

# **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HEDGERLEY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

Chairman indicated emergency exits

In attendance – Cllr Thomas Broom (Chairman) Hedgerley Parish Council, Penny Harris (Clerk to the Council) and 9 attendees.

Chairman welcomed those present and said thank you for coming.

## **PRESENTATIONS -**

### **Hedgerley Parish Council**

#### **Chairman's Report**

It was my very great pleasure to be re-elected as Chairman of Hedgerley Parish Council (HPC) at the annual meeting in 2018. With the support of the Clerk and fellow councillors I hope that we have delivered for residents and will continue to do so in the coming year. The Parish Council currently comprises of 4 members, including the chair, which is several short of where we would like to be. Following a series of appeals for volunteers, a new councillor will be co-opted at the next HPC meeting. However, we are still looking for councillors and anyone with an interest is advised to approach either myself or Penny Harris, the Parish Clerk.

With the unfortunate news at the beginning of last year, that only 2 sites (including Slade Farm) had made applications for gravel extraction in Buckinghamshire, it became inevitable that the plans for the Hedgerley site were to go ahead. The fight against this project has had the stalwart support of many in the community, with people putting forward their time and resources in order to try and stop it. The decision having been made to advance the project, HPC has been working throughout the year to try and mitigate the effects to our community. The permission granted for the project is significantly less than what was asked for, most importantly there is no concrete batching plant on the site, which would have begun the incursion of industrial usage in to the village. We have had meetings with residents, the site owners and the company undertaking the work to ensure that there is a good dialogue between residents and the people running the site. We have, in consultation with residents, set up a liaison committee that is comprised of residents and councillors. The purpose of this committee is to seek information from the operator, bring community concerns about the operation of the site and hold

the operator to account on behalf of the residents of Hedgerley. The first meeting will take place in May, including a guided visit of the site.

Outside of Slade Farm there have been a number of planning applications made in relation to the Motorway Service Area (MSA). Permission was granted, without any objection from HPC, for the extension to the front of the MSA to include a new Pizza Express restaurant. Permission was also granted, over the objections of HPC, to the construction of a new drive through Starbucks which is currently underway. HPC is concerned about the extra litter that this may generate and will work with the MSA to ensure that Hedgerley residents don't pay the price of this expansion.

One of the great success stories of the last year has been the relaunch of the Hedgerley Magazine. Having taken on the ownership from the previous editor, the council had been looking for someone to take on the editorship for some time. We were delighted when Tom Webb stepped forward to help us restore this village institution. With 3 issues of the new run now out and a great team in place, the council would like to thank all those who are committing their time and effort to the magazine. It is a great publication and something our village can be proud of.

In last year's Best Kept Village competition Hedgerley secured 92 out of the 100 available points. Our lowest scoring category last year was for the children's play area. Since then we have brought in an inspection team to advise us on getting the play area up to spec and we expect that work to be ordered next month. With the competition fast approaching again, we want to thank those who volunteer their time to keep the village well-presented and to encourage anyone who may have some spare time to step forward and help us secure those last few points.

We currently have a number of projects underway to improve and provide new services in Hedgerley. These projects are driven by feedback from residents to the council. One of these projects is the installation of a defibrillator in the village. We have worked out a shared cost structure with some local groups and are currently sorting out the logistics of placement and installation. We hope to have this vital equipment in place by September. The council believes that this vital, lifesaving equipment should be available to residents in need and we will make sure that it is delivered.

All that remains is for me to pay tribute to all the people who will attend the Annual Parish Meeting, representing the various groups that help make Hedgerley the strong, supportive and vibrant community that it is. Thank you for all you do for our wonderful village!

## **BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL**

My report is in three sections. The first highlights the three major building projects being undertaken by SBDC. The second concentrates on BCC and the queries which the majority of residents send me and also explains how the mechanism for obtaining additional parking restrictions works and the third section is an update on the position with regards to the new Unitary Council.

### **SBDC**

This has been a very busy year including three major projects. The first is the building project to provide temporary accommodation in Bath Road for vulnerable families so that the use of emergency bed and breakfast accommodation can be minimised. The second is building 34 rented apartments on the site of the old Gerrards Cross police station. In line with council policy 40% of these will be at affordable rents. Clearance of the site for the rented apartments has started. The name of the large block is to be Edith Smith House after the first ever female police officer and the Road is to be called Robert Peel Close again reflecting the police connection ( historic nicknames for policemen were bobbies and peelers after Robert Peel who was the PM when the first police force was instigated ).

The third project is the car park in Station Road.

SBDC needed to address three basic questions with respect to car parking in Gerrards Cross.

\* Is there adequate provision for car parking in the Town to satisfy present and future need? \* If not where could a car park be sited and \* If a new car park is required can a sound business case be written for its provision.

Independent experienced Consultants were engaged to answer to the first question. A current and an ongoing increasing need was identified. The site in Station Road was chosen. This is already a surface car park and has been identified for development for a number of years. Studies show that there is insufficient parking capacity in Gerrards Cross. Station Road already has high rise buildings on both sides. The business case was prepared by senior Council Officers who have, over the years, safeguarded the balanced running of the SBDC budget as is their statutory duty.

The business plan has followed the Council's governance process fully. It was considered at the Policy Advisory Groups , Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet on and the full Council. Additionally the decision was

subject to a call in by Councillors and was subsequently considered by a specially convened meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny committee. As is part of the Council's practice, the process included consultation, applying for planning permission and using approved Contractors.

Incidentally but importantly, the business plan includes the provision of affordable season tickets for local workers and residents. The new car park development will offer a long-term solution to the increasing demand for car parking in Gerrards Cross. This needs to be met in order to ensure the long term viability of the town centre and its businesses, in the best interests of local residents and visitors. BCC

The two major issues which residents are concerned about are the state of the roads and footways and the provision of additional double yellow lines to restrict parking.

BCC has put additional funding into maintaining the roads following a small extra allocation from central government. It is still insufficient to remedy the backlog and it is this which leads to the stringent criteria which need to be met for both roads and footways before there is intervention. (There is a separate allocation for emergency repairs.)

BCC highways department has an overall strategy for where it is to put double yellow lines. If residents request additional double yellow lines on top of those in the plan there first has to be feasibility study. This has to be funded by asking the LAF (local area forum) to pay. The LAF has an allocation of funds to be spent across Gerrards Cross and Denham and decisions about how this should be spent are made by a committee comprising Town and Parish councillors. Bids are written and these are considered by the committee. Once a feasibility study has been funded ( if it is) and it has been conducted, if the outcome is positive, then there is a statutory consultation. Subsequent to this funds have to be allocated to change the parking restrictions and the additional yellow lines are then painted.

### **Unitary update**

The draft Order has now been laid and will be considered and debated by both Houses of Parliament, and provides for: A new unitary council comprising of 147 elected councillors in three councillor wards · A shadow authority made up of all councillors from all five Bucks councils · A shadow executive comprising of 17 councillors – the county leader plus eight councillors nominated by the county council and two councillors nominated by each of the four district councils; the county leader is to be the leader of

the shadow executive unless the executive elects another of its councillors to be its leader · The shadow executive to have regard to the proposal being implemented i.e. the Bucks County Council case for a single authority, as well as the recommendations of the Children's Commissioner (this relates to BCC's Children's Services). Designation of the interim senior officers to be the responsibility of the shadow executive (i.e. the monitoring officer, returning officer and finance officer), and · The leader of the implementation team to be the Chief Executive of the County Council There are to be elections for the new Council in 2020. The first Council will serve for five years in the first instance and then for four years going forward. All five existing Councils will work together to achieve a unitary Council which is of the highest quality and which will endeavour to provide the best possible services for residents as efficiently and economically as possible. In this report I have been asked to explain the rationale behind changes to the Household recycling site policy.

**The policy change**, as you are aware the County Council, in line with all Councils, is having to make savings so that a balanced budget can be written. One of the savings reluctantly identified by BCC has been the way in which the provision of recycling household waste is made.

From April 1st there has been closure of one site and reduced opening times at some others. There has also been the introduction of a charging policy.

Waste has been divided into two categories, **household waste** which includes all white goods, (e.g old washing machines, fridges,) electrical goods, furniture, carpets, mattresses, garden waste all of which continues to be **free to recycle** and the second category which is **non-household waste** which includes, for example, all building materials, old tyres and scrap metal, for which there will now be a **charge**.

At the present time our enforcement team successfully prosecute 1 in 68 fly tippers. This results in a large fine and a criminal record for those who have been caught. (The average across the country, I'm told, is 1 in 680.) Like you I think any fly tipping is an act of vandalism however there should surely not be an increase if we expect our neighbours to continue to behave as we all will. This will however be carefully monitored. Encouragingly other Councils who have introduced similar charges have not seen increases in fly tipping.

Councillor Barbara Gibbs

## **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE UNITARY**

The draft Buckinghamshire ( Structural Changes ) order was laid on 2nd April 2019 by Parliament. If this is approved, the establishment of a single tier of Local Government in Buckinghamshire will become a reality. This will enable transitional steps to begin, namely a Shadow Authority. There will also be a New Unitary comprising 147 Elected Councillor in three Councillor Wards. A Shadow Executive of 17 Councillors comprising :

1 County Leader + 8 nominated by County

+2 Councillors nominated by each of the following 4 Districts

The County Leader will also lead the Shadow Executive. It is expected that the Draft Order will be raised in the 2 Houses of Parliament within the next 2 months. It is envisaged that moving away from the current 2 Tier system will result in a more sustainable future. There should be more efficiency, more joined up services, such as bin collection, waste disposal, planning and better road surfaces. District and Parish Elections will be delayed until May 2020.

### **COUNCIL TAX INCREASES**

On the 26th February 2019,. Chiltern and South Bucks District Council introduced a 2.99% increase in Council Tax. Council tax increase of £5.42 for 2019/20 was agreed by Councillors, the equivalent of 10p a week for the average Band D home.

### **RECYCLING**

All recycling centres in South Bucks were shut down from 25th March 2019. They had become magnets for Fly Tipping,, littering and dumping of Commercial Waste at the expense of taxpayers. General FLY TIPPING results in the taxpayers having to fork out £200.000 per year to clear 80 tonnes of litter dumped on the roadside. Some waste contractors revisit main roads every 8 weeks to remove rubbish dumped indiscriminately.

### **LOCAL NEWS**

#### **Potholes**

Bucks County Council carried out repairs to road surfaces in Hedgerley in 2018/2019. Road surfaces which have been improved include, Kiln Lane, Collum Green Lane, The Loop round Spar Shop, Stevenson Rd, Meander Hill Rd/Andrew Hill Lane. However recent frost has degraded several roads again, especially along Andrew Hill Lane and Collum Green Rd. Assessments of these roads have been carried out in early April this year by the County engineers and more work needs to be done to improve them.

## **FLY TIPPING**

PopThere has been several episodes of Fly Tipping in Collum Green Rd, Parish Lane, and Andrew Hill Lane. SBDC/ BUCKS CC have responded to requests and cleared these roads recently. There are concerns that Fly Tipping may increase following the closures of the recycling sites. Residents are advised to remain vigilant. Most of the dumping occurs on roadsides.

## **RESUSCITATOR FOR HEDGERLEY**

I approached the Parish Council several months ago asking them to provide a Resuscitator for the village. They kindly agreed to provide one. The proprietor of the Spar Shop has been approached by the Parish Council and talks are in progress with L&Q, the landlords, as to the location of the Resuscitator.

## **BLOCKED GULLIES AND GULPS**

I was pleased to see gullies, Gulps, Manholes being cleared recently in the village. Persistent appeals to the County by Dirk Echus, a local resident and I, have had a favourable outcome. Dirk has been single handedly clearing debris running down the Holt and blocking the drains at the bottom of the Holt, following heavy rainfall. WELL DONE DIRK !!!

## **SLADE FARM UPDATE**

Formal Planning Permission was granted to RJD by Bucks County Council on 11th December 2018. Preliminary advance work started, some of which had to be completed by 1st March in order to 'protect the site ecology'. Gravel extraction may not commence until September 2019, because of the amount of work involved in site preparation. Bunds will also be constructed to obscure the works. Hedgerley Parish Council will meet with RJD on a regular basis in an effort to monitor the progress of the works and provide updates to the village.

## **INCURSIONS By TRAVELLERS**

We are delighted to confirm that there have been no further traveller incursions in the village in this last year. The wooden posts erected around the Green, soon after the last Incursion, appear to be acting as a satisfactory deterrent. However we must not be complacent. Sadly other local Parishes have been less fortunate. But the new communication strategy between County Council, Landowner, the Police and other interested parties are obviously having great outcomes. Travellers were moved on fairly quickly from illegal encampments.

## **ONE PIN CROSSROADS**

I have have been on the scene of several serious Car/Van accidents at the One Pin Crossroads. Fortunately there were no fatalities. I have approached our local County Councillor seeking help via Transport. For Bucks, to see whether there could be a reappraisal of road safety at these.crossroads. I feel that accidents could be reduced if the Speed Limit of 40 MPH along the bends in Collum Green Rd, be reduced to 30MPH. Another measure which may help, is the introduction of some form of Traffic 'calming', such as a roundabout. I spoke to a Police Officer at the site of the last accident in February 2019, and he felt that Traffic Lights might be more expensive and that a mini roundabout would be just as effective.

**Cllr C MARLENE LEWIS**

## **St Mary's Hedgerley**

As many of you will know, Rev Graham Saunders retired as the rector of the United Benefice of Farnham Royal with Hedgerley last July. Since then we have been in a vacancy period while the members of the two parishes work on the task of finding a new Rector. This is a lengthy and convoluted process. At St Mary's we are determined that we will continue to hold our regular Sunday services and keep the doors open for all who would like to come and worship with us. Services have been led by the two retired clergy in the benefice, Jan Clark and Gordon Briggs, by Lay Ministers and by some brave members of the congregation. The variety of styles is really engaging and refreshing.

For the "landmark" services we try to add some extra interest, especially for children. Perhaps you saw our Palm Sunday parade from the old green up the holt to the church, led by the donkeys Max and Rob. Did you come to Carols by Candle light and enjoy the decorations in the churchyard and the holt lit up with flares? Did you hear about Harvest Festival where we had some very pretty, if rather messy, chickens in church?

As always the Church finances are very much 'hand to mouth' and we are hugely grateful to all the local people, both church goers and non attenders, who organise and support our fund raising efforts. Our next event, coming up on 19<sup>th</sup> May, will be a concert given by Lydia Marshall and friends. This is the third time that these very talented young people have put on a concert for us and I am sure that this one will be another sell out success.

It would be lovely to see some more villagers in church with us. Do come and join us one Sunday, you will find a relaxed gathering and a warm welcome.

Ruth Brogden  
Churchwarden

## *Hedgerley Historical Society*

### **Hedgerley Historical Society**

2018/19 has been another busy programme with an excellent range of talks and special events including a visit to the new Battle of Britain bunker museum in Uxbridge, a Martyrs walk in Amersham followed by a coach outing to Dorchester and a canal cruise in London. The most popular talk in the Programme was in January 2019 when Nigel Smales recalled the amazing story of The (Rise and Fall of) Skindles Hotel in Taplow.

Our membership has seen a slight increase from 230 in the 2017/18 season to the present total of 232. Attendances at our regular monthly meetings have averaged 70 compared to 64 in the last season.

During the course of 2019 we will be publishing the story of Hedgerley Park in the *Hedgerley Village Magazine*

In response to members' requests we are now running more outings and this year visits are planned to Wycombe Abbey for a tour of the house and grounds, a coach trip to Bowood House in Wiltshire and a guided tour of Tower Bridge.

**John Lovelock**  
**Secretary**

### **Hedgerley Village Magazine**

In mid-2018, at the Parish Council's request, a group of residents took on the job of resurrecting the village magazine. The PC offered to subsidise the magazine if it failed to cover its costs.

The editorial board consists of:

PC Representative:	Thomas Broom
Advertising:	Dympna Holland

Finance: Paul Miller  
Distribution: John Lovelock  
Graphic Design: Clare Wheatley  
Editor: Tom Webb

The board also takes help and advice from Maddy Bushnell, Vanessa Pilgerstorfer and Ruth and Peter Brogden.

In mid-June the fourth issue will reach all residents' doorsteps through a network of locals, who have volunteered for the job. These issues have been produced at no cost to the PC thanks to the generous support of our local advertisers – please take every opportunity to buy their goods and services.

The magazine is also available on-line and in local libraries, surgeries, and pubs and is posted to a number of ex-residents.

The aim of the magazine is to share and celebrate Hedgerley life. Copy is welcome from any quarter and we do our best to publicise all community events and keep up to date with important local issues. We will always try to find space for local charities and South Bucks community services.

### **MEMORIAL HALL**

The memorial hall is still providing a lovely venue for over 10 local social/business groups each week though overall the rental from other bookings in comparison to last year, is slightly reduced.

Maintenance wise, the roof has been attended to this spring after leaks became evident, and we have had some issues with the heating and have been looking at alternative means.

We still have regular help with the grounds and in addition the same local business is now helping with day to day issues concerning maintenance in the hall. Due to some concerns from regular hall users about the cleanliness of the hall after weekend events, the hall is being cleaned twice a week now. The Film Club ran a further 6 screenings during the winter evenings and ran at a small lose. Going forward we are still discussing whether we should run a further season, especially as there are several new film clubs popping up locally

Ideally we will run another season, and hope we can entice more 100 club members to help fund the screenings, as well as boost attendance. A fault

developed with the projector late last year which necessitated a replacement. The HHS very kindly stepped in and paid 50% of the cost, which was hugely appreciated.

In addition to the screenings the hall still runs its own community events including a couple of lunches, as well as 2 games nights and winter quiz evening.

Looking forward, we do hope to try to encourage more and perhaps younger local people to join the mature committee!

**Maddy Bushnell**

### **HEDGERLEY MOTHERS UNION**

Our membership has dropped to 16 as 4 members sadly Rose, Rita, Josie and Joy died during the year, their contribution to our Branch will be greatly missed.

In February we held our AGM. The Committee members are Mary Lane (Branch Leader, Helen Bones (Secretary), Pat Field (Treasurer), Pam Powell and Rita Sweeney.

Following our AGM, Suzanne Field encouraged us to join in sit-down exercises with her; this proved to be an enjoyable afternoon, with much laughter, as a result of this meeting, the Tracy Trust has organized Suzanne to attend weekly for regular sit-down exercises.

In March we had an interesting afternoon with Mr Robert Harrap, who spoke about his Buddhist faith, a very enlightening afternoon.

In April we hosted and welcomed members from other Branches to the Diocesan Spring Meeting in the Memorial Hall, Alison Bennett and Gloria Richards ran the morning sessions and Christine Beynon ran the afternoon session. Our speaker in April was the Revd Gordon Briggs who entertained us with his experiences whilst serving as a Clergyman. Our Banner was paraded at the Lady Day Service held in Datchet, which several members attended.

May saw us in Langley Park, where we walked through the rhododendrons and azaleas which were magnificent, followed by an enjoyable cream tea in the café.

In June, we welcomed Mrs Gloria Richards and other members from the Deanery to our meeting, when Gloria spoke about Mary Sumner and the starting of the Mothers' Union.

In July we had a very hot garden meeting at Mary's and celebrated Ruth's birthday. Ten members joined the Deanery coach which took us to a very hot Dorchester Abbey to celebrate 130 years of Mothers' Union in the Diocese, a picnic was enjoyed in the grounds before the service, which was led by The Bishop of Oxford. The parade of Banners was very impressive.

We held our annual lunch in August when we welcomed friends to join us, the raffle made £83.20 for the Summer of Hope Appeal.

In September we held our own Renewal Service as the Revd Graham Saunders has now left the Benefice and no clergy were available to take our normal service. Nine of us joined the Deanery coach to Tewkesbury Abbey where we all enjoyed a very busy day, exploring the Abbey and surrounding area.

October was a busy month, at our meeting we welcomed Ann Lanthrope who had stepped in at short notice due to planned speaker being unable to attend. Ann spoke about and showed slides of a recent trip she had made with other members of her church, to visit orphanages in Cambodia and Myanmar, this was such an interesting talk that Ann is coming back in 2019 to continue her talk. Two members attended the Diocesan Meeting and AGM in Abingdon and took the 60 Christmas cards we had collected for the prisoners. Ten members also attended the Deanery Open meeting when Gill Lovell, the Parish Development Adviser for Bucks spoke about the '3Cs' which had been instigated by the Bishop of Oxford.

In November Helen spoke about her visit to India and we discussed our programme for 2019.

December started with the Deanery Advent Carol Service at Hitcham. At our Christmas meeting we welcomed Nigel and friends to entertain us with songs, followed by a Christmas tea.

We didn't meet in January as this was New Year's Day

Our projects are still on-going, providing bags of basic toiletries and soft toys for the Refuge in Slough as well as items for the children's ward at The John Radcliffe Hospital. We sent Christmas cards for prisoners in the

Diocese, also supplied blank Mothering Sunday cards for young offenders to send to their mothers. Unfortunately after 14 years, our Toddler Group was closed during the year, due to lack of children, the toys were given to Farnham Royal Church for their group.

We continue to send cards to those Baptised in our 3 churches over the past 4 years and our TLC (tea/coffee, laughter, chat) mornings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month are ongoing, with some non MU members joining us.

Thank you to all members who help make our Branch the success it is, special thanks to Pam who sends us all birthday cards; Helen for arranging our lifts, Pat who collects our money and pays our bills, and other committee members who help plan our meetings. A special thank you to all members who willingly help when asked and for providing refreshments and prayers for our monthly meetings and other events.

We plan to continue to serve the United Benefice and families in the area whenever we can and to endeavour to increase our membership.

**Mary Lane**



I am pleased to tell you that the Tracy Trust is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its inception and is commemorating this event with a lunch party in October for its members. .

The past year has had its ups and downs. Sadly we lost 8 members of the Trust and we extend our condolences to the families and friends of those who have died.

We have managed successfully to negotiate the intricacies of GDPR and every member has now expressed his or her contact preferences.

The charity continues to make available established activities and services:

- a meeting place, twice a week, with activities and refreshments;
- a fortnightly bus service to local shopping centres;
- subsidised chiropody services;

- financial help for personal alarms, TV licences, medical, dentistry & optical care;
- help with transportation to medical appointments; we have a good number of volunteer drivers all of whom have been DBS checked;
- an annual Christmas party and Christmas vouchers;
- a summer tea party which was introduced last year and proved most enjoyable, with an informative talk at the start of the event on a topic of interest to our members;
- a weekly, gentle exercise class which has proved extremely successful and is currently fully booked.

At this moment, we are in the process of setting up some new initiatives:

- a bereavement counselling service with an experienced professional;
- outings during the summer months to local garden centres;
- a Christmas-time visit to a garden centre or local Christmas market;
- a 'men's shed' - dependent on interest in such a venture among our male members

This year, we have welcomed two new officers to the Trust - Helena Makowski as Secretary and Rainer Struck as Treasurer to replace Mr Brian Fenn after many years of loyal service to the Trust.

Mrs Gail Hurst has also come on board as a Trustee and she arranges transportation to medical appointments among other duties. Mrs Barbara McNeillie has also joined our group of dedicated committee members.

During the course of this year a new website for the Tracy Trust has been set up where details of the Trust's activities, services and general information can be found. The address is [www.thetracytrust.co.uk](http://www.thetracytrust.co.uk)

Finally we would like to take the opportunity of publicly thanking Mrs Diana Saunders and Mr Brian Fenn for the huge amount of time and effort they have put into the Trust and its activities over many years, and to wish them both every happiness in the future.

### **Hedgerley Women's Institute**

Since the last WI report to the Parish Council, Hedgerley WI has had some enjoyable meetings with interesting speakers. We have heard about the importance of musical education and the history of Royal Flying. We have tasted virgin olive oil and heard about the Remap Charity which helps to modify the various aids of disabled people. A past resident of Hedgerley, Anita Cranmer, gave a fascinating account of her year as Mayor of Beaconsfield and our local speaker was the former headmistress of the PNEU school in Windsor.

We were entertained by a music group for our Christmas party which was very well attended and included guests from the Beeches group – this consists of Stoke Poges & Wexham and Taplow & Hitchen.

Our Pancake Party has become an annual feature and, for the tenth year running, we welcomed Hedgerley villagers to share our delicious pancakes and to have a social morning together.

We thoroughly enjoyed our annual lunch at Biggles restaurant and the food seems to get better every time!

In the middle of the one of the hottest summers we have ever had, our summer garden party was rained off and we retired to Betty Newcombe's comfortable house to enjoy tea and chat. The Bucks Chairman and Vice-Chairman were welcomed to the party along with guests from the Beeches Group.

We were fortunate enough to visit the beautiful gardens of Dorneywood, the home of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and a group of us was guide round and given a talk on the gardens.

A team of Hedgerley W.I. ladies served about 100 teas with home-made cakes at the local Horticultural Society Annual Show last September. Several of our members won prizes for their entries in the various classes and one person won Best in Show with her flower arrangement.

We have participated in some County events – the Annual Council Meeting, for which several of made a toy animal for refugee children, the Science Day and various workshops and outings.

Hedgerley WI continues to thrive with a current membership of 45. We have celebrated several 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays and, sadly, have mourned the loss of Beryl Coombs, who was a much-loved long-time member of Hedgerley WI and had also been County Treasurer for many years. We also recently lost Rita Sweeney and Joyce Handcock who will be very much missed.

Hedgerley WI will be partaking actively in the Bucks WI Centenary in 2020.

Jenny Harper-Jones  
President

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Thank you all for coming.  
Next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.  
Best Kept Village Competition judging from 1<sup>st</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July.  
Please keep Hedgerley tidy.

