

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

St Mary's Church, Standon

Thursday 21 December at 7pm

Come and enjoy carols old and new, some sung by the choir and others for all

Listen again to the story and message of Christmas told through traditional Bible readings.

Details from Michael Smith 821281
music@ubsms.org.uk

Carols round the Tree Standon & Braughing

Standon: Carols round the Tree will be on ***Wednesday 20 December at 6.30***, on the green in Standon High Street.

Please bring all the family - and Standon Sing will lead us as we sing our favourite carols together.

The perfect way to start Christmas week.

Join us and then enjoy a hot drink at St, Mary's Church nearby – where we'll sing if the weather isn't friendly!

Braughing: Once again BPC will be erecting a Christmas Tree in the Square and holding "Carols round the Tree" with a visit from Father Christmas on Weds 13 December at 6.30

Christmas Crackers

14 December at 7.30

St. Mary's Church – Standon High Street

A concert of Christmas Music with local performers – with lots of audience participation.

This concert will celebrate singing with three locally based choirs.

STANDON SING - Puckeridge and Standon's own community choir.

BENEFICE CHOIR - supporting worship at churches locally.

RIB SINGERS – a locally formed chamber choir

With an audience ready to join in with singing, instruments and movement!

Free entry (Voluntary donations in support of Young Carers in Herts.)

Stansted Airport Watch – The Next Chapter

Stansted Airport Watch ('SAW') has announced its intention to convert into a Trust Fund to be known as the Stansted Airport Watch Foundation ('the SAW Foundation'). The proposal will be put to a Special General Meeting ('SGM') of its members later this month and, in accordance with the SAW Constitution, will require a two-thirds majority of the members present to be approved.

SAW Chairman Brian Ross explained the reasoning behind the proposal: "Some of the most experienced members of SAW Executive Committee have recently retired and others, including myself, have signalled their intention to retire in the near future, after having given more than 20 years' voluntary service to the campaign. As they say, none of us are getting any younger!"

If the proposal is approved by SAW members, the Executive Committee would then proceed to establish the SAW Foundation, which would be governed by a Deed of Trust, and to wind down SAW, a process which would take several months. All of SAW's assets would be transferred to the SAW Foundation. It is anticipated that this would amount to a sum of around £90,000, to be invested in an accumulation fund aimed at achieving long term capital growth.

To provide continuity, the five initial trustees would be current long-serving members of the SAW Executive Committee but, over time, the intention would be to replace the initial trustees with representatives from local district, town and parish councils.

We are still considering how the trustees of the SAW Foundation, either individually or collectively, might continue to provide advice and support to local district, parish and town councils and the wider local community on the environmental impacts of Stansted Airport. We will aim to ensure that, wherever possible, projects currently underway are seen through to completion. However, upon completion of the process, SAW would no longer be a member organisation and so there would

be no subscriptions, newsletters, website or office services.

Ultimately, local district, parish and town councillors and our local MPs should become more directly involved in dealing with the environmental impacts of Stansted Airport.

Brian Ross concluded: "We hope our members will support this proposal, which is an opportunity to make a virtue out of a necessity. By establishing the SAW Foundation, we will be laying down the seed-corn for the future. In particular, if the threat of a second Stansted runway re-emerges, funds would be available from the outset to kick-start a new campaign."

Standon's phone box joins the poppy display



This year eleven people came together to display the hundreds of poppies that had been made by young and old of the area. For the first time the phone box in Standon High Street was included joining St Mary's Church gates and the oak tree by the Pudding Stone. Huge thanks are due to the many creators. Although this was an enjoyable community event it was also a reminder of the current conflicts throughout the world.

Helena Spencer

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Winter Time Means Tea Time Talks

January 2024 will bring something to brighten the gloom on a wintry Saturday afternoon - the start of a new series of Tea Time Talks in Standon Village Hall. All the talks will be at 3.00pm followed by tea and cakes and the chance to chat. Entrance £5 on the door.

The three talks will be:

Saturday 20 January The New Town Movement in Hertfordshire

Sarah Kerrison

This talk explores the utopian ideals behind the creation of Stevenage, the first post-war new town in Hertfordshire, and the realities of life for its residents. The talk includes early film footage.

Saturday 17 February A History of Easton Lodge

Gary Matthews

In 1865 three-year-old Frances Maynard inherited the historic estate of Easton Lodge near Dunmow and the vast fortunes that came with it. The little girl

went on to become 'Daisy', Countess of Warwick, a socialite, philanthropist and intimate friend of King Edward VII. The talk explores her life and times focussing on her development of the gardens at Easton Lodge and her work in the wide community.

Saturday 16 March Butterflies and Moths around Standon

Andrew Wood

23 species of butterfly have been spotted in St Mary's Churchyard, Standon - over a third of all species in Britain. This talk will explore butterflies and moths which we might hope to find in the local area and how we can help them prosper.

We look forward very much to seeing you at the talks. For further information contact Trish on 07703 325062 or Helena on 07974 583832.

Trish Street and the Tea Time Talks Team

Friends of St Mary's, Standon

Quiz Night - Saturday 27 January
Puckeridge Community Centre, 7:30 for an 8 pm start. £15 per person to include a ploughman's supper. Teams of no more than 8 people. There will be a bar.

Please contact Caroline Franks on 01920 822723 for tickets.

Standon Village Lunch

The Village Lunch has now settled into its winter menu pattern of homemade soup and bread, followed by cake. (Leek and potato soup is always the favourite, by way of information!).

By the time you read this, we'll be about to have our special lunch to help celebrate Christmas. Thanks to the kindness of our friends, and the May Day Committee's support for a second year, we'll be ensuring all the guests and helpers have an enjoyable time.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Helena 07974 583832 or Brenda 822293

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From Puckeridge to Parndon Local resident exquisite wood turnings.



Puckeridge resident, Jacques Giles will be exhibiting his wood turned vessels, candlesticks and boxes in 'Present Arts' the annual Christmas exhibition in The Gallery at Parndon Mill, Harlow CM20 2HP until 23 December. Tuesday to Friday 10 - 5 and Sundays 2 - 4.

The candlestick in the photo is from a Damson tree which fell in Roger & Sue's garden at 10 High Street. Jaques can truly claim that the much of his work is from locally sourced timber!

The Gallery will be full of affordable original art and craft. Another Puckeridge resident, local historian, Kathryn Shreeve, has researched and written 'Parndon Mill a thousand years of history', beautifully illustrated by her sister Jenny Giles. As with all of Kathryn's local history publications, it's a cracking read. Also available at Standon Post Office and online at <https://www.parndonmillgallery.org/publication>

We offer access to creativity via a wide range of classes and workshops.

See <https://www.parndonmill.co.uk/classes> for details.

Hope to see you here soon. Roger Lee (Managing Trustee and Puckeridge resident!)

Herts Hash House Harriers - Social Running/Jogging/Walking Club

If you like fresh air, light exercise, and to meet new people, then give Hashing a go. We meet at a pub (different each week), run/jog/walk a laid trail, then back to the pub for a chat and maybe the odd beer.

A few details:

- We're non-competitive
- The course lasts about an hour and typically is up to 5 miles for the runners, 3 miles for the walkers
- The course may go across muddy fields, so old trainers or walking shoes are best
- Suitable for all ages (currently we really are 9 - 89!) and all fitness levels



Come and join us, we'd love to see you. There is no need to book, just turn up, you will be welcomed and given a free drink at the end of the Hash.

You can get some more info and details of forthcoming meetings from our website <http://www.hertshash.co.uk>, mail us at hertsh3@yahoo.co.uk

Braughing Get Together events

WINTER SUPPER in Braughing Church Hall

8 December Doors open 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.45 pm

Once again Gill will be cooking us a delicious dinner to get us in the Festive mood.

Canapés, choice from 3 mains, desserts, biscuits & cheese. Licenced bar Limited places. Pre-booking only. To book your place contact Cynthia Matthews.

cynthia.matthews44@gmail.com
01920 822230 or 07933 202547

Fundraiser for Arianna

26 January in Braughing Church Hall Arianna is a young child with neuroblastoma and needs expensive treatment in the USA.

Come and join us for a glitterball evening of 50's/60's music. Dig deep in the wardrobe for your dancing clothes. Raffle, supper and licensed bar.

MURDER MYSTERY in Braughing Church Hall

February 2024

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Isabel Hospice Lights Up Hertfordshire with Returning Remembrance Services

Isabel Hospice, the local hospice charity that has served eastern Hertfordshire since 1982, is delighted to announce the return of its cherished annual Lights of Love remembrance services this December.

The Lights of Love services present a heart-warming occasion for everyone, regardless of affiliation with the hospice. It's an opportunity to unite with the community, and remember those loved ones who are no longer with us, and remember the beautiful moments we once shared with them.

This festive season, Isabel Hospice is holding five distinct Lights of Love celebrations across eastern Hertfordshire. The primary and largest service is set to take place at Mill Green Golf Club in Welwyn Garden City on Sunday, 10th December.

Attendees to this event are encouraged to arrive at 4 pm, allowing ample time to partake in family-friendly activities and savour a cup of hot chocolate or mulled wine. The event, commencing at 5 pm, boasts a programme comprising music, readings, and reflective moments, culminating in a breathtaking display of silent fireworks over the lake.

Lisa Bailey, the In Memory and Legacy Officer at Isabel Hospice, expresses her

enthusiasm, stating, "The main service at Mill Green Golf Club stands out as our largest and most ambitious Lights of Love service to date and promises attendees a poignant night to remember. While Isabel Hospice is at the forefront of hosting these services, we wholeheartedly open our arms to anyone wishing to cherish the memory of a loved one no longer among us."

For those seeking a quieter experience, Isabel Hospice has organised four additional community services in Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Cheshunt, and Buntingford. Admission to all events is complimentary, and reservations are not required.

The full schedule for these events are as below:

Community Services

Buntingford (The Manor House SG9 9AB) 6pm on Friday, 1st December 2023 (please note later start time)

Bishop's Stortford (Market Square CM23 3UU) 4pm on Sunday, 3rd December 2023

Cheshunt (Halsey Masonic Hall EN8 8NJ) 4pm on Sunday, 3rd December 2023

Sawbridgeworth (Sayesbury Manor CM21 9AN) 4pm on Saturday, 9th December 2023

The Main Service

Mill Green Golf Club, AL7 4TY, 4pm arrival with 5pm start time, Sunday 10th December.

Susan, who's late husband Shaun was cared for by Isabel Hospice reflected on what these services mean to her "Lights of Love is so wonderful, so uplifting, because it's where we can all be together – with our experience of loss – and share those feelings and emotions. It's a safe space for everyone. I hope everyone in our community knows that they are welcome at any of the services."

Those interested in learning more about the "Lights of Love" services, or who wish to illuminate a virtual star on the Isabel Hospice Christmas tree in honour of a loved one, can find further details at isabelhospice.org.uk/LightsOfLove or by reaching out to Lisa Bailey directly at 01707 954 827.

Isabel Hospice Announces Christmas Jumper Day 2023!

Calling all schools and businesses! On 20 December, join Isabel Hospice in the festive fun as they don their most fabulous Christmas jumpers for a fantastic cause.

Schoolteachers - inspire your students with a day of festive fashion, while creating a lasting lesson in empathy and generosity.

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this holiday season. Wear your holiday spirit proudly, knowing that every jumper worn on 20 December helps those cared for by Isabel Hospice.

Mark your calendars, dust off those jumpers, and let's make Christmas Jumper Day a memorable one for everyone involved!

Would you like to nominate your school or workplace to get involved? Visit <https://isabelhospice.org.uk/christmasjumperday> or contact our community fundraising team on 01707954850.

Ware Choral Society to perform Christmas Carol Favourites at Haileybury

Join Isabel Hospice for this wonderful Christmas event in the beautiful surroundings of Haileybury Chapel to enjoy voices from the Ware Choral Society singing a number of favourite Christmas carols. There will be a raffle for a Christmas hamper, and mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the breath-taking dining hall after.

Tickets are £20 including refreshments and can be purchased at isabelhospice.org.uk/events.

Isabel Hospice are Collecting and Recycling real Christmas Trees across East Herts - 5 - 10 January

Simply sign up with a voluntary donation, and leave your tree outside from 9am on 5th January and Isabel Hospice will do the rest! No needles in your car, no queuing at the tip, no spitting bonfire.

Feedback from previous years has shown that tree recycling is a service that solves a problem within the community, while helping contributors to be environmentally friendly and supporting the essential work of a local charity.

This fundraising campaign is run entirely by volunteers who promote the campaign by dropping leaflets, driving vans to collect the trees, and operating chippers to recycle the trees. Last year their efforts raised an amazing £17k.

Help Isabel Hospice to raise more vital funds this year, by volunteering or let Isabel Hospice collect and recycle your Christmas Tree for you.

Register today at:

<https://www.isabelhospice.org.uk/treecycle/>

Reach Out

Can you spare an hour a week to help an elderly person in your local area?

Reach Out is looking for people who can spare an hour a week to help an local elderly person who is home from hospital and feeling lonely and isolated.

Reach Out offers companionship and practical support to people as they recover and rebuild their confidence. Many elderly people really appreciate someone popping in for a cuppa and a chat, or help collecting small items of shopping.

Winter can be difficult for older people living with frailty and still recovering from a hospital stay. As the nights are getting longer and colder is setting in, social isolation can have a huge impact.

Reach Out Volunteers can help people to feel connected to their community, whilst offering vital support and encouragement to them as they recover.

Just giving a small amount of your time can make a huge difference.

You can register your interest here <https://forms.gle/yoTd2kgvdqweXccd7> or Find out more here <https://www.reachout-project.org.uk/> or contact Reach Out via email at reachout@nhcvs.org.uk or by calling 01462 689403.



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Puckeridge & Braughing Karate Club

We've welcomed a few new members into our Junior and Senior lessons on a Thursday and all our students are currently working hard towards their next gradings in December.

Moving our Tuesday lesson to Braughing Community Centre, Green Ln, Braughing SG11 2QL, has been successful as the hall is nice and large and very well lit, we're still keen to add an additional junior and/or beginners lesson. If you're interested, please get in touch.

Thursdays lessons remain at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre.

During October, Sensei Clive Bowen celebrated 40 years of Karate, he first started training in 1983 and moved to the Puckeridge Club over 25 years ago, during that time both of his daughters achieved their black belts, Dana now assists with instructing, Lara is at university.

The Puckeridge club was started nearly 30 years ago by Hanshi Mick Billman 9th Dan when he lived in

Puckeridge Karate Club has a great instructor: student ratio and a huge depth of knowledge that the black belts are keen

to pass on to the other students. If you would like to try something different and get fit at the same time, contact us to see if we have any spaces available.

The club is a traditional Shotokan club and focuses on discipline, fitness, and technique.

Mick is supported at the club by:

- Clive Bowen 6th Dan
- Alex Matthews 5th Dan
- Lewis Matthews 5th Dan
- Tracy Gardner 4th Dan
- Dana Bowen 3rd Dan

Training times are:

Tuesday: 20:00 - 21:00 Seniors - Braughing Community Centre

Thursdays: 19:00 - 20:00 Juniors - Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

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email: puckeridge.karate@ntlworld.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PuckeridgeKC

For further information contact Clive Bowen on: 01763 231132

Standon Mayday 2024

Standon MayDay will take place on Monday 6 May on Standon High Street.

Our planning has already started and we would love to hear from anyone who feels they can help us in even a small way and we hope that all those invaluable people that volunteered to help us and have come forward since, will again be up to the task. Our special thanks go to programme sellers, stall holders and our early morning teams which are the mainstay and really set us up for the day.

The Committee have approved donations to Standon Village Hall Lunches and Standon Mind and Music. We also made a donation to The Make a Wish Foundation in the name of John Reynolds who was a valued member of our Committee for 10 years.

Car parking land needed!

We are avidly looking for land close to the High Street to hire for the day for car parking. We would supply security to manage it.

We also need to recruit a volunteer versed in social media, journalism and photography to help with our publicity.

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The Autumn term has been a busy one. We've had Masterclasses, Exams, Dance Camp, dress up for BBC Children in Need, and are holding a Nutcracker Ballet workshop. On 1 December, we have a stall at Buntingford Late Night Shopping

Professional dancer Reiss Hinds came along to our Wednesday classes in October to deliver a Hip Hop Masterclass to each of our Commercial classes.

Our half term Dance Camp was well attended and pupils had fun singing, acting and dancing in our Matilda the Musical Themed Dance Camp. We are planning to run another West End Themed Dance Camp in February half term so please email us for more information.

Adult Classes – are you making a new year's resolution to get fit or try something new? Then



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ADULT BALLET: Wednesdays 6.15 – 7.15pm - URC Hall, Baldock Road, Buntingford.

WHY DANCE? Dance is great for improving flexibility, core strength, posture, coordination as well as giving you a mental work out learning and remembering steps. It's a great way to meet new people.

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BALLET – Rooted in history, ballet is at the heart of the majority of dance forms. It is widely recognised that if a student learns ballet then other dance styles are more easily acquired and assimilated. Classes for children and adults.

COMMERCIAL DANCE - Commercial dance encompasses a myriad of styles. This can include Street, Jazz, Hip-Hop and Contemporary.

DANCE MASH – These classes are proving very popular

and are a fun introduction to dance genres other than ballet from which pupils can move on to dedicated genre-specific classes.

MODERN/JAZZ - Modern Theatre dance is a rhythmic dance style, which is often seen on the stages of musical productions and is known for its theatrical qualities.

TAP – Tap Dance is a form of percussive dance and is one of the most enjoyable and rhythmic forms of recreational dance. Classes for children and adults.

To register for classes in the New Year use the QR code (left) or visit our website. We have limited spaces in some classes so register in good time to avoid disappointment. If classes are over subscribed we will add you to our waiting list. Term starts in the New Year on Saturday 6 January.

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Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club

Our teams did really well this summer. the Mixed Team came top of Division 1 and the Ladies top of Division 3 of the Essex Small Clubs League. The Men's Teams 1st team came second in Division 1A and the Men's 2nd Team also came second in Division 5B in Hertfordshire Hot Rackets.

We held the Chairman's Cup in September which Kieron Debnam and Pauline John won.

PAY TO PLAY is available to all if you just want to book a court. £8 per hour or £4 for juniors. We even have availability at weekends. Contact Sally Bradshaw on 01920 821152.

COACHING: our Head Coach, Cliff Devonshire, is LTA level 4 performance coach. Cliff has introduced programs for all types of players from junior to experienced club members, run term time only. For more information contact Cliff on 07709 355655 or email him at clifforddevonshire@hotmail.com

ADULT TENNIS: Wednesday morning 10 – 12 and Friday afternoon from 1.45pm. Contact Sally Bradshaw on 01920 821152. These sessions usually attract around 8 players of varying ability. We play doubles and change round regularly.

CLUB NIGHT: Tuesday 6pm also Sunday morning from 10am. All members are welcome.

We have mens, mixed and ladies teams in the Essex Small Clubs League. There is also a Mixed Team in the East Herts League and a Ladies Team in the Over 60's Hertfordshire League.

Contact Diana Foster 07778 031430 for more information on any of these.

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The Sadleir Drama Club Autumn Production

Tuesday 28 November – Friday 1 December

We will be presenting two short plays. With an interval fish & chip supper and licensed bar. Doors open at 7.30pm and the plays will start at 8pm.

Rude Awakenings by Nicholas Ridley.

Everything normally runs so smoothly at the Little Gissing Art Group's 'Annual Exhibition and Competition' in the Village Hall. This year there are mishaps, misunderstandings, complications and some very shocking revelations! Rude Awakenings revolves around the loves, lives, and losses of the four women whose stories are at the same time intriguing, entertaining, and really rather moving.

Gate 13 by Tony Frier

A disparate group of travellers are waiting for their flight home from a holiday in Marrakech. They have various levels of flying experience – Derek and Pauline's mission is to collect as many freebies as they can, Gary and Julie are just looking to avoid excess baggage charges. Then there's Carrie who's handcuffed to her seat waiting in the Departure lounge at Gate 13!

A link to purchase tickets via Ticket Tailor, priced at £18 including choice of food, is available on our website and Facebook page – see details below.

New Website

We have recently launched a new website for where you can keep up with all our news, find information on upcoming productions, book tickets, and see photos of previous productions. We update the page regularly so please add it to your bookmarks and keep checking in for the latest news.

<https://sadleirdrama.wixsite.com/sadleir-drama-club>

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If you enjoy coming along to our plays or are new to the area, you might like to join our 'Supporters List'. Once you are on this list, we will let you know, in plenty of time, about our productions, when and where to buy tickets and generally keep in touch. If you would like to be included on this list, please send me your email address. We will not share or pass on your details without your consent.

Liz Pickup
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East Herts Green Party

New Green Councillors on East Herts Council, (jointly controlled by Greens and Lib Dems) have been holding drop-in surgeries with local residents to discuss their concerns, and doing whatever is within their powers to address these issues.



Towns in East Hertfordshire suffer from poor air quality and the Council has launched a draft Air Quality Action Plan. Leader Ben Crystall says, "It's brilliant news for all East Herts residents that we're creating a new action plan to tackle air pollution". To have your say by 13th December go to <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/environmental-health/air-quality-action-plan-consultation>

Water quality is also important for all of us and the Council has voted to write to the Prime Minister asking him to strengthen the legislation on discharge of sewage into our local rivers.

To find out more about your local Green Party go to the East Herts Green Party Facebook page or eastherts.greenparty.org.uk.

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1st Standon and Puckeridge Spins Pre-School & Toddler Brownies

As always the girls have worked incredibly hard and we have handed out so many awards and badges it is hard to keep up with it all.

The Remembrance theme this year was all about the Girlguides who worked for the intelligence community during WW1, so we have spent all term learning and honing our spy techniques. The girls have learned the NATO phonetic alphabet, useful knots, Escape and Evade techniques, writing secret messages in code and using invisible ink.

We have also learned about the people in our community, celebrated Halloween, Diwali, International Day of the Girl, Talk Like a Pirate Day, and National Architecture week.

We made new friends and said goodbye to some, and we even have a number of girls going for their Gold Awards.

It has been a very busy year for us, and we are so grateful for the help and support we have had from everybody, we aim to provide a safe and fun environment for girls, and we couldn't do this without the support of our community.

We are as always in need of volunteers and if you have a particular skill you'd be happy to come and demonstrate, please do let us know.

Here's to another wonderful year in 2024.

Tawny Owl

Spins Pre-School & Toddler Group have had a very eventful Festive Season.

The Children have been very busy learning about our different cultural beliefs and festivals, which provoked an understanding of the diverse world that we live in.

Pearce's Farm shop were kind enough to provide fresh pumpkins to the children, which were used to make pumpkin soup which was enjoyed as a hearty snack on a chilly morning.

We also explored Firework Fun and the children created their own interpretation of what fireworks look like using paint and glitter.

The Fire Station role play area allowed us to monitor the children's knowledge of one of the emergency services.

We had a visit from The Little Arts Workshop, where children personalised ceramic ware for family and friends, which was the perfect bespoke Christmas gift.

Our Christmas presentations went down a storm with our Spins Community. The Children recited many traditional carols and festive songs.

We closed our Autumn Term with our traditional Christmas party hosted by The little Elves.

January 2024 will welcome many new

children and their families. Our team of Early Years Practitioners do a fantastic job as always, settling in the children.

Chinese New Year was celebrated with creativity including movement and dance to traditional Chinese melodies.

As Spring slowly approaches, Mother Nature's magical transition gives opportunities once more for the children to explore the surrounding area.

Easter brings many new families to Spins.

We will be marking this annual event with our Eggtraganza.

Our mini meadow will be our main focus through Spring and Summer.

New funding entitlements are being introduced in April 2024, therefore we strongly advise you to register your interest with immediate effect.

Our Toddler Group is every Monday (term time only) £3 per children, including play, messy play, a snack and a hot beverage for Parents/Carers.

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Halloween Walking Map

In June every year an alert on my phone gives me the best news: the shops have started releasing their Halloween Stock. Every year this is the cue in my mind that I need to stop daydreaming and actually start building our Halloween Display.

This year, for obvious reasons, was a little different. We had a lot going on, and I will admit thinking at the end of August...how will I get it all done?

Well, we did it, and another wonderful Halloween was had. Once again these villages have shown themselves to their very best. Hundreds of polite, wonderfully dressed young people came to our door, 600+ sweet bags were handed out, and 3/4 a sack of potatoes. My favourite, beyond all doubt, were the three young people in the homemade Chipmunks costume.

Thank you everyone who took part in the map, once again people have noted how helpful it is in planning their routes. Thank you everyone who has donated to our Macmillan Cancer Support appeal. The total currently sits at £365, and it really is humbling that so many people have shared their personal stories with us.

As I said, this year has been really hard for all of us, and your kind words and comments have really made the effort to do this again worthwhile.

We are as always so blessed to be in these wonderful villages, and I am already daydreaming about next year.

The Ghouls at 31a

Ware & District Photographic Society

Our programme recommences on 3 January with a ZOOM presentation entitled Miniature Worlds by David Gillver. On 10 January at Thundridge Village Hall sees one of our competitions and on 17 January there is a presentation on Street Photography - Life in Action by Damien Demolder.

Further details are on the website - www.wareps.org.uk - new members are always welcome with the first 3 weeks free. So why not come along and see what we have to offer to enhance your photography.

Sixtieth Anniversary.

On Sunday 14 April the Society will be celebrating its 60th anniversary at Ware Drill Hall with a lecture by Charlie Waite FRPS, one of the world's leading landscape photographers. Doors open at 1pm for 1.30pm start. Tickets cost £10 and are now available from tickets@wareps.org.uk. Tea/Coffee and Cakes will be available to purchase.

Standon and Puckeridge Community Cafe

It has been great to see everyone at the Community Cafe on the first Wednesday of each month.

We open 9.30am to 11.30am on the first Wednesday of each month:

- 6 December,
- 3 January,
- 7 February,

- 6 March,
- 3 April.

All ages are welcome. We even have a box of toys to keep toddlers amused!

Our December Cafe will be in support of the Alzheimer's Society and the February Cafe World Cancer Day with funds raised going to Cancer Research UK. Raffles will be held at each one. Please do come along and support these great causes.

Our October Cafe was in support of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Macmillan Cancer Support and raised a fantastic £210. A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

There will be a 'Recycling for Good Causes Box' at each Cafe, for old jewellery; coins & currency and stamps; mobile phones; cameras and gadgets. Proceeds will be donated to Cancer Research UK. But please, no cables or plugs, cases or boxes, thank you.

We also have a separate box for recycling your old printer cartridges, so please bring those along too.

We would like to give a big thank you to Standon Charities. They have kindly donated funds, enabling us to meet the recently introduced room hire charges and to continue to run the Community Cafe in the same format for the coming year.

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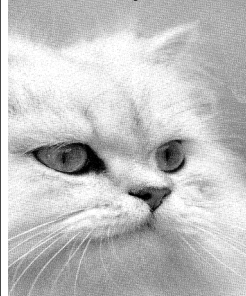
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Last August the museum was awarded £2268 match funding from the Army Museums Ogilby Trust and since then have been fundraising to raise the extra required to build the new website. The website launched and now, thanks to the generosity of many supporters, people around the world can discover the history of The Hertfordshire Regiment, read inspiring stories of courage in the face of adversity and explore some of our collections.

The museum continues to fundraise to cover the annual maintenance and hosting costs for the website, which it hopes will grow and evolve over time as new stories and collection items are donated to the museum.

Contact: Sara Taylor, Curator
sara@hertfordmuseum.org.uk 01992 582686

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How often do we say 'Now's not the right time.', or 'I have so much on at the moment.', or 'My mind's not on it.', we hear it all the time, and we understand that Food Optimising is another thing to think about, but equally we know that if you want it enough then nothing will stop you getting to group, devouring the plan, taking a seat for support and smashing your way to Target and maintaining it for life. You can do that too.

There will always be a reason not to join, or to give up, but there are so many more reasons to stick with it, and the rewards are huge. In group, we will help, support, encourage and motivate each member to overcome, to food optimise through these

occasions, celebrations and festivities, because our generous, filling and tasty plan is a lifestyle change, and it's imperative to make changes to become a happier, healthier, slimmer version of the fabulous person you already are.

Puckeridge Community Centre, Every Tuesday @7pm.

Please come along, whether you are brand new to Slimming World, or a member wanting to refresh and looking forward to diving back into food optimising. I will do my very best to keep you in group, fighting for your right to lose weight, and encouraging you to believe in yourself, and the plan, when the going gets tough.

Christmas is coming!

Christmas is coming, but it is not quite here yet! As I write, it is still the time of Guy Fawkes and Remembrance, not Christmas trees and presents. But as we all know, it is coming soon!

For a young girl called Mary, some two thousand years ago, the first Christmas was also coming soon. She pregnant a miraculous conception which had turned her world upside down. It was about to turn the whole world upside down. She had been reassured by the angel, Joseph her betrothed was standing by her and (less well-known) a relative called Elizabeth was also encouraging her. Mary visited her Elizabeth, who was also miraculously pregnant. And Mary, despite

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In this amazing song, Mary praises God for the great things he has done for her. Her faith is astonishing, her understanding of God wonderful, and her looking forward to that first Christmas something for all of us.

Especially if we are poor or struggling, or without hope in a world of the powerful and mighty, the upcoming birth of Jesus represents new hope and peace. As we come to Christmas let us, like Mary, think first of the God who loves us so much that he came into the world for us. He came as Saviour to the world. The gifts and the singing angels come after the birth; the main thing is the birth. Jesus our Saviour is coming!

Have a very blessed Christmas.

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Green Drinks

Having enjoyed some interesting conversations in 2023, as 2024 approaches we welcome faces old and new to share thoughts and ideas of how we can create a cleaner, greener locality and enjoy each other's company in a cozy environment so please join us at our next get togethers which will be held in the Brown Bear, Braughing on Tuesdays: 9 January, 20 February and 12 March at 7pm.



Also on offer is an assortment of books on Sustainability, the Environment and Climate Change available to borrow through our "Green Library".

Everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you there.

Ros and Madela

Standon & Puckeridge Hand Embroidery Group

This group continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Standon Village Hall from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The class is run by a professional tutor and beginners are always welcome. So if you are interested in long and short work, crewel work, gold work, etc. then why not come along and see what can be achieved. Further information can be obtained by telephoning Barbara on 01920 822104.

Buntingford Adult Learning for Fun

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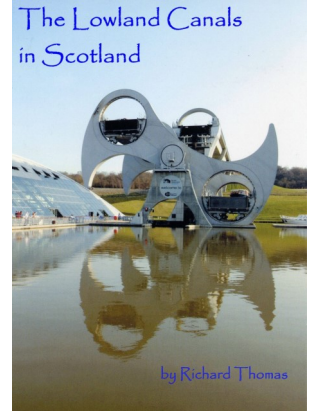
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We meet at the Seth Ward Community Centre, Luynes Rise, Buntingford. The Wednesday morning lectures start at 10.30am, but we have coffee beforehand.

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We are pleased to announce that our

Sports Massage Therapist Ollie Townsend has completed his Level 4 which is equivalent to second year at university so well done Ollie. We have also got

another Sports Massage Therapist at the clinic – Hayley Pottle. She has been a massage therapist for around 20 years and is working on a Monday and Thursday from the clinic.

Owner Louise Hampton is pleased to announce she has been made Chair of the Chiropractic Research Council. The aim of this charity is to help fund research into Chiropractic so a really worthwhile cause. The charity is hoping to increase the number of chiropractors undertaking PhD's and therefore the amount of research produced. www.crc-uk.org.

Louise has also developed her own range of Massage Guns which can be purchased from the clinic or online from the attend2health website.



Braughing Get Together events

WINTER SUPPER in Braughing Church Hall

8 December Doors open 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.45 pm
Once again Gill will be cooking us a delicious dinner to get us in the Festive mood.

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Fundraiser for Arianna 26 January in Braughing Church Hall

Arianna is a young child with neuroblastoma and needs expensive treatment in the USA.

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Murder Mystery in Braughing Church Hall, February 2024

What's better on a dark rainy night than a good murder mystery? Date and details to be confirmed, but look out on our usual channels.

Braughing Birdwatching Group

We are a small friendly group of local people who enjoy watching birds! This year we decided to keep a record of every species we see in Braughing Parish. We had no idea how many we would get but are amazed that at the beginning of November, we have recorded 98 species. Braughing has no large expanses of shallow water, just the River Quin, which means that waders and waterbirds are unlikely here. Nevertheless we have recorded some interesting species over the year including a Curlew, a Wigeon, a Little Grebe, a Peregrine, Cuckoo, Marsh Tits, a Mandarin Duck, Egyptian Geese, a Ring Ouzel, Whinchat, Stonechat, Wheatear, Yellow Wagtail, Yellow-browed Warbler, Brambling, Siskin, Redstart and Spotted Flycatcher. Can we make it to 100 before the end of the year?

Over the late summer and autumn we had outings to The Lodge at Sandy, Frampton, Fowlmere and Titchwell. We are planning a expeditions over the winter, probably to Welney and Eldernell and Abberton depending on what birds are about.

We have restarted our monthly indoor winter meets, topics to be covered include Birds of Senegal and the Gambia, Birds of Croatia, The Arctic, Zambia and South Africa. If you are interested in birds and you would like to join us please contact Paula (paulaandpaul@btinternet.com). We welcome anyone who would like to share our love of birds. Follow us on Facebook (Braughing Birding Group)



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There have been changes at East Herts Rural Branch. David Bell has managed to finally retire after many years driving our local Labour Party branch forward. He will be a very difficult act for us all to follow. We are extremely grateful to him, and his wife Clare, for everything they have done. We are glad that David is continuing to support us.

The new committee is excited to be continuing the challenge of showing voters in East Hertfordshire that the Labour Party is alive and kicking.

The new committee members are:

- Emma Waltham – Chair
- Pauline Kellett & Jo Linney – Co-secretaries
- Liz Davies Treasurer

We will be getting in touch with members across the Branch over the coming months. We also hope to arrange informal get-togethers across East Herts Rural Branch. We want to hear your views. Particularly with a general election at some stage next year. The questions:

- would you like to see the Branch doing?
- Would you like to meet for political discussions?
- Do you want to get campaigning, leafleting and meeting people in your area?
- Do you like meeting up in person or do virtual meetings work better for you?

- Can you help the Committee by taking on a role?

Jo Linney Co Branch Secretary
07710 319928

Midweek Music at St Mary's

This is a regular community event in St Mary's Church, Standon, on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Come from 11.30 and enjoy tea, coffee, light refreshments, and a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

At 12.30 there is a short concert to enjoy. We have had a huge variety of performers and genres, ranging from trumpeters, violinists, singers, organists, pianists, even a harpist, all of whom give of their time and talents free of charge.

There is no charge, but there will be a chance to donate if you would like to.

Do come and join us, you will be warmly welcomed.

Forthcoming dates are: 20 Dec; 24 Jan; 28 Feb; 27 March; 24 April; 22 May; 26 June and 24 July.

For more information or if you would be interested in performing in one of the concerts, please email: music@ubsms.org.uk

Braughing Parish Paths Group

We lead a monthly footpath walk on the first Sunday of the month around our beautiful area. We meet in Braughing Village Square ready to depart promptly at 2pm (1.30 in December and January).



Our walks usually last 2 hours and cover 5-6 miles. Walks are mainly across open farmland which tends to be slippery and muddy at this time of year so please make sure you wear boots. Our walks are aimed at those who can maintain a reasonable walking pace throughout. Children are welcome as long as they can keep up. Well behaved dogs are also welcome.

Most months we end with tea and cake in Marion's Green shed – many thanks to Marion and Mike for their hospitality and to those who generously donate the cakes.

BPPG is very grateful to our Public Rights of Way (PROW) Officer Nicholas Maddex for all he does to keep our paths open and accessible. He has been responsible for huge improvements to the Rights of Way in our Parish.

Walk dates:-

- Sunday 3 December 1.30pm
- Sunday 7 January 1.30pm
- Sunday 4 February 2.00pm

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News from St Marys Church, Braughing

After a long wait, we have finally been given the go-ahead to start the application process for a new incumbent for our Benefice (Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham). It will be a House for Duty post whereby the new priest will live rent free in our lovely rectory but won't receive a stipend. In return he/she will work Sundays and 2 other days in the Benefice. We are in the process of producing our Benefice profile – if all goes well we are looking at interviews in March and hopefully a new priest by the summer.

We are delighted that Bishop Alan will be coming to our Benefice at the end of December. He will be leading a service of Holy Communion at Stocking Pelham Church on Sunday 31st Dec (10.30). St Mary's Stocking Pelham is a delightful little church, well worth a visit so do come along.

Pop up Choir

Braughing will be holding its Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 17 December and once again our Pop Up Choir will be in action. This year we are delighted that Miles Knapman has offered to be our Choirmaster and Andy Watts our accompanist. If you would like to join us rehearsals are as follows:-

- Thursday 23 November
- Thursday 30 November
- Tuesday 5 December
- Thursday 14 December

All rehearsals in St Mary's Church ready to start at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, no auditions needed. Don't worry if you have missed the first rehearsal – come along to the next one!

Christmas for Children

Braughing will also be hosting a couple of Christmas events for children.

On Saturday 16th December we will be decorating our Christmas tree in Church from 10.30 to 12.00 – we invite families to come along and help us. Refreshments will be served

We will be holding our traditional Nativity Play in church on Christmas Eve. Everyone can take part and children are invited to come along dressed as shepherds, sheep, wisemen/women or angels and perform in this delightful service. If your child would like a main part, come along on Saturday 23rd December at 3pm to find out what part they can play and take part in a rehearsal. More information from Jean 01736 272081

Benefice services over next few months

(please note, as our Benefice is in Vacancy, services are subject to change at short notice so please check church noticeboards, Facebook page or a Church Near You for latest information or email churchoffice@btinternet.com)

Sunday 3 December **Holy Communion** 10.30 Braughing (Rev'd Tim Weeks)

Sunday 10 December **Family Communion** with Baptism 10.30 Braughing (Rev'd Tim Weeks)

Sunday 17 December **Carol Service** Braughing 6pm, **Café Church Christingle** Furneux 9.30am, **Carol Service** Stocking 4.00pm

Sunday 24 December **Nativity Play** 3pm Braughing, **Carol Service** Furneux 6pm, **Midnight Communion** 11.30pm Braughing

Sunday 31 December **Holy Communion**, 10.30 Stocking (led by Bishop Alan)

Friday 5 January **12th Night** Carols 7.30pm Braughing

Sunday 7 January **Holy Communion** Braughing 10.30

Sunday 14 January **Holy Communion** Braughing 10.30

Sunday 21 January **Café Church** Furneux 9.30

Sunday 28 January **Holy Communion** Furneux 10.30

Sunday 4 February **Morning Worship** Braughing 10.30 tbc

Sunday 11 February **Holy Communion** Braughing 10.30 tbc

Sunday 18 February **Café Church** Furneux 9.30

Sunday 25 February **Holy Communion** Furneux tbc

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Braughing Parish Council Update

Christmas

Once again BPC will be erecting a Christmas Tree in the Square and holding "Carols round the Tree" with a visit from Father Christmas on Weds 13 December at 6.30

Crime

The Tennis Club shed was burned down in October. Arson is suspected and the police are currently investigating

Pentlows Meadow

BPC are supporting the chalk stream/ water meadow project and are prepared to fund the Design Statement. However before proceeding we are seeking confirmation that the build phase will be funded externally. We are working with HMWT to try and source .

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden

BPC have sought permission from the Palace to use the late Queen's name. A working party, thanks to a generous donation, have access to plants which will provide sensory enhancement for this garden along Fleece Lane

Highways

More than half of the communications BPC receive refer to Highways. We keep

a Highways log and are pressuring our County Councillor to get the issues resolved. BPC were disappointed that when Highways came to repaint the white lines in the village, the 2 areas most in need (the road humps along Maltings Lane and the width restriction along the Street) weren't included.

Postbox

BPC were surprised to hear that the large Post Box at the top of Maltings Lane had been removed by the developers of the new estate behind the Old Post Office. Further investigations have shown that the Post Box was moved as instructed by Royal Mail at the request of Highways and is being kept safely by the builders but it appears Royal Mail do not intend to relocate it.

BPC is very concerned about this as it is the most widely used post box in the village and the only large one. We will be actively campaigning to have the Post Box re-sited as close as possible to its original location

Difibrillators

BPC has agreed to purchase 2 more defibrillators to be located at Hay Street and Dassels. We will also fund a training session for local residents (and anyone else in the Parish who would like to attend).

Pubs

Steve and Catherine, long-time tenants of The Brown Bear, left the pub for pastures new at the end of October. BPC wish them well. We are delighted to hear that the pub has been taken over by a young local couple, Harriet and Ronnie. BPC was sad to see the Axe and Compasses closed and locked up with steel shutters. We understand the pub is for sale/lease and we very much hope this happens soon as currently it is a real eyesore to our lovely village. Meanwhile the Golden Fleece is flourishing and we are grateful to Jess and Pete once again for staging an excellent fireworks display on 5th November

Dog Poo and Dogs in the Playground

The perennial issue of dog poo continues. Whilst the majority of dog owners do clean up after their dogs, there are a few who don't and give the rest a bad name so PLEASE make sure you know where your dog is and what it is doing (especially if it is behind you) and if s/he does poo, clean it up! Recently we have had reports of dogs within the children's play area and dog mess has been found there. Dogs are NOT ALLOWED in the playground. Dogs are not allowed on the playing field either (except for the footpath which runs along the northern boundary).

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Hertfordshire Holly Northwest Clog Morris

Christmas is a busy time for us. This year we were invited to participate at Ware Dickensian evening and also "Hoddesdon Loves Christmas" when we collected for the Isabel Hospice.

The residents and staff at Woodbury Manor care home in Enfield enjoyed our performance so much in the summer that they have invited us back. It is very rewarding for everyone to see the residents enjoying our music and dance so much and joining in as much as possible.

On New Year's Day we will be guests of Eterera morris men celebrating the new year at The Wonder in Enfield which is always a fun occasion with a large audience, wonderful atmosphere and hopefully a pizza van.

In the New Year we will have another new member joining us and can start looking forward to the better weather and learning new dances.

Dancing is a very sociable way to keep fit and it isn't as complicated as it may look and anyone who includes keeping fit and trying something new in their New Year resolutions should give clog morris a try.

Please have a look at our Facebook page for more information and photographs.

We practice in High Cross village hall, 8.15 on Thursday evenings.

Mary Deeks 01920 822905
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Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club

And suddenly the 2023 season was over!

We probably had one of the busiest seasons for a long while – a full set of friendly fixtures; league matches, and club competitions were held. In addition, a number of our players competed in a variety of knockout matches staged by the East Herts Bowls League and East Herts Bowling Association.

We also had a full social calendar throughout last winter spring and autumn – our club house saw quiz nights; games nights; darts nights and a host of other fun things to do – and our numbers are growing as well.

But there is still room for new members and you will receive a great welcome.

So – what do we do?

We offer a comprehensive friendly fixture list, we play in the Herts 3rd Division and offer access to a wide ranging set of knockout competitions, our own Club Championships are also hotly contested

If you want to learn to play, we are there to help; if you are looking for a friendly club with a range of competitions – look no further.

We are a small and friendly club with room for all of you who want to enjoy everything that Lawn Bowls has to offer.

We also look to the social side of bowls with regular get togethers for members throughout the year.



For more info why not visit our Facebook page, or our website (details at the bottom of this article)

We are always looking for new members – so if you fancy learning more, check out what we have been doing – sign up to our Facebook page Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club or visit our website at <https://standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com/> it's fully up-to date and there are a lot of pictures of us winning (and losing) matches!!

Don't worry if you haven't got any equipment or don't know what to do – we will show you the ropes and lend you equipment until you know if you like the game or not

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We are always looking for new members and would encourage ANYONE (young or old) who enjoys competitive sport to think about trying Bowls. Like golf it is a game where hand and eye co-ordination play a vital part in ensuring that you can get the bowl close to the jack, and it's just as addictive as golf!!

If you are interested in playing bowls, we would love to hear from you – and we can always set up a taster session – just contact us through our website <https://standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com/> Facebook Page - Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club or email standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com or why not write to us at Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club, The Playing Field, Station Road, Standon SG11 1TF

Standon Parish Council Community Centre

The Parish Council took advice from CDA Herts and considered including the Community Centre into the Recreation Ground Charity. It was agreed at the September Parish Council meeting that management and maintenance of the Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre would remain with Standon Parish Council and would be reviewed in a year's time, as it was considered including it in the Charity would be detrimental to the Charity. The Parish

Council will evaluate the condition of the building, income against expenditure, contracts, and agreements, and how to ensure the building hire will enable the building to be financially viable.

The Parish Council's nominated Contractors have carried out works to the toilet facilities to ensure that it is compliant with legislation.

The Sub-Committee managing the Community Centre have been extremely busy carrying out Asbestos, Legionella, Electrical, Fire Officer inspections and Health and Safety Audit and Risk Assessment training in order to ensure the Community Centre is compliant with all legislation. They have also had meetings with the Users and are actively promoting the Community Centre.

Storage in the Community Centre is limited so it was decided to convert part of the Football Hut to provide more storage for the Nursery. A temporary play area in front of the Football Hut is also being provided to comply with Ofsted requirements.

We would like to thank our cleaner, for all her hard work and for being so willing to assist us – we are very lucky to have her.

Meetings have been held with the two Football Clubs, Standon and Puckeridge Vets and Standon and Puckeridge Hares and we would like to thank them for their help in clearing the Football Hut. It was very much appreciated.

The Parish Council were forced to remove the spectator railings around the football pitch due to vandalism.

The main point of contact will be Standon Parish Council Clerk, Belinda Irons, available on 01763 838732, mobile 07854 916404, email clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk

This is a new operation for the Parish Council and a new booking system has been set up and this can be accessed on the website Standon Parish Council/Community/Halls for Hire/ Hallmaster. Invoices will be generated through this system and be delivered by email. Instructions are included under the link on the website.

Standon Village Hall – Culvert –

Having been built in the late 1800s over the years the water capacity of the tunnel under the Village Hall has been much reduced and peak flows are causing damage to the roof and there is a risk of collapse. The Parish Council has a duty to repair the brickwork, which can only be completed following the removal of a substantial amount of gravel which has accumulated in the 'tunnel'.

This has been a very protracted issue for the Parish Council to deal with, not least because there is a shortage of contractors qualified to resolve this type of problem.

This year a new concrete trap has been built at the entrance to the culvert to ensure any new debris is caught before it enters, it will also enable access for the work to proceed. Debris can now be more easily removed and the repairs

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undertaken. This will involve the 'tunnel' being lined as the gravel is removed. The culvert is more than 11 metres long, which requires the engineers to have specialist training and skills working in such a confined space. Whilst this is a costly exercise, the Parish Council as the riparian owner, has a duty to fulfil its legal obligations.

Litter and Dog Fouling

The Parish Council would again ask that all residents take responsibility for their litter and dog fouling. Dog fouling on the playing field is still a major problem and we have installed new signage reminding residents to clean up after their dogs.

Planning

All planning applications can be seen on the EHDC website <https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Any Parishioner has the opportunity to present their plans to the Parish Council at a Parish Council meeting. Whilst the Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications, EHDC takes the final decision. The Parish Council has no opportunity to appeal against a decision taken by EHDC.

Do you have something you want to raise?

If so, please contact the Clerk, Belinda Irons clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk or Tel: 07854 916404 and it will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Standon Parish Council
Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF

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Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

Standon Parish Council is delighted to announce that the Community Centre is open for business. We need you to hire it to make sure it is financially viable

Our wonderful regular hirers provide a wide range of activities for all ages and need your support to ensure they can continue to operate in the village. Please do attend the classes and groups – the more people attending means we can keep the prices down for you.

Halls for Hire:

Fordham Hall is the biggest hall and is most appropriate for family parties and gatherings

Williams-Davies Hall has a sprung dance floor and mirrored wall for dance and exercise classes and smaller parties

Lankester Lounge is more suited to small meetings.

All details are on the Parish Council website on the Community Halls page

Booking is made through the Community Centre linked page to Hallmaster booking page. Hire terms and conditions and

prices are on the Standon Parish Council website.

Tennis

Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club is a small village club founded in 1951 and located next to the Community Centre. They are under Standon and Puckeridge Recreation Ground Charity. They are a small thriving club and always looking for new members of all ages and in particular families. Facilities include three carpet covered floodlit courts giving year-round play. If you would like any further information, please feel free to email Sally, the Club Secretary standonlrcmembers@hotmail.com or ring her on 01920 821152.

Bowls

The idea of forming a Bowls Club for the combined villages of Standon and Puckeridge happened in the early part of 1951. Then in 1953 the club was affiliated to the Herts Amateur Bowls Association. In 1954 they became affiliated with the Hertfordshire Bowls Association and the East Hertfordshire Bowling Association. They are under Standon and Puckeridge Recreation Ground Charity. For more information email standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com.

Football

We have two Football Clubs who play on the Memorial Field and these Clubs are under Standon and Puckeridge Recreation Ground Charity, they are Standon and

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Parish Council meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of each month, except August and December

Website

The website <https://www.standonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> is the official Parish Council information distribution point. Parish Council meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month, except December and August. These are held in the Lankester Lounge, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre commencing 7.30pm and are open to the public.

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre Users: Wasps Mon - Fri Term Time

Breakfast Club
7.45 – 8.30am – Fordham Hall

After School Club
3.10 – 6.15pm – Fordham Hall
Contact: Nicola English
on 07904 391133

SPINS Independent Nursery Mon - Fri Term Time

9.30 – 2.15pm – Fordham Hall
Contact Sam Christie/Paula Smith
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Monday

SPINS Toddler Group Term time
9.30 – 11.00am – Williams-Davies Hall
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07881 533339

Starlight Stars Term Time

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**See it. Own it. Deal with it.**

We, well the over45's, are traditionally frugal, often from social conditioning.

Interestingly, this trend is reviving to a less throwaway/keep up with the trends type of spending. We have seen dramatic increase in on-line second-hand/re-use/recycle/pre-loved websites to enable you to spend your finances more effectively and efficiently.

This should not stop at fashion/homewares/cars.

Equally, if not more importantly: Your Home. Blinkering the truth of decay/things needing fixing is not smart. Take a cold hard look and put in place a plan based on how bad can it get.

As an example a New kitchen, well that's a 'wish list' item unless the Plumbing needs attention.

More to the point are the following:-

Slipped slates/poor guttering: these can lead to water ingress, damaged plaster/shorting out electrics/rot etc.

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Brickwork: Don't let this keep decaying as the consequences will escalate rapidly

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Cold, Mould: Handy Tips.

Mould and damp issues are often a case of the need to see where the issue has come from to understand the next steps.

Much like flooding, it is a case of Source, Pathway, and Receptor.

Source: Do you have blocked air-bricks? I see this all the time when I go out to see clients and investigate damp issues.

Handy tip. Don't build or create a raised flowerbed up to anywhere near the air brick or damp-course. If you have French-drain/Shingle filter drains, keep them clean of clogging mud or weeds as this then makes them ineffective. Don't build patios/walls right up to an old house or it will create what is known as a 'damp-bridge' which means exactly that.

Pathway: Damp will ingress or seep if you give it the conditions such as above or neglect maintenance such as gutters/downpipes/roofing/overflows/pipework/kitchenware plumbing. Can't be seen doesn't mean it can't be broken. A good way to test this is: Buy a Hanging Wardrobe dehumidifier and hang in

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cupboards where you suspect there may be a damp issue. They are great indicators but at the same time wick away damp too.

Receptor: Sometimes damp can be just a case of better management. After a bath/shower, open the window for 30min and let the wet air out. Wipe down the tiles/walls with a towel. This really makes a difference. In the kitchen the same applies, remove the problem i.e. the steam. Personally I have found a small freestanding 600w (cheap to run) oil filled radiator helps so much in drying damp rooms. If you see mould, wipe it down with a water/bleach mix and dry off with kitchen roll. This helps prevent inhalation of mould spores.

If like me, you live in an old property, there is always a battle with damp and cold. But for me the joy of living in an old house is its character. It's truly like a hug when I come home.

Another handy hint for you. When hot meets cold (windows/doorways) the consequence often results in condensation. So I made a worthwhile and easy investment. I had my curtains inter-lined with thermal material. I have a great seamstress and she did this in a day. It makes a huge draught-free difference!

Kate 07930 285126 Handy-Man services

Friends of the Rib and Quin

FORQ Chairman, Mark, was horrified to see, in early September, piles of chalk along the River Rib's riverbank in Barwick Lane. It was close to the site where, a few years ago, he had seen a tractor IN the river. When he saw the tractor in the river, he checked with the River Rib CaBA Catchment Coordinators (HMWT) who advised that they were not aware of any approved works for that area of the River Rib and recommended that he report the activity to the Environment Agency (EA), which of course he did.

Going back a bit later in the day back in September Mark discovered that a stretch of riverbed and bank had been apparently scoured over a stretch of 150 metres. To our understanding this is a clear breach of the regulations in place to protect our streams and rivers. Dredging is incredibly damaging to rivers, especially chalk streams. Needless to say another incident report was made to the EA.

In October FORQ wrote to the EA further pursuing the questions we asked of our MP and President Sir Oliver Heald and in our view, unsatisfactorily answered by Rebecca Pow. A copy of our email to the EA is available on our website (in the blog section), as you will see we are raising once again raising the issue of the

disproportionate abstraction across Hertfordshire. Our chalk streams are abstracted at levels far in excess of the 10% recommended as the maximum percentage of annual recharge in the Chalkstream Recovery Plan. In our catchment it is particularly disproportionate to our population.

We also raised the issue of raw sewage spill pollution events in East Hertfordshire, which represent over 90% of Hertfordshire storm overflow events. We also commented on the fact that Buntingford Sewage Treatment Works (STW) has been releasing excessive levels of phosphate for over 30 years. We have not yet received a response to our email but will publish it on our website when we do.

HMWT have announced that there will be an Extraordinary Meeting of the River Lea Catchment Partnership on Wednesday 29 November at Welwyn Civic Centre. There is a link on the FORQ website to the registration page if anyone is interested in attending. Members from FORQ's Executive and Riverfly Monitoring Team will be going.

Members of FORQ's Riverfly Monitoring Team have also attended a couple of other HMWT meetings recently. There were some interesting discussions at both



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meetings including information about a new database for recording information about Riverflies, called Cartographer. Everyone within our network should be switched to this by the end of the year.

There was also a talk about new methods of Riverfly Monitoring (RFM) for urban rivers/chalk streams, where it makes more sense to look for different types of invertebrates. There will also be extended RFM for areas with very low scores, extending the number of species counted from 8 to 33.

Our monitors have also been asked to look out for Demon Shrimp, as it has been seen on the Colne. This species is originally from Eastern Europe and is an extremely successful invasive species, which predates our native freshwater shrimp.

The Riverfly Partnership are working with the EA on trigger levels for invertebrates to enable the better reporting of pollution incidents. This would mean that if during a monitoring session the result was below the trigger level for that site it would be reported to the EA and they would investigate.

A new app/website has also been launched to help monitor INNS (Invasive Non-Native Species).

INNS Mapper is an app and website for the reporting of sightings, surveys and management of INNS in England, Wales and Scotland. INNS Mapper is free to use and aims to provide an effective resource

to support INNS programmes and coordinate efforts.

People can use INNS Mapper to report sightings of invasive non-native species. It also provides a tool to report and share data about managing INNS, helping to coordinate effective management.

It is possible to report 62 INNS via INNS Mapper, including freshwater and terrestrial plants, freshwater invertebrates and mammals. A number of INNS are found in or near our rivers, such as Himalayan Balsam, Giant Hogweed, Signal Crayfish and Mink.

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Making the right noises ...

Since Covid I have noticed a dramatic increase in Aircraft noise. Having asked many other local people, their awareness is much as mine.

To make matters worse I read in Nov that Stansted Airport has been given the go-ahead for the Terminal to be extended. (I wonder if there was any consideration of the impact on resulting traffic that will chokingly weave through Standon sitting at the traffic lights)

So the impact on already increased air traffic will hit us all. I paid the price to live in the rural idyll, not line the pockets of Airlines.

When an aeroplane takes off, the lower the flightpath, the less fuel it uses

(gravitational pull to help you grasp why). Less fuel means more profits for airlines. They will try to cite 'environment benefits' but that's a bit like trying to put out a forest fire with a water-pistol.

Relentless drones of air-traffic affects us no question. For me, in particular, the late nights, I lie in dread of the next window shuddering fly-over.

I didn't sign up for this when I moved here and have made that very clear to those 'in charge'

They allegedly have a Noise Prevention Route, how then has it got so much worse since Covid?

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Traditionally a new layer of material is laid over the seasoned roof; this is called "spar coating". The bundles of straw taken up onto the roof are

called "yelms". Twisted hazel sticks known as "spars" or "gads" are used to secure the thatch in place. A thatcher may mark his work by placing a distinctive straw finial on the ridge.

Thatch appears not only on houses. There are several thatched pubs, a thatched church at Duddenhoe End in the parish of Elmdon, and a partly-thatched village hall in Ashdon.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

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10.30am All Age Morning Worship	St Mary's Standon
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6.00pm Carol Service	All Saints Little Munden

Tuesday 19th December

9.30am Holy Communion	St Catherine's Sacombe
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Thursday 21st December

7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols	St Mary's Standon
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Sunday 24th December

(Christmas Eve) 3.00pm Christingle	All Saints Little Munden
5.00pm Christingle	St Mary's Standon
7.30pm Carols by Candlelight	St Catherine's Sacombe
11.30pm Midnight Communion	St Mary's Standon

Monday 25th December

(Christmas Day) 10.30am Christmas Worship & Communion	All Saints Little Munden
10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary's Standon

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Morning Worship	St Catherine's Sacombe
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Tuesday 2nd January

9.30am Holy Communion	St Catherine's Sacombe
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	17	Morning Worship	Rev Dr David Cornick	
	24	Carol Service	Rev Sue Fender	
	25	Christmas Day	The Elders	
	31	Morning Worship	Peter Godbert	
January	7	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender	
	14	Morning Worship	Penny Flynn	
	21	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Janet Tollington	
	28	Morning Worship	Richard Lewney	
February	4	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender	
	11	Morning Worship	Peter Godbert	
	18	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton	
	25	Morning Worship	Malcolm Haslett	
March	3	Holy Communion	Rev Jo Clare-Young	
	10	Mothering Sunday	Rev Allen Morton	
	17	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Janet Tollington	
	24	Palm Sunday	Rev Sue Fender	
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- Can't get to an evening Brownie meeting?
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Lunch Club Brownies meet on Monday lunchtimes in the school hall. Apply via the website

Brownies

2nd Standon and Puckeridge (Roger de Clare) Lunch Club

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure

for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Girlguiding

Registered charity number: Exempted from registration

Join a local Brownies group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

A concert of Christmas music
Thursday 14th December 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Standon

Standon Sing
The Benefice Choir
and
The Rib Singers

Directed by
David Ranford and Michael Smith

Free Entry

Interval refreshments

Retiring Collection
in aid of Carers in Hertfordshire



Join us for our annual Santa Dash!
Friday 8th December, 11am - 1pm

With a chance to take part in our Dash, enjoy festive refreshments and find
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**Ware Choral Society's
Christmas Concert**

A Starry Night

An evening of Christmas Music including
Fantasia on Christmas Carols - R Vaughan Williams
Gloria - Francis Poulenc

7.30 pm Saturday 2nd December 2023
The Drill Hall Ware SG12 9HP

<i>Erin Alexander</i>	<i>Soprano</i>
<i>Tim Bagley</i>	<i>Baritone</i>
<i>Jonathan Lilley</i>	<i>Organ</i>
<i>Barbara Manning</i>	<i>Piano</i>
<i>Rosie Howarth</i>	<i>Conductor</i>

TICKETS £15: All Unreserved
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Society Members & At the Door

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Tea Time Talks

*Talks followed by
tea and
homemade cakes*

Saturday January 20th
The New Town Movement in Hertfordshire
*Exploring Stevenage, the first post-war new town in Hertfordshire, and the
utopian ideals behind its creation.* Sarah Kerrison

Saturday February 17th
The History of Easton Lodge
*The story of this historic estate, focusing primarily on the period from 1865
when it was owned by the Countess of Warwick.* Gary Matthews

Saturday March 16th
Butterflies and Moths around Standon
What you might find and how to help them prosper. Andrew Wood

£5 - Pay on entrance
All talks at 3.00pm in Standon Village Hall

For more information contact Trish 07703 325062 or Helena 07974 583832

Village Diary

Club Secretaries: Please keep us up to date with any changes to your regular meeting days and events.

We will take details of events as far ahead as you like to try to stop two events clashing and spoiling the day.

NB Some activities will be seasonal or in term time only, please phone the contact to check before turning up and possibly being disappointed.

Every Weekday

7.30-8.30am WASPS Breakfast Club at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre (term time only). For more details visit www.waspsclub.com or Nicola on 07904 391133 nicola@waspsclub.com

9.30 - 12.15 or 2.15 (lunch club). Term Time only SPINS Pre-School Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Fun and friendly atmosphere with qualified staff. Visits welcome. 07881 533339.

3:15-6:15pm WASPS After School Club at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre (term time only). www.waspsclub.com or Nicola on 07904 391133 nicola@waspsclub.com.

Monday

9.30- 11.00 SPINS Toddler Group at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Term time only. 07881 533339

10.00am - 11.30am Iyengar Yoga at Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon, SG11 1LE. Contact Sarah on 07427 596961 or www.TowardYoga.com for info.

10am – 4pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700.

1.30 - 2.30 Movement to Music for Over 60s , Standon Village Hall, Skye Wilkinson 07394 934911

2pm Second Monday of the month - Buntingford & District U3A, 2pm at the Seth Ward Community Centre,

Buntingford.

Starlight Stars:
Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

3.45 Twinkling Stars (4-6 yrs)

4.30 Shooting Stars (7-10 yrs)

5.30 Bright Stars (11-13 yrs)

6.30 Rising Stars (14-18 yrs)

Ali Latchford 01279 966 466

4 and 5.05pm Yoga-nastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford Andrea Allen 07989 980038 yoga-nastics@outlook.com www.yoga-nastics.co.uk

5pm 1st Standon & Puckeridge Rainbows. Term time in Standon. sandprainbows1@outlook.com

6.35 Zumba Fitness at Standon Village Hall. Details 07578 994221

7 Braughing Bridge Club, Old Boy's School, Braughing. Sue 01920 823692

7.15 4th Monday of the month: 7.15pm Ware District Trefoil Guild, St Mary's Church Hall, Ware. Guiding for adults. Mandy Challis 07766 086 137 waredistricttrefoil@gmail.com

7.30 Braughing Bridge Club in the Old Boys School, Braughing. Sue 01920 823692

7.30 Dance JAM Academy – Standon Village Hall, Adult Tap (all levels) julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk Julie 07971 699615

8 First Monday of the month, East Herts Aviation Society meets at the Sword Inn Hand, Westmill, Buntingford (optional special pre-talk pub dinner menu from 6.30pm). Steve Morgan 07712 145146.

Tuesday

9am Traditional Flowing Ashtanga Yoga, Puckeridge Community Centre. Ian 07553 285453.

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Catherine's Sacombe.

10am -Noon The Listening Place (a drop in centre for bereavement advice and support). Tuesdays at Leaside Church and Community Centre, High Street, Ware SG12 9BT. Alison 01763 232673.

10:00-11:00am Vinyasa Flow Yoga (for all) - Braughing Community Centre
11:15-12:15pm Postnatal Yoga - Braughing Community Centre
10am – 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700.

Third Tuesday Colliers End Village Walks followed by refreshments. Suzanne Anderson 07896 699844
11 Accessible Yoga. Standon and Puckeridge community Centre. Penny Constantinou 07944 416572

11.30 Punchline Boxing (adults) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Adam Davidson 07903 657146

12-2pm Citizens Advice Contact Centre at Bishops Stortford Methodist Church. Messageline 01920 459944
2-4pm Second Tuesday of the month, Standon Hand Embroidery Group in Standon Village Hall. Barbara Norris 01920 822104.

4.30 -7.45 Ballet at Braughing Church Hall: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535

5.30 Beavers (6-8yrs Scouts) Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Term time only, Angie Adamson 01763 849902

6pm Tap, Modern & Jazz at Braughing Community Centre: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224

6pm 2nd Buntingford Brownies. Term time in Buntingford. Email jill228374@hotmail.co.uk

6.15 1st Standon & Puckeridge Brownies. Term time in Standon. Sarah Howitt 01920 822342

6.30 Cubs - Puma Pack (8-10½ years, Scouts), term-time only. Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Jackie Andrews 01763 247675

6.30 Tennis Club evening (continues under floodlights throughout the winter). Diana Foster 07778 031430

7pm Slimming World at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Sophie 07855 079070.

7pm Yoga at Braughing Community Hall. info@annieknappmanyoga.co.uk



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- 7.30 Bell Ringing Practice, St Mary's Church Tower, Standon. Interested? - Come along or Tracey Coley 01920 823886 .
- 7.30 Embroidery Group. Second Tuesday in the month, Sargeant Room, Standon Village Hall. Barbara Norris 01920 822104
- 8.00 Puckeridge Karate Club meets at Braughing Community Centre. Clive Bowen 01763 231132
- Wednesday**
- 8.30 Under 1's Childrens' Group, Standon Village Hall. Kelly Brightman 01920 463949
- 9.30 Worship and Bible Study at St Mary's Standon, followed by refreshments (No service in August)
- 9.30 Gentle Therapeutic Hatha Yoga, Braughing St Mary's Church Hall. Ian 07553 285453.
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Clare 07966 213880
- 9:30-10:30am Vinyasa Flow Yoga (for all) - Furneux Pelham Village Hall
- 9.30 (term time) Little Hadham Parents & Toddlers group. Held Little Hadham Village Hall
- 10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Sally Bradshaw 01920 821152
- 10am – 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. 0844 848 9700
- 10.30am Braughing Shed Club at Braughing Community Centre. Details Ruth Fleetwood 07437 994895
- 11am Pilates Group Standon Village Hall. Judy Coward 01920 822812
- 11-1pm Citizens Advice Contact Centre at Hertford Sele Community Hub. Messageline 01920 459944
- 11.30 Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Sue 07854 316628
- 12.30 Bramble Hill Children's Centre young parents group. (Term time). 01763 273008
- 2pm Second Wednesday of the month – Ware U3A, Wodson Park, (doors open 1.30pm). Pat Davidson, 01920 438309
- 2.15 - 4.30pm Little Munden Cafe at All Saints Church, Little Munden. April - October.
- 4 - 8pm Dance JAM Academy - Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Ballet, Tap and Freestyle classes from age 3. Contact: julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk
- 4.15-6.15 Gymnastics Edwinstree School. Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- Starlight Stars: Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
- 2pm Dance Fit (18yrs). Ali Latchford 01279 966 466
- 5.45-6.15pm Scout and Guide Band, Jenyn's School. Term time only. Derek Goodall 07790 875862 / derek.goodall1@btinternet.com
- 6.15 Punchline Boxing (juniors) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Adam Davidson 07903 657146
- 6.30 Cubs - Cheetah Pack (8-10½ yrs, Scouts), term-time only. Braughing Church Hall. Derek Goodall 01763 273149.
- 6:30 Scouts (10½ - 14½ years old), term-time only. Braughing Old Boys School. Simon Smith 07773 016567
- 7pm Braughing Tennis Club night. Karen Gore 07860 484878
- 7pm Zumba classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Diana 01920 822667
- 7pm Guides during term time in Braughing. Louise 07971 800443
- 7pm Third Wednesday Ware and District 41 Club, The Star, Standon. Book in with Peter Warren 01920 824099
- 7.15 till 8.45pm Ranger Girl Guides (14+ years), Cottered Guide Centre, SG9 9QP. Rosanne Kenealy 01920 821304
- 7.30 Explorer Scouts (14-18 yrs)

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2023

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Pestle 07711 506281

7.30 Standon & Puckeridge Community
Choir, details from
ranfordd@gmail.com

8pm Ware Photographic Society meets at
Thundridge Village Hall, September
to May. Barbara Norris 01920
822104 www.wareps.org.uk

8pm First Wednesday of the month, East
Herts Aviation Society meets at the
The Sword Inn Hand, Westmill.
Steve Morgan 07712 145146.

9pm Braughing Tennis Club Night at
Braughing Community Hall.
www.braughtingtennisclub.co.uk/
contact-us/

Thursday

2pm Carpet Bowls at Braughing
Community Centre
Mikebennett12@aol.com

2pm Mind & Music - Songs to Aid
Memory at Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre. David Ranford
ranfordd@gmail.com

2pm Standon & Puckeridge Tennis
Club Ladies Tennis. Claudia 01920
821272

Starlight Stars:
Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre

3.45 Mini Movers (4-6 yrs)

4.15 Street Jazz Dance (7-11 yrs)

5pm Freestyle Dance (11-14 yrs)
Ali Latchford 01279 966 466

6.30 Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club
- Club night 6.30pm. Diana Foster
07778 031430.

Puckeridge Karate Club
Juniors: 7-8pm, Adults 8-9.30pm,
Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre. 01763 231132 or at TG's
Convenience Store.

7 Puckeridge Karate Club meets 7pm at
Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre. Clive Bowen 01763 231132

7 Keogafit at Braughing Community
Hall. Details 07950 934024 .

7 Church Choir meets at St Mary's
Church, Standon. Michael Smith
01920 821281

7 Punchline Boxing (adults) at Standon
& Puckeridge Community Centre.
Adam Davidson 07903 657146

8 Hertfordshire Holly, Mixed Clog
Morris Dance Side. High Cross
Village Hall. New dancers and
musicians welcome. Mary Deeks
01920 822905

8 Prayer and Life Group, A10 Christian
Mission. 01920 821684.

8.30 Standon Morris practice nights,
Standon Village Hall, Oct to Apr.
Meet in The Star from 8pm - new
male & female dancers & musicians
welcome (aged 12 and over) 07808

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Friday

11am Traditional Flowing Ashtanga
Yoga, Puckeridge Community
Centre. Ian 07553 285453.

2pm Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club
Adult Tennis. Sally Bradshaw 01920
821152

3.30 Accessible Yoga at home (via Zoom)
3.30pm. Penny 07944 416572.

4.15-6.15pm Rib Valley Gymnastics @
Edwinstree School, Buntingford.
Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email:
ribvalleytc@live.co.uk

7:30 Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 years old),
Christ Church, Ware. Meet
throughout the year. Jim Campbell
01920 461134.

7.30 Tai Chi and Qi Gong at Standon &
Puckeridge Community Centre.
Details Sarah Baker 07740 701102

8 Ware Swimming Club Trials
evening. All welcome. Training
evenings are Monday and Friday. Mr
Vanner 01920 464439.

8 The Braughing Get Together meets
most months in the village hall on the
second or third Friday. See events
under monthly calendar. Marion
Saunders 01920 821530.



at the.....

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

Join us for a drink and a chat on the following

Wednesdays

9.30am to 11.30am

6th December
Supporting Alzheimer's Society – with raffle



3rd January

7th February
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World Cancer Day – with raffle



6th March
3rd April

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Community Café @ The Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre
First Wednesday of each month
9.30am to 11.30am

Saturday

- 9am - 1pm at Jenyns School Braughing:
Ballet: Karen Howarth - 01279
651535 & Tap, Modern & Jazz: Kate
Dutton - 07969 362224
- 9.30 First Saturday of the month - help
with work in Standon Churchyard.
- 9.30 HIIT with Jacqui Smith at Braughing
Community Hall. 07956 647806
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre. Clare 07966
213880
- 12.30-2pm Contessa Vaulting Group
training sessions and competition
practice. All welcome. Tina Layton
01920 821792
- 6pm Evening Mass at Puckeridge
Roman Catholic Church. 01763
271471.

Sunday

- 10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club
- Club morning . Diana Foster 07778
031430.
- Braughing, St Mary the Virgin Services:*
1st and 2nd Sunday at 10.30am.
- St. Mary's Church Standon:* The United
Benefice of St Mary's Standon and
All Saints Little Munden with St
Catherine's Sacombe:
1st Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
(BCP), St Mary's Standon; 10.30am
Morning Worship, All Saints Little
Munden; 4pm the Centre at All
Saints, Little Munden.
2nd Sunday: 10.30am Holy
Communion, St Mary's Standon;
4pm the Centre at All Saints, Little
Munden.
3rd Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
(BCP), St Mary's Standon; 10.30am
Holy Communion, All Saints Little
Munden; 4pm the Centre at All
Saints, Little Munden.
4th Sunday: 10.30am Morning
Worship, St Mary's Standon; 4pm the
Centre at All Saints, Little Munden.
5th Sunday: 10.30am Morning
Worship, St Catherine's Sacombe;
4pm the Centre at All Saints, Little
Munden.
Please see the benefice website,
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- information or contact Revd. John
Chitham on 01920 739483
- 11.15 Mass at Old Hall Green Roman
Catholic Church. 01763 271471.

December

- 1 Isabel Hospice Remembrance Service
at The Manor House, Buntingford
SG9 9AB, 6.30pm.
- 3 Braughing Village walk., meet in the
village square to depart at 2pm.
- 4 Isabel Hospice Remembrance Service
at Market Square, Bishops Stortford
4pm.
- 6 Standon & Puckeridge Community
Café 9.30am, at the Community
Centre. Alison 07813 702375
- 8 Braughing Get Together Winter
Supper in Braughing Church Hall,
7pm. To book: Cynthia Matthews
01920 822230
- 10 Ware & District Photographic
Society presentation: Miniature
Worlds at Thundridge Village Hall.
Details www.wareps.org.uk
- 13 Carols Round the Tree, Braughing
Square, 6.30pm
- 14 Christmas Crackers charity concert
with Standon Sing at St Mary's
Church, Standon. Details
ranfordd@gmail.com
- 16 Decorating the Christmas Tree at St
Mary's Church, Braughing. Families
welcome. 10.30 -12.00, refreshments.
- 20 Isabel Hospice Christmas Jumper
Day. Details 01707 954850
- 20 Midweek Music at St Mary's
Standon, 11.30 refreshments, concert
12.30. Details music@ubsms.org.uk
- 20 Carols Round the Tree, Standon High
Street, 6.30pm
- 21 A Service of Nine Lessons and
Carols at St Mary's Church, Standon,
7pm

January 2024

- 3 Standon & Puckeridge Community
Café 9.30am, at the Community
Centre. Alison 07813 702375
- 9 Green Drinks at the Brown Bear,
Braughing, 7pm.
- 17 Buntingford Adult Learning for Fun
course 'Canals and River of the UK'
Seth Ward Community Centre,

- Luynes Rise, Buntingford, 10.30am.
Details Julia 01763 272584.
- 20 Tea Time Talk on A History of
Easton Lodge, Standon Village Hall,
3pm. Details Trish 07703 325062.
- 24 Midweek Music at St Mary's
Standon, 11.30 refreshments, concert
12.30. Details music@ubsms.org.uk
- 26 Braughing Get Together Fundraiser
for Arianna in Braughing Church
Hall, 7pm. To book: Cynthia
Matthews 01920 822230
- 27 Friends of St Mary's, Standon Quiz
Night, 7.30pm, Puckeridge
Community Centre Tickets: Caroline
Franks 01920 822723

February

- 7 Standon & Puckeridge Community
Café 9.30am, at the Community
Centre. Alison 07813 702375
- 20 Tea Time Talk on Butterflies and
Moths around Standon, Standon
Village Hall, 3pm. Details Trish
07703 325062.
- 20 Green Drinks at the Brown Bear,
Braughing, 7pm.
- 28 Midweek Music at St Mary's
Standon, 11.30 refreshments, concert
12.30. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

March

- 6 Standon & Puckeridge Community
Café 9.30am, at the Community
Centre. Alison 07813 702375
- 12 Green Drinks at the Brown Bear,
Braughing, 7pm.
- 20 Tea Time Talk on The New Town
Movement in Hertfordshire, Standon
Village Hall, 3pm. Details Trish
07703 325062.
- 24 Ware Choral Society Spring Concert,
Drill Hall, Ware.
www.warechoral.org.uk
- 27 Midweek Music at St Mary's
Standon, 11.30 refreshments, concert
12.30. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

April

- 3 Standon & Puckeridge Community
Café 9.30am, at the Community
Centre. Alison 07813 702375
- 14 Ware & District Photographic
Society 60th Anniversary celebration

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Outside St Thomas School High Street, **Puckeridge**

Standon Village Hall,

Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre
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Village Hall Entrance, **Little Hadham**
In the former BT phone box just off the Village Green,
Westmill

at Ware Drill Hall. Lecture by Charlie Waite FRPS.
 Details www.wareps.org.uk

24 Midweek Music at St Mary's Standon, 11.30
 refreshments, concert 12.30. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

May

6 Standon Mayday
 22 Midweek Music at St Mary's Standon, 11.30
 refreshments, concert 12.30. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

June

26 Midweek Music at St Mary's Standon, 11.30
 refreshments, concert 12.30. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

July

13 Braughing Fair & Wheelbarrow Race
 24 Midweek Music at St Mary's Standon, 11.30
 refreshments, concert 12.30. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

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 01920 821363
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01920 462615
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British Heart Foundation
31 Maidenhead Street, Hertford, SG14 1DW
01992 537908
33 Potter Street, Bishops Stortford, CM23 3UH
01279 461875
Both open Mon-Sat 09:30-17:00, Sun 10:00-16:00

Cancer Research UK
8 Potter Street, Bishops Stortford, CM23 3UL
01279 656613
Mon-Tue 09:00-17:00
Wed-Sat 09:30-17:30, Sun 10:00-16:00

Emmaus Hertfordshire
Foxholes Farm, London Road, Hertford, SG13 7NT
01992 504 485
Mon-sat 9.30 -17.00, Sun 10.00 -16.00

Essex and Herts Air Ambulance
18 high Street, Buntingford, SG9 9AQ
01763 274509
3 Ware High Street, SG12 9BP

01920 463365
Both open Mon- Sat: 9.30 am – 4.20 pm

Isabel Hospice
34a High Street, Buntingford, SG9 9AQ
01763 274904
44 High Street, Ware, SG12 9BY
6 Bridge Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2JY
01279 659551
All open Mon-Sat 09:30-16:30

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11 Maidenhead Street, Hertford, SG14 1DW
01992 503670
Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00

Mind
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01920 318615
Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00, Sun 10:00-16:00

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2b Maidenhead Street, Hertford, SG14 1DR
01992 583221
Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00
3-5a North Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2LD
01279 504627

St Clare Hospice Music and Bookshop
10 Devoils Lane, Bishop's Stortford, CM23
01279 755990
Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00, Sun 10:00-16:00
Outlet Shop, Links Business Centre Units
9-10 Raynham Rd, Hastingwood Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5NZ
01279 639760
Mon-Sat 08:00-16:00

St Elizabeth's Centre
69 High Street, Ware, SG12 9AD
01920 466855
7 Florence Walk, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2NZ
01279 466892
Both open Mon-Sat 09:30-16:30

Scope
15 Railway Street, Hertford, SG14 1BG
01992 550902
Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00, Sun 10:30-16:00
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Wednesday: Cheeky Pizza 4-8pm 07377 585896
Thursday: FishMyChips 4.30-8pm 07890 611372
Friday: Ronnies Kitchen 5-8pm 07946 418939
Saturday: Rolling pop-ups 4 - 8pm 07946 418939
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Which one IS BEST FOR YOU?

1. RIGHT SERVICE?
Is it a police issue or is another service better suited?

2. CHECK ONLINE?
Is the information already on our website?
Check online: www.herts.police.uk

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Has a crime already happened and you want to report it?
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Do you want to share some information with us or speak to someone specific? Use live chat, otherwise call 101.

5. CALL 999
Is it an emergency? Is a crime happening right now, or is a life or property at risk? Call 999.

HELP US TO HELP YOU
SCAN THIS CODE TO GET ONLINE QUICKLY

Bulky Waste, abandoned vehicles & Flytipping

Contact East Herts Council on www.eastherts.gov.uk or phone 01279 655261.

Bulky waste details: One household item - £46.04 (for up to 6 items.)

The Council will remove flytipping: use the on-line form.

Car batteries, engine oil, Fridges and Freezers

All are recycled at:

Bishops Stortford Household Waste Site, Woodside Road (off Dunmow Road).

Buntingford Household Waste Site, Aspenden Road.

Ware Household Waste Site, Westmill Road.

Cameras & Photography Books

The Disabled Photographers Society always welcome good serviceable cameras to adapt for disabled persons use, also photography books.

Disabled Photographers Society:
www.the-dps.co.uk/

Domestic Batteries

Standon Post Office & supermarkets

Foreign Coins

Isabel Hospice collects foreign coins (and notes!) drop them in to their Charity Shop in Buntingford or Ware High Street.

Ink & toner cartridges

- Local Recycling Centres.

Computers

Only fully working PCs. Please telephone first. www.computeraid.org
Tel: 020 7281 0091

Another site worth checking is www.donatepc.org.uk

Postcards

Please save your postcards and take the to St Mary's Church, Standon or All Saints Church, Little Munden. They are collected for Church work in Sudan.

Furniture

Furniture Recycling Scheme for Hertfordshire <http://www.fresch.org.uk/> or 01707 395635.

Knitting wool

Unused wool which will be turned into baby clothes etc., for children in Uganda can be left in the collection box at the back of St Mary's Church, Standon.

Stamps

- Puller Memorial School in High Cross collects used stamps to 'Save the Albatross'. Drop them into school or 32 Batchelors, Puckeridge.
- Standon Post Office collects stamps for Cancer Research UK.
- Isabel Hospice collects used stamps, drop them in to their Charity Shop in Ware High Street or post them to the Hospice at Great Barmingham Lane, Luton LU3 3NT.

Mobile phones

Loads of charities recycle old mobile phones. Just search 'donating mobile phones'.

Sunglasses & Spectacles

The large chains of opticians, e.g. Specsavers will recycle old glasses for the developing world. Drop them in to any branch.

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Could you be our Next Volunteer?

Looking for friendly and caring volunteers to visit older people **once a week.**
To Find out more, please contact Age UK
07772 173659
visiting.eh@ageukherts.org.uk

Hospital Transport Scheme needs Volunteer Drivers

- ★ Do you drive your own car?
- ★ *Can you spare one morning/afternoon a month?*
- ★ Do you live in the area bounded by High Cross, Dane End, Dassels and Little Hadham?
- ★ Then please consider being a volunteer driver for the local Hospital Transport Scheme.
- ★ (You are paid a mileage allowance)

Details from 07922 519174

Can you spare a few hours a week?

You could make a big difference in the life of a disabled child and their family by helping to share the care.

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0800 917 0925
to find out more

Shared Care



Report a Water Leak

www.affinitywater.co.uk/report-a-leak.aspx

Environment Agency

For reporting all environmental incidents relating to air, land and water: 0800 80 70 60.

Potholes & Faulty Traffic Lights

Go to Hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4047

Trading Standards

Citizensadvice.org.uk or call 0808 223 1133

Stop junk mail, phone calls and faxes

Register and junk mail and phone calls will miraculously reduce!

Mailing Preference Service

0207 291 3310

www.mpsonline.org.uk/mpsr/

Telephone Preference Service

0845 070 0707
www.tpsonline.org.uk/tps/number_type.html

These services are free (apart from the cost of the call). Do not respond to anyone asking for money

Waste Disposal

For further information, call WasteAware on 0300 1234 051
All Household Waste sites are closed on 25 & 26 Dec and 1 Jan.

Westmill Road, Ware SG12 0EL
Open: Every day: 10am - 6pm

Woodside Industrial Estate off Dunmow Road (A1250) Bishop's Stortford CM23 5RG

Open: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8am - 4pm.

Brownies

2nd Standon and Puckeridge (Roger de Clare) Lunch Club

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Girlguiding
Registered charity number: Excepted from registration

Join a local Brownies group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

- Girl aged 7 or older at Roger de Clare school?
 - Can't get to an evening Brownie meeting?
 - Too far down the waiting list?
- Lunch Club Brownies meet on Monday lunchtimes in the school hall.
Apply via the website

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High Street, Puckeridge SG11 1RZ

admin@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk



Extensive playing field and grounds

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Celebrate the 'original' Santa at

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Sunday 10th December 2023
11.00am - 4.00pm

Now over 40 festive stalls for Christmas gifts and refreshments. All in aid of St Nicholas' Church.

www.quintetchurches.com

FREE ENTRY

Colliers End Clay Pigeon Shooting Club

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We meet on the 1st Sunday (Hillside) 100 Clays .
3rd Sunday (Hunsdon) 9am for 9:30. 100 Clays. We also run a Friendly league & monthly Competition.
We are a Club run by people who enjoy Shooting Clays.
Please call Chris Lynch for Membership Details.

07836 711336

Police Contacts:

Number for NON 999 calls: 101

Crimestoppers: crimestoppers-uk.org or call 0800 555111.

Please remember: ALWAYS DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

www.herts.police.uk

Hertfordshire Police Authority, Freepost ANG 6281, Hertford SG13 8YS.
Telephone: 01992 556600.

Puckeridge Health Centre

The Surgery, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF

Tel: 01920 823860 (*inc out of hours*).

Surgery is open:

Mon – Fri 8.30am – 6pm

Minor Injuries Unit

Herts and Essex Hospital, Haymeads Lane, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5JH

Staffed Mon - Fri, 9am - 4.30pm. Ring 01279 655191 ext. 4298 to ensure that the unit can help.

NHS Non-emergency Number

If it is not a 999 emergency but you need medical help fast, Call 111.

Domestic Violence/Abuse Help Line

08 088 088 088 (Freephone)

Confidential helpline open 9-9 Mon-Fri, 9-4 Sat & Sun.

Victim support

0300 303 0165

Age UK Hertfordshire Information Line

Offers you information on a wide range of issues that are relevant to older people. We can also put you in touch with other organisations that can help you.

Information Line: 0300 345 3446

We listen...

InTouch is a team of 5 working within Age UK Hertfordshire.

We can support you emotionally and practically through whatever challenging situation you are facing. We don't judge or tell you what to do, we help by listening to your worries, pain, concerns and support you through it.

Call us on 01992 629358 and 01992 630623

Abandoned Vehicles

01992 655261

Herts Society for the Blind Sight Line

The Sight Line telephone number is: 01707 324680, Monday to Thursday between 10 - 1pm.

Power cut helpline

Text POWER and your postcode to 80876 ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut
0800 31 63 105
0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)

Animal Warden

To report incidents re: dog faeces, stray dogs and an identichipping service. 01279 655261

Trading Standards

03454 040506, 9am - 5pm Mon to Fri.

Traveline

0871 200 2233 www.traveline.co.uk

Post Office Times

Braughing, at The Golden Fleece.

Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Standon

Monday - Friday 9.00 - 5.30

Saturday 9.00 - 1.00

Aircraft noise

Stansted Airport Noise Unit.

0800 243 788 email:

stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com

Local Library Times

Home Library Service:

If you can't reach your local library because you are housebound, have a disability or care for someone at home this service will deliver books free of charge. Details 0300 123 4049

Bishop's Stortford Library:

Monday 10 -7pm

Tuesday - Friday 10-6pm

Saturday 10-5pm

Sunday 12-4pm

Buntingford Library:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 - 5.30pm

Friday 2 - 5.30pm, Saturday 9-1pm

Ware Library:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 10 - 5.30pm,

Wednesday 2-5.30pm.

Saturday 10-5pm

Parish Council Contacts:

Braughing

clerk@braughing.org.uk

Standon

Clerk: Belinda Irons 01763 838732

clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk

East Herts District Council

The Causeway, Bishop's Stortford or Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford. Both are open 9.00am - 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.
Tel: 01279 655261. www.eastherts.gov.uk.

Herts County Council

Contact details:

Highways Fault Reporting

www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults

Home Safety and Security Checks

0300 123 4046

hhss@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Trading Standards 0345 404 0506

report.fraud@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Waste Aware 0300 123 4051

General Enquiries 0300 123 4040

Textphone Users: 0300 123 4041

Other help and support herts-help.net or

0300 123 4044

Halls for hire

- Braughing Church Hall and Old Boys School, (up to 120 with kitchen facilities) – contact Phil Firmin 01920 823120, email phil.firmin@outlook.com
- Braughing Playing Field Association Community Hall - Contact Graham Frary grahamfrary@tiscali.co.uk
- Colliers End Village Hall (40 people comfortably, with kitchen) - Contact Sandra Chadwick 07976 254379
- Dane End Memorial Hall David Hart 01920 438976 dane-endhallbookings@Outlook.com
- High Cross Mrs. J. Handy 318752
- Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre - Contact clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon – Contact Denis or Beverly Olliver on 01279 842625
- Thundridge Pauline Mortlock 01920 467152

Local Churches:

- A10 Christian Mission: Contact Revs Colin & Teresa Marks 01920 821684
- Old Hall Green & Puckeridge Roman Catholic Churches: Father Cyril Chiaha 01763 271471
- The United Benefice of St Mary's Standon and All Saints Little Munden with St Catherine's Sacombe: Please see the benefice website, www.ubsms.org.uk for up-to-date information or contact Revd. John Chitham on 01920 739483
St Mary's Church, Braughing: Mr Don Varley, Churchwarden, Church Office - 01920 823832
www.achurchnearyou.com/braughing-st-mary-the-virgin/

LOCAL DIRECTORY

All phone No's are 01920 and clubs in Puckeridge or Standon unless shown otherwise

- Albury Seedlings Preschool & Albury Primary School: 01279 771253
- Allotments:
Braughing: Ruth Fleetwood
rfleetwood@braughing.org.uk
Puckeridge: Doris Windsor 822525
- Baby-sitting Circle:
Sylvia Pinnington 822216
- Bat Helpline 01992 581442
- Beavers: 6-8 years old,
Angie Adamson 01763 849902
- Bell Ringing: Braughing: Paul Currie 822026 , Standon: Tracey Coley 823886.
- Bishop's Stortford Railway Society:
Barry Bridges 438586
- Bowls Club: Andy Mansfield 07976 237050 or
standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com
- Braughing Birdwatching Group
Paula Moore 07983 326163
paulaandpaul@btinternet.com
- Braughing Cricket Club & Colts: Peter Hobson 07874 868691
braughingcricketclub@yahoo.co.uk
- Braughing Get Together: Marion Saunders 821530
- Braughing Local History Society:
Tricia Lilley 07851 640315
- Braughing Playing Field Association
Trust: Graham Frary 07855 834862
grahamfrary@tiscali.co.uk
- Braughing WI: Kate Fish 822397
- Bridge Clubs:
Sue Dailly 823692
- Brownies: Register your daughter's interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - general enquiries to: (Roger de Clare lunch club): Louise 07971 800443. (evening unit): firstsandpbrownies@gmail.com
- Budding Babes: Tracy 01920 824041
- Buntingford Bird Club: Tim Robinson, 01763 243143
- Buntingford Choir:
info@buntingfordchoir.co.uk
- Buntingford Heritage Centre:
Jenny Dingley 01763 273002
- Carols Round the Tree (Standon):
Caroline Franks 822723
- Carpet Bowls:
Mike Bennett
Mikebennett12@aol.com
- Church Choir Braughing: Church office 823832
- Church Choir, Standon with the Mundens and Sacombe: Michael Smith 821281
- Conservative Assn:
David Andrews 823836
- Cubs: Wednesday Cheetah pack Derek Goodall 01763 273149,
Tuesday Puma Pack: Jackie Andrews 01763 247675
- Dance Classes - Rhythm & Poise School of Dance: Ballet: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535 & Tap, Modern & Jazz: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224
- Dance JAM Academy:
Julie McPartland 07971 699615
julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk
- Dog Training: Jan Mann 823475
- Dominoes: Axe & Compasses, Braughing - Graham Frary 821715
- East Herts Aviation Society: Steve Morgan
stevemorgan125@btinternet.com
- Embroidery Group: Barbara Norris 822104
- Folk Music Club:
Stortfolk 01279 656664
- Friends of Braughing Church:
Clive Marshall Trustee:
chef@marshallclan.com
- Golf Club (East Herts):
Secretary 821978
- Guides: Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - general enquiries to Louise 07971 800443.
- Hares Football Club:
01763 848449
- Health Centre: 823860
- Hertford & Ware Railway Society: Stuart Moye 467132
- Hertfordshire Holly: Mixed Clog Morris: Mary Deeks 822905
- Herts & Essex Architectural Research Society:
Kath Pollard 01708 473646
- High Cross & Thundridge WI: Marilyn Pritchard 01992 553414
- Hospital Transport for the Elderly:
Wendy Smith 07922 519174
- Jenyns First School & Nursery: 821461
- Karate Club: Clive 01763 231132
- Kettlebell Exercise Classes: Sue Prior 07854 316628
- Labour Party:
Frederick Perkins 822454
- Liberal Democrats:
David Albinson 822640
- Lipreading classes:
Louise Reed 821401
- Little Hadham Primary School: 01279 771285
- Mayday Committee:
Sue Spalding 821624 or
Rachel Law
rachelaw79@yahoo.co.uk
- Mercury Correspondent: Braughing: Clive Marshall 822167
- Pantomime Group, Braughing: Peter Walsingham 823265
- Parish Paths Partnership: Braughing - Paul Moore 07785 762748, Standon - John Harris 07740 306189
- Penny Constantinou Accessible Yoga, Pre, Post Natal & Baby Yoga, Baby Massage. 07944 416572
penny@yogaforallherts.com
- Pet Care: Mrs Harvey 822814
- Petanque: Brown Bear, Braughing - Steve Banfield landlord@brownbearbraughing.co.uk
- Pets TLC: 822705
- Phoenix Moon Productions
enquiries@phoenixmoonproductions.co.uk
- Photographic Society (Ware): Barbara Norris 822104
- Railway & Local History Society (Buntingford): Stephen Ruff 01763 289516
- Rainbows: Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - enquiries

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Write for details and an application form to:
Helen SurrIDGE , Clerk to Standon Charities,
clerk@standoncharities.org.uk
www.standoncharities.org.uk

Braughing Housing Association

The Braughing Housing Association was established in 1965 for elderly Braughing residents finding themselves in need of a home.

There are six flatlets consisting of bed/sitting room, kitchen and bathroom, suitable for single tenancy.

Enquiries can be made by emailing
braughinghousingassociation@gmail.com

to sandprainbows1@outlook.com
 Ramblers (Royston & Dist):
 David Allard 01763 242677
 Red Yoga: 07590 964016
 Royal British Legion:
 Standon: Ron Edwards 464218
 Ralph Sadleir Assn:
 sandie@sandibevents.co.uk
 Ranger Girl Guides (14+ years),
 Wednesday, Rosanne Kenealy 01920
 821304
 Rib Valley Gymnastics Club: Andrea
 Allen 07989 980038
 Roger de Clare School Association: Sarah
 Gillingwater 823129 or Sam Risley
 823477
 Sadleir Drama Club:
 Liz Pickup 01763 289446
 Explorer Scouts: 14-18 year olds,
 Wednesday Buntingford Unit
 Christine Pestle 07711 506381,
 Friday Ware Unit: Jim Campbell
 01920 461134
 Scout & Guide Band:
 01920 823163

Scout Troop: 10½-14 years old, Derek
 Goodall 01763 273149,
 S.P.I.N.S. Pre-School: 07881 533339
 St. Thomas of Canterbury Primary School
 PTA: C/o School 821450
 Standon Morris: Catherine Ward 07808
 969379
 Standon & Puckeridge Health Centre:
 823860
 Standon & Puckeridge Community
 Centre: Contact
clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Standon Village Hall - Denis Olliver
 01279 842625
 Swimming Club (Buntingford): David
 Carr 07966 508156
 Tai Chi: Mrs A Manwaring 822041
 Tennis Club:
 Braughing:
 Karen Gore 07860 484878
 Standon:
 Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152
 Three Villages Eco Group:
 Trish Street 01920 821069

Ware District Trefoil Guild
 Mandy Challis (Chairman),
WareDistrictTrefoil@gmail.com
 07766 086137
 Twinning Assn (Buntingford):
 Mary Deeks 822905
 University of the 3rd Age:
 Barbara Norris 822104
 Veterans Football Club:
 Paul Mayne 822615
 Craig Gardner 823805
 Ware and District 41 Club:
 Peter Warren 01920 824099
 Ware Swimming Club:
 Chris Buck 07947 322808
 Ware U3A:
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 07952 066748
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nicola@waspsclub.com
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and many of the houses in:

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E-mail: john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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