

Hospital Transport Scheme **Braughing Fair and Wheelbarrow Race** **Saturday 4 September.**

The hospital transport scheme offers a much needed service for patients registered with the Health Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge who need help to reach medical appointments including, but not exclusively, hospital outpatient, dental, health centre and optician appointments.

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Our drivers are all volunteers, we are not a taxi service, and although we will try our best we may not be able to accommodate your request.

If you would like to find out more about the scheme, request a driver or volunteer your services please contact Wendy Smith on the dedicated phone 07922 519174

Drivers are paid expenses, based on the miles driven. It is a great way to meet interesting people and support the community in a very practical way.

The Braughing Fair and Wheelbarrow Race is usually held in early July, the organising committee felt that July was probably too early and too soon after Covid restrictions being lifted for the event this year.

We are therefore planning for the event to go ahead on Saturday 4 September. Of course, this is dependent on there being no reintroduction of restrictions due to the pandemic.

As well as the usual wheelbarrow races, a number of favourite stalls and events have already Fspins

been booked including:

- Bar, run by Friends of Jenyns;
- Food stalls including barbecue, pizza, paella and vegetarian/vegan;
- Dog show;
- Falconry display;
- Gin stall (Copper in the Clouds);
- Jam/preserves stall;
- Rides and bouncy castle;
- Tea and cakes in the church hall;
- Face Painting;
- Jewellery stall.

If you are interested in having a stall for your society or charity, please email stalls@braughingwheelbarrowrace.com and if you would like to get involved in the event, please contact us at info@braughingwheelbarrowrace.com.

Alternatively, if you would like to sponsor the event, please get in touch via the Facebook page or by emailing info@braughingwheelbarrowrace.com.

Braughing and Wheelbarrow Race Team

Plants, plants, plants

Over the Easter weekend the plant sale at Omega, Standon, raised £2,228 for the Friends of St. Mary's. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event such a success - beyond our hopes or expectations.

A further plant sale will be held in the Church over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend, from Friday 28 May to Monday 31 May, 10am to 5pm. It is hoped that refreshments will also be available, Covid restrictions permitted.

I would be delighted to hear from anyone able to supply plants. You might be reading this after the event, in which case we look forward to seeing you at Standon Open Gardens on Saturday 10 July.

Helena Spencer 07974 583832

Sheila Williams

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind messages and donations sent in memory of my mum.

A special thanks to Caroline Franks and Michael Smith for the very personal service they managed to arrange in very difficult times.

Donations collected

Friends of St Mary's £287.50
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Thank you and kind regards
Elizabeth Barnes

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Standon Parish Council News

Standon Parish Council Web Site:

The website is the official Parish Council information distribution point. It has lots of useful information and you are urged to take a look. PC meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month except December and August in the Lankester Lounge, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre.

Covid-19 pandemic:

Please do adhere to Government instruction. The Village Hall and the Community Centre continue to ensure the safety of facility users and will adhere to Central Government instructions regarding use and opening.

Parish Council vacancy:

We are sorry to report that Cllr Pat Foot will be moving out of the area in the near future. Pat has been an excellent Councillor, and has provided exemplary service to the Parish during her time as a Councillor. We will be very sorry to see Pat go, but wish her well in her new home and community.

This will mean the Parish Council will have a vacancy. If this is a role which would be of interest to you, please do make contact.

Bee careful at Standon Playground!

The playground has a mason bee nest under the slide. Please ensure your children stay away and do not venture over the orange security fencing.

Whilst we anticipate Central Government lifting elements of Covid limitations, please ensure you adhere to Government instruction. It is in the interests of all that everyone keeps to regulations on spacing and hygiene both before entering the playground, regularly whilst playing, and when you leave the playground, so that all users are protected.

Volunteers:

We are always keen to hear from public-spirited individuals who want to make a difference in the community, and especially those with practical skills. If you want to volunteer to help maintain the village furniture or keep benches clear of vegetation, please do contact the Clerk.

Climate Change and Ecological Emergency

Many Districts have declared this emergency. If you have concerns in this area and want to help guide the Parish Council to improve the situation locally, please do make contact and attend a Parish Council meeting.

Dogs out of control:

There have been a number of reported incidents involving dogs biting people and other dogs. The Police advice is to contact them, and depending on the severity of the incident, this should be a '999' call. If it is less serious, please call '101'.

Dogs out of control which bite will be dealt with under the Dangerous Dogs

Act. If you know that your dog cannot be trusted around people or dogs, please seek advice from the RSPCA about how best to manage your dog. Please consider muzzling and keeping your dog on a lead. If a dog is considered to be dangerously out of control the ultimate price the dog will pay is its destruction if the Courts so instruct.

Further, dogs which worry livestock or game can legally be shot by the owner of the stock or a gamekeeper. Please keep your dog on a lead when livestock are in a field which you are either walking or adjacent to. This applies to cows and sheep, and also pheasants and deer.

Litter and dog fouling:

The Parish Council would ask that all residents take responsibility for their litter and dog fouling. Every time EHDC undertakes litter picking and monitoring dog waste, it is a further charge on you, the resident, on your Council Tax. If dog fouling on the Memorial Field remains a problem, the Parish Council may have to consider banning dogs. It is up to dog owners to clean up after their dogs to ensure the cleanliness of the site. If you know of a dog owner who fails to pick up, please report directly to EHDC.

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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.

Highways reporting:

You can report highways faults directly to Herts County Council by telephone on 0300 123 4047, or through the Herts Direct web site at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/highways/hhonlineservices/hfr/>

Do you have something you want to raise?

If you do, please contact me and I will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Belinda Irons, Clerk email: clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 07458 302863

Councillors: Chris Leage (chairman), Richard Boxall, Acland Bryant, Claudia Chalkley, Graham Cowell, Sally Crook, Pat Foot, Tony Hall, Michael Marshall, and Maureen Wren.

Herts County Councillors: David Andrews: Standon Ward, Jeff Jones: Puckeridge Ward

East Herts District Councillors: David Andrews: Standon Ward, Tony Hall: Puckeridge Ward

East Hertfordshire Aviation Society

Our next two meetings are as follows:-

7 June at 7.30pm or 8.00pm to be decided - Mike Pugh-Davies - "The War over Korea". This talk will be via Zoom.

28 June time to be confirmed - David Gibbs - "Hunsdon Airfield". Subject to Covid measures being reintroduced, this meeting is planned to take place inside the Axe & Compasses public house, Braughing. We are planning that soon after this talk a guided tour of the airfield will be made available to members.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member (no fee) merely by logging into our next event and thereafter hopefully coming along to the Axe & Compasses, Braughing (this assumes we are allowed safely to resume our activities there), please contact me. I shall then let you have the necessary log-in details. My email is Rogerstainton@icloud.com. Further details about the society are described on the society's webpage on www.braughing.org.uk.

Once meetings in person are resumed we ask for a £3 contribution to cover costs.

Roger Stainton
Society secretary

Garden help wanted

Grass cutting and general tidying for elderly lady in Puckeridge High Street.

Please call Joan on 01920 822351 if you could help.

Braughing Women's Institute

It is a year now since Braughing Women's Institute have been able to hold a meeting but members have kept in touch via Email and phone calls. We all miss the personal contact and the speakers but look forward to opening up again as soon as allowed.

Members have, during the year, been busy making Beanie hats, for Crisis for Christmas. This year over 100 hats, wrist gloves and head bands were donated to the charity as well as 30 hats and some gloves were given to the East Herts Council supporting homeless centres in Stansted Abbots and Sawbridgeworth.

We now look forward to the lighter evenings and better weather when hopefully we can all continue our monthly meetings again.

Best wishes. Joan Glazebrook

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We are a successful group offering a fun and imaginative practical programme of scouting to all young people (boys and girls) between the ages of 6 and 14½. We have the only scouting band within Hertfordshire.

Although the past 12 months have been very challenging, our wonderful core team of leaders have continued to successfully provide remote activities for cubs and beavers. They have taken part in virtual camps which included fire lighting; campfires; built dens and a huge range of other fun activities together with many badges being gained all within their own homes and gardens. Lots of fun in difficult times. As Covid-19 restrictions ease, we are now able to return to face-to-face scouting (currently with some restrictions) – HOORAY!

Unfortunately, we have been unable to provide anything for the scout troop over the past 12 months, and our scout

leadership team are unable to commit to a weekly return. Previously, this was a successful troop with more than 30 young people, we also have at least 8 cubs ready and overdue to go up to scouts. The scout troop will be able to return to meeting in Braughing at Jenyns School from September 2021, whilst for the rest of the summer term the scouts could be meeting outdoors, doing things like building fires and cooking.

So, we are looking for volunteers who are interested in supporting our group:

- have you previously run a scout group,
- would you like to lead or assist with the troop,
- are you a parent with a young person in cubs or beavers,
- do you have a child who you want to have the opportunities that scouting offers,
- could you help occasionally,
- are you new to the area and want to make friends?

You would not be taking this on alone, as a group our leaders support each other's activities and would welcome and support new helpers with training provided.

If scouts (age 10 and a half to 14 and a half) aren't quite for you but you would be interested in assisting with cubs (8-10 and half) or beaver (age 6 to 8) we would welcome you.

If you would like to come and visit our cub or beaver meetings to see if it is for you, we will be outside for the rest of this term at Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre on Tuesday evenings, or around and about in Braughing on Wednesday's evening please contact us.

Not sure how you'd like to help yet, or how much time you have to give? Don't worry.

We can be flexible, as we are also looking for volunteers with skills to help our group regenerate after the pandemic. There are roles not directly involving the young people. We are particularly keen to find a new treasurer as our current one retires after 10 years very soon, help with publicity, or help organise an activity?

Are you interested in music? Our scout band would welcome your help (once we are allowed to play again), you will have seen us leading the carnival parades in Buntingford and Ware or Remembrance Services in Braughing and Standon.

Getting involved may help you gain new skills useful for a career change.



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One in six men

This Father's Day won't be a day full of celebration for everyone. Did you know that 1 in 6 men will experience some form of domestic abuse in their lifetime? That might surprise you, but for the c750,000 men in the UK who are victims each year, it's very real indeed.

Around half of the men who experience domestic abuse don't tell anyone they're a victim. Sadly, as with mental health, we live in a society where there is a stigma around men reaching out for support. How often have you heard someone say, 'man up'? It's incredibly unhelpful and does nothing other than make men feel ashamed and embarrassed to ask for help or report abuse.

Domestic abuse has the same terrible impact on men and women: physically, emotionally, sexually and financially. It certainly does not discriminate. Over the past five years, on average 12 men per year have been killed by a partner or ex-partner. Male domestic abuse is a very real problem. Being a victim is not a sign

of weakness. No one deserves it. If you're in an abusive relationship, you might think:

- I won't be believed.
- No one will support me.
- I have no idea where I stand legally, especially with my children.
- People will think my partner just has me 'under the thumb' and laugh at me.
- Admitting I'm being abused makes me less of a 'real man'.

NONE OF THIS IS TRUE. It can be a hard thing to do, but the first step is to talk. Our trained call takers listen without judgement and will signpost you to help, whether it be financial or legal, counselling, family support or housing advice. Our Helpline is confidential, anonymous and you do not have to give any more details than you want to. It's a safe space to talk through your options.

If you're experiencing domestic abuse, call us FREE on 08 088 088 088 (Mon to Fri 9am to 9pm, Sat and Sun 9am to 4pm) or email kim@mailpurple.org.

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Reports are being received, we've personally heard of incidents in the Hertford and Hoddesdon areas.

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FORQ's rearranged public meeting, held over Zoom, took place in the evening of 17 March. The FORQ Executive Committee were delighted that our Honorary President, Rt Hon Sir Oliver Heald QC MP, was able to attend.

In his opening remarks, Sir Oliver spoke about his childhood connection with chalk streams and the pressures on chalk streams today. He gave details of the interest in the subject in parliament and other bodies, especially in relation to sewage pollution problems. He spoke about the interest in the Charles Rangeley-Wilson proposal to stop abstracting the aquifer and instead to take water from the lower Lea and Colne.

Sir Oliver also mentioned; his support for the Chalk Aquifer Alliance (CAA); the River Lea partnership; the discussions with Affinity Water at parliamentary level; and with the minister responsible. He gave details of the Private Members' Bill put forward by the Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP, on sewage pollution, which is now going through Parliament as an

amendment to the Government's Environment Bill.

Sir Oliver said he felt that we were making progress in raising awareness of the plight of our chalk streams, particularly in getting the legal framework in place.

FORQ Chair, Mark Wilkinson then gave a presentation, assisted by other FORQ Executive Committee members, looking at FORQ's objectives, contacts, the work the Executive Committee have been able to do in the last year and their plans for 2021, once Covid-19 restrictions start to ease.

Cllr Brian Lemay gave an update on the Buntingford Town Council's River Rib Improvement Project.

A recording was made of the meeting, which is available via the FORQ website.

New volunteer roles

A focus of the public meeting was a request for volunteers. We are very grateful to the people who have already put their names forward and have identified some roles and ways supporters can help. If you think you could help, please let us know by emailing forqcomms@gmail.com

The River Quin from Barkway to Braughing

The FORQ executive are extremely grateful to member Peter Sinclair, who spent the winter months and early spring undertaking the massive task of surveying the River Quin from its source to where it meets the Rib just outside Braughing.

Peter has documented all his findings, which provide a fascinating read on the FORQ website, see <https://friendsoftherib.wordpress.com/the-river-quin-from-barkway-to-braughing/>

Chalk Aquifer Alliance Talks

The CAA has continued to hold regular talks. The latest, held on 5 May was by Theo Thomas, who is also known as the London Waterkeeper. Theo's talk was entitled "Power, accountability and saving our rivers". Recordings of all CAA talks are available on their website.

Useful links:-

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Friends of St Mary's, Standon

Subject to possible future Covid restrictions we are hoping to hold some events - fingers crossed!

AGM - Friday 25 June from 7:30 pm in St. Mary's Church, Standon

There will be a short meeting (around 15 minutes) followed by a talk by Roy Tricker who is an expert in local churches and is a fascinating speaker. This will be followed by refreshments. There will be no charge for this event but a donation would be very welcome.

Open Gardens - Saturday 10 July from 11am - 6pm

We hope to once again hold this hugely successful local venture allowing visitors to wander around some of the most beautiful gardens in Standon. FOSM will be laying on entertainment and refreshments in various locations on the route.

We urgently need help on Open Gardens day. Tasks might include selling tickets in the High Street, helping with the teas in the village hall, selling plants on the plant stall etc. If you could spare an hour

or two please could you contact Diana Dale on 07718 734897.

We would be very grateful for any donations of plants for the plant stall. Please could you telephone Helena Spencer on 07974 583832 before 10 July so she can give all the details.

Safari Supper - Friday 6 August

A return of the very popular three course dinner (each course to be held in a different location in Standon). The cost is £35 per person which includes the meal and wines. Tickets from Diana Dale on 07718 734897.

Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club

Now is the time to find your tennis racket and come down to the Community Centre for a game of tennis. We have 3 excellent all weather courts that have recently been refurbished.

PAY TO PLAY is available to all, if you just want to use a court, £5 ph or £2.50 for juniors. We even have availability at weekends. Contact Keith Bradshaw on 01920 821152.

COACHING we have a new Head Coach, Cliff Devonshire, who is an LTA level 4 performance coach. Cliff has introduced new coaching programs for all types of player from juniors to experienced Club members.

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SPINS Pre-School and Toddler Group

We are thrilled to be up to full capacity, welcoming both new and existing families.

Our main focus has been researching new life. The children are now able to make links of the components required and aftercare that plants need.

Their little green fingers, have been busy planting Cress and Sunflowers. As luck would have it, the children encountered the arrival of Mason Bees, the experts in pollination. The Mason Bees decided to make their temporary home in the children's much loved slide, a sacrifice welcomed in return for respectfully spectating the busy bees activity from a distance so as not to disturb them.

We also focused on the story of The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, which timed perfectly with our very own Caterpillars.

We shared the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and the children looked closely how a bean can essentially start the process of germination without soil... now that's magic!

We compared the many ways you can sow seeds, not just with tiny fingers but with huge tractors and a vintage Massey Ferguson once used in field operations.

The Spins Team are making preparations for the new Curriculum and have many exciting ideas on meeting the guidelines for September which fundamentally will provide tailor made learning for our children.

Places are now limited for September 2021 and we would encourage you to enrol now should you wish to be part of The Spins Pre-School Community.

We are extremely thrilled to have resumed with our Toddler Group on a Monday morning. As you can imagine, demand continues to be high, both April and May sessions being fully booked, however, we are hoping to be given the go ahead on 21 June to offer this group to everyone just leaving 3 sessions prior to breaking for the Summer.

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A Good Knight Story

One of the things often said about Sir Ralph Sadleir, Standon's most famous resident, is that he died the richest commoner in the country. we may never know the truth of this statement but he was an extremely wealthy man while, at the same time, remaining a commoner; despite many years' loyal service at the highest level to Henry VIII, Edward VI and Elizabeth I, he was never elevated to the peerage by being made a Duke, Earl or Marquis. The one honour that was bestowed was to be created a Knight Banneret; but what exactly was that?

Originally, a Knight Banneret was a medieval knight, usually from France or England, who was allowed to display in the field a square banner or flag (as distinct from the tapering flag of a simple knight). In 13th-century England any commander of a troop of 10 or more lances who was not a Count or an Earl was usually a banneret. However, by Sir Ralph's time the style had become a title of honour. It was usually conferred by the sovereign on the field of battle. Should the sovereign not be present, then, as long as his or her standard was on the field, it could be conferred by the sovereign's proxy. The title is not to be confused with a baronet, which was not established until 1611.

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Sir Ralph was created a Knight Banneret after the Battle of Pinkie which took place on 10th September 1547 on the banks of the River Esk near Musselburgh in Scotland. It was the last pitched battle between English and Scottish armies and is considered to have been the first modern battle in the British Isles. It resulted in a disastrous defeat for Scotland where it became known as 'Black Saturday'. Sir Ralph, for his 'ready forwardness in the chiefest of the fray', was awarded the honour by Edward Seymour, 1st Duke of Somerset (also 1st Earl of Hertford) who was Lord Protector of England during the minority of his nephew, King Edward VI. It was one of the last battles at which the honour was bestowed. Sir Ralph returned from the battle with the Scottish banner, the pole of which still hangs above his tomb in the chancel of St Mary's along with a replica of the original banner.

Meanwhile, the appeal to raise money for the refurbishment of the tombs of Sir Ralph and his son, Sir Thomas, is going well. We have so far raised nearly £23,000 thanks to numerous donations. As long as we can increase that to £27,500 we are hoping that conservators, Sally Strachey Historic Conservation, can start work on the tombs in August this year or soon after. For further details on the project or to learn more about Sir Ralph, please visit our website www.sadleirtombs.org.

Toby Spencer
sadleirtombs@gmail.com

The Hundred Parishes Society

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As summer arrives, we hope that readers will continue to enjoy the walks listed on the website www.hundredparishes.org.uk. These varied routes provide a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the variety of wildflowers growing in field margins, hedgerows, verges, churchyards and village greens.

After this season's chilly start, the warmer days have encouraged an abundance of flowers to provide essential nectar and pollen to support visiting pollinators. With the increasing concern about the alarming reduction in insect numbers, many of those caring for green spaces have adopted the 'NO MOW IN MAY' approach to grass maintenance, where the uncut grassy places can support a surprisingly large number of different native species. Their flowers add variety to these areas and the bees benefit as well!

Wayside plants such as Stinging Nettles, Goosegrass (the long, hairy plant that sticks to your socks) and Cow Parsley thrive alongside lanes and tracks. Cow parsley, with its splay of tiny white flowers, can grow as high as a person. A touch of pink is often added by the flowers of Red Campion, also known as Bachelor's Buttons as it

might have been worn as a buttonhole by unmarried men.

Common bright yellow flowers include Dandelions and the shiny golden petals of a great variety of Buttercups. The tall Ox-eye Daisy is often present where wildflower mixtures have been sown. In recent years these have become a common sight beside new roadways.

The types of wild flower I have listed can be seen and enjoyed almost everywhere in the Hundred Parishes. There are many more varieties to be seen and occasionally something quite rare. For smart phone users there are apps to help with identification, but we do not have to be experts to appreciate and enjoy nature's abundance.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

Standon Village Lunch

Isn't it great to be enjoying some easing up of the restrictions, with more to come soon! Sadly though nothing yet means we can resume our Village Lunches and it's a shame we are missing the opportunities to get together for a tasty meal in convivial company in the Village Hall.

We'll carry on monitoring the rules of course and very much hope we'll be able to plan another lunch in some form later this year. Meantime we wish you a pleasant start to the summer. Stay safe.

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Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club

The winter and spring has seen a lot of behind the scenes planning to ensure that the planned start date of 1 May 2021 was achieved – AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SAY THAT ITS WAS!!.- The first 'roll up' for club members was held on a sunny but crisp Mayday and by the time you read this we hopefully have put the last of the restrictions behind us and we will be welcoming teams from across the county for both friendly and East Herts League matches

Our Open Day (29 May) might have been and gone but If you want to find out what Bowls is all about contact our Secretary on standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com find out why this game is great to play and how to get involved

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

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/> is fully up-to date and full 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

All about us:

We are a small and friendly club that encourages all ages and abilities to get involved in the sport of Lawn Bowls

We play friendly matches, usually at weekends and a whole range of club competitions throughout the season

Our competitive side is focussed around participation in the East Herts Bowls League:

The Men's team play in the 3rd Division, and we are looking for more lady members so that we can aspire towards a lady's league team as well.

In addition, our Club Tournaments are always a highlight of the season and our Finals Day is a great end to a very busy season.

Lawn Bowls is a sport which is open to everyone and it is one of the only sports where age is no barrier and anyone (male or female) can contribute to the success of the team. Our club house and ground set in the Station Road Playing Fields, close to the Community Centre is a great place to play with 4 rinks that see a lot of



healthy competition over the summer months.

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

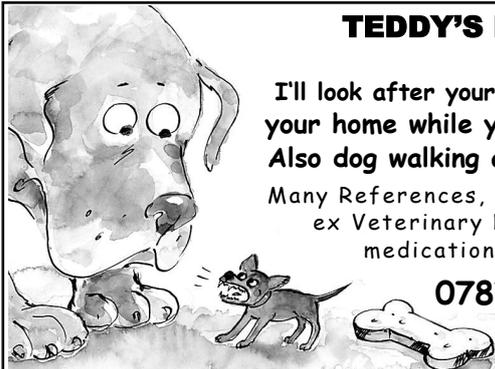


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For the first time in the history of the club Sadleir Drama Club was forced to stand in the wings unable to tread the boards for over a year due to Covid. Like most amateur dramatic clubs we are keen to get back to what we enjoy doing – choosing plays, rehearsing, set-building and performing to our local audience. We are making plans to put on a show this Autumn and we are hoping to offer some much-needed entertainment and laughter. We can't wait to welcome you back to Standon Village Hall!

Please put the dates in your diary for the Sadleir Drama Club Autumn Production

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If you are someone who likes to come along to our plays or are new to the area perhaps 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 contact me, and let me know your address or, preferably, your email address. We will not share or pass on your details without your consent.

You can follow all the latest news and view photos of our past productions on our new website.

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Liz Pickup, Secretary, Sadleir Drama Club. 01763 289446 or info@sadleirdrama.com

Accessible Yoga – Anyone can do it

Some of you will know me for teaching prenatal, postnatal and baby yoga as well as baby massage in the area for the last 15 years. Whilst continuing that, I am also now offering Accessible Yoga for people with underlying health conditions, seniors

and those wanting a gentle class. We all know that gentle movement combined with a positive outlook is a great way of staying healthy as you get older. The late Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. Robert Butler said 'if exercise could be packed into a pill, it would be the single most widely prescribed and beneficial medicine in the nation'.

I am currently teaching on Zoom on Fridays at 3.30 and hope to set up a face-to-face class locally from the summer onwards. In addition to my 200- hour yoga qualification, I am also qualified in teaching exercise to seniors, teaching yoga for seniors and chair yoga. Some clients choose or are only able to do all the class sitting in a chair, others enjoy some standing moves with the chair for support and others also enjoy some stretches on their backs. Current clients attend with joint pain/replacements, cancer, heart, lung and blood pressure conditions, chronic back pain, arthritis, fibromyalgia to name but a few. Some attend because they enjoy the stretching, breathing, relaxation, positivity and chatting to others.

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Girlguiding Shield Mystery

When I was District Commissioner for Girlguiding Ware, a very old competition shield came into my possession.

It was first awarded in 1929 and finally (after a 3 year break for the war, I guess) in 1944. However, there are no clues as to what competition the shield was for. I would like to try and find out more about it.

As it was won 3 times by a group from Standon & Puckeridge, I submit this article in the hope that there is still somebody locally who may remember it. I appreciate that as it was last awarded in 1944, this likelihood is ever decreasing as the years move on.

I have tried searching Girlguiding and press archives as well as asking members of Ware District Trefoil Guild but, more than 14 years later, I still am yet to come across anybody who can enlighten me.

What competition was it for? Was it awarded to Guides or Brownies? It could even have been a Scout group, in which case, goodness knows how I ended up with it!

If you can help discover the history behind the shield, please email me: WareDistrictTrefoil@gmail.com. If I can solve the mystery, I can make sure it is stored in a more appropriate place than the corner of my attic.

Mandy Challis
Chairman, Ware District Trefoil Guild



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Frost in the Vineyard



A lot of people have asked me about the recent frosts we have had this April. Frost is the biggest issue, in my opinion, in British viticulture. If we have a warm March the vines bud burst and grow beautifully. We can then get a

frost in April which can “burn” the vines and although they will continue to grow they will produce very few grapes. This is the issue the French producers have had this year and this happened to our vineyard last year.

During this Spring it has been very cold so the vines have not (at the time of writing this article) as yet bud burst so the recent frosts have not affected the vines. Let’s see what happens, last year we had an extremely late frost on 15 May so fingers crossed!

What can we do to avoid this problem? We can burn bougie candles but these are expensive and our neighbours may not be impressed. In New Zealand they use giant wind turbines to move the air but with only 2,300 vines this solution is obviously not cost effective. Hoping for the best is our only option!

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We have pruned the apple orchard and the trees are growing nicely. Frost is not so much of an issue for the orchard as we have nine different varieties of trees and they flower at different times so we should have a harvest to make our dry sparkling cider.

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We are now in the process of riddling and disgorging our

2018 vintage. We were very lucky in 2018, we had no late frosts, it was a lovely hot sunny summer which continued into September so the sugar content in the grapes was very high. We have been disgorging both our Rose and Blanc de Blancs wines. We do this by first riddling the wine for a fortnight (turning the bottles so the yeast settles into the neck of the bottles) and then freeze the neck of the bottle before removing the crown cap which “explodes” off the bottle with the yeast attached. A small amount of dosage is then added to each bottle (this is a solution of wine and sugar) and the cap is replaced with a cork and muzzle. The wine is then laid down for another three months before being labelled and is ready for market.

During the month of April we disgorged over 2,000 bottles. We do every process by hand and by the end of the day I am totally covered in wine and yeast and am completely exhausted.

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The Photographic Society has continued to meet via ZOOM which has allowed the Society to have lecturers from far and wide. The Society recently competed in the final of the Melbourn Trophy and was successful once again. The best image was judged to be "Passing Storm, Hayden Valley" by Mark Sims (see right). The Society also competed in the Enfield Craft Cup and was joint 2nd.

The season finishes at the end of May but hopes to have one or two visits during the summer months. The new season commences on Wednesday 8 September at 8.00pm hopefully at Thundridge Village Hall. We have a very interesting programme for 2021/22 including a variety of lectures, competitions and one or two workshops to help the less experienced with their photography. Help and advice are readily available from the experience of other members who produce colour, monochrome prints and projected digital images. Details of the new programme will appear on our website in due course. We are also planning to hold our Annual Exhibition (including hand embroideries) this year on Saturday 20 November at Thundridge Village Hall so we hope you will come along and be inspired.



Passing Storm - Hayden Valley by Mark Sims

We are always looking for new members and given the number of photographs in Parish magazines and the Mercury, we hope that some of you will decide to join the Society. To encourage you we offer the first 3 weeks free! If you are interested, then why not give me a ring (01920 822104) or Mark Sims, our President (01920 411458 or Mobile: 07712 898 525).

Barbara Norris
Secretary

From the Rector

Hope is in the air! We have hope in the vaccine as more and more are vaccinated and hope as the covid infection rate decreases. It has been such a tough year for us all but again we see hope as the pubs in the village open for outdoor service, soon to include indoors as well. The hope we have is a return to something like normal life with all the human joys of close contact, eating together, travelling, sharing and helping



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one another. The things we see now give us great hope for a better future.

The Christian idea of hope is also quite like this. Hope in the Christian faith is rooted in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the gospel accounts we see the great hope of death defeated, sins forgiven and communion with God restored. Yet we also know (like covid) that we are not quite there yet. We have hope that resurrection life will be completed with everlasting life in the joyful presence of God. We can know this in part now. The Christian experience is that we have returned into God's presence, that he makes himself known and that there is new life. But the fulness is yet to come.

It may seem strange to compare Christian hope with the relief we are feeling as covid retreats, but there is a similarity. Hope is springing up anew and true hope is always of God. Yet always to hope there needs to be added another virtue: wisdom. In the Christian life wisdom is from the Holy Spirit. But in many ways we may call it common sense. One feature of common sense is that it is not always common! This wisdom is needed in both everyday life

and Christian life. For example we need wisdom as Christians to understand how suffering fits into our new life as Christians. And as citizens together we need wisdom to respond wisely to the retreat of covid. We need to be wise enough not to overdo things, wise enough not to be unnecessarily afraid of meeting others and wisdom to carry on with vaccination and other health matters.

I trust that we can be hopeful and yet temper our hope with wisdom as we go forward together.

With all best wishes

John Chitham

Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe

It has been 15 months since our last Community Cafe but I am hoping that by the Autumn we will be able to resume our monthly get togethers without too many restrictions.

Please put a note in your calendars for Wednesday 6 October and then keep an eye out for an update in the next issue of PS News and on local notice boards.

Whilst I am happy running the Community Cafe I often wonder what would happen if I couldn't open up if I was unwell, and we do at times have to miss a month if I plan to be away. It would be great if there was someone who would like to work with me. It doesn't have to be every month but it would be nice to know there was someone whom I could call upon if I couldn't be there for any reason.

Anyone interested would have to feel comfortable opening up, setting up the urn/coffee machine etc and tidying up and locking up afterwards. Obviously, I would initially work alongside anyone who is interested, to show them the ropes.

If you think you might be interested in helping out, or would just like to know more about the Community Cafe, please get in touch.

Hopefully we will see one another in October, in the meantime stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes

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Stop Stansted Expansion has announced its intention to bring an end to almost 19 years of campaigning under the SSE banner, to be replaced by Stansted Airport Watch (SAW). The proposed rebranding of SSE forms part of a number of changes to be recommended for approval at the annual general meeting (AGM) of SSE's parent organisation next month. [

SSE Chairman, Peter Sanders, explained the rationale for the changes as follows:

"Regardless of the outcome of the recent Public Inquiry, it is very unlikely that Stansted will apply for any further increase in its capacity for many years to come. As a result of Covid-19, the current planning cap of 35 million passengers per annum is not expected to be reached within the next decade and it is questionable whether permission to grow to 43mppa – i.e. the issue at stake at the Public Inquiry – will ever be needed."

In the 12 months to 31 March, Stansted handled just 3 million passengers compared to 28 million in 2019, before air travel was decimated by the pandemic.

In addition to the expected long-term impact of Covid-19 on air travel, there is growing recognition that the UK will not

be able to meet its statutory target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 unless aviation emissions are brought under much tighter control. This almost certainly means that aviation growth, at Stansted and elsewhere, will need to be constrained.

Peter Sanders continued: "In the current circumstances it's questionable whether 'Stop Stansted Expansion' continues to be an appropriate name for our campaign. It's also important to note that, over the years, SSE has done far more than just dealing with the threat of expansion, for example, campaigning on night flights, on changes to flight paths, on aviation policy and taxation, on climate change, on the phasing out of noisier aircraft, on homeowner mitigation and compensation, and far more besides."

All of that work will continue to be necessary and the view of the SSE committee is that this is the right time to re-focus the campaign on the task ahead. Rather than having to oppose expansion proposals, the need will be to ensure that the airport's authorised operations cause as little harm as possible and, wherever possible, are managed so as to reduce harm.

A further reason for the new organisation is to help bring about a changing of the guard within SSE. Most of the current members of the SSE committee have been in place since the campaign group was established in 2002. If there were to be another threat of airport expansion in,

say, ten years' time, the current team would not be the best people to handle that challenge. The current hiatus, caused by Covid-19, provides an opportunity to start passing the baton to the next generation, allowing new blood to learn and gain experience of dealing with the key issues.

Peter Sanders concluded: "SSE has notched up some considerable successes since it was established in 2002 but now is exactly the right time to refocus and rejuvenate the campaign for the longer term. I have no doubt that Stansted Airport Watch - SAW - will be every bit as effective as SSE and, as its name implies, will be ever-vigilant in seeking to minimise the negative impacts of the airport upon the local community and the environment."

Peter Sanders will himself be standing down as Chairman of SSE at this year's AGM, having been a founder member of SSE in 2002 and its Chairman since 2004

Time to Call a Halt to Airport Expansion

United Message from Airport Campaign Groups across the UK

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Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "This is a major cause for celebration and something we have long argued for. The Government finally seems to have recognised that if we are serious about tackling climate change, the environmental damage caused by the aviation sector can no longer be ignored."

In the wake of the Government's announcement, campaign groups at the eight major UK airports currently threatened by expansion, have written to Transport Secretary Grant Shapps and Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick calling for an immediate moratorium on airport expansion on climate change grounds.

SSE has also sent a further submission to the Planning Inspectors who presided over the recent Stansted Public Inquiry, highlighting this important shift in Government policy and arguing that it would be wholly inconsistent with this policy to approve further expansion of Stansted.

At this stage there is still no indication as to when the Inspectors will announce their decision on the Stansted Public Inquiry, or what that decision will be.

The Government decision to bring aviation emissions fully into a legal framework is in line with one of the key recommendations made by the independent Climate Change Committee (CCC) last December. Another key CCC recommendation was that there should be no further expansion of UK airport capacity unless and until the sector could demonstrate that it had reduced its carbon emissions sufficiently to accommodate additional demand.

The CCC concluded that, even with the aviation industry's projections of new aviation biofuels and improved aircraft efficiency, the demand for flying would still need to be limited if the UK is to meet its climate change commitments.

Peter Sanders concluded: "For far too long the aviation industry has had a free pass on its carbon emissions which has allowed it unlimited expansion regardless of its impact on climate change. Tax free fuel and a blanket exemption from paying VAT are other examples of the favoured treatment granted to the aviation industry. Finally, aviation will be expected to play its part like everyone else, at least in terms of emissions. The days of unlimited aviation expansion may now be coming to an end."

The Standon Hand Embroidery Group

The Standon Hand Embroidery Group has now reopened on the second Tuesday of the month in Standon Village Hall commencing 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Beginners and experienced workers are most welcome.

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Further information can be obtained from Barbara Norris on 01920 822104.

Under the Bridge

Candy Hemphill Christmas is a multi-award winning Gospel singer, but twenty years ago her life took a dramatic and unexpected turn. She and her husband, Kent, pastor a church in Nashville, Tennessee. In the midst of a period of deep depression she asked God to show her the direction He wanted her life to go and He showed her the homeless people in her city. As she stepped out to help and serve the homeless in their dire need, God gave her focus for her future and she was completely and permanently healed from the depression.

Nashville has around 10,000 homeless living on the streets, 3,000 of which are children, and many of them congregate under the Jefferson Street Bridge. So Candy started the Bridge Ministry to feed and help as many as she could – under the bridge. Her large team includes her son who is a chef and her daughter who is a singer and song writer. Their Tuesday night programme involves two mobile kitchens, setting up hundreds of chairs and giving a nourishing meal to all who come and, while they are eating, Candy's team sing and tell them about the love of God. The Bridge Ministry also works with schools to provide meals every weekend to hundreds of children who would not otherwise have anything to eat.

A skinny tattooed crack cocaine addict named Jeff Stultz began to turn up under

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the bridge. He weighed about seven and a half stone and, as a motor cycle gang member, was leading a pretty lawless lifestyle. Jeff wanted the food but had no desire to hear the gospel, so he'd just get his plate filled and then wander off by himself to eat. But one night he stayed within earshot and heard the gospel message for the first time. He heard that by trusting his life to Jesus Christ, his hopeless life could be transformed forever. So Jeff made the commitment to believe in Jesus for his healing and deliverance from drug addiction.

One Tuesday evening a couple of years later, Candy noticed a large man get out of a van that had just arrived. It turned out to be Jeff, and the story he told was extraordinary. He had become a church minister in North Carolina and his life's work was helping motor cycle gang members and drug addicts through his two ministries called Broken Chains and Celebrate Recovery Forever.

In Jeff's own words: "If you want to experience the Spirit of God first hand. If you want to see the actual hands and feet of Jesus you have to spend a Tuesday night under the Jefferson Street Bridge with Candy Christmas and her crew from the Bridge Ministry!

"In 2006, as a homeless crack addict I used to come under the bridge to eat on Tuesdays. I didn't care to hear the Gospel singing or the preaching, it was just a good place to get a bite and connect with others that I knew in the homeless

community. I had no idea that God was working on me every time I was there.

"Fast forward, 12 years later. I'm so blessed that when I'm in the area on a Tuesday night Candy gives me the opportunity to share in the very place I spent so much time as a homeless addict. I bring a tough but real message geared towards the 1, not the 99. It's different to share with hundreds of lost, hurting, homeless folks than it is to share a message to a church full of Christians. However, because these are 'my people' they will listen to a hard message from me. I'm uniquely qualified to speak in to their lives and I'm grateful for that.

"Change is possible. God loves us and we matter to Him. Hope is real! Broken Chains members do an amazing job as they serve, share, sacrifice, and pray. I'm truly honoured to be at the helm of what God is doing in Broken Chains God is changing the world through us broken people!"

Jeff still has his tattoos, wears his bandana, and rides his Harley Davidson, but he is a force in reaching those that most of us don't have access to. God's love and mercy are for everyone and there is no limit to His ability to turn around the life of even the most hopeless case. As Jeff Stultz is happy to testify, no one is beyond the reach of the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Revs Colin & Teresa Marks, Pastors,
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Labour Party **East Herts Rural Branch**

The elections in May were not quite the disaster for the Labour Party that the press would have you believe. Of course, the defeat in the by-election in Hartlepool was disastrous, and there are lots of lessons for Labour to learn from that. However, there were good results elsewhere, especially in Wales.

In the mayoral elections voters seem to have rewarded competence, so that the Conservatives retained the West Midlands and Tees Valley, but similarly Labour retained Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol and London. Labour also won in West of England, West Yorkshire and, closer to us here, in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

The results in the Hertfordshire County Council elections here were not good for Labour overall, reducing the Labour Group on the council from 9 to 7. However, in our own constituency, our young candidate for Letchworth North worked amazingly hard to win back that seat on the County Council for Labour, albeit by only 46 votes. Furthermore, the number of Conservative councillors was reduced, thanks to wins by the Liberal Democrats and one Green Party win in Hertford. However, Buntingford and Ware North divisions, which cover the PS News area, continue with the same Conservative councillors.

There were no district council elections in East Herts, but some elections in

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North Herts which had been postponed from 2020 were held. In our constituency, we lost a seat in the Letchworth Grange ward, but we retained two other Labour seats in Letchworth. This reduces the Labour & Co-operative group by one. However, the council is likely to continue to be run by the joint Labour & Co-operative and Liberal Democrat administration.

It was a disappointment for us that the Labour & Co-operative Leader of the Council was not re-elected to the Council. He had relinquished his Hitchin seat (which was duly won by a Labour & Co-operative councillor) in order to stand in Letchworth South East, which is the ward in which he lives. This three member ward already has two Labour & Co-operative councillors: on this occasion the third seat, which was held by a Conservative, was the seat up for election and he retained it.

The Police and Crime Commissioner election was also disappointing. It was not unexpected that the existing Conservative commissioner retained his role, but our candidate came third behind the Liberal Democrat, although the Labour candidate had been second in the previous elections. After the second preference votes were added, the Liberal Democrat had almost 45% of the votes, reducing the Conservative's total to 55%, compared with 60% in the previous two elections.

David Bell



The Hundred Parishes Society

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Many of us wait anxiously for the outcome of the recent public inquiry into a possible increase in the passenger cap at Stansted Airport, yet the local community's love-hate relationship with Stansted Airport is only the latest in a series of significant aviation events that have occurred within the Hundred Parishes.

In a field at Standon Green End in the parish of Thundridge, a monument marks the spot where Italian balloonist Vincenzo Lunardi landed in 1784 after completing the first manned flight in

England (see photo, above). He took off from London beneath a balloon filled with hydrogen.

In 1913, Bentfield Hucks was the first Englishman to loop-the-loop in his Bleriot aeroplane. He was born in 1884 in Bentfield Cottage, Stansted Mountfitchet and thus acquired his unusual forename.

Duxford airfield, now the site of Imperial War Museum, Duxford, first became operational in World War I. Some of its buildings, constructed by German prisoners-of-war, still stand. In 1938, Duxford was the first airfield to take delivery of Spitfire fighter planes. Frank Whittle flew regularly from here while he was developing ideas that eventually

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led to the invention of the turbojet engine just before the end of WWII.

Altogether, twelve military airfields operated within the Hundred Parishes during WWII. Andrewsfield, straddling the parish boundary between The Salings and Stebbing, was the first American-built base in Europe, becoming operational in 1943. Stansted was another American-built airfield. Thousands of Americans were based in this area; many never saw home again.

Many of us have enjoyed the relative peace that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought to our skies, in particular discovering the joy of walking in the countryside. It is sad that it has taken so many deaths to remind us of the quality of life that exists right here, without the need to fly.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.

Tired of doing the Same Old Walks?

Standon Parish Paths Partnership (P3) has a book of local walks which explore the fantastic countryside around Standon Parish.

The book is available, price £7, from 4 South Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TH, 07740 306189.

Details of 10 walks around the parish, two historical walks along Standon High Street (giving details of buildings from as far back as the 14th Century) and Puckeridge High Street with its Tudor buildings with carriage entrances to accommodate the mail coaches on the Turnpike.

Finally there is a Walk round Standon Churchyard through the Seasons, with its fine selection of native flowers.

Warning after residents targeted in HMRC scams

Hertfordshire Constabulary is warning residents to stay vigilant following reports of scam phone calls and text messages which appeared to be from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

Seven victims in Borehamwood, Watford and Hemel Hempstead have been contacted by the fraudsters claiming to be the HMRC over the last few weeks. The victims were told there were outstanding debts or unpaid taxes in their names. The fraudsters then asked the victims to make bank transfers as payment. One victim lost £1,400.

The fraudsters cold call victims using a spoofed number that appears to be a genuine Hertfordshire Constabulary phone number, sometimes leaving voicemail messages claiming that the victim owes unpaid tax to HMRC. The victims are asked to call back on the number provided, through which they are told that there is a warrant out in their name and if they don't pay, the police will arrest them. The victims are also sometimes contacted via text messages asking them to urgently call the number provided.

How to protect yourself:

HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty or ever ask for payment in this way.

Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should never trust the number you see on your telephone display.

If you receive a suspicious cold call, end it immediately.

If you believe that you are a victim of this scam please contact Hertfordshire Constabulary's non-emergency number 101, using a different phone to that used to communicate with the fraudsters. If a fraud is in progress or someone's life is in danger, call 999 immediately.

Visit www.actionfraud.police.uk or www.herts.police.uk/protectyourmoney for advice on avoiding scams

Beware of Door to Door Fish Sellers

Hertfordshire Trading Standards have issued a warning against buying fish from 'door to door' salespersons using pressure tactics to sell large amounts. In one instance the fish was left on a 'try before you buy' offer with no money being paid upfront. The trader returned later and tried to charge £360 for a small amount of inferior produce. Most mobile fish sellers have regular weekly rounds. These new vans are turning up at random locations and at random times and charging much more than the average market value for low quality fish.

We advise that you only buy fish from a reputable fishmonger at an established shop or stall, or from one with a regular pre-arranged round. With door to door sales it is incredibly difficult to tell if the product you're buying has been stored properly, is safe to eat or is in fact what it's labelled up as. If there are any problems, these sellers are often a distance away and won't be easy to obtain a refund from. When products are sold on the doorstep it means that you don't have a chance to shop around and check what a reasonable price is, so you are more likely to be ripped off. Residents can end up

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Please do pass this information on, particularly to any vulnerable family or friends who may get these visits, or to their carers.

If you need to reply regarding this message, tap on this email address: wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk

Flubot: Warning over major Android 'package delivery' scam

The National Cyber Security Centre is aware that a malicious piece of spyware – known as FluBot – is affecting Android phones and devices across the UK.

The spyware is installed when a victim receives a text message, asking them to install a tracking app due to a 'missed package delivery'. The tracking app is in fact spyware that steals passwords and other sensitive data. It will also access contact details and send out additional text messages – further spreading the spyware.

The text message requests that victims click a link. Doing so directs them to a scam website.

Users of Android devices (such as those manufactured by Google, Huawei and Samsung) will be encouraged to download an app.

Users of Apple devices are not currently at risk, although the scam text messages may still redirect them to a scam website which may try to steal your personal information.

Go to the following Link for further important information:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/flubot-guidance-for-text-message-scam>

Increase in Shed Thefts

We continue to see an increase in shed thefts across the District and Hertfordshire

Constabulary is advising residents to make sure their gardens, sheds and garages are secure.

With the warmer weather, people confined to home are spending a lot of time in their gardens using gardening tools and leisure equipment, which are often left out or stored in outbuildings. Burglars tend to target sheds, garages and outbuildings, at this time of year looking for valuable power tools, bikes and other expensive items.

Register your bicycle on the national bike register. For more information visit www.bikeregister.com

These are some of the ways you can make your garden and outbuildings more secure:

- Always lock your shed, preferably with two 'hasp and staple' locks (one near the top and one near the bottom of the door) or use an alarmed padlock
- Secure your rear garden by locking entry gates with a padlock
- Burglars can use garden tools to break in, so make sure you securely lock away any tools after use
- Ensure boundary fences are secure and in good condition. Spiky plants



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- Tools and gardening equipment should be visibly marked with your postcode and house number - this can deter thieves and help police identify the rightful owner
- Make access to the rear of your property difficult, keep rear/side gates closed and locked ensure boundary walls/fences are in good repair
- Wheelie bins secured so they cannot be moved or used as climbing aid
- Planting of defensive spiky plants under windows such as berberis, roses, pyracantha

For more detailed security advice, please visit <https://www.herts.police.uk/crimeprevention>

Solar Panel upgrades – Warning from Hertfordshire Trading Standards

Hertfordshire Trading Standards has seen a recent rise in complaints from homeowners with solar panels. Complaints show that they are being targeted by companies cold calling, offering services that are not required and charging extortionate prices.

These bogus companies have been stating such things as ‘Your inverter needs changing’ when they have no evidence that it does, ‘we’ve been monitoring your panels’ when they cannot do any such thing and that ‘fire switch replacement is required due to a change in the law’ which is untrue. As a result, homeowners have paid for unnecessary and expensive work. The claims are often linked to companies alleging affiliation with government endorsed ‘green energy’ schemes, which are untrue.

Advice from Trading Standards is to NOT respond to cold callers at the door or unexpected phone calls, even when they say that they are linked to the original installer. Instead, shop around, getting at least three quotes from reputable companies. Use personal recommendations or the Hertfordshire Trading Standards trusted trader scheme where we work with Which? Trusted Traders <https://trustedtraders.which.co.uk/> or call 01707 292429 for details of local traders. A good source of information about home energy products is the Home Insulation + Energy Systems Contractors Scheme (HIES) at www.hiesscheme.org.uk or 0344 324 5242.

If you, or anyone you know has solar panels fitted please pass this message onto them, in order to keep our communities safe from these frauds.

If you need further advice and support, please contact Citizens Advice on 0808

223 1133, who will refer to Hertfordshire Trading Standards as required.

Healthy Hub East Herts

For all your health, social and wellbeing needs look no further than the Healthy Hub East Herts web pages – there are loads of activities and sources of great information including video films about the hub and the work of its partners too. <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/community-wellbeing/healthy-hub-east-herts>

You can sign up for help with a health, social or wellbeing issue <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/community-wellbeing/healthy-hub-east-herts/healthy-hub-enquiry-form>

or find something for you via the programme of activities for March and April. <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/community-wellbeing/healthy-hub-east-herts/healthy-hub-programme-activities>

Advice on keeping pets safe

Dog thefts in the county have remained relatively low, however we are aware concerns have increased.

Inspector Nicki Dean, from Hertfordshire Constabulary’s Crime Reduction Unit said: “Concerns have increased around dog thefts during lockdown as the demand for pets has grown.

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- Ensure your dog is microchipped and registered with up to date information and has a collar and dog tag (use your surname rather than the dog's name and your telephone contact details).
- Neutering your pet might ensure they don't get targeted for breeding purposes, consider adding "I am neutered" tag to their collar.
- Take plenty of clear photographs of your pet and especially of any distinctive markings.
- When walking your pet, try different routes and keep your pet in sight at all times.
- Never leave a dog unattended in the garden, in the car or outside shops.
- Don't give details of your pets, your location or your favourite walking spots on social media and make sure your security settings are set to friends only.
- When out, always know where your dog is. Be mindful of anyone who may be trying to distract your attention from your dog or attract your dog's attention away from you.

If your dog is stolen - report to Police on 101 and to your local authority dog warden if you have one in your area. Notify your microchip database provider immediately and add to the or join their DogLost web site <https://www.doglost.co.uk/> or join their Hertfordshire Facebook group.

Join Hertfordshire's Dog Watch Scheme for alerts and advice by visiting: <https://www.owl.co.uk/herts/>

Increase in online shopping frauds aimed at sellers

Increase in online shopping frauds aimed at sellers, particularly on auction sites such as eBay and Gumtree.

We are seeing more overpayment frauds, where the fraudster buyer of an item offers to pay more than the selling price to cover extra costs such as for courier collection.

This is most frequent for bulky items such as beds but be careful of any excuses given by a buyer for not collecting the item in person, for example the buyer has had recent heart surgery and they need to pay someone else to collect.

Be wary too about stories about problems with the buyer's bank account, which is why you are paying the courier and not them. Sometimes the language in the emails indicates that the buyer is not in this country. On occasion, a

generous buyer even offers to give you an extra £50 for your trouble!

Hertfordshire Trading Standards advice to private sellers is to look out for the red flags; no personal collection, using a courier to collect, problems with a bank account, offering to overpay you, asking you to pay a third party, and language in the emails.

Look at the buyer's history of buying items on the site, only make payments through the online site not other arrangements which leave you unprotected, and be wary too of accepting cheques as these can also be stolen. If you're in any doubt, don't deal with that buyer.

If you've fallen victim to this fraud, contact your bank to report it, contact the auction site for help, report the fraud to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or at www.actionfraud.police.uk and get advice from Citizens Advice Scams Action on 0808 250 5050 .

Warning as more residents lose money to scam police calls

Hertfordshire residents have lost more than £80,000 during January to fraudsters posing as police officers.

Nineteen residents have been targeted since the start of the year, with most of the victims being aged over 65.

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The victims were contacted by callers posing as police officers, from either a landline or a mobile number, informing the intended victim that there has been fraudulent activity on their bank account. The bogus police officer then asks them to withdraw cash, or in some cases to buy expensive items, to hand over to a courier that is despatched to their address by the fraudster.

The offenders may also ask people to assist in the investigation by disclosing their bank details, including their account and PIN numbers.

The vital things to remember are that your bank and the police would:

- NEVER ask for your bank account details or PIN number over the phone, so do not disclose these to anyone, no matter who they claim to be.
- NEVER ask you to withdraw money and send it to them via a courier, taxi or by any other means.
- NEVER ask you to send your bank cards, or any other personal property, to them via courier, taxi or by any other means.

If you are not happy with a phone call and are suspicious of the conversation you have with the caller then please end the call and dial 101 or report online www.herts.police.uk/report

Remember, when reporting a suspicious phone call to police, wait at least five minutes before attempting to make the

call to ensure you're not reconnected to the offender.

Alternatively, use a mobile phone or test your landline by phoning a friend or relative first, to ensure you aren't still unwittingly connected to the offender.

If you have concerns about your bank account, visit your local branch.

For more information on scams visit our Scam police and bank caller's page: www.herts.police.uk/phonescams where you can also watch a video provided by Action Fraud and entitled, "The Devil's in Your Details".

Increase of Catalytic Converter thefts

We are seeing an increase of catalytic converter thefts across the District over recent weeks, Hertfordshire Constabulary is urging drivers to protect their vehicles.

They are particularly targeting specific hybrid models such as the pre-2008 Honda Jazz, Toyota Prius (2004-2016) and Toyota Auris (2012-2018).

For a free catalytic converter security marking scheme go to www.herts.police.uk/operationfeline.

Advice

- Lock your car whenever it is left unattended and keep it in a garage when parked at night if possible.
- When using a garage is not possible, park close to fences, walls or a kerb

with the exhaust being closest to the fence, wall or kerb to make theft difficult.

- Consider fitting CCTV on your home or driveway, to help deter thieves.
- Use PIR or LED security lighting to make your vehicle more visible and this can also act as a deterrent.
- If your catalytic converter is bolted on, consider having the bolts welded to make removal difficult.
- Fit protective coverings on catalytic converters, such as the Toyota manufactured CATLOC device, (these are made for Toyota Prius made between 2004 and 2009) as these can make it much more difficult for thieves.
- Have your catalytic converter etched or forensically marked, and put stickers in the windscreen to say this has been done.
- Look for car parks with a Secured Car Park sign which have recognised levels of security.
- Noisy gravel on your drive can help deter a would-be thief, as they don't want to alert you to their approach.

More advice on how to make your vehicle safe is available at: www.herts.police.uk/crimeprevention.

Rogue Trader Advice

Hertfordshire Trading Standards and Police often receive reports about traders cold calling at the door and telling homeowners that they need work to be

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done to their home or garden, for example that their roof or guttering are damaged or that their trees are unsafe and need work.

Our advice is never to have work done by anyone who cold calls at your door. No reputable trader ever approaches a customer in this way. If you think your home or garden needs work, please use a recommendation from a friend/neighbour or find a good trader using the Which? Trusted Trader Scheme. You should also obtain three quotes to check if the price is competitive and if the work really needs doing - never rely on the word of a single trader.

Please keep an eye out for any vulnerable neighbours who may be approached by cold callers. If someone has agreed to work from a cold call and there is no paperwork, it is likely that there will be a problem.

Hertfordshire Trading Standards have partnered with Which? Trusted Traders to provide a scheme to help you find trustworthy traders and give hardworking businesses the recognition they deserve. Local traders on the list have been checked and assessed before being endorsed.

Please visit the links below for further information and advice.

<https://trustedtraders.which.co.uk/>

<https://www.herts.police.uk/Information-and-services/Advice/Crime-prevention/Protect-your-money/Rogue-traders>

To report a rogue trader please call 101 or report it online at www.herts.police.uk/Report/Report

Increase in the use of counterfeit bank notes

In recent weeks, there has been an increase in the use of counterfeit bank notes via online Marketplaces, such as Facebook Marketplace. A typical example of this might be individual/s agreeing to purchase high-value electrical items, such as phones or games consoles. The individual/s would then collect the items from the sellers, handing over an envelope filled with counterfeit currency before fleeing the scene with the goods.

Top Tips to protect against this type of fraud:

Consider alternative, secure, electronic payment methods – Such as PayPal, where the buyer isn't able to attend your

Home Address. Avoid meeting to make exchanges in public where you may be pressured into a transaction.

Visit the buyer's online profile – Try to learn more about the person you are selling to, their marketplace history, any mutual friends, or ratings they may have received. This may help you ascertain if they are genuine.

Record the buyer's details – Name, profile picture and anything else which may assist in identifying them later on.

Inspect the bank notes – If your transaction is in-person for cash, don't feel pressured into handing over items until you are satisfied that the bank notes are not counterfeit. Of course, not all counterfeits are easy to spot. For more information on counterfeit bank notes and how to identify one, please visit the Bank of England website here:

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/counterfeit-banknotes/how-to-check-your-banknotes>

Read Facebook's "Tips for buying and selling safely on Marketplace" via their website.

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- Something Lovely Café,
- The White Hart,
- Crown and Falcon and
- outside No.52 Puckeridge High Street.

Thanks to Kathryn Shreeve for the text and Penny Wheadon for the map.

The walk, which lasts about half an hour highlights the historic buildings in the High Street.

Do you know where the Chequers Inn or the Anchor Inn used to be? Take a walk and find out.

Braughing Cricket Club



Braughing Cricket Club is at the heart of our village's community. The Saturday first team plays in the Herts and Essex Border League, whilst we field at least 5 junior teams in the Herts Junior League. In between we have the Braughing Bangers, our new development team that gives juniors a good challenge playing at a senior level.

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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

7.45-8.30am WASPS Breakfast Club at Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre (term time only). Trained staff currently take children to Roger de Clare, Ralph Sadleir and St Thomas of Canterbury Schools for registration. For further details please contact Nicola on 07904391133 or email on nicola.re@virgin.net.

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. Details 07881 533339.

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

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

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1.45 Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sue 07854 316628

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

4.30-8.30 Rib Valley Gymnastics and

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5.45 Bright Stars 11-13yrs
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6.35 Zumba Fitness at Standon Village Hall. Details 07578 994221

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

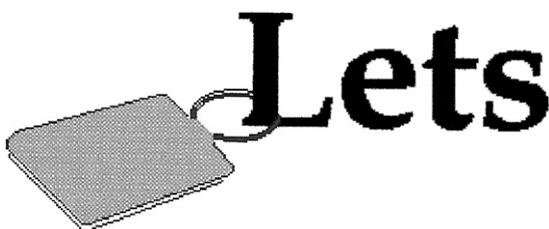
7.15 4th Monday of the month: 7.15pm Ware District Trefoil Guild, St Mary's Church Hall, Ware. Guiding for adults. Details Alex Chapman 01920 465726

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Tuesday

- 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. Details Alison 01763 232673.
- 10am Nifty-Fifties Exercise Class for the over 50's. Standon Village Hall. Details Denise Sallows 01920 823072
- 10am – 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700.
- Third Tuesday Colliers End Village Walks followed by refreshments. Details Suzanne Anderson 07896 699844
- 10.45 Nifty@fifty + exercise classes - 11.15am Chair-Aside exercise. Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Denise Sallows 01920 823072
- 11.30 Punchline Boxing (adults) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Adam Davidson 07903 657146

- 2-4pm Second Tuesday of the month, Standon Hand Embroidery Group in Standon Village Hall. Details Barbara Norris 01920 822104.
- 1.30-3pm Little Fishes Mother & Toddler, & Little Fishes Church, Braughing Church Hall. Term Time only. Parish Administrator 01920 823832
- Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club
- 5pm Mini Orange/Green (8-10 yrs)
- 6pm Junior Club night
- 7pm Senior Club night
- Details Cliff Devonshire 07709 355655.
- Starlight Stars at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
- 4pm Hip Hop 7-11 yrs
- 4.30 Advance Street Dance(UDO) 12+yrs Call Alex 01763 287691
- 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 for details jill228374@hotmail.co.uk
- 6.15 1st Standon & Puckeridge Brownies. Term time in Standon. Details Naomi Divall 01920 822169

- 6.30 Cubs - Puma Pack (8-10½ years, Scouts), term-time only. Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Jackie Andrews 01763 247675
- 6.30 Tennis Club evening (continues under floodlights throughout the winter). Details Diana Foster 07778 031430
- 7.30 Bell Ringing Practice, St Mary's Church Tower, Standon. Interested? - Come along or: Details Trevor Chapman 01920 821341.
- 7.30 Embroidery Group. Second Tuesday in the month, Sargeant Room, Standon Village Hall. Details Barbara Norris 01920 822104
- 8.30 Puckeridge Karate Club meets at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clive Bowen 01763 231132

Wednesday

- 8.30 Under 1's Childrens' Group, Standon Village Hall. Details Kelly Brightman 01920 463949
- 9.15 Service of Communion at St Mary's Standon, followed by refreshments (No service in August)
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clare 07966 213880
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- 10am – 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700
- 11am Pilates Group Standon Village Hall. Details Judy Coward 01920 822812
- 11.30 Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sue 07854 316628
- 12.30 Bramble Hill Children's Centre young parents group. (Term time). Details 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.
- 3pm Friendly club bowls game. New members and interested people welcome. Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club, Station Road, Puckeridge. Details John Simmons 821282
- Dance JAM Academy – Standon Village Hall
4pm Baby Ballet (3+ Years)
4.30pm Prep/Primary Ballet (5-8 years)
- 5pm Grade 1 Ballet (8+ years)
5pm Prep/Primary Tap (5-8 years)
6pm Prep/Primary Freestyle (5-8 years)
julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk
- 4.15-6.15 Gymnastics Edwinstree Middle School. Details Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- Starlight Stars:
Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
3.30 Mini Movers Street Dance 4-6yrs
4pm and 4.45pm Street Stars 7-14yrs
Call Alex 01763 287691
- 5.45-6.15pm Scout and Guide Band, Jenyn's School. Term time only. Details Derek Goodall 07790 875862 / derek.goodall1@btinternet.com
- 6.15 Punchline Boxing (juniors) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Adam Davidson 07903 657146
- 6.30 Cubs - Cheetah Pack (8-10½ yrs, Scouts), term-time only. Braughing Church Hall. Details Derek Goodall 01763 273149.
- 6:30 Scouts (10½ - 14½ years old), term-time only. Braughing Old Boys School. Details Simon Smith 07773 016567
- 7pm Braughing Tennis Club night. Details Karen Gore 07860 484878
- 7pm Zumba classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Diana 01920 822667
- 7pm Guides during term time in Braughing. Details Louise 07971 800443
- 7.15 till 8.45pm Ranger Girl Guides (14+ years), Cottered Guide Centre, SG9 9QP. Details Rosanne Kenealy 01920 821304
- 7.30 Explorer Scouts (14-18 yrs) Bowling Green Lane, Buntingford. Meets throughout the year Details Christine Pestle 07711 506281
- 7.45 Third Wednesday Ware and District 41 Club, The Robin Hood & Little John, Tonwell/The Axe & Compasses, Braughing. Book in with Peter Warren 01920 824099
- 8pm Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sue 07854 316628
- 8pm Ware Photographic Society meets at Thundridge Village Hall, September to May. Details: 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, Buntingford. Details Ray



 **Herts
Domestic
Abuse
Helpline**

08 088 088 088

One in six men ...

This Father's Day won't be a day full of celebration for everyone. Did you know that 1 in 6 men will experience some form of domestic abuse in their lifetime? That might surprise you, but for the c750,000 men in the UK who are victims each year, it's very real indeed.

Around half of the men who experience domestic abuse don't tell anyone they're a victim. Sadly, as with mental health, we live in a society where there is a stigma around men reaching out for support. How often have you heard someone say, 'man up'? It's incredibly unhelpful and does nothing other than make men feel ashamed and embarrassed to ask for help or report abuse.

Domestic abuse has the same terrible impact on men and women: physically, emotionally, sexually and financially. It certainly does not discriminate. Over the past five years, on average 12 men per year have been killed by a partner or ex-partner. Male domestic abuse is a very real problem. Being a victim is not a sign of weakness. No one deserves it.

If you're in an abusive relationship, you might think:

- I won't be believed.
- No one will support me.
- I have no idea where I stand legally, especially with my children.
- People will think my partner just has me 'under the thumb' and laugh at me.
- Admitting I'm being abused makes me less of a 'real man'.

NONE OF THIS IS TRUE. It can be a hard thing to do, but the first step is to talk. Our trained call takers listen without judgement and will signpost you to help, whether it be financial or legal, counselling, family support or housing advice. Our Helpline is confidential, anonymous and you do not have to give any more details than you want to. It's a safe space to talk through your options.

If you're experiencing domestic abuse, call us FREE on 08 088 088 088 (Mon to Fri 9am to 9pm, Sat and Sun 9am to 4pm) or email kim@mailpurple.org.

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or Vic Flintham (vf@flintham.org)

Thursday

Starlight Stars:

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

5pm Sing Up! (Group Singin) 7-16yrs
5.30 Rising Stars (Musical Theatre) 14-18yrs

Call Alex 01763 287691

4.45pm 1st Standon & Puckeridge Rainbows. Term time in Standon. Details

sandprainbows1@outlook.com

Puckeridge Karate Club

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

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

7 Church Choir meets at St Mary's Church, Standon. Details Rev. John Chitham 01920 739483.

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

8 Hertfordshire Holly, Mixed Clog Morris Dance Side. High Cross

Village Hall. New dancers and musicians welcome. Details Mary Deeks 01920 822905

8 Prayer and Life Group, A10 Christian Mission. Details 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) Tel: 07808 969379

Friday

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

4.15-6.15pm Rib Valley Gymnastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford. Contact Andrea Allen 07989980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk

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

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

8 The Braughing Society meets most months in the village hall on the second or third Friday. See events under monthly calendar. Details from secretary Marion Saunders 01920

821530.

Saturday

Dance JAM Academy – Ralph Sadlier School

8.45am Grade 3 Tap

9.15am Grade 4 Freestyle

10.00am Grade 2 Tap

10.30am Grade 2 Freestyle

11.00am Choreography

11.30am Musical Theatre

julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk

9am - 1pm at Jenyons 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 Vinyasa Flow with RedYoga at Standon Village Hall. Details Saskia 07590 964016

9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clare 07966 213880

12.30-2pm Contessa Vaulting Group training sessions and competition practice. All welcome. Details Tina Layton 01920 821792

6pm Evening Mass at Puckeridge Roman Catholic Church. Details 01763 271471.

**Community
Cafe**



at the.....

**Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre**

I have been missing our monthly
Wednesday morning gatherings, but
hope to be able to resume the
Community Café on
Wednesday 6th October

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for details



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Sunday

9.30 Vinyasa Flow with RedYoga at Standon Village Hall. Details Saskia 07590 964016

Braughing, St Mary the Virgin Services:
1st Sunday: 11:15am All Age Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 9.30am Morning Worship & 5:45 Refresh - informal service

3rd Sunday: 11:15am Holy Communion

4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday no service in Braughing - shared Holy Communion service 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Stocking Pelham.

St. Mary's Church Standon: Please see the church notice board or service cards or the monthly church newsletter for up-to-date information. Details: Michael Smith (Churchwarden) 01920 821281

11.15 Mass at Old Hall Green Roman Catholic Church. Details 01763 271471.

11am Main service at The Methodist Church, Braughing. Details Revd David Mullins 01279 654475.

2.45 -5pm Braughing Sunday Teas. Every Sunday May - 14 October (excluding 3 June). Home-made cakes and teas in the Church Rooms, plus homemade jams.

May

28 - 31 Plant Sale at St Mary's Church, Standon, 10am - 5pm

June

7 East Herts Aviation Society talk 'The War Over Korea'. Zoom meeting, invitations from Rogerstainton@icloud.com.

25 Friends of St Mary's, Standon AGM and talk on local churches. Details Diana Dale 07718 734897.

28 East Herts Aviation Society talk 'Hunsdon Airfield' at the Axe & Compasses, Braughing. Details: Rogerstainton@icloud.com.

July

10 Standon Open Gardens, 11am - 6pm, entertainment and refreshments available.

August

6 Friends of St Mary's, Standon Safari Supper. Tickets from Diana Dale 07718 734897.

September

4 Braughing Fair and Wheelbarrow Race.

info@braughingwheelbarrowrace.com

October

6 Standon & Puckeridge Community Café re-opens! Details Alison 01920 822872.

November

20 Ware Photographic Society Annual Exhibition at Thundridge Village Hall

24 - 26 Sadleir Drama Club One Act Play details www.sadleirdrama.com or Liz Pickup on 01763 289446

The Ash and Quin Valleys Group - *Living God's Love*

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FURNEUX PELHAM



St. Mary's Church
Stocking Pelham

	St Mary's, Braughing	ST MARY'S, FURNEUX PELHAM
JUNE		
Sun 6 th	11.15am All Age Holy Communion	9.30am BCP Holy Communion
Sun 13 th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	11.15am Holy Communion
Sun 20 th	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Café Church
Sun 27 th	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Family Morning Worship
Every Weds	9.30am Holy Communion (said)	
JULY		
Sun 4 th	11.15am All Age Holy Communion	9.30am BCP Holy Communion
Sun 11 th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	11.15am Holy Communion
Sun 18 th	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Café Church
Sun 25 th	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Family Morning Worship
Every Weds	9.30am Holy Communion (said)	
AUGUST		
Sun 1st	10.30am Benefice All Age Holy Communion	No service
Sun 8th	No service	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
Sun 15th	11.15am Holy Communion	No service
Sun 22 nd	No service	10.30am Benefice Morning Worship
Every Weds	9.30am Holy Communion (said)	
	St Mary's, Stocking Pelham	
Sun 30 th May	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion	
Sun 29 th Aug	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion	
<p>Services at St Mary's Church, Braughing, are also available via zoom. To receive the ID number, password or link for joining live, please contact the Parish Office churchoffice@braughing.org.uk.</p> <p>For the latest information on services throughout the benefice, please visit: A Church Near You website www.achurchnearyou.com</p> <p>Please follow us on our Facebook page St Mary the Virgin – Braughing, Furneux Pelham & Stocking Pelham.</p>		
Contact Rev'd Julie Gawthroppe for details on 01920 823531		

Local Charity Shops

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9 Bridgefoot High Street, Ware, SG12 9BS
01920 462615
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British Heart Foundation

31 Maidenhead Street, Hertford, SG14 1DW
01992 537908
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01279 461875
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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
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Isabel Hospice

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7 Florence Walk, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2NZ
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Scope

15 Railway Street, Hertford, SG14 1BG
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Jackson Square Shopping Centre, 1 Devoils Lane, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3XH
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Please phone to check opening times during the pandemic as they might well change.

LOCAL POP-UP VENDORS

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Saturday: Ronnies Kitchen 5-8.15pm
Saturday: Ronnies Kitchen Brunch 10-1pm

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Tuesday: Chef's Table 5-8pm
Wednesday: Cheeky Pizza 4-8pm
Thursday: Small Fry Fish & Chips 4.30-8pm
Friday: Ronnies Kitchen 5-8pm
Saturday: El Paradiso 4-8pm
Sunday: Flava Jamaican

THE GOLDEN FLEECE, BRAUGHING

Thursday: Fresh Fish Van 9-10am

Easter Plant Sale



Last year we raised over £1000 for the Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon by having plants for sale at the end of our driveway. (Omega, Hadham Road, opposite the Alms Houses)

This year, provided Covid rules allow, we will be doing the same for the 4 days of Easter weekend, starting Friday 2nd April. If you have plants that you could donate, I would love to hear from you. Many thanks to all who have been supportive so far.

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GARDEN ROOMS

It's official. Working from home is now the 'new normal'.

With that in mind, start to think of how you could 'invest' in a Garden Room/ Studio.

There is a lot you can do within 'Permitted Development' and if you have that space in your garden that you never really use, then this could be ideal space to utilise.

Even if it's on a slope, we can create that added living space. Semi submerged, with solar panels on the roof, snuggled away in a corner. Perfect retreat.

In addition part of the roof void can be additional storage. It all helps.

Understand colour psychology. A shed/ studio and Beach hut are effectively the same but with a different 'label'. The main difference is the fenestration (windows) and the COLOUR. A sunny pale shell pink or 'beach hut blue' can give a real lift in the garden ambience especially with cream painted wood on the windows.

Top Tips.

- Think about the view of the building from the main house and a gentle curved stepping stone path leading to it.
- Well thought out guttering and a soakaway, to ensure no damp sits in the area.
- A good quality flooring that will take your to-and-fro at different times of year.
- A safe trenched power supply cable needs to be factored in (for purpose of house insurance)

For further discussions visit www.the-otherroom.co.uk

The great British obsession > LAWNS

In the 1950's across the UK new houses were being built. With the pressure no longer on growing our own produce we increasingly reduced vegetable/fruit plots and the lawn became our obsession.

This obsession grew and grew and was reflected in Historic Houses with pristine lawns striped and edged to perfection.

This obsession grew to the point of almost a call to judgement if your lawn looked less than green velvet

(one of our less admirable British quirks).

We have become much more relaxed nowadays, but still the supermarkets and garden centres use this mind-set to almost make us feel we 'have to' focus on our lawns in spring/summer.

The most hard sell displays in shops/ garden centres in May/June are all lawn chemicals and seed.

These chemicals are not good for the environment and often carry health/ safety messages with their use.

So, take a deep breath and you can do this!

- Many lawns have not been scarified – ever! >no chemicals needed, just elbow grease
- Many lawns have had a lot of trampling.> no chemicals needed, just

a pushed in fork to wiggle and some silver-sand/topsoil brushed in.

- Also if you look closely there are very likely patches of the 'wrong type of grasses'. Yes, there are many varieties of grass. Quack grass/Crab Grass any with a horizontal growth pattern are a nightmare to lawn lovers. They have evolved to smother the nicer upright grass types and to also make space for moss to grow in between. A nightmare for lawn lovers.

The best way to tackle this is heavy raking with spring-tine rake and cut these low as possible (even pull out if you have the determination). Then over-seed with a seed/loam mix, and keep well-watered.

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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

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Disabled Photographers Society:
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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

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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

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- 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.
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0800 31 63 105

0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)

Age UK Hertfordshire Information Line

Offers you information on a wide range of issues that are relevant to older people. Our trained Information Workers provide information you can trust that will enable you to make the right choices and decisions for you. We can also put you in touch with other organisations that can help you.

Information Line: 0300 345 3446

Trading Standards

03454 040506, 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

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 - Saturday 10 - 4pm

Buntingford Library:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 - 4pm

Friday 2 - 4pm, Saturday 10 - 1pm

Ware Library:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10 - 4pm, Wednesday 1 - 4pm.

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:**

Adult Care Services 0300 123 4042

Children, Schools & Families

0300 123 4043

Fire Safety

0300 123 4046

Highways Fault Reporting

0300 123 4047

www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults

Home Safety and Security Checks

01707 292344

hhss@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Trading Standards 0345 404 0506

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 Sue Fox - suefox1@hotmail.co.uk
- Colliers End Village Hall (40 people comfortably, with kitchen) - Contact Suzanne Anderson 821836
- Dane End Memorial Hall David Hart 01920 438976 dane-endhallbookings@Outlook.com
- High Cross Mrs. J. Handy 318752
- Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre - Contact Sally Sperring 07854 916404 communitycentre@tesco.net
- Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon – Contact Denis or Beverly Olliver on 01279 842625
- Thundridge Pauline Mortlock 467 152

Local Churches:

- A10 Christian Mission: Contact Revs Colin & Teresa Marks 01920 821684
- Old Hall Green & Puckeridge Roman Catholic Churches: Fr. John White 01763 271471
- Puckeridge Chapel, Century Hall, Station Road. Pastor Bill Harrow 01920 821366 pastorbill@puckeridgecc.co.uk www.puckeridgecc.co.uk/index.html
- St Mary's Church Standon: Michael Smith 01920 821281 or email benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk www.ubsms.org.uk/
- St Mary's Church, Braughing: Rev. Julie Gawthrop 01920 823531 vicar@braughing.org.uk www.achurchnearyou.com/braughing-st-mary-the-virgin/

Animal Warden

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

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
- Aviation Society:
Vic Flintham 01763 289636
- Baby-sitting Circle:
Sylvia Pinnington 822216
- Bat Helpline 01992 581442
- Beavers: 6-8 years old,
Angie Adamson 01763 849902
- Bell Ringing:
Braughing: Peter Glazebrook 821554, Standon: Stephen Coley 823886.
- Bishop's Stortford Railway Society:
Barry Bridges 438586
- Bowls Club: Jean Maslin, 01920 423273 or Fred Barnard, 01920 821214
- Braughing Cricket Club: Peter Hobson 01920 438186
- Braughing Cricket Club Colts: 438361 07774 961829
- Braughing Local History Society:
Mary Cockburn
mary.cockburn@btopenworld.com
- Braughing Playing Field Association Trust: Graham Frary 07855 834862
grahamfrary@tiscali.co.uk
- Braughing Society:
Sandra Lynch 823500
- 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:
Mandy or Gareth 0781 491 2595
- 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
01920 822488 or 07971699615
- Dog Training: Jan Mann 823475
- Dominoes: Axe & Compasses, Braughing - Graham Frary 821715
- East Herts Aviation Society: Ray Hankin (rayhankin@hotmail.co.uk) or Vic Flintham (vf@flintham.org)
- Embroidery Group: Barbara Norris 822104
- Folk Music Club:
Stortfolk 01279 656664
- Veterans Football Club (Braughing):
Keith Mardell 822133,
- Friends of Braughing Church:
Ned Dailly 01920 823692 or email: neddailly@btinternet.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
- Horticulture Society (Braughing): Marion Saunders 821700
- 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 - Sue Dailly neddailly@btinternet.com
Standon - John Harris **07740 306189**
- Pet Care: Mrs Harvey 822814
- Petanque: Brown Bear, Braughing - Steve Banfield landlord@brownbearbraughing.co.uk
- Pets TLC: 822705
- Photographic Society (Ware): Barbara Norris 822104
- Railway & Local History Society (Buntingford): Stephen Ruff 01763 289516, (Bishop's Stortford) Barry Bridges 438586, (Hertford & Ware) Stuart Moye 467132
- Rainbows: Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - enquiries to sandprainbows1@outlook.com

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David Goldstraw, Clerk to Standon Charities,
40 South Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TH.
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

- 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:
Garry Edwards 01920 823163
- Scout Troop: 10½-14 years old, Simon
Smith 07773 016567
- SPNDP (Standon and Puckeridge
Neighbourhood Development Plan)
Belinda Irons 01763 838732
- 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:
Sally Sperring 07854 916404
- 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
- Mandy Challis (Chairman),
WareDistrictTrefoil@gmail.com
07766 086137
- Twining 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:
Chris Beeton, Membership Secretary
07952 066748
- Wasps Out of School Club:
Nicola Re 07904 391133
- Women's Institute:
Braughing: Louise 07971 800443
Puckeridge: info@puckeridgewi.org
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