

BUSH TELEGRAPH

Dear Members & Volunteers,

We do hope you will enjoy reading news of what has been happening during the past months. The Bush Club may have had to close for its usual activities but, as you will see from this edition of the Bush Telegraph, much has been going on 'behind the scenes' and we have continued to be in touch with all our members.

Sadly, Matthew Perry has now retired after many years of service to The Bush Club. His involvement will be much missed and he will be a hard act to follow. I am sure you all join in sending him and Carole our thanks and very best wishes.

On behalf of the Bush Club Committee, I would like to say a very big thank you to Jenny Chaundy who has worked hard finding ways in which to stay in touch with members and to provide some special moments during these difficult months, all recorded here. Jenny works tirelessly for Bush Club and we are so lucky to have her. A big thank you goes to Sally, Angie, Gill, Julie, Jenny, Kate, Jill Hall and Pauline Hawkins, who have kept in regular contact with members, ringing for a chat. It has been good to hear news of how everyone is coping and to be able to offer help or support if needed. We have enjoyed talking to members and hope they have enjoyed hearing from us. Peter Alcock has continued to serve us as Treasurer and to facilitate funds for the various treats provided this year. We are grateful to him for his time and wise council.

I hope you enjoy reading the Bush Telegraph. We all send our very best wishes for Christmas. It will be an unusual one but we will be thinking of you.

Suzy



CHANGES & NEWS

Suzy Macpherson, already a Team Leader is now the new Chairman of the Bush Club taking over from Matthew Perry

As many of you will know, Matthew was instrumental in setting up The Bush Club in the very beginning and we would all like to say a huge thank you for his support over many years. He is and always will be a much loved and respected member of the community.

Sally Proctor is also stepping down as a Team Leader but is happy to stay on as Secretary and as a regular cook with husband Ray. Thank you Sally for all your hard work over many years. Keep those delicious puddings coming Ray.

Julie Watson has taken on the role of Team Leader and will join Suzy, Gill and Angie. Julie has been helping out in the kitchen preparing vegetables for your lunches and will now be extending her role as part of the Team Leader team. We welcome Julie and look forward to working with her.

KEEPING YOU GOING

While we have been unable to meet at Bush Club we have been staying in touch with you all. We hope you have enjoyed your telephone chats and the little things we've been sending?

We've had some lovely feed back from you all about how much you have enjoyed your Cream Teas. Many of you have been using your Romany Vouchers too. Mike and Glynis have welcomed some of you to the Romany for a meal or Sunday Lunch with friends and family. Some of you have been taking advantage of the take-away menu. We are hoping you will all be pleased with our next bag of surprises.



Pam Broughton - just collecting her Cream Tea.



Mike & Glynis have enjoyed your company at the Romany and been happy to cook up some delicious takeaways for you.



REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS

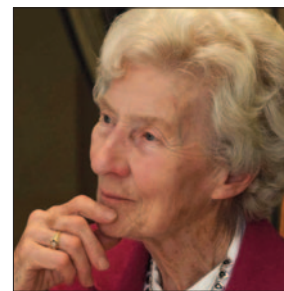
Sadly we had to say goodbye to three of our members in the last few months. They will be much missed from Bush Club and our thoughts are with friends and family.



Mary Godfrey



John Tidy



Ruth Fowler

DO NOT FORGET TO TELL FRIENDS ABOUT THE BUSH CLUB NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES THIS CHRISTMAS

- Co-op ● Bampton Charity Shop
- Patrick Strainge Butchers
- Arthur's Attic Antiques Centre
- Bampton Garden Plants
- Cake Element Tea Shop,
- Bampton Coffee House,
- Bojangles ● Parellel Lines
- Flawless Finish ● Polished
- Rosemary Lane Pop-Up Shop
- West Ox Arts Gallery - See Poster
- Mark's Kitchen & our local pubs.



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MIKE WAREHAM OFF TO PASTURES NEW



Mike Wareham off to start his next adventure in Somerset.

Mike Wareham, a long time volunteer and supporter of the Bush Club is moving from Bampton to Somerset to be nearer to family and start a new adventure. But he is hardly downsizing as he is taking on an acre of garden.

Mike says he will be back to Bampton from time to time and would be more than happy to come to Bush Club and give one of his fantastic slide shows and talks.

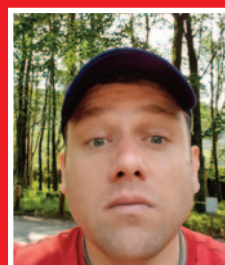
Thank you Mike for all your tireless support and friendship we wish you every happiness in your new home.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE MISSING YOU TOO

It's not just our members missing Bush Club. Our huge team of volunteers are missing it too. They miss seeing you all for a chat and the raffle and the enjoyment of serving you drinks and meals every week.

They are not the only ones Tom, Kate's grandson has missed his half term treat of a visit and scrummy lunch at the Bush Club. Much tastier than school dinners.

TOM GREY has not been idle during lockdown. He set himself a challenge and has cycled over 1000 miles.



Tom says 'the good thing is I have not had to diet much because of all the exercise I've been doing'

Tom is still working at Rosebank and looking forward to when Bush Club can restart.

LIZ TANNER

Liz set herself a 'walking' goal during lockdown. Building up from one mile then two, setting a target of walking from Bampton to Lew Lodge - a total of four miles. Target achieved .. and now Liz does this walk every day, whatever the weather, with her lovely companion Daisy.



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NOT ONLY A NEW CHAIRMAN BUT NEW CHAIRS AS WELL



Yes we have some new chairs for Bush Club all thanks to the very generous contribution from Ruth Fowler's nephew Charles Wilmer and a very welcome contribution from Bampton Welfare Trust. We have been able to purchase eight new chairs. When we do get back to Bush Club we will have to move them round each week so everyone gets a chance to sit in one and try them out.

We have also just heard that we have been awarded a £500 grant from Blue Cedar Homes Project Community Fund towards the purchase of two more chairs. Great news. Blue Cedar Homes are the developers of the retirement homes just on the left as you come into the village from Brize Norton. Suzy & Jenny are going to attend the cheque presentation at the end of November.



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT THE LANES?

By Nettie Gillbrand



Win and Audrey enjoying the mulled cider and a singsong



Phyllis and her daughter also enjoying music and keeping warm with the hot mulled cider .



The cake made by Nettie's niece for Nick's farewell.

Covid has been tough on many but in particular the elderly. The Bush Club and coffee mornings are greatly missed. My husband, Barry has been the resident DJ at The Lanes and we have spent many happy Thursdays enjoying the music and each other's company. They are a fabulous bunch of people and lockdown has at least given us the opportunity of getting to know each other better. It's been a lot of fun. My sister Sandie and I receive constant thanks and messages of appreciation but it really has been a pleasure. We are sad to lose Nick as Residential Manager as he has also played a big role in keeping everyone looked after whether it be collecting a prescription, shopping or sharing one of his terrible jokes!

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
BACK AT BUSH CLUB AS
SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN**

***IF YOU ARE STUCK FOR SOMETHING TO DO WHY NOT
HAVE A GO AT OUR CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH?
FIND THE 14 VILLAGES HIDDEN IN THE GRID.***

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FARINGDON, BUCKLAND, ASTON, CURBRIDGE, STANDLAKE,
ALVESCOT, CLANFIELD, LEW, YELFORD.

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