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# Oakley Green, Fifield & District Community Association

Spring Newsletter

April 2021



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not too late! More gardens very welcome!*

## Chairperson's Message

At last, the Spring equinox is behind us, the clocks are "springing" forward and we have longer days and hopefully, warmer and brighter days to look forward to. All being well, we will be able to emerge from our homes very soon and slowly and carefully start to meet up again.

On 23 March we marked the anniversary of the first lockdown. If we have learnt anything from this surreal experience it is the power of community. I am so proud of the way people stepped forward to ensure that the vulnerable amongst us were taken care of and while we could not meet up with our own families, we have made extended families of our neighbours. The clapping for the NHS gave us all the opportunity to stand outside, see our neighbours and linger for a while for a chat (and even a cheeky glass of something). We suddenly had the time to speak to people that our previous busy lives had made difficult.

It is by standing together that we get things done. However we have felt compelled to take the precaution of cancelling our Open Meeting in May as we will still be restricted by numbers at that point. But if you have any issues that you wish to highlight please get in touch through the usual channels.

From June onwards, we intend to get out and about and get our social events back on track. Our Open Gardens event will take place in July and in August we are planning the triumphant return of the Fifield Fun Day. Please see the list, so far, and make a note in your diaries. We intend to add to that list so keep watching this space, there will be lots to look forward to.

If you have moved into our area during the lockdown, you have probably found it difficult to meet your new neighbours. We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and if you haven't received a 'Welcome Pack' from us, please let us know. To find more information about your new neighbourhood visit our website [www.ogacap.co.uk](http://www.ogacap.co.uk) or see our Facebook page. If you would like to join OGAFCFA it is easy to do via the website and we will add you to our distribution list with which we keep you updated with news and events in between our quarterly newsletters. Of course, the best way to meet your neighbours is by attending our community events. We would love to meet you.

So, here's looking forward to a great summer, with sunshine and smiles and the hope of finally getting together with friends and family once again.

Let the good times roll!!

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## New trees and shrubs on the Green in Fifield



OGAFCA would like to thank Bray Parish Council for their support and funding to help improve our Village Green in Fifield which is looking lovely!

They have just recently purchased and planted two new trees and a new shrub and the council are regularly maintaining the Green so it is kept tidy.

Hopefully in not too distant future we can hold our afternoon tea events and carol services there again but in the meantime please take the time to stop and appreciate the good work.

## Easter Weekend Trail and Quiz

Following on from the success of Stacy's Halloween Trail last October, we thought it would be fun to have something similar for everyone to do over the Easter Weekend and came up with the idea of a Trail and Quiz.

There was a Mini Trail and Quiz around Fifield with letters to find throughout the weekend from Good Friday to Easter Monday. The letters made the mystery words Easter Bunny! The extended Trail and Quiz carried on to Oakley Green for those wanting a longer walk.



Although we were not able to put out Easter Eggs all entries were included in an Easter Egg Prize Draw so there were some lucky winners! I

If you missed out on the Trail and Quiz at Easter and would like to still do it (without the letters for the Mystery Words) you can find the Trail Quiz and Answers on the website [www.ogafcap.co.uk](http://www.ogafcap.co.uk).

We had a great response and lots of entries and lovely feedback. Thank you all for your support!

**If you would like to help on our OGAFCA Work Groups or perhaps have an idea and would like to get involved just contact us on [www.ogafcap.co.uk](http://www.ogafcap.co.uk)**



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## Local History: Capt.O.G.N Turnbull of Fifield



Captain OGN Turnbull

In 2020, the local community should have been celebrating the centenary of both the Braywood Memorial Hall and Braywood Cricket Club, however circumstances worldwide changed that!

The land gifted for use by both Braywood Memorial Hall and Braywood Cricket Club in 1920 was originally owned by Fifield House but the background to the gifting is confusing. The legal documentation shows that the transfer of land for the hall was initiated (indented) in **1920 by Harold Dudley Clayton, the son of Sir Fitzroy Clayton** (who lived at Fifield House but died in 1913), however the house was sold in 1919 but it is not clear who to.

**Capt. Forester Cecil Robin Britten** who possibly owned Fifield House in the 1920's helped fund the building of the Memorial Hall in memory of those killed in the First World War. It is believed that he was playing cricket on the Fifield House Cricket Ground before 1920 and was involved with the cricket club until 1937.

By the time the official **Braywood Memorial Hall Trust was set up in 1927**, the cricket club had been known as Braywood Cricket Club, The Turnbull Ground for four years.

**Capt. O.G.N. Turnbull, known as Noel, was certainly living in Fifield House by 1939**, however I am unable currently, to trace what date he moved there. Noel was born in London in 1890, his father was part of a well-known shipping family in Whitby called Turnbull, Scott and Company.

Noel was educated at Charterhouse and during his time at school he played and excelled in many sports including tennis, golf and cricket. After finishing his education Noel joined the family firm and was made a partner in 1913. He was to travel to France in 1914 in support of the British Expeditionary Force while a member of the R.A.C. He then transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps, reaching the rank of Captain and was awarded the Military Cross for his services in 1918. Noel survived the war and returned to the family shipping business and made his mark as a top class tennis player. He

represented Great Britain in the Davis Cup in 1919, on the team that beat France in the final. At the Antwerp Olympics in 1920 he represented G.B. in tennis, playing in the mixed doubles, singles (lost in the semi-final) and men's doubles. Noel won the Gold Medal in the men's doubles with his partner Max Woosnam, beating the Japanese pair in 4 sets. He continued to play top level tennis into his late 30's and made his 6<sup>th</sup> and last Davis Cup appearance in 1926 and 2 years later won the Portuguese Open.



Noel also played off scratch as a golfer, was a member of the Berkshire Club in 1928 and played in the English Amateur Championships in the 1930's.

Whilst the Cricket Club records show that Noel was involved in the club during the 1920's and 1930's, it is not recorded until 1937, when a letter was sent to Noel to thank him for the 'loan' of the cricket field, that we can place him living at Fifield House. Noel also built the Memorial Cottages after WW2 by the village Memorial Hall for workers on his farm and estate.



President Tommy Turnbull (centre) presents awards to Gordon Barker, Geoff Shurley, Hugh West and Frank Turner at Braywood Cricket Club's Annual Dinner

**In 1955 Noel Turnbull was elected President of Braywood Cricket Club** and remained in post until his death at Fifield House in 1970. **From 1971 until 1974 his wife Anna was President** and then Noel's son **Mr.M.T.Turnbull (Tommy) was President from 1975 until 1992**. Tommy also served on the Braywood Memorial Hall Trust until 2008.

**During the 1970's Noel's grandsons ,Simon and Jonny**, would bring a cricket team to the club for the annual President's X1 game at the Turnbull Ground. I spoke to Simon Turnbull in February this year, to ask if he knew the reason for his grandfather's generosity in donating the land, particularly as there is another Turnbull Ground in Whitby for Football (gifted before 1900). We had to guess that the gift of land to **Braywood Cricket Club in 1965** was possibly due to his family's previous gifting but the main reason could be as simple as 'he was in a fortunate position and was able to'. As an outstanding sportsman himself, it's easy to see why Capt.Turnbull was keen to support local sport. **The Turnbull Cricket Ground Gift of Deed by Noel Turnbull reverted to the Braywood Memorial Hall Trust after 25 years in 1991**, and the Cricket Club currently leases the land from the Trust.

If any local resident wishes to support the Braywood Memorial Hall Trust there are vacancies on the Hall Committee and new members would be very welcome. Please contact Rod Ball the Chairman his email address is [roddieball@hotmail.com](mailto:roddieball@hotmail.com).

Braywood Cricket Club these days is open to all ages and ability of cricketer. The Juniors train on Sunday mornings and the Senior teams play 1<sup>st</sup> X1, 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 league games as well as Sunday afternoon friendly games at home. Social members are also welcome for those who do not play. Please contact Brett Carter, Chairman, see below for details.

I welcome any further news and information about Capt. Turnbull and Capt. Britten as my story about them is not complete, please send via Alison Brayshaw OGAFC A Newsletter Editor.

**Sarah Grace**

## Cricket season set to start again at the end of April

It seems a life time ago that I was writing a column about England winning the World Cup, and the fantastic cricket summer of 2019!



2020 came and went, and here we are only weeks away from the start of the 2021 season. The question I keep being asked, is how much cricket will we play this year? Unfortunately I don't have the answer. However we are hoping for a full season, starting at the end of April.

If you would like to find out more about playing in the junior or senior league and / or friendly matches at Braywood Cricket Club do contact me [vander0305@aol.com](mailto:vander0305@aol.com). I am not sure if cricket will return to its pre-Covid days as we are still under strict Covid regulations but we will try our best to put on great games.

We had hoped to hold a party to celebrate the cricket club turning 100 years young in 2020 but the celebration was cut short because of lockdown and with current restrictions, we have decided to push the party back until 2022.

The clubhouse renovations are still in the planning stage and we hope to start work sometime in the summer.

Until we can all meet again, please stay safe, look after your families and I look forward to seeing all for a drink when the sun comes out.

**Brett Carter** - Braywood Cricket Club Chairman

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## Fifield Fun Day 2021 - Sunday August 8

After what has been a challenging 12 months we are all very much looking forward to being able to, at last, hold our annual Fifield Fun Day again this year!

For those of you who were not around for the 2019 Fifield Fun Day it was quite eventful as the Met office were issuing warnings of storm conditions and damaging winds for the day of the Fun Day and we were advised it would be too dangerous to put up the marquees and the fairground rides said they could not operate.



After an emergency meeting we decided to move the whole event by one day, to the Sunday, giving us two days to re-book everything! Not everyone could accommodate the change but thankfully the Animal Show and the Dog Show organisers were still available. Mr Chris, the Punch & Judy man rearranged his diary to help us, and Jay Wizbiz, the children's entertainer turned up at a day's notice. Rod Lord amended the date on all the banners and posters, the press posted the update online and Radio Berkshire gave us some great publicity. The day was a great success thanks to everyone's support and efforts and raised over £5,000 for charities and organisations!

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we were not able to hold the event last year but we have all our favourite attractions and stalls booked in for this year with real Steam Train Rides, Swing Boat Rides, Punch and Judy, Magic, Ferret Racing, the Dog Show, the Animal Show, prizes to win, refreshments and fun for all the family whilst Anna Nightingale serenades us!

This year we will be raising money for Windsor Horse Rangers in Fifield and the Berkshire Lowland Search and Rescue as well as our usual local organisations and charities. If you feel you can contribute, please email [barbaraframe@btinternet.com](mailto:barbaraframe@btinternet.com) or contact us via [www.ogafcap.co.uk](http://www.ogafcap.co.uk)

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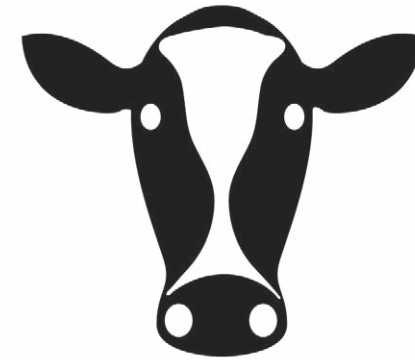
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## Local Planning Matters

**Borough Local Plan Examination:** Since the last update on local planning matters provided in the Autumn Newsletter examination of the Borough Local Plan resumed with 'virtual' Stage 2 Hearings conducted over 15 days concluding in December. OGFRA participated in these Hearings focussing on sites AL21 (land west of Windsor north and south of the A308) and AL22 (Squires Garden Centre site). We argued that (a) AL21 should remain in the Green Belt and that the Council had sufficient 'buffer' in terms of proposed housing numbers such that development of AL21 was not required and (b) that any development of AL22 would need to be at much lower density and less visually intrusive and in keeping with its setting.

The Inspector's post Hearings advice letter has just been published; this needs to be read in conjunction with the post Hearing Notes that the Inspector asked RBWM to provide before she completed her letter. All these documents can be found on the RBWM website, 'RBWM Examination of the Local Plan'. At the time of writing, we have not fully reviewed all these documents, but it is clear that the Inspector has not taken on board the majority of concerns raised by local residents in relation to AL21 and AL22, and these allocations remain largely as provided for in the last 'Proposed Changes' version of the Local Plan.

The Inspector has not yet reached a decision on the soundness and legal compliance of the Plan and will not be doing so until her Final Report is issued after a further consultation on 'Main Modifications' to the Plan. This 'Main Modifications' consultation represents the last opportunity for residents to comment.

**Wates' Stakeholder Masterplan (AL21):** The Local Plan has introduced a new requirement for Stakeholder Masterplans to be produced for major developments of 100+ new dwellings. Wates, the developer promoting site AL21 is progressing such a plan in the expectation that the AL21 allocation will be formally approved later this year. A number of virtual Working Group sessions with community representatives have been held and a wider virtual community information session was held a few days ago. More information can be found at a website set up by Wates [www.landwestofwindsor.co.uk](http://www.landwestofwindsor.co.uk). Wates has set out an ambitious timeline to take this site forward and is preparing a Stakeholder Masterplan to go out for consultation in the Spring. The Working Group sessions to date have only looked at broad concepts and it is hoped that specific plans will be put forward for discussion with the Working Group if meaningful community engagement is to be achieved.

In evidence given to the Inspector at the Stage 2 Hearings, Wates anticipated that construction could commence by mid to late 2022. Separate applications would be made for land to the north and south of the A308 which would enable development to take place concurrently on the two parcels of land, with annual delivery of up to 100 new homes. Based on the allocation of 450 residential units in the Local Plan this would mean five years of construction through to 2027.

**Squires Garden Centre (AL22):** Back in November 2019 the Windsor Area Development Management Panel refused the application put forward by Bewley Homes and Square Bay (No.5) LLP for 37 dwellings on the former Squires Garden Centre site. The Panel considered that "*the proposal would result in a dense pattern of development that would appear overly dominant and cramped within the site and out of keeping with the character of the street scene and wider area.*" An appeal against this decision has been lodged and scheduled to be heard on 13 April. We share the view of the Panel and many local residents that the density of the proposed development was not appropriate for the site.

**Aldi store at Wyevale Garden Centre site:** The proposed Aldi superstore on the former Wyevale Garden Centre site was approved by the RBWM Development Management Panel in October. Whilst many Windsor residents welcome the availability of a discount store in the Windsor area, the Panel ignored the objections expressed by many local organisations/residents that this was not an appropriate site. Demolition of the garden centre buildings is currently under way and the store scheduled to open in November.

**A308 Corridor Study:** One of the concerns with site allocations AL21, AL22 and the Aldi superstore has been the traffic impact on already congested local roads. The first phase of the long delayed A308 Corridor Study was undertaken last September/October looking at all modes of travel along the A308 corridor including walking, cycling, public transport, freight and car. This phase was conducted through an interactive map to which comments could be added. The study is being run by Project Centre and a brief Phase 2 which sought to validate the findings of Phase 1 and gauge peoples' priorities was held earlier this year. The results of Phase 1 can be found at <https://consultprojectcentre.co.uk/a308phase2> maps of Sections 5 and 6 cover our 'local' section. Significant concerns were raised on traffic issues, road safety and other matters. It is not clear what further steps/local engagement is planned. OGFRA's view remains that a prerequisite to any development proposals along the A308 corridor should be (a) completion of the A308 corridor study and (b) the design and availability of funding of all necessary improvement works.

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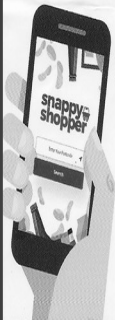
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Since our last newsletter there have been some interesting developments!

We keep hearing that speed limits cannot be reduced because the Police object on the grounds that they are unable to enforce them without draconian measures, such as speed bumps, to slow traffic. Frustrated by this we wrote to the Chief Constable of Thames Valley, enclosing a thorough report listing the reasons why we felt a reduction in speed limit on Oakley Green Road is so necessary. We asked for their help by

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The response that we received was patronising and unsatisfactory, intended to fob us off. You may have seen an item in the Maidenhead Advertiser reflecting this. We wrote back to complain and also wrote to Theresa May. In the meantime, local resident Basil Embery, furious at the tone of the letter, got on the phone and spoke to the policeman in question. As a result, officers have visited the road, stopped and spoken to several lorries and are awaiting the arrival of a speed gun trained officer to check the road. Well done Basil!!

We have now received a second response from the Chief Constable's office. This time they have recognised and recorded our concerns and have also highlighted these concerns to our local Police Commander and our neighbourhood team. The good news is that the 30mph speed limit on the Oakley Green Road has now been approved and will be implemented some time after April this year.



We have now, also, been advised that the Police are keen to re-introduce the Community Speedwatch Scheme. Obviously, we will be getting involved with this as soon as we are able and will be focussing on a number of sites in our area. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this please do get in touch.

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## Fifield Art Club

We are this month resuming the Art Classes on Monday 12 April after a very long time due to the virus. I am only running two classes, Monday morning, 10am till noon and Tuesday afternoon, 2pm till 4pm. I have only two spare places in each because of social distancing but hopefully in June we will get back to normal. I will be having a beginners' class on Monday morning so if you want to start as a beginner please let me know.

Last year we had several trips out into the local community on Sundays, drawing and painting outdoors and we will continue doing so this year again weather permitting. Anyone who would like to join us please let me know, there is no cost involved.

We are hoping to have the Fifield Fun Day again this year where the students from the Art Class will have their artwork on display and most of it will be for sale at reasonable prices. For more information please email me.

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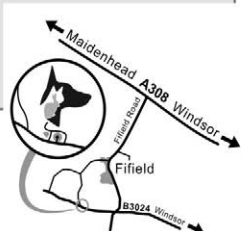
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## ANIMAL TALES: Rifleman Khan



On 25 July 1947, the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Cameroonian Regiment paraded through Lanark in honour of a man and his dog who had been awarded the freedom of the town. The Cameroonian Regiment was founded in 1689 as the Scottish Rifles and during the second World War they served in almost every battle zone. The man leading the parade was Corporal Muldoon and the dog was known as Rifleman Khan.

Khan, an Alsatian, began life with a family, the Railtons, and was the favourite playmate of their youngest son Barry. He always displayed great intelligence and eagerness to learn, so, like Rob the Paradox, when the War Office requested dogs to help with the War effort, Khan was conscripted. Having excelled at the

training school he was attached to the Cameroonians and together with his handler, Corporal Muldoon, they were called into action on 2 November 1944 to join in a mission to seize the Dutch Island of Walcheren.

This was part of a plan to control the port of Flushing, which was currently held by the Germans and gave them a clear view across the Sloe Channel to Antwerp. This meant that nothing could sail down the river undetected. The first attempt was unsuccessful and resulted in heavy casualties and so a second plan was devised. This new plan was extremely dangerous as it involved an infantry division crossing the Sloe Channel with very little natural cover and then having to tackle a mile-long stretch of mud bank.

It was a cold dark night and Rifleman Khan sat between his handler's legs in a small boat as they tried to sneak across the water. Unfortunately, they were quickly spotted and a hail of machine gun fire rained down on them. They were almost at the bank when their boat was hit and they were thrown into the muddy water. Rifleman Khan managed to scramble to shore but sank into thick mud. The men's heavy equipment was dragging them down and many were waist deep in mud. Rifleman Khan ran to the top of the bank to scan the scene of devastation, but his only concern was his handler, Corporal Muldoon. Finally, he spotted him, unable to swim he was stuck in

the mud and barely able to lift his head above the water. Rifleman Khan dashed back and fought his way through the water and grime to reach his handler. He clamped his teeth around the collar of his tunic and tugged and tugged until, finally, Muldoon was freed and slowly but surely clambered to safety. A great many men lost their lives that night but thanks to the brave efforts of Rifleman Khan, both he and his handler survived, and both returned safely home at the end of the war.

Lance Corporal Muldoon was desperate to keep Rifleman Khan after the war but the Railtons wanted their dog back. Not least because their son, Barry, had contracted Polio and missed his favourite pet. In the summer of 1947 Rifleman Khan was invited to the National Dog Tournament at Wembley Stadium and Mr Railton asked Muldoon if he would like to lead his dog around the parade ring. When dog and handler were reunited their obvious devotion to one another touched Mr Railton. He shook the hand of Muldoon and said "He's yours"

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