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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



LUCA WEBB: A THATCHER SCHOLAR

Any of you who have ever taught or been involved in working with children in any capacity will know the pleasure it can be to meet up with ex-pupils (those who acknowledge you anyway!) and hear what they are doing now, some years after you taught them.

So it was a pleasure to catch up on Zoom recently with Luca Webb, to whom I taught Maths some thirteen years ago.

Luca and his family moved to Flackwell Heath from Hillingdon in 2003 when he was only two. He attended Carrington Pre-School, then the Infant and Junior School, before moving on to John Hampden Grammar School.

Luca has been fascinated by history from an early age and developed his interest in the subject, encouraged by enthusiastic teachers at John Hampden. A school visit to look at Somerville College, Oxford impressed him greatly and made him consider the possibility of applying to Oxford University.

With the hundredth anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in 2016, Luca became involved with a research project led by Sally Scagell of the Flackwell Heath Local History Group. She was working with a group of students from John Hampden and Wycombe Abbey, researching 'Wycombe and the Somme'. Each student was given the name of a soldier from the area whose death is recorded in Wycombe Cemetery. On the actual anniversary, each of them dressed up and stood by the grave of 'their' soldier, for the public to come and ask questions.

Luca was accepted at Somerville College, Oxford after a number of admission tests and interviews and then completed A levels in History, English Literature and Spanish.

At the end of his first year, he was nominated by his tutors for a Thatcher Scholarship and had to give a presentation about what difference winning it would make to him and his ambitions. From a college of some 400 students, only two scholarships are



awarded annually, so to win it was quite an achievement.

The late Lady Thatcher studied chemistry at Somerville from 1943 to 1946. Following her death in 2013, Somerville established the Margaret Thatcher Scholarship Trust to fund and administer scholarships; she had received bursary and scholarship support from the College herself, for which she always remained grateful.

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic merit only and covers 100% of course fees as well as a generous grant towards living expenses. For Luca, this means he will be able to complete his degree without the crippling debt of tuition fees that faces many students and will give him more freedom in choice of a career or further study.

His time in Oxford has been severely curtailed by the pandemic and for two of his five terms, he has been working online from home. However, in his second term he became President of Schools Plus Oxford, a volunteering programme running tutoring sessions for local secondary schools. The aim has been to tackle educational inequality in the city but also for some to consider applying to Oxford themselves – particularly in schools who do not traditionally send students to Oxford or Cambridge. This tutoring and outreach

work has continued online during the pandemic and is something about which he speaks passionately.

In pre-pandemic times, he was invited back to John Hampden to speak to students about Oxbridge applications. He appreciates how lucky he is to be studying at Oxford, and is keen to dispel ideas of it being elitist.

At present Luca has a variety of ideas about what career he would like to follow, varying from teaching to family law or politics. He is grateful for the support the Local History Group gave him and for the opportunities he has as an Oxford student and for the support of the Thatcher Scholarship Trust.

After my time spent chatting to him on Zoom I wouldn't be surprised to see his name in political circles in the future!

Alison Peach

PAPERBACK & JIGSAW LIBRARY



If all goes according to plan with the Government road map, we are **hoping** to open the library for an additional session from 1pm to 2.45pm on Wednesday April 14th, and then start up again as normal on Wednesday 5th May.

Please watch out on the local Facebook pages, and check for the banner outside the Community Centre.

We will still be following guidelines of social distancing and the wearing of face masks.

We look forward to welcoming you back.

Alison and Jeff

What HAS been going on at the Scout and Guide HQ?

For those that use the public footpath at the end of Chapel Road, down past the allotments and into the woods heading down towards Sheepridge Lane, it may seem that there has been a continuous building programme at the Flackwell Heath Scout and Guide HQ since April 2020. So what has been going on?

The Scout and Guide building was constructed around 1963 and sits on land owned by Chepping Wycombe Parish Council. In normal times, the building provides the facilities for 130 young Flackwell Heath people to attend weekly meetings of Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers and Rainbows. During the school day, the building also provides facilities for dog training classes and is occasionally let out for children's parties.

All the cost of running the building is funded from the small fees charged to parents for their child's attendance at the meetings and the other lettings help towards the running costs so that we can keep the fees to the parents low.

However a building and outdoor area of this size, requires a continual programme of maintenance and improvement to ensure it remains fit for purpose, complies with safety standards and has the lowest running cost possible. The cost of building improvement comes entirely from fund raising, donations and grants, and the Executive Committee, who are responsible for the building, prioritise the improvement projects to be undertaken based on the funds that we have available.

Donations to our building project funds

over the last few years have been gratefully received from the Flackwell Heath Residents' Association, Inner Wheel (Women's Voluntary Organisation) and the Flackwell Heath Youth Club (after it ceased operating). Grants have been made to us by Chepping Wycombe Parish Council and the COVID-19 business support fund. The latter was to compensate for loss of income during COVID lockdowns and beyond.

As a result of fundraising, donations and grants, the Executive Committee prioritised installing a new floor, a sewage treatment plant, brickwork repairs to the front of the building and improvements to outdoor facilities.

The new floor was necessary as the 30 year old lino was starting to deteriorate and present trip hazards and the concrete floor underneath was showing signs of deterioration. New lino and repairs to the sub floor was conducted in April 2020 during lockdown by Bucks Flooring with the manager working by himself.

Rory Maguire



We will be reporting on the other improvements in May.

Your Day Centre Needs You!



The Day Centre trustees are hoping that the Day Centre will be able to open its doors again as soon as possible after 21st June. We know many of our clients are desperate to get back to regular attendance.

However, this can only happen if more people volunteer to help. Without a lot more volunteers, we will not be able to re-open.

So we are appealing to anyone who feels they can give a few hours' help each week to get in touch with us. We need:-

- Drivers to drive the minibus – a couple of hours once a week. Ideally, we need five more drivers.
- People to help prepare vegetables, make hot drinks.
- People to chat to our clients, to play games with them.
- Anyone with a particular interest they could share with our clients – a simple craft, flower arranging etc.
- Someone to take on supervision of maintenance of the minibus – checking oil etc, taking it for MOT and service.

Can you help? Please contact Jackie, the Manager on 01628 526113 and leave a message, or Isobel, the Chairman 07795 172641.

Surge Testing in Flackwell

Door-to-door COVID-19 testing was carried out in Flackwell Heath at the end of February, prompted by a discovery of the South African variant in Wooburn Green. 1,704 home testing kits were delivered to 1,094 households east of Chapman Lane. Anyone testing positive should have been contacted by NHS test and trace in the normal way. All positive COVID-19 tests will be sent for genomic sequencing in order to understand the spread of COVID-19 variants locally, and those with specific variants of concern will be contacted further. At the moment genomic sequencing is taking a few weeks, so people will not hear until after that.

Information obtained from the Buckinghamshire Council website at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/covid-19-testing-in-wooburn-green-and-flackwell-heath/>

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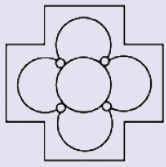
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WESLEYAN CHAPEL

FLACKWELL HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

At present we are unable to provide physical worship services in our building on Sundays but there are still ways for us to get together and worship online:

There is a regular **SUNDAY MORNING CIRCUIT WORSHIP SERVICE at 10.30am** which can be accessed from the Marlow Methodist Church website:

www.marlowmethodistchurch.org.uk.

Please also use this link for our **Easter Sunday** service on **April 4th**. There will also be a traditional Tenebrae service of increasing darkness on the evening of **Maundy Thursday April 1st**, again using the above link.

On **GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd at 9.30am** there will be a service of meditation on Zoom. Please see our Facebook page (below) for the link. Also, look on our noticeboards and social media for information about our upcoming Messy Easter celebrations.

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH is offering a service via YouTube. This will be posted at 10.30am but can be viewed at any time thereafter. Please see their website or Facebook page for details.

We are running our **PARENT AND TODDLER (PAT) GROUP** and **PLAY & PRAISE** virtually on Wednesday and Friday mornings, respectively. For the foreseeable future our toddler sessions remain virtual, and for security reasons the log in details are new each time; these are posted on the Flackwell Heath Wednesday PAT Group Facebook page. For details, please contact our **Community Mission Worker, Vicky Everitt (07979 541874)**.

Flackwell Heath Methodist Church is continuing the exciting process of exploring our vision for the future and we would love to have your input. Please let us know what you think is lacking in our village and how we as a church could use our building and resources to help to provide this. You can contact us by emailing our stewards at suzstoll@aol.com or posting a message on our Facebook page (see below).

If you have specific prayer requests or need any information, please contact us on the links below; our Facebook page has regular updates.

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Outdoor Prayer Stations

As part of our Easter celebrations at Christ Church we are setting up outdoor Easter prayer stations around the outside of the church building. Each prayer station will tell something of the Easter story, with some suggested ways to pray, including a place to give thanks to God and a station where you can tie a ribbon and pray for people and situations on your heart. QR codes at many of the prayer stations will take you to some other activities, some of which are particularly suitable for children, including a Palm Sunday craft and a cartoon retelling of the story of the Last Supper!

The prayer stations will be open from Sunday 21st March until after Easter. Come and visit on your own or those with whom you are walking. Please be careful to observe the latest Government guidelines when you visit!

Also, outside Christ Church and other churches locally, you will see a 'trypraying' banner and a box containing some booklets. If you would like to know more about prayer or are wondering how to give prayer a try, come and pick up a free booklet.

For more information contact prayer@ccfh.org.uk

Easter Sunday

Join us online on Sunday 4th April at 10.30am to celebrate Easter and Jesus' resurrection. We will be announcing the winners of the colouring competition during this service.

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Christ Church Flackwell Heath

Future Road Works.....

Abbey Barn Development

Work is due to start in April with proposed temporary closure of Abbey Barn Lane. The official diversion will be through Flackwell Heath.

Chapel Road

Following the significant subsidence early last year, Thames Water will be laying new pipework. Engineers have been on site with specialist equipment to test the underlying structure for stability. As we go to press we have no firm dates for the work.

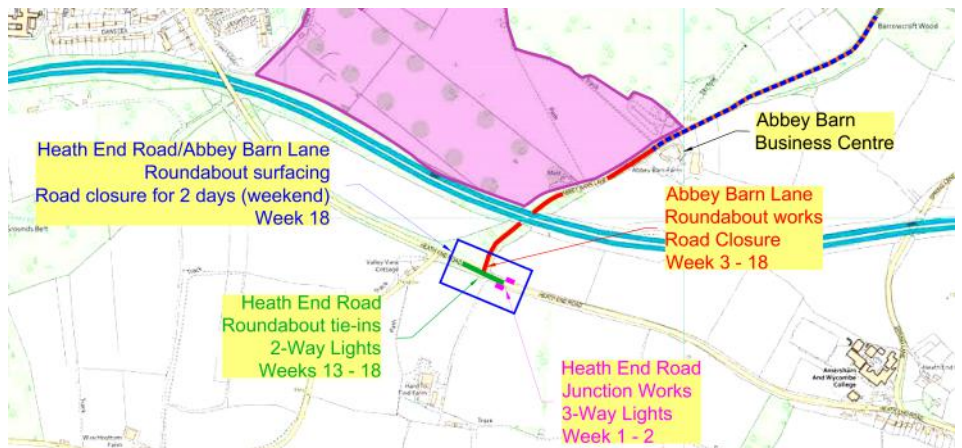
The plan (right) is taken from exhibition information produced by Berkeley Homes. The full consultation boards are available as a pdf on the bonus material part of the Grapevine website.



Permitted access to Abbey Barn Business Centre



Permitted access for construction traffic and for HGVs to Abbey Barn Business Centre





Neighbourhood Watch News

CRIME (Cat and dog thefts!)

Reported crime in our area continues to be at a very low level, for which we must be grateful. However, there are a couple of crime types which have received local publicity.

Catalytic Converter (cat) theft

Several thefts have been reported in our village. The thieves are quite blatant and can remove the average cat in a couple of minutes or so, before they scarper. They are interested in the precious metals (platinum, rhodium, palladium) that the converters contain, which have a very high scrap value. Hybrid vehicles are potentially at more risk, as their cats contain more of these valuable metals, and the cat will have been used less. You can protect your precious cat by adopting various strategies:

- Keep your vehicle off the road, in a locked garage if possible. **ALWAYS** arm the car alarm.
- Strategic parking eg. next to a wall, fence, kerb, etc. can limit access under the car and deter the thieves. Park in a well-lit area ideally where there is CCTV – or install your own CCTV.
- Mark it to protect it. Some garages will etch an ID onto the cat and a display sticker may deter the thieves as the cat can be identified.
- If your cat is secured by bolts, some garages will weld them so they can't be undone.
- Toyota offer a CatLoc for many of their vehicles, and there are other security devices available.

Pet Theft

The theft of a loved family pet can be quite traumatic, especially where young children are involved. The disappearance of Dexter, a Red Fox Labrador, who went missing during a walk in local woods, has received considerable publicity, supported by a couple of well-known names. It is estimated that pet theft has risen by over 21% during the last year, and in response to public concern, it is understood that the Home Secretary is considering making the penalty for such crime, much stiffer. You can reduce the risk of your family pet – especially dogs – being stolen:

- Ensure the animal is chipped and wears a collar. Keep your documents safe.
- When out walking keep them on a lead, and always in visible range when running loose.
- Don't leave them unattended eg. outside a shop, or in a car.
- Ensure your garden is secure if they are allowed to run loose.

For further information about this topic or about Neighbourhood Watch in general, contact:

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Flackwell Local Area History Group

Did you Know?



Did you know that the old single oak tree in Sheepridge Lane is known as 'The hanging Tree' as it is said that it was used to hang highwaymen back in the day.

Family History Research - At present there are no research sessions in the library but if you would like help or guidance please contact **Gill Kyle** on **01494 436314** or by email donkyle@btinternet.com



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Wild Cherry, Gean, Mazzard, *Prunus avium*



Native to Britain and most of Europe, the Wild Cherry is a shapely tree particularly when younger. It is common, both planted and wild, all over Flackwell Heath. The splendid mature tree pictured grows near the bottom of the public footpath which runs roughly parallel to Juniper Lane across the golf course. If that is too far for you to venture, there are many other examples including several mature specimens in the hedgerow which separates the golf course from Links Road.

Wild cherries are a wonderful sight in mid-April, when covered in white blossom which appears before the leaves. The

flowers are quite long lasting relative to other flowering cherries, and the display can last for over two weeks in favourable weather conditions, fading as the leaves emerge. Fruit is the familiar cherry, a yellowish colour which turns red in July, when it is rapidly devoured by birds which don't wait for it to ripen fully and turn black. 'Avium' in the botanical name is a reference to the important role that birds play in eating the fruit and dispersing the seeds. Autumn colour is sometimes a bonus.

Cherries have been cultivated since Roman times, and many varieties exist. The cherry orchards for which Flackwell Heath was famous in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries would all have grown varieties developed from the Wild Cherry, with their colourful names like Frognoor, Bigaroo, Blackheart, Mirella, Huny, and Bastard Black. Sadly, no trace of these orchards remains today except in the pub name and a few street names.

The tree bark is smooth, sometimes almost glossy in younger trees, and has prominent pale horizontal lines called lenticels, which help the tree to breathe. They can be helpful in identification. Wood is a reddish brown colour, very straight grained, which is used in cabinet and musical instrument making.

Malcolm Wiles



Flackwell Heath Women's Institute

We are still meeting by Zoom; both speakers and members are becoming accustomed to it, although we all miss the interactions. The National WI constitution has had to be changed, to accommodate the legality of meetings held by virtual media.

In March, Denise Beddows spoke on 'Bulstrode – the Splendours and Scandals of a Buckinghamshire Mansion'. Successive houses on the site near Gerrards Cross have been occupied by 'Hanging' Judge George Jeffreys, the Bentinck family, the Dukes of Portland, the WRAF, the RAF, a group of religious 'brethren' and a missionary training college. It is currently awaiting permission to become a hotel and spa.

For the last ten years, Bucks WI has run an Invention & Discovery day for members. This year was by Zoom webinars. We had three excellent speakers: Prof Chris Jackson on 'How to look into a Volcano'; Lecturer Jane Tubb on 'Leaves Ancient and Modern – from coal forests in Alaska to the uplift of Tibet – what modern plants can tell us about the world of Fossil Plants'; and engineer Jo de Montgros on 'Renewable Energy – from niche to mainstream in 20 years – and where will the next 20 years take us?'. All very interesting and casting (at least for me) new light on present knowledge and techniques.

April's meeting will be on 8 April, speaker TBA.

Sue Arnautov

Road Rep Request

We are looking for a road rep to deliver to about 30 homes in Chapman Lane and Parkview. A big thank-you to Sue Wallington for all the work she has done on this patch: we're sorry that she has had to stand down. Thanks, also, to Rita Liddiard for acting as a temporary replacement.



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A Good Thing: matchmaking businesses with local charities

Our idea was simple: charities are always in need of more resources, while many businesses are disposing of unwanted items. What if we could connect the two?

That's why we created A Good Thing.

It's not unheard of for businesses to donate items to charity. And when it does happen, it can work brilliantly. We saw this ourselves: Flackwell Heath native Cathy has been a trustee for Home-Start Slough for several years, where staff were desperately in need of upgrading their outdated computers. SquaredUp, a technology business run by her husband Richard, was in the habit of refreshing its staff laptops every few years – and had ended up with something of a stockpile. SquaredUp donated the laptops it no longer needed to Home-Start



Slough, and the charity's staff were suddenly spending less time battling with IT issues and more time supporting vulnerable families. The money saved was able to go directly towards the charity's valuable projects.

This particular success story was only able to happen due to the personal connection between Richard and Cathy – between the business and the charity. A Good Thing aims to now make this sort of connection a reality for all businesses and charities – no matter how large or small.

Home-Start Slough has been fortunate enough to receive all sorts of brilliant donations from generous local

companies over the years: Easter eggs, advent calendars, toys for disadvantaged children at Christmas, toiletries for mums, books and DVDs for struggling families... As a trustee, Cathy saw what a long way these sorts of donations can go – and how many people can benefit from them – and we are now so excited about making these sorts of links between charities and businesses easier through launching A Good Thing.

In our first month we have already made some amazing matches: we were thrilled when a baby clothes manufacturer donated more than 200 beautiful, organic cotton baby blankets to The Baby Bank, a Windsor charity that supports vulnerable families in extreme need. The charity was delighted with the donation, and has been able to gift the blankets to some of the neediest families they work with. We have also had desks, laptops, chairs and T shirts donated to brilliant local charities, among other things!

A few of your questions answered!

What can be donated?

Stuff! Anything that can be given to or shared with a charity. Examples might include IT equipment, furniture, new products, food, meeting rooms... and much more.

The platform isn't designed for volunteering or donating money.

Does it cost anything?

We want to make this platform free for charities and businesses. To ensure that A Good Thing is sustainable, we are exploring how we can charge businesses for premium services such as our storytelling service. We are not charging anyone anything at the moment.

Who collects the items?

The expectation is that the charity will collect the items, but the business may offer to deliver if more convenient. A Good Thing acts as a matchmaking service; we do not collect or deliver the items directly ourselves.

Is A Good Thing a charity or not-for-profit?

A Good Thing is a not-for-profit company, formalised using the UK Government's Community Interest Company (CIC) scheme. You can read about our commitment to providing a community benefit and re-investing all profits in our Articles of Association.

When are you launching?

Our pilot in the Thames Valley is now live! If you're a business or charity in the area then please help us make the pilot a success by spreading the word or signing up. We'll be extending the service to other regions in the coming months.

What regions do you operate in?

We are initially working with businesses, charities and community groups in the Thames Valley area, but the platform is open to everyone across the United Kingdom.

Go to www.agoodthing.org.uk to find out more – you can read more about the donation to The Baby Bank on our blog on the website.

And if you're a business of any type with things to pass on, or a charity of any size keen for donations, you can sign up via the website in just a few seconds.

If you'd like to get in touch, email A Good Thing at hello@agoodthing.org.uk. We'd love to hear from you!



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Thoughts of a Grapevine Road Rep

I hear the sound of the letter box being pushed open and someone trying to push what sounds like a lot of post through my door. Exciting! I go into the hall and see a bundle of Grapevine magazines sitting on the mat. Oh good! A reasonable excuse to go out during lockdown to deliver these to various of my neighbours.

I diligently write the house numbers of those who subscribe – as sadly not all the street take the newsletter. Despite my attempts to convince some of them. And now some have an electronic copy instead and so I have a few less to deliver.

Hands washed. Off I go. Which end of the road shall I start at this month?

The first few are no problem. But then I meet a neighbour and stop for a chat. Inevitably it is all about the latest Covid news. Lucky her – she has a date for her vaccination. Where's my letter or text got to? On I go to the next house, but glance down at the bundle in my arms. Not again! I have just put Number 24's Grapevine through the door of Number 22 – and they don't have it. Ring the doorbell. Hi, I'm so sorry, I have just put a Grapevine through your door by mistake. You wouldn't like to have it would you? No. OK. Can't I deliver one month without making a mistake? It should be so simple.

Number 33. Careful. I know about their dog. It snaps at anything that comes through the letterbox. And 37. That's the one I had problems finding a front door with a letter box when they first started having The Grapevine. Leaving it tucked into the side of a gate is not ideal.

I know that letter boxes come in all shapes and sizes, some at eye level, waist level, or foot level. Good exercise all this bending and stretching. And then there are those who have a box by the door to put the post in. Fine as long as the postman hasn't just put a couple of large items in there before me. Then there's the letter box that bites at my hand. Used to catch me out every time but think I've got the hang of that one now.

Years ago I delivered to another road – and none of the houses had numbers. Only names. Wasn't a problem once I got to know which house was which. Fascinating to wonder where some of these names come from. How does a



FLACKWELL HEATH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We're back

Following relaxation of government restrictions, Buckinghamshire libraries will re-open from April 12th with a limited service. Flackwell Heath Community Library will re-open on Tuesday April 13th and initially we hope to operate in the same way as in the autumn of last year. At the time of going to press we do not have final details - **THIS IS WHAT WE EXPECT BUT IT COULD BE DIFFERENT:**

- Opening times will be 10.00-12.00 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Access to the library is limited to 2 people at a time for borrowing books or to collect reservations.
- In addition one person may use a public PC.
- To access the library you will need to provide your name and contact details for NHS Test & Trace. These will be destroyed after 21 days.
- You will need to sanitise your hands and wear a face mask and keep a safe distance apart.
- You do not need to enter the library to return books, which should be placed in a box in the foyer. These are quarantined for 3 days before they are recorded on our systems. During lockdown all library loans were extended so no fines will be charged for this period. Please return all outstanding books as soon as possible. Thank you.

Things could change – so keep an eye on the latest situation

As the COVID situation improves, and depending on the availability of volunteers, we will be looking to improve the service that we can offer you as soon as possible.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page or the library noticeboard for any changes & the latest library news.

Flackwell Heath Community Library, Chapel Road, Flackwell Heath, HP10 9AA

Tel: 01296 382415 email: fhcl@flackwellheath.net

web: www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries



new postman manage?

I meet three more neighbours to chat with. Probably very much the same conversation with all of them, but a few bits of news to take back home and mull over. I learn new people have moved into Number 48, so I'll try putting a Grapevine through their door. I always have one or two spare. Encouraged that I haven't got any Grapevines left, I walk back home. Coffee and a sit down. Then a phone call from the people who organise the Grapevine delivery. I had offered to deliver others near me if someone wasn't able to do theirs. Would I mind? Of course not. Another good reason to be out around the village. I'll be off again later.

This article is, of course, totally fictitious – or is it??

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Singing through Covid

We hear much these days of the health benefits of singing in a choir. Studies show that singing produces endorphins, improves posture, strengthens the immune system, lowers stress levels and improves mental alertness. This month we report on how three local choirs, the Heath Singers (Ladies), Wooburn Singers (Mixed) and Wycombe Orpheus (Male) have adapted over the last year.



Heath singers on Zoom

Musical directors of the Heath Singers, Jan and Paul Churchouse, returned from holidaying in Australia five days before lockdown, to begin a summer of no choir rehearsals and cancelled concerts. They quickly became proficient at using Zoom ensuring Heath Singers' rehearsals could recommence, albeit in a very different way. A socially distanced coffee morning was held in the garden with some impromptu singing and in December they sang carols for residents of Bracken Way. Since Christmas they've rehearsed weekly

online which has been rewarding musically and socially. Choristers are singing from home learning music in readiness for a free, very informal concert they hope to stage on 8 July. Regular, live rehearsals will resume at some point this year and, following months of lockdown, now is definitely a great time to join! The Heath Singers is a ladies' choir who sing to a high standard, rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings at 7.45 in The Methodist Church. You can find further information via Facebook or their website (see below).

As well as recording at home and producing several streamed musical offerings which are available on YouTube, the Wooburn Singers performed two outdoor concerts last summer (Wooburn Park and Penn Pond), as well as two live-streamed concerts in October (Kodaly & Faure) and December (Christmas carols). They are currently rehearsing Brahms' German Requiem on Zoom, planning to perform it when possible. After Easter they will begin online rehearsals for a summer concert, which hopefully will be at St Lawrence, West Wycombe in July. To keep updated visit their website (see below). The choir rehearses weekly at the Beaconsfield School. If you would like to join Wooburn Singers please contact members@wooburnsingers.org.uk.

The Wycombe Orpheus' last performance before lockdown was in Flackwell raising money for Oasis and Rennie Grove. The choir managed to squeeze in their annual Young Musicians Festival in March. Lockdown scuppered plans for a spectacular Concert at the Swan in June complete with a guest choir and brass band. In its place came weekly Wednesday Zoom rehearsals. No substitute for real singing, but still a way to "meet" and keep learning new music. In September the choir resumed live rehearsals until the second lockdown meant re-zooming online!

Charity projects continued as they linked with other male choirs raising money via an online performance of the Anthem from Chess. In December, choristers "sang a rainbow" for the One Can Trust singing 500 songs with a colour connection. Outdoor live rehearsals are planned from April, with concerts planned on 26 June (Wesley Methodist, High Wycombe), 16 October (St Michael's Beaconsfield) and 13 November (Town Hall, High Wycombe), entitled "Hits from Films and Shows". Any men interested in joining the choir can find details online.

More information online:

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