep them blooming.
- Pinch out tomato side shoots each week and cut off any leaves growing below the lowest ripening fruit trusses. Feed with dilute tomato fertiliser weekly. If leaves look pale and yellow feed more regularly. Pick runner beans regularly to prevent them becoming stringy and to make room for developing pods.
- Check the leaves of gooseberry bushes for sawfly larvae and remove with water or by hand. Peg down runners on strawberry plants to create more plants for next year.

AUGUST

- Camellias and Rhododendrons need to be well watered at this time of year to ensure that next year's buds develop well. Watering is key for all plants, especially in pots even if it rains.
- Stake tall or top heavy Dahlias and Lilies to prevent wind and rain damage. Trim lavender plants after flowering to keep them compact. Don't cut into woody stems.

SEPTEMBER

- A good time to plant new perennials as the soil is still warm but there is generally more rainfall. If you have clay soil, improve it now before it becomes too wet or frozen through incorporating organic matter and/or horticultural grit.
- Keep dead heading annuals and perennials to extend their performance to first frosts; keep watering hanging baskets and containers. Chrysanthemums and Sedum brighten up your borders.
- Foxgloves, wallflowers and violas can be planted out for next year. Sow sweet peas in cold frame for strong plants next year. Divide herbaceous perennials such as delphiniums so they can establish roots before winter.
- Plant garlic bulbs at end of month in a sunny spot for next year. Start planting autumn onion sets. Pot up strawberry runners to make extra plants for next year.

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