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Editorial

The new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire has arrived, together with the new version of the NPPF – the government's sledgehammer for planning controls. The NPPF takes immediate effect, the Local Plan is probably still some eighteen months away from getting through various hoops. It is the NPPF that has the real impact on Taplow by opening up much of our Green Belt to be potential Grey Belt.

On a much more cheerful note it seems to be anniversary time in Taplow! Inside we are marking anniversaries for the Village Green Party, Cedar Chase and remarkably perhaps for newer arrivals to Taplow one for the Village Green. Looking back through earlier numbers it is clear that living in Cedar Chase is something special as they are endlessly celebrating something, the last one being the installation of EV charging points.

We also pay tribute to Robert Hanbury for over forty years of service to the Society who has finally stepped down from your committee. So, to misquote President Kennedy "ask not what the Society can do for you but what you can do for the Society". Aspiring committee members would be most welcome.

This page usually carries a link to the Newsletter archive on our website **www.taplowsociety.org.uk** It is a treasure trove – at the VGP a new member came up to me and said he had started to look at an old issue out of curiosity and suddenly found it was three o'clock in the morning!



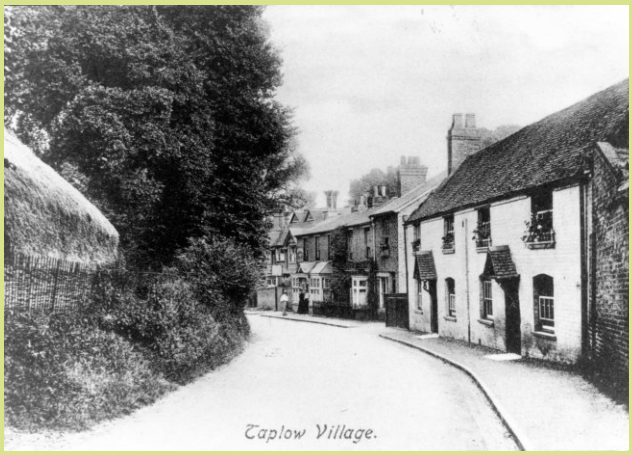
HTS AGM
Taplow Village Centre

8pm Wednesday 21st April 2027

The Heart of Taplow

An age-old pattern. A village hall, church, school and pub skirting a village green. But Taplow is different. Our Village Green isn't centuries old. This year it is one of our three anniversaries – being only 60 years old!

The Green was originally part of Pater Noster, noted in 1612 as a meadow with a pond from which cottages on the corner of The Pightail drew fresh water. Glebe land, owned by Lords of the Manor, let for rent to fund the Rector's living. It was tenanted to the Norrington family as part of Tythe Farm (1795) which became Glebe Farm (1810s) then Rectory Farm (1830s) when it passed to William Norrington's son-in-law Richard Briginshaw. He made its southern edge a farmyard with a pigsty, briars and barns, one possibly using trusses recovered from the derelict St Nicholas Church. Tragedy struck, twice. Richard's three-year-old son Richard drowned in the pond (1841). His sister-in-law Caroline Norrington suffered the same fate (1843). The pond is long gone. The spring which fed it isn't.



bakery and Post Office. Pikels had been The Pightail, The Phygtle and The Pikel. It would later be Pikles Lane, eventually the High Street (c1950). To the south, Church Road boasted two pubs, a sweetshop and a smithy. By the time it became Rectory Road (c1950), The Old Friend was long gone and (until 1970) the smithy was a butcher's shop a few paces west of The Oak & Saw.





Nigel Smales

Pater Noster's eastern edge was nibbled to accommodate Taplow National School (1848), a Wesleyan Chapel (c1870s), Pax Cottage, the Reading Room (1894) and the Parish Hall, a 'tin hut' extension to the Reading Room in which services were held while St Nicolas Church was rebuilt (1911/12). The farmyard was tenanted to William Rance (1891) whose butcher's shop shared Pikels with Preston the Cobbler and Gurney's, the village shop,

Although farmers no longer lived in Rectory Farmhouse, Lord Desborough continued to let out its fields (1892). The Pater Noster farmyard was tenanted to John Webster, then Janie Dykes and finally Arthur Mewton of Hill Farm, one of whom extended it eastward. Meanwhile, Parish Council visionaries were getting ideas. Chairman Ernest Perkins and the formidable Anne Young and Eileen Matthews (both also Eton Rural District and Buckinghamshire

Councillors) dreamed of a new school in Pater Noster's south-east corner. When Lady Gage, daughter of the late Desborough, ceded its north-west as a potential playing field (1959), a central site was selected. As the Mewton



Renovation in 2015

executors sold much of the old farmyard to Bunce Brothers of Burnham with planning permission for five houses, Eileen and Anne (née Whitlaw, later Milne) persuaded Eton RDC to pay £50 for the small eastern portion (1962).

Ernest's idea that the old farmyard could be a fine "public open space" was still in abeyance when the new St Nicolas School opened (1965).



Nigel Smales

The Bunces – probably descendants of Hill Farm farmhand Charlie Bunce (1891) – grew impatient. Pay us £15,000, or we'll start building. The Taplow Trio pulled strings. A £5,000 grant from the County. Eton RDC and unrecorded donors funded the rest. The Parish Council demolished the barns (the biggest mysteriously burned down), paid local farmer John Shepherd £85 to roughly rake grass seed into thin soil scattered over broken bricks and cinders (1966), demolished the old school, laid the car park, acquired the Reading Room (1967) and grandiosely made it the 'Village Centre' by replacing its 'tin hut' with an extension for a clerk's office, kitchen, toilets and the Perkins Room for its meetings (1974).



Roger Worthington

Summer 2026 was very dry

Our Village Green, skirted by a new school, an extended village hall, the church and the pub. Ripe for the first Village Green Party (1986). Renovated by Mike Clarke (2015). The heart of Taplow reborn (although currently browned off).

Nigel Smales



Nigel Smales

Robert Hanbury steps down

Our last issue article on forty years of the Village Green Party showed that Robert Hanbury was already our chairman in 1986. He joined the committee in spring 1981, becoming our chairman three years later and delivering the Village Green Party in 1986. He moved to being secretary in 1992, probably to assist in keeping a full house of officers for the Society. He stood down in 1996 – anyone who has seen our article on the Tithe Barn in 1991 can guess at least one thing that he was busy with! He returned refreshed in 2016 to take on the sorely needed task of organising and restructuring our accounts and membership processes. He stood down from this in 2022, leaving Mike Turner with stable and inspected accounts and a larger membership. He has now stood down from the committee, some forty-four years later.

I have worked with Bob for the last twelve years and it has been a pleasure. Calm and considered and quietly efficient and a source of wise counsel on all society matters.

At our May meeting President Eva Lipman thanked him for his contribution over many years and presented him with a framed map of Hitcham from the turn of the twentieth century signed by all the committee. Thank you Bob.



Roger Worthington

The Hitcham Poor's Land Trust

Hitcham has never been a huge community but it has a long history. It dates back to the Domesday Book where it is mentioned as being owned by Milo Crispin. Some might recall that the pub currently known as The Bee at the top of Burnham High Street was previously known as The Crispin but we don't know if this has any connection to Milo.

Hitcham exchanged hands a few times until the early 1700s when it was purchased by William Wyndham, Lord Grenville, who lived in Dropmore House. Lord Grenville was Prime Minister between 1806 and 1807 and was instrumental in the abolition of the slave trade.

The Hitcham Inclosure Act of 1772 parcelled the land of Hitcham for the benefit of large landowners in the area. During this process, a small parcel of 5 acres was set aside, in the north of Hitcham for the benefit of the poor. It was unsuitable for farming but was in a convenient location where the poor could gather wood for heating and cooking. These 5 acres, known as The Poor's Land was situated on either side of Taplow Common Road, just north of Parliament Lane and within the Dropmore estate. It appears that having this parcel of land within his estate was somewhat inconvenient for Lord Grenville. He had his solicitor, William Chisholme, draw up a document whereby the 5 acres was swapped with a piece of land to the south of the parish in the area of the current Maypole estate. Although it might not have seemed so at the time, this turned out to be a very beneficial swap for the people of Hitcham.

In 1963 the Trustees of Hitcham Poor's Land sold its, by now valuable, 5 acres and created a new Trust to distribute grants to the needy in Hitcham, Burnham and Taplow which it does so to this day. You can find more details at https://thehitchamtrust.weebly.com/

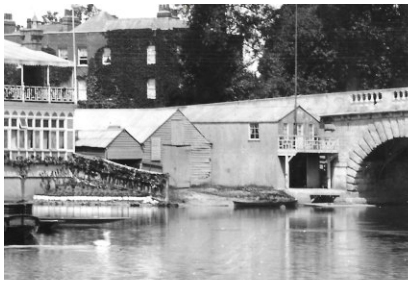
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Maidenhead Rowing Club at 150



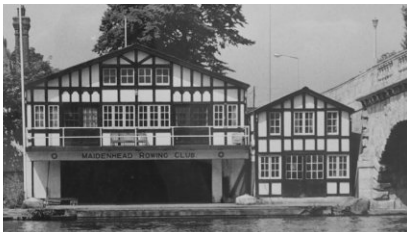
Maidenhead Regatta 1839

Taplow welcomed the club to this side of the river in 1998 and we congratulate them on their longevity and considerable success. The club was founded by Lord Desborough in 1876 (See *Titan of the Thames* by Sandy Nairn and Peter Williams). His name is preserved on oars on display at the club and in a portrait on loan from the Royal Borough.



The original clubhouse

From the outset the club occupied a site by Maidenhead Bridge. Its first clubhouse was a modest tin-roofed structure, replaced only after a major breakthrough: Maidenhead's first victory at Henley Royal Regatta in 1924, when it won the Thames Cup. That success prompted the construction of a new clubhouse in 1926,



The 1926 clubhouse

boasting a large clubroom, basic facilities, and a single shower – primitive by modern standards, but transformative at the time. The club remained there until 1998, when it came across the river to the former Springfield's Boatyard site. Opened by Sir Steve Redgrave, the new clubhouse marked the beginning of a new era. With three bays of boat storage, expansive clubrooms, a bar, weights room, changing facilities, and a vast ergo room, the building enabled unprecedented growth. Membership soared from around 80 to more than 300 in just a few years, cementing Maidenhead's position as one of the Thames' leading clubs.

The club was of course an all male club until the arrival of Laura Lion in 1977 – a worthy successor to Lady Pankhurst. With a small band of supporters, ladies were soon competing with a coxed four and single sculling. Laura went on to major success representing Great Britain and competing internationally and is now the Club President.



Bert Bushnell

The club has a great history in competition at the highest levels. Olympians include Bert Bushnell (London 1948 gold) Rob Williams (London 2012 silver) and Jack Beaumont – a nine-times Henley Royal Regatta winner, a Rio 2016 Olympic finalist, 2017 World Championships silver medallist and Olympic silver medallist at Tokyo 2020. The other great competitive target is of course Henley Royal Regatta. After the initial 1924



Laura Lion with
club member Emily Craig
Gold medallist Paris 2024



Opening the new clubhouse in 1998



Eric Sims and Steve Redgrave

success Eric Sims led victories in the 1980s alongside a young Steve Redgrave, won the 1985 Britannia Cup and the Grand Challenge Cup for a total of five Henley medals.

Future prowess is ensured by the thriving junior programmes. The girls team has been very successful. In 2007 the Junior Eight won the Schools' Head on the Tideway in record time and in 2008, two crews represented England at the Home Countries International in Cardiff Bay, going on to represent Great Britain against France. The boys team were resurgent from 2014 with Viktor Kleshnev winning consecutive silver medals at the World Rowing Junior Championships. Both teams are now regulars at Henley Royal Regatta.

The club has widened its appeal well beyond competitive rowing with recreational rowing starting in 2012 and adaptive rowing in 2018. To ensure its future the club has set itself an ambitious fundraising target of £80,000 to replace its ageing pontoons – a vital piece of infrastructure that underpins everything from junior development to adaptive and recreational rowing. Doubtless we will hear more on this!



Rob Williams



Jack Beaumont

Finally – The club has been running an excellent supper club programme targeted initially at its new neighbours in River Road after its arrival here that has helped raise funds for kitchen equipment over the years. Social membership is also available. Copies may also be available of *It's a load of Rowlocks, a potted history of Maidenhead Rowing Club.*

Roger Worthington with thanks to Laura Lion

Cliveden Stud

Things have moved somewhat but not in a desired direction. Despite abysmally slow progress in achieving the rectification of the various damaged lands the County planners in May removed all the Section 12 limitations on the site. These limited dwellings on the site to be used only for equine and agricultural purposes and in particular prevented the site from being broken up and sold in smaller parcels. The existing approvals for conversions from equine buildings to residences could not be used to build as the resulting residence could not be sold separately. The County decision means that the owners are now free to capitalise on their investment in destroying the equine businesses of the Stud. The Local Plan that has just closed its consultation and the new NPPF identify the Stud as Grey Belt – see elsewhere on these pages.

Station Parking controls at last!

I cannot think that anyone in Taplow would be glad to see the appearance of more yellow lines but the inconsiderate behaviour of desperate commuters left no choice. The parish council is to be congratulated on finally getting parking round the station under control. We wait to see just what demand actually is when it has to be paid for and if the lines reach far enough to have fully dealt with the problem.

If the application in Burnham for 800 houses succeeds in its present form there will be renewed chaos from the one way scheme for Institute Road which will drive quantities of traffic round Station and Boundary Roads.



Marsh Lane cleared



Station pick-up zone



Residents Only on Boundary Road



Space for Pit walking



Approach and Station Road paid for

Roger Worthington

Moorings

Sadly there is no progress yet on the River Road moorings front. Further initiatives from the County are grinding slowly.

NPPF, Plans Local and actually local

The Buckinghamshire Local Plan has now closed its formal consultation and the foreshadowed new NPPF is with us.

Sadly they are both very much as we outlined in our last issue. The relatively good news is that the Plan makes no housing allocation in Taplow. An interesting thing is that the Local Plan does not take into account the changes introduced by the NPPF. This was a matter of expediency as if they had waited for the NPPF they would almost certainly have missed the end of year submission target to avoid the plan being taken over by the government. There is still considerable risk that inspectors may reject the plan. In particular the plan meets its target of 90,000+ dwellings in the plan period but does not satisfy a five year housing supply requirement in the first years of the plan. If all goes well we won't have the plan before end 2027 but even that leaves eighteen months where we are rather defenceless against applications.

The Parish Council has considered the plan carefully and has submitted comments.. Objections can still be made when an application is made on Grey Belt land.

The NPPF also contains a policy giving priority to developments within 800 metres of stations rather regardless of Green Belt status so we need to consider how to respond to this.

The details of Grey Belt etc. are unchanged from the maps in our last issue.

Your Buckinghamshire Councillors have issued this update on the way that planning objections are now handled:



The Neighbourhood Plan

This is now established with a Steering Group of Karen Walsh, Martin Maund, the Clerk and myself, working closely with ONH consultants Leani Haim and Matthew Jennings. We are largely agreed on the main items to include in the NP and are identifying individual tasks which will lead to involving wider participation. There are additions to the Parish Council website to provide information and record progress, together with a Whatsapp group that residents can join to receive information directly. Find it all under the PLANNING menu. There will of course be consultations with residents as the plan takes shape and goes through the formal steps required for completion. A first task is to look at ownership of land within 800m of the station where the NPPF gives priority to housing development.

Actual applications

While these large scale upheavals are brewing regular applications are still being made in Taplow. The biggest of these is not actually in Taplow but in Burnham for some 800 houses (PL/26/05353/FA) right on our eastern edge. Taplow has worked closely with Burnham Parish Council to assess its impact. And both the Parish and the Society have made objections. Apart from the sheer volume of housing it has a specific impact in Taplow. As the traffic and other impacts on Taplow are significant we are printing the Society objection overleaf in full.

Other than this, regular applications have been modest, possibly as developers have been waiting for the NPPF to release all the Grey Belt lands identified for Taplow. We shall see. The 16 house development at Joes Folly (PL/23/1309/FA) is in the final stages of condition approvals.



Marshmead lorry queue



Roots 'Open? Storage'

A trend we are seeing is applications to change land use to Open Storage which doesn't appear to conflict directly with Green Belt classification as it does not affect openness. The Roots site has done this and also Marshmead at the top of Marsh Lane. Both sites are pushing the classification – Roots has erected a large warehouse apparently without permission and Marshmead is using far more than the area approved of. Enforcement are checking both but as ever landowners can drag compliance out. The land then becomes 'previously developed' and hence developable.

Our response to the proposal for 800 houses between Burnham and Taplow

PL/26/0 5353/FA Land West Of, Lent Rise Road, Burnham, Buckinghamshire.

The Hitcham and Taplow Society objects to this application.

After the recent allocations of Grey Belt land parcels this land is still Green Belt and it is the declared policy of the Buckinghamshire Local Plan now in consultation to protect the Green Belt. A glance at the map of the area shows that this land clearly fulfils purpose B of the Belt to prevent the merging of conurbations – in this case Slough and Maidenhead. It also fulfils purpose A to limit straggling – the applications areas look square but the actual housing layout is clearly straggling.

The impact on Taplow roads is unacceptable. The immediately adjacent Hitcham Road and Lane are single track in places and will greatly suffer from the inevitable traffic growth giving rise to confrontations and aggression. The footpath crossing Hitcham Road is poorly positioned with limited sightlines that create danger for pedestrians.

The proposals for one-way working along Institute Road are also unacceptable. They bring cyclists to the Station Road tunnel which is dangerous for cyclists (and pedestrians) and which closes due to flooding too frequently. Pedestrian access through the Hitcham Road tunnel and a cyclepath down to the A4 would safely connect the development to the shops at Tesco and give a straight cyclepath to Taplow Station south side where there is plenty of room for cycle racks.

The traffic queues trying to access the A4 from the north in Taplow will grow unacceptably – already too long – and the expected growth in A4 traffic from Maidenhead developments will exacerbate this further.

Taplow is dependent on Burnham for health facilities that are already overstretched and has to send all its secondary school children miles away – as does Burnham. The proposed development will make even more congestion with the children suffering commuter strains at the age of eleven.

The application would create too many difficulties to be acceptable It should be refused.

40th Village Green Party

Photos by Andrew Findlay, Nigel Smales and Jacqueline Turner

At one level of course it was pretty much like all the preceding parties over 40 years but that is actually the point. It is a traditional event that sees little need to change. Not that change is refused but there is a rather high bar to overcome. Again it was a great evening of fun, dancing, eating, and celebrating life in Taplow.

Much is centred around the Caller who gets us all dancing after some initial foot dragging. So thank you to Alan whose energy, enthusiasm and clear guidance are at the heart of the evening, along with Mike Sanderson and the boys who have stood with us since the beginning.

The weather was supportive (perhaps hardly surprising this year!) Although we need to keep it very much a Taplow local event it is gratifying to occasionally find us joined by outsiders from as far as London who have heard of this remarkable event. So with your continued support we can work towards our 50th celebrations.



Jane turning the meat in 2003



2011



2016: Mia & Scarlett, Dancing in the Dark



2024



Our first caller Tom Brown



Alan and the Band 2026



Mike and Jacqueline with unused First Aider Jenna



Serving the beef 2026



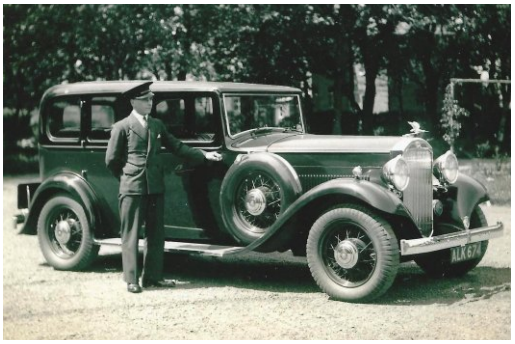
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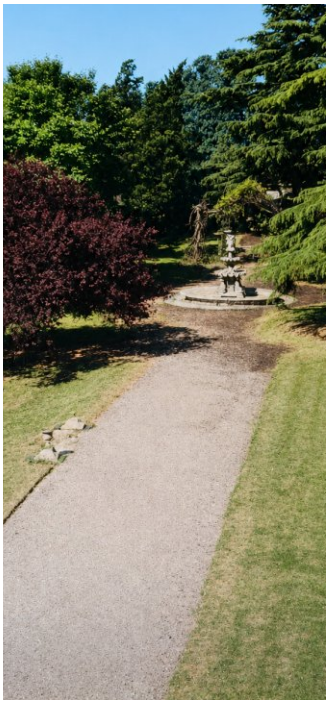
Springfield

Sarah Whitlaw sent us some photos of Springfield House where she grew up at the top of Mill Lane just off Berry Hill. The house was demolished and replaced by several quite large properties but Springfield Cottage still exists as a Local Heritage Asset listed residence as part of the original estate.

Incidentally, in an article in our Autumn 2015 by Juliet Shortall about her attachment to Taplow she mentions that her maternal grandparents George and Paulina Talbott moved from Maidenhead to Springfield Lodge on Berry Hill in 1902 where George ran Taplow's first taxi service (Maidenhead Advertiser 1919).



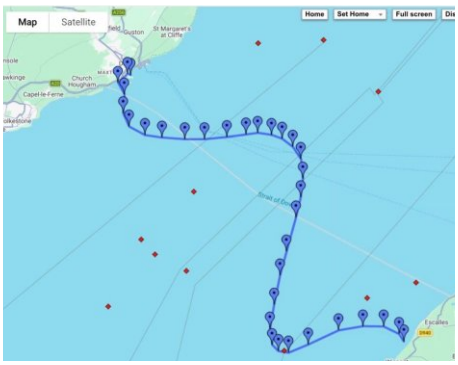




Springfield photos restored with AI assistance

Taplow dans La Manche

Taplovians are insatiably active – olympic gold medals, cycling in South Africa and now the Sea Lions have swum the Channel in August with intrepid Taplovians Bikini Jane and Suzi McSalty flying the flag. Eighteen hours (all but a few seconds) of avoiding jellyfish and being seasick. It isn't just the nominal 20 miles. The tides mean that the distance swum looks more like 30 miles needing 33 changes of swimmer. Their huge thanks for the level of community encouragement and support during training and the event that led to raising over an already amazing target of £39,000 for the Thames Valley Hospice.







Suzi McNulty

Stop press

In yet another channel swim a team led by our olympian Tom Dean set a new British record time of 6hr 55m! Only 3 minutes off the world record. Raising funds for Royal Life Saving Society.

The Saxons



Nigel Smales

The Saxon exhibition in Aylesbury has proved very popular and the closing date has been extended until the end of February 2027.
The exhibition covers three remarkable Saxon burial sites:

- The Princely Burial at Taplow
  Our own Tæppa's Mound with content from the British Museum and Taplow Court – a glimpse into wealth, power, and ceremony.
- The Warlord of Marlow
  A rare military burial that sheds light on warfare, leadership, and identity in Saxon Buckinghamshire.
- The Wendover Saxon Cemetery
  122 graves uncovered during HS2 works, with artefacts from these burials

https://www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/whats-on/the-saxons-an-immersive-exhibition-in-buckinghamshire/

Croquet

This years River Road Croquet League Champions are Matt Nichols and Alex, a last minute substitute for Alfie Dean who was away competing in University Rowing Championships in Canada and couldn't get back in time (having made it into the Final and gaining Silver). The event raised £300 for the Thames Valley Hospice. The supporters club can be seen hard at work.





Pauline Howe-Davis

Trophy



A competition for the Taplow Sports Person of the Year was announced at the Taplow Heritage Day in 2009. It was to be an annual event open to men and women aged 18 and over with handicaps for certain of the eligible events according to age and gender. Does anyone know what happened to the cup?

Tap L'Odeon

The Screen on the Green has evolved through conflicts of sunset and warmth to become Tap L'Odeon in the church for a screening of Monty Python's Life of Brian. 90 people turned up and enjoyed not only an insightful introduction by Reverend Jane but also an excellent overview of the film by Taplow locals Graham Jones and Ian Harries from the award winning The Podcast Nobody Asked For. An incredible £1,208 was raised for the Thames Sea Lions, every penny of which went to Thames Hospice. A huge thank you to everyone involved in bringing the church and the Life of Brian together to such success!

Jennifer Thompson



Paul Thompson

Taplow Court Gardens and Grounds – planning for a hotter, drier future

(As of 20 Aug) …we had a little rain this week, very welcome but hardly transformative. Further north, the skies have been rather more generous, albeit with thunderstorms and the risk of flash flooding. Down here in Taplow, acknowledged to be one of the driest and warmest parts of the UK, we continue to wait in parched anticipation!



Lobelia tupa

To date, much of the drought conversation has focused on how to keep gardens alive: water wisely, irrigate (or not), mulch, plant deeply and choose resilient plants. But for us gardeners doing all of this, day after day in relentless heat, the thing that we care about and is good for us physically and mentally can become a source of worry and anxiety. This may not be an exceptional summer but a glimpse of what is to come. So, adaptation and a change in mindset is key to staying positive in planning for the future.

Fortunately, we have already begun to think ahead in our plans for the gardens and grounds because of SGI-UK's commitment to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals which aim to make significant differences by 2030 and beyond and this is reflected in our day-to-day work here at Taplow Court. Even in challenging circumstances we want our gardens to be well maintained and look beautiful, help people to connect to nature and create a sense of well-being and inspiration to all our visitors whether local or from around the world. In support of this we have identified four other key areas where we believe we can make a difference and planting for climate resilience is the most important (the others being protection of our soil, sustainable gardening practices and increasing biodiversity)



Indigofera



Stone pine



Pennisetum

This change in planting strategies for hotter, drier years has been the biggest challenge and one of the hardest lessons to learn as a plantsman with over 40 years working in horticulture. It's crucial to understand one's local soil, shade cover, aspects and weather patterns over time and to adapt planting schemes and plans accordingly. Summer drought has always been an issue at Taplow Court and learning the hard way what plants can thrive and look good has been quite a challenging journey! Traditional borders are out! Low maintenance, no watering and low-density planting beds are now becoming the fashionable method of presentation exemplified by gravel, sand or even crushed aggregate as the preferred medium over a soil base. This is the type of garden using drought resistant planting pioneered by Beth Chatto in her garden near Colchester which emulates the resilient groundcover plants found in their native Mediterranean habitats.



Russian sage

It's not clear how some of these plants will fare in our predicted wetter winters – we'll see. It seems obvious to me that we need to create more shade areas for the future by planting many more trees and reduce the number of fine lawns in favour of wildflower meadows which are much better for biodiversity. Planting in the autumn will become the norm followed by copious amounts of mulching to retain moisture. Maybe there will be some plants which it will just not be practical to grow here anymore – I'm thinking particularly of hydrangeas and rhododendrons which really suffer in drought conditions. Currently there are some very interesting experiments going on with materials and processes with biodiversity in mind (waste materials such as builders' rubble) which promise a more sustainable and resilient future.



Japanese elm

There are some plants which have noticeably coped better than others through the heatwaves and will become key plants in the dry garden.

Lots of trees are going brown or losing their leaves but our Paper-bark Maple, Judas tree, Junipers, Cypresses and the Mediterranean Stone Pine are holding up well. Lots of shrubs have suffered but our Salvias, Russian sage (Perovskia) and Indigofera have flowered throughout the summer. Some grasses have done well, particularly the Stipa and Pennesetums.



Paperbark maple

So, there is plenty to take heart from... is that rain I can hear?

Phil Rollinson

Photos by Phil Rollinson

Lincoln's End

Remembering Lincoln Lee

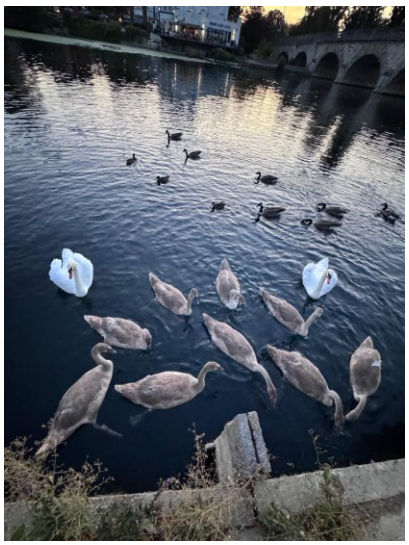
Barn Clear

After a major clear-out some years ago the barn had filled up again in rather disorganised fashion. Our Parish Clerk Ruth led a major clear-out and reorganise day supported by councillors and HTS members. The Parish records have been moved in together with areas for the Playgroup, HTS and an extensive store of tables and chairs that at discretion can be borrowed for events.



Swans

After the severe outbreak of bird flu that killed many swans it is good to see Taplow doing its part to rebuild the flocks



Catherine Rowley



Cath Knight

Cedar Chase 60th

100+ visitors, 12 A1 display boards, hundreds of photos, 3D-printed model houses, art, books, a Lego house and artefacts made by residents, 1960s furniture and decor, historical deeds and documents, and of course the mural in the Village Hall as a backdrop. We were even treated to a selection of songs by Samuel Holdford of our gardening contractors.

Everyone learned something new about Cedar Chase, Taplow, Span Developments or their neighbours. We had visits from people who had lived here in the past, and made contact with people living on other Span estates.

After a year of increasingly urgent work it's a wrap, and well worth the effort! Now what shall we do for the 70th?

Particular thanks to Cath, Sarah and Jane for making it all happen.

Andrew Findlay









Andrew Findlay

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