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Village website – report by Richard Wingfield

Someone asked me the other day how long Whitchurch has had a village website. So I went online to the Wayback Machine, which stores earlier versions of websites and found Whitchurch pages for every year going back to 2000. So it is 18 years old.

It was Phil Weir, son of Geoff and Meryl, who put together the original site. He then moved to London to work in IT, but has continued to look after it ever since, developing and modifying it to suit the needs of our community, without cost to us. Last year he restructured the site to make it device-responsive. The columns on each page now adjust automatically to suit the width of the viewer's screen, which helps many people who now look at websites on their mobiles. Another improvement made by Phil in the last year has been to add a search function, which you may have seen at the foot of the front page. It is amazingly quick at tracking down a topic. Thank you, Phil.

Here in the village, we on the Whitchurch Web team continue to do our best to provide what we hope is a useful community service. Our **Events Editor** Pam Scott keeps the What's On page up to date, including vital information on which bins to put out, and she also looks after the message board. Our **Page Editor** Hilary Jensen makes any changes needed to the many pages on the site, ensuring they are up to date. And the **News Editor** – that's me – looks for and attempts to report on matters of interest to the community. Sometimes Hilary stands in as news editor. We have noticed that the Henley Standard finds the Whitchurch Web a handy source of stories, and often improves on them.

We have recently found ourselves dealing with unexpected things like urban explorers at Coombe Park, accidental holes in brick walls and even an Academy award, as well as the usual village topics, and the photo gallery has included many recent community events such as jazz concerts, Art Cafés and bluebell walks. I would like to pay tribute to our **Principal Photographer** Nick Brazil, who has been recording Whitchurch life with dedication for decades.

Please do keep sending in messages, news, photos and suggestions.