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Call NHS 111 or go online to www.111.nhs.uk For information about the Urgent Care Centre visit www.newqeii.info

Braughing Local History Society AGM

The Braughing Local History Society is holding its Annual General Meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall on Thursday, 26 March at 7:45pm.

The meeting will be followed by "Underneath the Archives", a brief introduction to the extensive village collections with a display of some samples.

Everybody welcome. Wine and nibbles served.

Lotte Farnham

Budding George Ezras from Hertfordshire invited to star in live music videos

A live performance video series has been launched by Hertfordshire Music Service to give young people a chance to showcase their talents on YouTube.

Songwriter Originals is all part of the service's renewed commitment to enable young people in the county to find and develop their unique musical voices.

The music video showcase is open for young people who live or go to school in Hertfordshire to share their own music on YouTube. Songwriter will film the successful young musicians performing their own songs live at exciting venues across Hertfordshire.

The video series launched with young songwriters performing within St Albans South Signal Box, a unique venue located next to the city's train station.

Cabinet Member for Education, Libraries and Localism, Councillor Terry Douris said: "Songwriter has been running in Hertfordshire since 2002 and has put the county on the map as a place that develops talented, original musicians.

"The launch of this new series of music videos is a very exciting new venture and we are sure the standard of the songs performed will be just as impressive.

"We are delighted to help them perform their own music on such a global platform and look forward to seeing their songs on YouTube. Who knows, there could be some future George Ezras or Victoria Beckhams, both of whom come from Hertfordshire!"

Young people can apply to perform now by submitting their audition videos to www.songwriteronline.co.uk/originals

The deadline to apply to perform in the first series is 6 April 2020, and the deadline for the following series is 27 July 2020.

Standon & Puckeridge Village Lunch



In December some 60 villagers enjoyed an early Christmas celebration at our final Village Lunch of 2019.

With noteworthy coordination by all the lovely helpers, the guests tucked into a piping hot traditional Christmas dinner which left no-one hungry! Our thanks to the Rector, John Chitham, and to Michael Baker for such skilful carving of the turkey.

Michael and Marion Smith and some of the Church choir led us in joyful carol singing - and many of us were reminded of the carol services of our schooldays in the villages. Father Christmas, bearing quite some resemblance to Gerald Dale, distributed home-baked cookies and a bag of practical "goodies" for the winter given to us by local charity "Small Acts of Kindness" for everyone to take home.

As ever, our thanks to a lot of people, both "front of house" and in the background, who made this happen..

Date for your diary: the first lunch of 2020 is on Tuesday 31 March at 12 o'clock in Standon Village Hall.

Helena telephone 822177 and Brenda 822293

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Friends of St Mary's, Standon

**Arabian Evening - Saturday, 28
March**

An evening of delicious food and a talk about home life with Basma Chitham. It will be held in Standon Village Hall from 7:30pm. Tickets are £15 from Diana Dale on 01920 821691.

AGM - Friday 1 May, at 7:30

There will be a short AGM meeting (about 15 minutes) followed by a talk by Roy Tricker, an expert in Hertfordshire Churches, and refreshments in the Church. No ticket required but a donation would be appreciated.

Standon May Day - Friday 8 May

FOSM will once again be offering teas, coffees, soft drinks and home made cakes at Standon Village Hall and healthy, home made salads to take away from a stall on the High Street.

Open Gardens - Saturday 13 June from 11am - 6pm

Once again this hugely successful local venture will take place allowing visitors to wander around some of the most beautiful gardens in Standon. FOSM will be laying on entertainment and refreshments on the route. Enquiries Diana Dale - 01920 821691.

Standon Flower and Music Festival - Friday, 10 to Sunday, 12 July

Friday 6pm - there will be drinks and canapés. Saturday - there will be afternoon tea in Church.

Charity Film Night showing 'Aladdin'

Saturday 28 March

I am running a charity film night showing 'Aladdin' at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre (film starts at 6.45 p.m.) to raise funds for my trip and the school in Kenya where I will be teaching in the summer of this year. I do hope both adults and children will come along and have a fun evening. There will be soft drinks, sweets and a raffle on the night.

I am currently in the Lower 6th at school and after having a few years ago some Botswanan children to stay in my house for a few weeks realised that I wanted to do more to help children in Africa. I will be going out in July and teaching in Nakuru primary school in Kenya and will teach English, Maths and P.E as well as help develop the infrastructure.

African Adventures, the company I am going out with is a wonderful organisation whose projects provide education, health and food security, and social support to young people whose access to these basic services would otherwise be heavily restricted. African Adventures Foundation provides a great deal of support to assist with the development of these projects, typically funding basic infrastructure, key resources, and small-business initiatives that will enable the projects to become more self-sustainable in the future. Their aim is to increase opportunity within education, enabling young people to

positively influence their future pathways. To find out more you can look at this link <https://aaf.african-adventures.co.uk/>

As well as running this film night, I am doing lots of other fund raising in and out of school and will have a stall at Standon May Day, so I hope to see you then also.

To book tickets contact s.jarrett1605@gmail.com tel: 07836 214816.

For further information on the project email xanthethea@hotmail.com

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Braughing WI.

Braughing W.I. started the year with an illustrated talk on The Silk Road by Margaret Rogers. She had some amazing photos as well as giving a fascinating account of the countries she and her husband visited on their trip.

Programme:

- 16 April History of Hatfield House
- 21 May Annual Meeting
- 18 June How to look after your Spine
- 16 July Preserving our Summer.

Meetings held in The Church Hall, 7.30pm.

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Braughing Cricket Club

Braughing Cricket Club is at the heart of Braughing's community. Following a very successful 2019 season, we will be playing in the newly formed Herts and Essex Border League during the 2020 season, as well as fielding at least 4 junior teams in the Herts Junior League.

2019 was a successful year for the club where our senior Saturday team finished 4th in league 3 of Herts & Essex Cricket.

For our juniors, our Under 9's had a very good first season. Over 20 young boys and girls played their first ever games of cricket for the U9s during the season. Though inclusivity and fun is the priority, it was pleasing that the U9s were competitive, which made for a number of exciting games. The club also hosted its' first ever mini tournament for the U9s which attracted more than 50 young boys and girls on a sunny Sunday. Our U11's, U14's and U17's competed in their leagues and both existing and new players had good seasons; with a number of the girls making their Hertfordshire County Junior (Poppy O'Toole) and full senior (Daisy Fitzgerald, Lotty Hobson) debuts.

We run Colts training sessions on Saturday mornings. The training sessions are very popular with both boys and girls from the age of 4 upwards - sometimes there are 50+ children on the field and in the nets being coached in all aspects of cricket with an emphasis on fun, sportsmanship and inclusivity.

During the Summer holidays our 4-day Summer camp with organized and well-planned outdoor and indoor activities for the youngsters. These sessions are very quickly fully subscribed, so please contact us if you are interested in next year, as we plan to repeat next August.

The Cricket Club have been fund-raising this season. Once again, we ran a highly successful BBQ at the Wheelbarrow fayre in July, and gained lottery funding and both Tesco and the Co-Op have supported the club. This allowed us to completely relay our nets practice area and purchase new playing equipment and automatic bowling machine.

We also need to thank both The Golden Fleece and Braughing Sausages for sponsoring the club last season, the money raised helping with kitting our playing shirts for all 5 teams.

Looking forward to next Summer's youth cricket, the Club are entering 5 teams; U17s, U15s, U12s, U10s and U9s in the Herts Junior League.

This is a very large commitment and although we have a number of confirmed volunteers, we are keen to involve more adults, especially with our younger 'All Stars' groups (Ages 4 – 9). If you think you'd like to help or have a budding young cricketer, please get in touch.

We have indoor nets booked at Freman College from January for the younger age groups, and in March and April for all age groups. The Colts outside training

sessions, for children 4 and above, as well as adults will start the week of 25 April. We have already started planning this year a sports camp for the May half term holidays and Cricket camp later in August.

With so much going on, it promises to be a busy 2020 if you are able or interested to support any age group or would like to join the club as either a senior or junior player, please get in touch.

Pete Hobson
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 07774 961829
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Colts Training/ Indoor Nets Sessions

- Sunday Mar 8 11am to 12
- Sunday Mar 22 10am to 11
- Sunday Mar 29 10am to 11
- Sunday Apr 5 10am to 11am

Club indoor training dates

- Sunday 22 Mar 11am to 12 Seniors & U17s
- Sunday 29 Mar 11am to 12 Seniors & U17s
- Sunday 5 Apr 11am to 12 Seniors & U17s

Club Outdoor Training

- Adults & U17s from 9 April
- Colts from Saturday 25 April

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Could you help raise £5,000 for Addenbrookes Hospital?

A local man is attempting to raise £5,000 as part of a larger initiative at Addenbrooke's to help support patients at the hospital with cancer. John, who lives in Puckeridge, has been working as part of the Cancer



Support team for the past year, and is looking to raise £5,000 by completing two of the longest and hardest Obstacle Course Races (OCR) in the UK. the Burghley House Double Mucker (64km, 400 obstacles) on 9 May, and the Spartan Ultra Beast (50km, 60+ obstacles) on 19 September 19.

If you would like to sponsor John, or to find out more, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-wortley1>.



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Standon Mayday—75th Anniversary of VE Day

Friday 8 May

This year we celebrate the 45th year of the Standon May Day.

We will be recognising the founders Fred and Rachel 'Rae' Pinkney who started it in 1975.

The usual entertainment will be provided by Standon Morris, Hertfordshire Holly, Mr Marvel, Doody the Clown and The Braughing Scout Band. There will be music from Neil Bullen and The Bullenbush Band and the arena displays will be compered by Steve Deeks.

The arena items will include dancing by the children of Roger De Clare School, Starlight Stars, Stortford Cheerleaders, the Crowning of the May Queen and finishing with the infamous Duck Race. Entry will be by programme on the gate at a cost of 50p each.

Standon May Day is a unique charity event cherished by the people of the village and visitors alike. Please come along and support one of the longest established traditional festivals in the country.

It is a fantastic occasion for local charitable groups to fundraise and advertise.

I would like to thank everyone in Standon and Puckeridge for their continuing support of May Day, and this year for the High Streets' residents for their help and enthusiasm with the decorations.

I would like to thank the committee for their continued hard work and support and also all our volunteers for their help, we couldn't do it without you.

Could you help?

If anyone would like to volunteer that would be great. We are also looking for new Committee members to help spread the load a little - it's easy really, just six meetings a year in the pub and helping on the day.

Burrs Meadow is now fully booked but we still have a few spaces on the High street left. Please contact our secretary at info@standonmayday.co.uk for more information.

Sue Spalding
Standon May Day

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Roger de Clare C. of E First School and Nursery

The children and staff are, as ever, enjoying a busy and fun academic year. As part of our regular curriculum review, we have been implementing new topics and programmes of study across the school. These have been written to ensure a variety and depth to the learning that each child receives as well as adhering to the statutory elements of the National Curriculum.

As part of that process we have continued with a variety of visitors and organisations being welcomed into school. A new plan of worship between St. Mary's Church and our school has explored our values in greater depth and allowed us to reflect on the Bible in today's world. The children love seeing Reverend John and Caroline Franks and eagerly anticipate hearing the next message to reflect on.

Year 4 have welcomed in a Fashion Designer as part of their Art and Design topic. To see the process of design from start to finish has given our pupils a valuable insight into this world and it has been lovely to hear how the fashion industry are moving towards greater consideration of sustainability.



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This term we have also welcomed the NSPCC into school to share the message of 'speak out, stay safe' to our children. Children carried out one of their Daily Mile runs as a sponsored event for the charity. This visit led up to our annual focus on Children's Mental Health Week, Feeling Good Week and National Storytelling Week. There was also the added excitement of days where children showed their support by wearing yellow or green to school and bringing their favourite bedtime stories in whilst wearing pyjamas!

EYFS also received pedestrian training, delivered by our friends at the Active and Safer Travel Team in Hertfordshire whilst Year 1 welcomed a long standing local resident to share how life has changed in the village. We relish these opportunities to develop our links to the local community.

One of our key highlights for the whole school was the visit of a theatre group to perform a Pantomime to the children. This opportunity happens because of the hardworking and generous fundraising that our parents and carers undertake each year at Christmas and is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that all our children have experienced the joy

of theatre.

As we begin to look towards the longer days and return of colour to our gardens, we have lots more planned. This includes the return of our 'Wild Wednesdays' outdoor Science initiative, the development of our outside areas to include a fire pit and continued working with the schools and organisations around the Rib Valley and beyond!

Whilst applications for September 2020 spaces are currently closed, we do still have a few vacancies in some year groups. Mrs Woods, our Headteacher, is always happy to arrange for a tour and answer any questions you may have. Why not come and see us!

Hormead Rogation Walk

The walk is on Saturday 16 May start from Little Hormead Church at 9.15 am finish at Great Hormead Church about 5.00 pm.

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Buntingford Town Twinning Association

So 31st January has come and gone. We may no longer be members of the European Union but we remain geographically, and by history and monarchy, Europeans, with much to share with and learn from our European neighbours. Despite Brexit, or rather because of it, relationships set up 40 or more years ago between various European towns and cities, in the shadow of the Second World War and the Cold War, we think become more important now than before.

The core and essence of twinning is at its' heart the willingness of individuals to share ideas, cultures, food and drink and so forth by staying with hosts in their houses in the twin towns. Put simply we believe that spirit or friendship and understanding helps underpin international harmony.

Buntingford has twinned with the town of Luynes in the Loire Valley of France for over 40 years and with Olvega in Northern Central Spain for 15 years.

They are twinned to each other as well. Many longstanding friendships have built up in that time. Two years ago to

mark the 40th anniversary British twins who visited as children visited Luynes and met up with their childhood friends.

We are endeavouring to build relationships with our local schools as the schools in France are keen to do this and this was kick-started via a Bake Off last year. New members of any age, families and children especially, to carry forward these very worthwhile and rewarding connections with our European friends are always welcome. Travel is normally by coach to France but a flight from Stansted for Spain.

At this time of year we are planning our trips for the year. WE will be visiting Luynes this year between 16th and 20th April and will receive our Spanish guests between 1st and 5th July.

Our main social event will be 'The Hop' at The Seth Ward Community Centre in Buntingford on 2nd May. Tickets will be available nearer the time and early booking is advised. Details will be on the Buntingford Web page and local notice boards.

We would like to have new members to help us carry twinning forward and if you think that this idea appeals to you

then please contact us on 01920 822905 or by email: stevendeeks@yahoo.co.uk or speak to anyone you may know who may already be a twinner.

Steve and Mary Deeks

Barkway Market

Saturday 2nd May 2020 10am - 4pm

A quintessential English day out, set in the grounds of one of Barkway's attractive old houses

Over 120 stalls selling homeware, gardenware, plants, clothing and jewellery, much of it vintage, antique and/or collectible as well as artisan food and drink. And 20 stalls in the Church Craft Fair.

Entertainment for all to include our traditional favourites; the Royston Town Band and rides on a miniature steam train; as well Squirty Wirty the Clown. Pop-up café, tea and cake and bacon rolls aplenty as well as a bar.

£3 per adult and children 16 and under enter free of charge. Parking is free, via Royston Road, SatNav SG8 8BT.

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Events at Hertford Museum

Stay & Play

Saturday 7 March 10am – 4.30pm

Drop in and play with some traditional toys and get hands on with a family craft activity.

Its Free! Donations welcome!

High Streets & Hedgerows: Bayford & Little Berkhamsted

7 – 13 June

Discover the fascinating history of these two delightful villages and the stories of the people who lived and worked there in this new exhibition at Hertford Museum.

Toddler Tuesday at Hertford Museum

Tuesday 24 March 10.15 – 11.30 am

Join us for crafts, singing, stories and fun in our friendly museum. £3.50 per child, including drink and snack for children. Booking essential at the museum at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Be Kind Rewind A 70's and 80's Quiz at Hertford Museum

Thursday 26th March 7.30pm-9.30pm

Tickets £10, Booking Essential!

Hertford Museum presents a night of unashamed 70's and 80's nostalgia and quiz trivia. Tickets includes a glass of Babycham on arrival and retro refreshments to make your memories flow! Form a team of four in advance or make new friends on the night. Feel free to bring a bottle. Period dress encouraged!

Stay & Play

Saturday 4 April 10am – 4.30pm

Drop in and play with some traditional toys and get hands on with a family craft activity.

Its Free! Donations welcome!

Easter Holiday Craft Activities at Hertford Museum

Tues 7 April – Thurs 9 and Tues 14 – Thurs 16 April 10.30am-3.30pm (last entry 3pm)

Get stuck in to some creative family crafts. £2.50 per child, drop in!

Behind the Scenes at the Museum: Tours of the Stores

Saturday 18th April

Go behind the scenes with our Curatorial team at the seed warehouse and visit our stores, discover how we care for our vast and varied collections and enjoy some tea and cake and a chat with the team.

£5 per person, includes refreshments
Booking essential!

There will be two tours running simultaneously at 2.30pm and 3pm

Toddler Tuesday at Hertford Museum

Tuesday 21 April

10.15 – 11.30 am

Join us for crafts, singing, stories and fun in our friendly museum. £3.50 per child, including drink and snack for children. Booking essential at the museum at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Stay & Play

Saturday 2 May 10am – 4.30pm

Drop in and play with some traditional toys and get hands on with a family craft activity.

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Toddler Tuesday at Hertford Museum

Tuesday 12 May 10.15 – 11.30 am

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Museums at Night: Get Lo-Fi & DIY at Hertford Museum

Saturday 16 May 7pm-10pm

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Half Term Family Craft Activities at Hertford Museum

Tues 26th – Thurs 28th May 10.30am-3.30pm (last entry 3pm)

Get stuck in to some creative family crafts. £2.50 per child, drop in!

Stay & Play

Saturday 6 June 10am – 4.30pm

Drop in and play with some traditional toys and get hands on with a family craft activity.

Its Free! Donations welcome!

Toddler Tuesday at Hertford Museum

Tuesday 9 June 10.15 – 11.30 am

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Historic Walk along Puckeridge High Street

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- TG's shop,
- 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 Whealon 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.

Starlight Stars News

Since last writing in the PS News, Starlight Stars proudly presented our Stage & Screen Spectacular at Hertford Theatre with 90 students aged 4-18yrs from our Puckeridge and Baldock centres.

Last September, we started classes at Northgate School, Bishop's Stortford on Saturdays. The classes were originally Allycats Song & Dance Club which was expertly run by Cath Dickerson for 20 years. We are thrilled to have 40 children participating in our Saturday sessions and are working on our own show 80's Friendship Story that we are taking to the Rhodes Arts Complex in May.

In November we held our annual Singing & Acting recital. This is always a celebration of our private students that work hard throughout the year on their Musical Theatre and Acting pieces through The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art syllabus. Please contact 01763 287691 or email info@starlightstars.co.uk if you are interested in having lessons with us.

New Adult Musical & Street Dance Classes

We now run adult sessions at Ralph

Sadleir in Musical Theatre and Street Dance. Musical Theatre classes are Tuesday 7:30-8:30pm and Street Dance Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm. Sessions are £7 and invoiced each term. Come along for a trial session and have some fun. No experience necessary...just the ability to have fun!

Exam Stars

Our Performance & Communication lessons that take place during the school day continue to flourish. We now provide tutors in 12 schools across Hertfordshire and Cambridge including Edwinstate, Ralph Sadleir, Knight's Templar School, St Edmund's College and Haileybury. With over 500 students preparing for LAMDA examinations in Acting, Public Speaking, Verse & Prose and Musical Theatre we are incredibly proud and privileged to be helping children and young adults to improve their speaking, listening and communication skills as well as boosting their self-confidence. If you think your school would like us to offer our classes then please contact lamda@starlightstars.co.uk to request a school pack.

As always, thank you to all the staff, students, parents, Community Centre

Committee, WASPS after school club and schools for supporting our classes.

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Will be held on the following Wednesdays, 8.45-11.30am:

- 4th March
- 1st April
No May Cafe
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Deadline for all applications is 5pm 31 March 2020. If you miss this first funding round, don't worry as there will another in the autumn. A grants advice workshop is being offered on the 2 March 2020, 7pm to 8:30pm at the councils office in Hertford.

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Christmas at Ralph Sadleir

The Ralphie Festive Fayre 2019 was once again a huge success and we would like to thank the RSA for all their time and effort in organising such a key event. We were



overwhelmed with all the donations that came in from parents/carers and the support the event had from local residents and family members. With nearly 400 visitors to the Fayre, enjoying tombolas, raffles, games and of course, not forgetting the Reindeer Rodeo, we were thrilled at raising a whopping £2,675.35!!

Another key event in our Christmas diary was the Christmas Hamper Donations, organised by our Geography teacher, Miss Graves. All her efforts were rewarded with a collection of 65 wonderfully festive hampers that were delivered to local residents who were in need of some extra Christmas cheer.

Thanks again to everyone for their continued support, especially during what is always such a busy time of the year.

Ralph Sadleir School

Cantate Youth Choir present "Cantate Spring Fling"

Sunday 15 March, 6.00pm, at St. Mary's Church, High Street, Standon

Join Cantate's Three Youth Choirs (ages 6-18) as they sing in the Spring with a mixture of choral music old and new.

Music Director: Lucy Joy Morris

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Cantate is delighted to be returning to the stunning setting of St. Mary's Church Standon, for its **"Spring Fling"** concert. On Sunday 15th March at 6.00pm Cantate's Training, Junior and Senior Choirs return to beautiful Standon village to sing in the Spring with a mixture of choral music old and new. Let Cantate weave its very special brand of magic around you! The choir will also be organising a raffle.

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Isabel Hospice News

Ware Group Fundraising News

Our thanks to all friends of Isabel for their continuing support last year. Together we raised £2,492 at six Jumble Sales, with Gill Klinkert contributing an additional £2,955 from Ebay sales. 22 volunteers gave their time and effort throughout the year at the Jumble Sales and deserve special thanks. The Sales are important as some items sent there can be sold at other events to increase funding.

Money has been donated in so many other ways – Teresa took items to car boots, tabletop sales and Ware's Dickensian event and made a total of £2,500. We were very fortunate in receiving a donation of £3,000 from the Miniature Railway Co. and money from local businesses, shops and pubs. from can collections. Puller Memorial School chose Isabel as their charity and raised money from non-uniform days, raffles and sales. The Grand Total from fundraising in 2019 was £13,761.

The Jumble Sale in January made £437.62p. Gill added to this from her Ebay sales between November and January, contributing £570. We owe her a debt of gratitude for continuing to raise these excellent amounts each time. Her efforts increase what is made on the day and brings the total for the January Jumble Sale to £1,007.62.

We thank the Rib Valley Anglers and staff at Westmill Farm for their

generosity in donating £94 from their recent can collection.

We have been awarded £2,500 this year from our great supporters, the Miniature Railway, based at Van Hage. We thank them very much indeed for their continuing generosity. The East Herts. Miniature Railway Co. Ltd. is a non-profit-making Company which celebrated it's 40th anniversary 2 years ago. Children and adults have enjoyed riding the trains and the profit made is used for vital maintenance and improvements, after which it is then shared between 4 local charities. This is a great achievement and Isabel Hospice is very appreciative of the thousands of pounds received over the years.

Jumble Sale Dates:

28 March Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale
2pm Thundridge Hall. Admission 50p.

16 May Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale 2pm
Thundridge Hall. Admission 50p.

Saturday 7 March

Quiz Evening for Isabel Hospice

7pm for 7.30pm Memorial Hall Welham Green, AL9 7PG

Light refreshments included. Bring your own drink and glasses. Parking, Raffle . Call 01707 265333 or 658531 for tickets.

20 March

An Evening with Bob Wilson for Isabel Hospice

Event Date: 20 March 2020 8-10pm, at

the Tythe Barn, Tewin Bury Farm Hotel, Welwyn, AL6 OJB.

Join us for a very special evening and an opportunity to meet goalkeeping legend, TV sports journalist and presenter Bob Wilson. After a delicious dinner enjoy the company and stories of Bob Wilson in conversation with Stuart Storey, Olympian and BBC Sports Commentator for 40 years.

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Ticket Enquiries: Barbara Doherty MBE or Suzanne Coleman Tel: 01438 798 869 Email: rdsjcoleman@gmail.com

28 March

Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale- Come along and find some treasures!

2- 5pm, at Thundridge Hall, Cambridge Rd, SG12 0TU, Thundridge

Admission: 50p

29 March

Woodhall off-road run

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15 March
Skydive for Isabel Hospice



Soar through the sky for Isabel Hospice!

15 March 7 am, at North London Skydiving Centre, Wimblington, PE15 0FB

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Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club***The 2020 season is not far away***

The whole club counts down towards the start of the season at the beginning of May – to prepare we will be holding our Open Day in April:

OPEN DAY***Saturday 25 April, 10am - 3.30pm***

Come and find out what Bowls is all about

Come and see the 2019 2 Woods Final

Have a go yourself.....***Why do we play Bowls?***

I asked a few club members what makes them play the sport and what keeps them coming back to Standon & Puckeridge every year and this is what they said:

“It’s a great way to be competitive AND enjoy a good social occasion at the same time”

“The world of Bowls is wide and varied – so if you just want a gentle afternoon playing bowls, there are many opportunities; or if you want to challenge yourself there is a wide range of great competitions to get involved in – you can play Bowls at a level that suits you”

“I keep coming back to Standon & Puckeridge” because it’s a small and very friendly club, I feel that I am part of the club and not just making up the numbers”

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://standonpuckeridgbowlsclub.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

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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 Herts SG11 1TF



Puckeridge Karate Club

In December, we held both kyu and dan gradings, and we're very pleased to announce that everyone was successful.

Pictured above are Charlotte and Annabelle who passed their 1st Dans, Daniel who passed his Junior 1st Dan and their examiner Sensei Michael Billman 9th Dan.

All three of them worked extremely hard during 2019, and passing their first black belt grading was well deserved.

Puckeridge Karate Club has a great instructor/student ratio and a huge depth

of knowledge that the black belts are keen to pass on.

If you want to try something different and get fit at the same time, come and give Karate a go. First lesson is free.

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

Training times are:

Tuesday: 20.30-21.30 Seniors All grades

Thursdays:

19.00-20.00 Juniors All grades

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Chalk streams are an incredibly important and globally rare environment with a unique ecology. There are no more than 200 of these streams and rivers in the world, six of which are in Hertfordshire;

The rivers: Mimram, Beane, Rib, Quin, Ash and Stort

The River Rib rises close to the village of Buckland. It runs south through Wydial, Buntingford and Westmill, before reaching Braughing, Standon and Puckeridge. Continuing south it divides the villages of Thundridge and Westmill before joining the River Lea between Hertford and Ware. The Quin rises close to Cokenach and flows near Barkway, Hormead, Hare Street and Braughing, joining the Rib near to the village.

Concern over the state and future of our chalk streams led to the formation of the Friends of the River Rib, now renamed Friends of the Rib and Quin (FORQ). FORQ joins groups across Hertfordshire, and further afield, campaigning to improve the state of these precious and dying chalk stream environments.

FORQ will be working with Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (HMWT), town and parish councils and landowners

to survey the rivers and benchmark the species in the Rib and Quin. We will also, with the other Hertfordshire river groups, be lobbying government departments, agencies and politicians to progress solutions to increase the volume of water that runs in our rivers by addressing the fundamental issues of over abstraction in an area of the country that has high population and low rainfall.

Over 40 members of FORQ met at Braughing Community Centre in mid January to get an update on our activities. Minutes of the meeting have been sent to all those on our newsletter mailing list, to join this please see our website www.friendsoftherib.wordpress.com or email FORQcomms@gmail.com.

It is important that FORQ raise awareness locally of our globally important chalk streams and the issues affecting their current dire state. Through participating in the Riverfly Monitoring initiative, river surveys and wildlife recording we can benchmark the biodiversity of our local chalk stream environments. We will be doing more riverfly monitoring of both the Rib and Quin in the coming months.

We are looking to work with other similar groups both locally and further afield. Through the efforts of Sarah Perry at HMWT a network of similar groups has been formed to establish a manifesto of actions for chalk streams.

At the January meeting in Braughing John Pritchard, of Ver Valley Society (VVS), gave a detailed presentation on the history of the Ver and its problems

as a chalk stream, which culminated in complete loss of flow through St Albans last summer. This prompted the "Protest in The Park" event, which approx 300 people attended. As a result St Albans City Council adopted a resolution to restore the river flow and to protect the river. It was obvious that FORQ could learn much from what the VVS has done and intends to do.

Members of FORQ's executive attended the Lea Catchment Partnership Conference. This event brings together people and groups with an interest in the rivers of the Lea Catchment. The aim is to share progress on projects and best practice and facilitate connections with agencies and water companies.

Over the last few months FORQ's executive have been researching smart phone apps. We were looking for an app that was well designed, informative, available to all and had the potential to record sightings in a way that would help build a picture of 'our' wildlife.

Many of the apps available are very niche and specialist, however we found a number of the key elements we wanted in the iNaturalist app. It has full species coverage, the ability to upload pictures and sounds of sightings along with automatic location identification.

We have set up a specific project for the Rib and Quin Valleys. There is a blog post on our website which tells you more about the app and our new project catchment page. It means users are contributing in real-time to our understanding of the wildlife of the river valleys. We would love people to help us add to the database.

Pauline Ayres, Communications FORQ

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Braughing Society:

The Braughing Society's next four events in Braughing Village Hall are:

- Friday 13 March at 8pm a talk by Rodney Tibbs - '50 Years behind the News'.
- Friday 27 March at 8pm in conjunction with the Buntingford Film Club showing the Oscar nominated and BAFTA winning brilliant film "Lion" starring Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman and Rooney Mara. Entrance £7.50.
- Friday 17 April at 8pm a talk by Mick Casson (invited back as he was so funny last year) 'The continuing story of the Tower'.
- Friday 8 May at 8pm a talk by Roger Wilkes - Prison Governor
- On Wednesday 3 June the society is visiting Ely for a tour of the cathedral, lunch at the Old Fire Engine House, a tour of the cathedral's stained glass museum, and lastly tea at Peacock's by the Great Ouse - winner of Britain's best tea shop award.

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Extinction Rebellion!

In 1962 the inspiring book 'Silent Spring' was written, that is 56 years ago and sparked off the environmental movement. Not long after in 1971 Greenpeace was created and ever since a few enlightened people have been banging the drum for changes in the way we treat our wonderful planet. I look around today and wonder what happened, very little it seems.

Looking at the farmland I see fields, square miles of brown fields all sprayed with 'Round up', the field margins all mown down to within an inch of the soil when these are meant to be havens for wildlife, the hedges which were covered in food for overwintering birds all cut back, creating an ecological desert.

We have known how to build energy efficient houses now for decades, but looking around at 'Stortford Fields' is heartbreaking, thousands of cold, expensive to run houses, everyone with a gas boiler, these could all be zero carbon or Passivhaus only needing the equivalent of a hair dryer to heat them on the coldest days and the rest of the time no heating at all and powered by the sun for free. Are we stupid or what?

To my mind our council and developers are letting us down, there is a climate emergency and the Developers have a wonderful time now with million pound bonuses; why can't they see they will be suffering too, there will be no safe place to go even if they have millions in their bank accounts, we are all in the same boat up a creek without a paddle.

I would suggest that nothing is allowed through planning without zero carbon being specified and authenticated when built, we are on a war footing now we

have to act like it, come on councillors take up your responsibilities now. Farmers also have to change and work with nature not against it before any more extinctions.

Pat Wilkinson

Ware & District Photographic Society



We held a very successful one day exhibition at Thundridge Village Hall in November. There were over 100 prints on display together with a continuous digital projection show. In addition, there was an excellent display of hand embroideries from both the Hertford & District U3A and the Standon Embroidery groups. There are a couple of vacancies at the Standon Group which meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Standon Village Hall from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Beginners are most welcome. Anyone interested please ring Barbara Norris on 01920 822104 for further information.

The 2020 exhibition will be held on Saturday 21 November at Thundridge Village Hall.

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PAY TO PLAY is available to all, if you just want to use a court, £5 ph or £2.50 for juniors. If you need the floodlights they are £4 ph. Contact Keith Bradshaw on 01920 821152.

OPEN DAY Sunday May 10th from 1pm, everyone is welcome, come and try the refurbished courts.

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.

For more information regarding coaching please contact Cliff on 07709 355655

ADULT TENNIS for all, Wednesday morning from 10am and Friday afternoon from 1.45pm. Contact Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152.

CLUB NIGHT Tuesday 6.30, we have Ladies, Ladies 50+, Ladies 60+, Men's and Mixed teams in local leagues and are always looking for new players. Contact Diana Foster 07778 031430.

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MAY DAY Friday 8 May, come and see us on Burr's Meadow.

Fallen roadside branches

Something new has been happening over the past couple of years. When storms blow branches from hedgerows onto roads, they have been cleared from the roads but cut flush with the kerb edges, projecting over the verges. So substantial branches remain ground facing oncoming traffic at the edge of the road.

With trucks, farm vehicles and ever wider 4x4 cars on country roads this is a potential danger. Faced with an fast and wide oncoming vehicle a driver will be faced with a difficult choice that I would not wish on anyone. So, to whom it may concern, please cut these fallen branches back to the hedge line and keep the verges clear.

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Owl & Echo – Herts Police

At our last Parish Council meeting we were joined by our local Police team led by Sargent Hunt.

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The initiative is to provide feedback to the Police so that by listening closely they can react and improve the service they offer everyone at local level.

Visit <https://www.herts.police.uk/Information-and-services/Get-involved/echo> to learn more about the echo service and to provide valuable feedback that will make a huge difference.

Of course, our local Police Force are responsible for an extremely wide area and therefore the importance of excellent collaboration with local communities is paramount for them to execute the level of service we all want. Remember to get involved, report incidents and offer feedback whenever you can.

Royston Choral Society

Saturday 21 March 7.30 pm Ashwell Parish Church

Musical Director Andrew O'Brien
East Herts Sinfonia

B Minor Mass J.S. Bach

Following the success of last year's performance of Bach's St John Passion, Royston Choral Society is very excited to be returning to Ashwell Parish Church again in March to perform Bach's momentous B Minor Mass.

The work was one of Bach's last compositions, not completed until 1749, the year before his death, and is a musical setting of the complete Ordinary of the Latin Mass. Maybe the early 19th century Swiss music critic Hans-Georg Nageli said it best when he called the mass, "The greatest work of music of all ages and of all peoples." We will be joined by a stunning set of soloists and accompanied again by the East Herts Sinfonia.

Tickets (£15 each or £1 for under 18s) will be available online shortly and from choir members

Full details on our website <https://www.roystonchoralso.co.uk>

Outdoor Pollution**Latest news on Weed Control**

Investigated by the World Health Organisation > Research on Cancer. Their latest report on glyphosate stated "it is probably carcinogenic to humans". Councils now face campaigns by residents to ban it. So far 30 Councils have banned it or significantly restricted it with staff hand weeding or other non-chemical weed control

Bees Rejoice!

Plant large/medium shrubs (flowering viburnams) which don't need weeding and climbers on frames which don't need weeding (honeysuckles/jasmines/roses/clematis)

Add membrane and mulches.

See www.the-otherroom.co.uk for examples

Technology Opinion

When all around you friends and family are mocking you or labelling you as a technophobe. Think on this quote:-

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East Herts Aviation Society: SPINS Pre-School

The East Herts Aviation Society meets monthly from September to June at the Sword Inn Hand at Westmill. Our 40 plus members, male and female, come from various disciplines and backgrounds; many with aviation somewhere in their working life, but not exclusively. Some merely have an interest in inanimate objects in the sky! We welcome new as well as old faces so to find out more or add your name to our distribution list please email me at Rogerstanton@icloud.com. There is no joining fee merely £3 per meeting to cover speaker costs and overheads.

Our next three meetings are as follows:-

- Monday 30 March at 8pm - Gordon Stringer 'The Bristol 188 Britain's early supersonic project'.
- Monday 27 April at 8pm - Robin Webb 'DH Aircraft you've never heard of; Some of De Havilland's projects that didn't make it off the drawing board.'
- Monday 1 June at 8pm - Michael Hallett 'The extraordinary flying career of Wing Commander Harold Blackman MC DFC (1879-1959) by his grandson.'

The Sword Inn The Hand offer a pre-talk £10 special pub menu from 6.45pm on those evenings.

We hope to see you there.

Roger Stainton, Secretary, East Herts Aviation Society, tel 07785 245400



SPINS Pre-School have had a very busy start to the New Year. All our new children have settled in well and are making good progress.

We have joined in learning about the Year of the Rat for Chinese New Year. We have enjoyed cold frosty morning walks and sunshine at the park. To finish the term the children enjoyed making jam tarts and heart pictures celebrating Valentines Day.

Our staff continue their professional development with regular updates and courses including 12 Hour Paediatric First Aid, Autism Training, Safeguarding

and GDPR/Data Protection.

We are open from 9.15 am – 12.15 pm (2.15 pm lunch club), term time, five mornings a week at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. We are registered for 2, 3 & 4 year old funding and where applicable 30 Hours Childcare.

We are currently registering rising 2 year olds for our September 2020 intake. Places are limited so please enquire early. If you would like to visit the nursery or are interested in registering your child please phone for an appointment to join our waiting list, Tel: 07881 533339.

Spins Pre-School also run a weekly Toddler Group on a Monday morning, 9.30 am – 11.00 am. £2.00 per child. This is also at the Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, small hall. We welcome parents and their children, from birth until they reach 5 years. You can attend as often or as little as you wish, tea/coffee available and a drink and snack for your child. Why not come along and make some new friends whilst your little one plays. On offer is painting, craft table, playdoh, baby area, games, puzzles, singing and so much more.

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SSE Calls on Manchester Airports Group to Respect Uttlesford Decision

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has called upon the Manchester Airports Group (MAG) to respect the Uttlesford District Council (UDC)'s decision to refuse its latest expansion proposals for Stansted Airport, and has urged MAG not to appeal against the decision.

Welcoming the Council's decision to refuse permission, SSE Chairman Peter Sanders said: "I would firstly like to express appreciation and gratitude to the Uttlesford councillors on the Planning Committee not only for reaching this decision today but also for the very thorough and professional manner in which they have dealt with this Planning Application."

Approval of the Stansted Airport planning application would have allowed 43 million passengers a year, making Stansted almost as big as today's Gatwick, and would have meant an extra 200 flights a day.

If MAG lodges an appeal against UDC's refusal to the Secretary of State, the consequence could be a lengthy public inquiry and continued uncertainty for the local community a year or more.

Ever since MAG first announced its expansion proposals for Stansted SSE argued that the planning application should be dealt with at national level

rather than locally. MAG, however, insisted on local determination, emphasising that UDC was fully capable of deciding its application.

SSE Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "MAG has always insisted that this planning application must be dealt with locally by UDC rather than nationally. The fact that MAG has not obtained the result that it wanted from UDC should not mean that MAG can now simply reverse its position and insist on its application being dealt with at national level. MAG chose the playing field and it should therefore respect the result."

Councillors heard that the proposed expansion would result in an extra million tonnes of CO₂ emissions a year and that Stansted is already the biggest single source of CO₂ emissions in the East of England. With the world facing a climate emergency, many councillors emphasised that the priority was to reduce carbon emissions, not to sanction a planning application that would make matters worse. The proposed expansion would also have meant increased noise, air pollution and health risks for residents not only in the vicinity of the airport and under flightpaths, but also over a wider area.

SSE made a 40-minute presentation to the UDC Planning Committee at their marathon (7-hour) meeting on Friday (24 January), explaining the environmental, economic, health and

other impacts of the airport expansion proposals. [Note 3]

After extensive consideration of the evidence, the UDC Planning Committee concluded that the combined detrimental effects of the increased noise, carbon emissions, air pollution and health risks decisively outweighed any potential benefits of approving the application.

When it came to the vote, 10 members of the Committee voted to refuse the application, none voted to approve and there were two abstentions. The vote would have been unanimous had it not been for the fact that two members of the Committee who were also members of SSE considered it inappropriate to vote.

Before the vote was taken, the Chief Executive of Stansted Airport, Ken O'Toole, thanked "the UDC members and officers for the time and effort they have devoted to carefully and professionally considering our application, particularly over the past few months".

Despite this praise for the Council's officers and members of its Planning Committee, MAG has not ruled out the option of an appeal. If there is an appeal, SSE has pledged itself to support UDC in presenting the case at public inquiry. This should assist in minimising costs whilst also sharing technical expertise.

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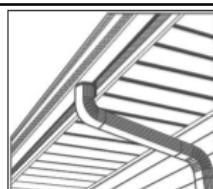
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Please take another look at the new polymer £20 banknote that has just been issued. It features the British artist JMW Turner (1775 – 1851) and his painting, The Fighting Temeraire. The painting shows HMS Temeraire in 1838, being towed by a steam tug towards a scrapyard at Rotherhithe on the Thames. It was a sad ending for a ship that achieved considerable fame at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. The Temeraire was immediately astern of Nelson's flagship, the Victory, and played a major part in the battle, her crew capturing two enemy ships while suffering heavy casualties.

The captain of the Temeraire at Trafalgar

was Eliab Harvey (1758 – 1830) from Chigwell in Essex. He shared his time between naval duties and being one of the two Members of Parliament for Essex. He was later knighted and promoted to the rank of admiral. Sir Eliab's final resting place is in the Hundred Parishes, in the Harvey family crypt beneath St Andrew's Church, Hempstead. The crypt holds the coffins of around fifty members of the extended Harvey family.

An earlier family member was William Harvey (1578 – 1657), the first doctor to describe the circulation of the blood. His mortal remains are also in Hempstead Church although his body was moved in 1883 by the Royal College of Physicians from the crypt into a large sarcophagus in the chapel above the private crypt.

A print of The Fighting Temeraire hangs in Saffron Walden in The Temeraire, a Wetherspoon pub whose walls are richly decorated with pictures and information about local history.

The £20 note is not the first to have a local connection. The £50 note in circulation from 1994 to 2011 featured Sir John Houblon. Members of his family once owned Hatfield Forest.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Labour Party

East Herts Rural Branch

Kelley Green, our candidate in the general election in December, worked very hard in the brief campaign. In the time available we had to concentrate on work in Letchworth, Baldock and Royston, but she knocked on doors in parts of Buntingford as well and visited a number of the villages in our area.

Nationally, Labour suffered a depressingly severe defeat, falling back from 40% of the votes in 2017 to 32.2%. Here in North East Hertfordshire, Kelley did better than the national average, losing only 4.7 percentage points. It is an indication of the complexity of these analyses that Sir Oliver Heald for the Conservatives also lost voter share by 2.1 percentage points.

Labour's 40% voter share nationally in 2017 was only marginally less than Tony Blair's second win in 2001 and better than Tony Blair's 35.2% in 2005.

The media have been telling us that 2019 was the worst Labour performance since before the Second World War, measuring in the number of seats won. However, in terms of the proportion of the votes cast, it was better than 2015 and 2010 and considerably better than 1983, when



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Michael Foot was Labour leader.

The fact that 32.2% of the votes got us so few seats, when Tony Blair won an overall majority in Parliament with 35.2%, indicates a change in the distribution of Labour votes, no longer so concentrated in urban, manufacturing areas, but spread over the country.

Part of the explanation of this is the changing age profiles of those supporting the two main parties. In the last two elections, Labour has become heavily dependent on young voters. In almost a mirror image of the graph of Labour's support, the Conservatives have become very heavily dependent on voters over the age of 55.

This trend has been there for many years now, but became much more marked in 2017 and 2019. It has consequences for both parties who need to examine their policies to discover what has been happening.

A great deal turns on whether the young voters will retain their liking for socialist policies as they get older or whether the elderly Tory voters will be replaced by others becoming more inclined to vote Conservative as they get older.

The latter scenario is particularly worrying for Labour, as the proportion of older people in the population is increasing.

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Standon Parish Council Web Site:
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Meeting Dates:

Please see the website for all meeting dates and associated documents.

Parish Councillor vacancy:

There is still a Councillor vacancy for Puckeridge Ward. If you want to make a difference to your community please do apply.

Planning:

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

This weblink takes you straight through to the page where you can simply put in an address or if you have it, the planning application number. The next page shows the application. There is a tab which says 'documents' and if you click on this, you will be able to see plans and other documentation.

Any parishioner has the opportunity to

present their plans to the Parish Council at a Parish Council meeting.

Whilst the Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications, EHDC takes the final decision. The Parish Council has no opportunity to appeal against a decision taken by EHDC.

Dog Fouling:

You are strongly urged to pick up after your dog in all public places, which includes the playing field, Burrs Meadow, and all footpaths and verges in the Parish. There are many dog bins available for use. It is against the law to allow a dog to foul any public place or highway, and any green space.

Allotments:

Standon Parish Council is very sad to advise that the allotment manager, Brian Durrant, has sadly passed. Brian was a dedicated Puckeridge man, serving on the Parish Council, and then managing the allotments as a volunteer. He will be very sorely missed.

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/>

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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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Healthy Lifestyles

Advice from NHS Advisor Professor Roy Taylor

'Half of those who develop type 2 diabetes are not obese. They don't necessarily even look overweight'. To be fully informed and tested you should visit your GP.

> Be aware of Smoothies and most all 'quick' food. They are heavily laden with calories (fats/oils and sugars) as these act as the binding agents and prolong shelf life.

> Don't eat food whilst watching TV. You will 100% not be eating mindfully so won't relate to being full (hence we often feel bloated after eating whilst watching TV).

> During you day have regular glasses of water and dehydration and hunger can be confusing.

Filling Food for Weight Loss seekers

So often the food recommended by 'experts' is not filling or we still seek something we feel we are being deprived of.

I have made life changes that make this evening meal a way of life rather than a fad (apart from the odd dining-out deviation)

To start

Mug full size portion> Chopped Melon and Black grapes/Black cherries (frozen thawed) or blueberries. Dark purple fruit

contains anti-oxidants. This initial fruit filler takes the edge off gorging on the main meal

Main course

Multiple roasted veg (Squash, Carrots, Sweet Pot, Red onion, Cauliflower etc. tossed in low cal. spay oil seasoned with smoked paprika, mustard seeds (few), celery seed, nigella seed and Schwartz chicken seasoning. Roast in batches and keep in fridge in portions to re heat each night (quick and easy). Serve on a bed of finely chopped rocket and mixed leaves and some cooked soya beans which have been mixed with a little Honey and Mustard dressing. On top of roasted veg a dollop of fat free cottage cheese mixed with some red pesto mixed with low fat mayonnais e.

Lots of nutrients and very filling. Add different seasonal veg

Dessert...if you have room

Buy sachets of gelatine from larger food stores.

Follow instructions but only make up to just over half a pint. When cooling, add a tea cup of pureed cooked fruit (apple/pear) and handful of raspberries or strawberries. It's filling and delicious

Vegan trend

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expected to be a human carcinogen“ say toxicology experts.

Think on this. People who lived during the World War are a lot healthier and commonly living to 100+. In these ration based times there was not a lot of meat, and butter and sugar were strictly rationed. But there were plenty of vegetables and people also grew their own as well.

Tales from Brockhols Manor

Cast your mind back to the August Bank Holiday weekend, gorgeous hot weather, and at Brockhols Manor a very parched garden with no meaningful rain for weeks.

While doing a general garden tidy up, I found a Eurasian collared dove. He was caught up in bind weed and long grass, completely exhausted and unable to move. Once I untwisted the weed from around his neck and wing, I left him to recover and watched from a short distance expecting him to fly away, but he didn't.

Now you must understand I'm not a pet person, pets and animals are things other people have they are messy and smelly, well that was what I thought before moving to Brockhols and this amazing house started to change me. We now have two black cats, but I still say they are not pets, we were overrun by mice, so we had no choice in the matter!

You can see I had no interest in looking after a dove, I had done my good deed for the day I wanted to get back to the garden, however the Dove was not flying away. I put him in a box and took the box indoors where it was cooler. I gave him some water in a dish which he did not drink. He still hadn't opened his eyes by the afternoon, I tried to feed him water and squashed raspberries on the end of a cotton bud, using a cloth and holding him gently in one hand while feeding with the other.

The following morning, he still hadn't opened his eyes, after speaking to the RSPCA my daughter and I took him to the local Vet. They didn't think much of his chances but gave us some fortified cat food, a small syringe and showed me how to feed him. Off I went, oh! and just like a new-born, he needed feeding every 2 to 3 hours yes that right, through the night! It was a two-person job, my husband, Richard was delighted.

Luckily for me he recovered quickly and by the Thursday he had both eyes open and was even preening himself. He recovered sufficiently we thought to be released on the Saturday morning. He was not keen to leave his little box but with some encouragement off he flew into a tree and then into a higher tree, the second landing did not look good, was I being overly protective of my little dove. I pushed my worries to the back of my mind.

I kept an eye on him, I was right to worry, by the Sunday afternoon he was struggling but was too timid to be caught again despite following me around the garden. He was having trouble flying straight and landing, he was walking round and round in small in circles and worst of all another dove kept attacking him. There seemed to be nothing I could do except let nature take its course.

Then on the following Tuesday while having a break from working and making myself some lunch, he alighted on the lawn near the bird feeders and walked then wobbled along the ground. I watched as I ate, after a number of falls I popped a laundry basket over him and put him back in his box. Unable to hold his head up or stand with many wounds he was in a sorry state. I gave him a feed I took him back to the vet. “I don't think he will last more than a day or two, you can try again, but we need to think about putting him down”. I took him home and this time I phone the RSPB

They gave me the number of a bird rescue centre “Hello, yes we rescue birds, we are very full sorry goodbye.”

“No, no” I replied, “I just want some advice”, “oh that's different, tell me more, well done, ah yes, now you need to grate apples, and hard-boiled egg yolks, do you have sunflowers..... The food should be the consistency of something in between single and double cream Oh, and a hot water bottle in the box.....do phone me again, you don't need to hold him with a cloth..... and you can get vitamins from a reptile specialist!” so much help, I was now on the right road.

I followed Deborah's advice and after many more helpful phone calls and much careful feeding, he looked much better and but still was not thriving, just setting on his perch hanging his head down. After sending some photos to Deborah Lauterpacht, the wild bird expert, she suggested I took him to see her. Deborah was wonderful and spent 2 hours checking him over, we found two ticks which she carefully removed, she cleaned up his wounds one to his right ear and one to his left eye. Much cheap vodka was used.

Back at home in his box converted using cooling racks for windows he continued to improve feeding out of my hand, occasionally scratching at his wounds then I would have to clean his feet with more vodka. Progressing from his box to a proper bird cage and now an aviary 1m x 2m x 2m set up in our very cold and not much used dining room. When he is very happy or just to let us know he is there he hoots to us. Deborah says this is a good sign also that doves are very loyal, and he will probably always stay in our garden once released.

He doesn't have a name and he is not a pet, but I am looking forward to releasing him in the spring and having his company when I'm in the garden.

Juliet Penn Clark, Brockhols Manor.

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When using spray cleaning products, spray directly onto the cloth and then wipe, otherwise you can easily inhale/ ingest the cleaning product (afterall you would drink it would you) and have windows ajar until the smell dies down

Up-coming events at Brockholt's Manor

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Amici Cantate Presents "Spring Concert"

Love is in the Air – songs of love, life and laughter

Musical Director: James Davey

Accompanist: Michael Smith

This concert is raising funds for Leaside Church

Saturday 28 March, 7:30pm at Leaside Church, High Street, Ware,

Tickets: Adult: £12 Child (under 16): £6

Ticket Sales:

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Amici Ticket Secretary on (01279) 506773 or email tickets@amicicantate.org.uk

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Come and share the love in beautiful warm Leaside Church ... let Amici Cantate wrap you in songs of love, life and laughter! For our Spring Concert, "Love is in the Air", we are delighted to be returning to and raising money for Leaside Church, High Street, Ware on Saturday 28th March at 7:30pm. The gorgeous programme features beautiful Irish songs (one in Gaelic!) which we will be performing during our April tour to Kerry, as well as Fix You, Seal Lullaby, My Love Is Like A Red Red Rose, Stranger in Paradise, Chanson de

Matin, It Was A Lover And His Lass, Hamba Lulu and more – a stunning eclectic mix not to be missed! The concert will be directed by our inspirational Musical Director James Davey and our fabulous Accompanist is Michael Smith.

Amici Cantate

Bishop's Stortford based Amici Cantate is a vibrant choir, well known for its eclectic repertoire spanning musical genres from early music, through classical choral works, to contemporary and African music. Originally formed to allow parents and friends to support Cantate Youth Choir by raising funds and joining together in concerts and performances, Amici Cantate is now a well-known choir in its own right. Amici Cantate still has the objective of supporting Cantate but has also widened its objectives to supporting other local charities and music-making opportunities in the local community.

As a registered charity Amici Cantate performs in order to raise funds not only for themselves, but also in partnership with other charities and organisations.

If you would like to find out more please have a look at our website: www.amicicantate.org.uk

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The joyous Easter God

How do we know if there is a god? It is a question a lot of people ask me, especially if they think that science has disproved God. In fact, science can neither prove nor disprove God. Science conducts experiments, and by definition God cannot be tested with repeatable experiments. He is beyond and above our experiments. But what we can say is that the existence of God is far more likely than unlikely. There are a number of things that point in the direction of God: the complexity of nature, the fact we have morality as human beings and the fact we can appreciate beauty. There is another thing: joy.

Where does joy come from? I do not mean happiness: happiness is a feeling based on something going right, like a job, or a sporting event, or a relationship. Joy is something different: it is the feeling of exhilaration not based on anything in particular. It's that "good to be alive moment" even if (or especially if) things around seem to be going wrong. Since coming to the village, I have met a number of people like that. One lady in church who is suffering seriously from an illness just exudes joy. Anyone who meets her comes away refreshed and enriched.

What is the source of such joy? It is something completely outside of us. It is something given, not worked for or deserved. It is so remarkable that, in itself, it is a pointer towards God and his nature. It is, I would say, a gift of God to us, that can only really be explained by a greater power. And the greatest joy of all? It must be the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are coming up to Easter. The Bible says of Jesus, "For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). The joy of Jesus came through his sacrifice for us, and then his union with God after his resurrection on the first Easter.

How can we find true joy? Do not seek joy, but seek God, and especially Jesus,

who died and rose again. And as we seek and find Him, we will find joy, whatever our circumstances. I pray you will know such joy this Easter.

John

He never fails

The value of something is often based on its reliability. Is it of good quality? Will it perform consistently? Can I trust it? Anyone who has ever owned an old car that's always breaking down will really appreciate the value of dependability.

We live in a world of shifting sand. A man's word is no longer his bond. Contracts and legal clauses are required to seal a deal because mere handshakes are no longer sufficient. Promises are broken. Guarantees do not always deliver what we had supposed. Stories are slanted. Perspectives are twisted. Expectations end in disappointment. Vows are broken and discarded.

If you are weary of the disappointment, consider the Rock (Deuteronomy 32:4). In Jesus, we find the stability, the solid ground beneath our feet. In Him, we live in a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28). Across the centuries, no person who ever put their trust in Him found themselves disappointed or without hope (Isaiah 49:23). He will not walk away. He will not turn His back (Hebrews 13:5). He is not fickle. He does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17). He is tried and true, utterly reliable, the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

We can take Jesus at His word. Heaven and earth will disappear, but His word will remain forever (Matthew 24:35). His promises to us are always "Yes" and "Amen" (II Corinthians 1:20). His amen is a "truly," a "let it be so." In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called the "Amen, the Faithful and True Witness" (Revelation 3:14). He is proven. We can trust Him.

Unwavering, secure, dependable, trustworthy - Jesus is a Saviour to be

valued. We find shelter under the shadow of His wings (Psalm 17:8). He holds us lovingly, safely in His hand, and nothing or no one can snatch us away (John 10:28). We can count on His acceptance, His warm smile, His good heart towards us. He never falters and He never fails.

By the time you read this, Easter will be only a month away. So, for the coming season, we wish you all a very Happy Easter

Revs Colin & Teresa Marks
Pastors, A10 Christian Mission

Walkers urged to help save historic footpaths before 2026 deadline

Lost paths must be identified by government deadline to be added to official record

Walkers are being urged to help identify 10,000 miles of historic footpaths that are missing from the map in England and Wales and could be lost for ever.

All rights of way must be identified before a government deadline of 2026, after which it will no longer be possible to add old paths to the official record.

The walking group Ramblers is calling on walkers, historians and map enthusiasts to use its new mapping site to identify missing footpaths.

The online tool divides the official map into 150,000 1km squares so users can compare historic and current maps side by side, spot any differences and submit missing paths.

Once mapped, Ramblers will recruit volunteers to make applications to restore paths to local authorities before the 2026 deadline.

Jack Cornish, the project's manager, said: "Our paths are one of our most precious assets. They connect us to our landscapes – ensuring we can explore our towns and cities on foot and enjoy walking in the countryside – and to our history and the people who formed them



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over the centuries.

"If we lose our paths, a little bit of our past goes with them. This is our only opportunity to save thousands of miles of rights of way and time is running out."

Some lost paths are still in use, while others have become overgrown, but all were omitted from the "definitive" maps of 140,000 miles of paths that councils were required to draw up in the 1950s.

Some walkers are already applying to local authorities to recognise lost paths but fear there are many more than the government's estimate of 10,000 miles: a survey in Cornwall alone identified 3,000 paths that had fallen out of use.

Under English common law, rights of way do not expire but the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 required all rights of way to be recorded. The Ramblers is calling on the government to extend the deadline for registering historic paths by at least five years.

Increase in theft of tools from vans

There has been an increase in the theft of tools from vans in the PS News area.

Can we remind people to be vigilant, remove tools from vans, park defensively and to report any suspicious activity

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Alternatively, you can stay 100% anonymous by contacting the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their untraceable online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Amazon Prime Fraud

We have been receiving some reports from our members who have received fraudulent contacts regarding Amazon Prime. The call tells you that your Amazon Prime account will stop in a couple of days and you should renew your subscription by selecting to speak to an 'Amazon Manager'. Recipients have checked their Amazon accounts online and, of course, nothing of the sort needed dealing with.

As always, please remember to be sceptical about all unexpected contacts, even if they appear to be from businesses you have previously registered with. Be particularly sceptical if you are asked to click on an internet link or to speak to a representative.

If you are concerned about an unexpected contact from an online business you are registered with, it is best to end the call/close the message and then visit their website in the normal way and check your account in the normal way

Drivers warned after rise in theft of keyless vehicles

We are continuing to receive reports from Hertfordshire residents whose "keyless" vehicles have been stolen. If

your vehicle uses a vicinity key, please follow the below advice.

What is a vicinity key? If your vehicle has a vicinity key, you only have to be near the vehicle for it to detect the key's signal and unlock. The key's signal only has to be present to enable you to press a button to turn on the engine.

Keyless theft: how it works This is where a vehicle is stolen without the thief having physical access to the key. The crime can be committed without the thief entering your home. The thief can detect the key's signal from outside your home and use a signal boosting device to "boost" the signal, making your vehicle think the key is nearby. You can see it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pffcnJq0>

Protect Your Vehicle: Keep your vicinity key in a signal blocking pouch which stops the signal from your key. You can source suppliers of Police approved 'Secured By Design' RFID signal blocking pouches at:
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Keep keys away from the front of your property; upstairs and hidden away is preferable. Check your Manual or with your Dealer if it is possible to switch the key's signal off. Check regularly for software updates for the car. For additional security, consider purchasing a steering wheel lock. If your vehicle has an alarm or immobiliser, ensure it is enabled. If your vehicle doesn't have a Tracker, consider fitting one. Vehicles equipped with tracking devices are often promptly recovered. Purchase devices to 'Thatcham' and 'SBD' approval. www.securedbydesign.com/member-companies/accredited-product-Vehicle-Security

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The customer was told to use a specific browser where they would be asked to put in their bank account details and the scammers would then use this information to extract money from their account.

Should anyone receive any communication regarding their payments for their TV Licence we would suggest that you contact TV Licensing direct via their official website or contact your bank direct.

Should you receive any emails you suspect are from fraudsters please contact www.actionfraud.police.uk

Don't accept 'Roof Renovation Service'

Trading Standards has received reports that companies have been cold-calling offering a 'roof renovation service' in Hertfordshire.

The service generally involves pressure-cleaning and painting of roofs, it is very expensive and experts advise it is likely to cause damage to the tiles, harm the lifespan of a roof and create an unnecessary need for ongoing maintenance.

Hertfordshire Trading Standards would advise against having this kind of work carried out on your home.

Trading Standards also advise against dealing with cold-callers, suggest you should always get at least 3 quotes for work, and to use a reputable approved trader scheme such as Which Trusted Trader to find reliable tradespeople.



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New legislation - Planning > Wastewater and sewage treatment

The first step is to confirm that no connection to the foul sewer is possible. Your local council will check this first when deciding the acceptability of your plan. If a foul sewer is available, you should connect to it.

You should then inspect your site to check:

- Is there anything that would prevent the use of a septic tank, for example if there is a well or borehole supplying drinking water close to your site?
- Is there enough space to construct a soakaway, or drainage field that will be large enough for your needs? See the section on calculating the area of a soakaway.
- Are the ground conditions suitable for a soakaway? Is there evidence of waterlogging or a water table close to the surface, very shallow soil or soil with very heavy clay content that prevents percolation.
- Is there a suitable slope, since the drainage will rely on gravity? If there is a low point where a soakaway could be constructed, is it prone to flooding or is the water table close to the surface?

If there are any problems with the site then you might need to consider alternative locations, or alternative sewage treatment systems.

Choosing a tank

You should choose a tank that has enough capacity to deal with the size of your house. This should not be the number of people that live there, but the maximum number who could live there. The tank must be capable of dealing with the wastewater and sewage from the maximum number of people who could live in the building at some point in the future.

Check with the supplier that the tank conforms to the Construction Products Regulations.

Drainage design

Good drainage design is key to ensuring that sewage does not end up in groundwater. The key factor you need to consider is the availability of a suitable area of ground where you can construct a soakaway.

You should make sure that your soakaway, also known as a drainage field, conforms to the British Standard:

Code of practice for the design and installation of drainage fields for use in wastewater treatment

To protect the water environment and human health, you will need to make sure:

- Your drainage field is at least 50m from any well or borehole supplying drinking water.
- The soil should be of a type that will allow the further treatment of the effluent from the septic tank.

- If soil conditions are unsuitable, you may want to consider a drainage mound. This can increase the distance between the disposal pipes and the water table to allow further treatment to take place. They do not overcome problems with soil that does not allow wastewater to percolate through. Drainage mounds can be expensive to build and need a large area of land. They can't go on land that has a slope greater than about 7 degrees and may need pumping equipment.

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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.

3.15-6.15pm WASPS After School Club

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Monday

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.

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

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 Trampolining Buntingford. Monday Trampolining Fremantle College:

Details Andrea Allen 07989 980038
email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
website: www.ribvalleytc.co.uk

Starlight Stars:
Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

3.45 Twinkling Stars 4-6yrs

4.45 Shooting Stars 7-10yrs

5.45 Bright Stars 11-13yrs

6.45 Drama Stars (Group acting) 10-14yrs

Call Alex 01763 287691

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

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

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

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talk pub dinner menu from 6.30pm). Details from secretary, Roger Stainton, 07785 245400 or Rogerstainton@icloud.com

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

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+hrs

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)



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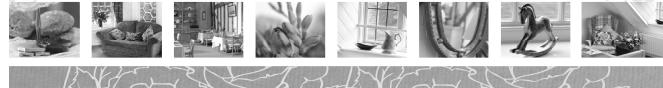
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9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clare 07966 213880
 9.30 (term time) Little Hadham Parents & Toddlers group. Held Little Hadham Village Hall
 10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Details Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152
 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@dancej.academy.co.uk
 4.15-6.15 Gymnastics Edwinstreet Middle School. Details Andrea

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 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 Kenaly 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 Hankin (rayhankin@hotmail.co.uk) 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

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- 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 @ Edinstree 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@dancejamaacademy.co.uk
- 9am - 1pm at Jenyns School Braughing: Ballet: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535 & Tap, Modern & Jazz: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224
- 9.30 First Saturday of the month - help with work in Standon Churchyard.
- 9.30 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.

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 (Church warden) 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.

March

- 4 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 7 Stay & Play at Hertford Museum 10-4pm. Free, drop in.
- 13 50 years behind the News - a talk for the Braughing Society at 8pm in village hall. Details from Maureen Sunders 01920 821530.
- 14 Hertford Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert, 7.45 Hertford Theatre. Tickets www.hertfordtheatre.com.



Aladdin Fundraiser Charity Film Night at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

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- 15 Cantate Youth Choir 'Spring Fling' at St Mary's Church, Standon. Tickets www.cantate.co.uk/events or on the door.
- 19 Bagels and Bacon, talk for Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 20 Buntingford Floods - a talk for Braughing Railway & Local History Society. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 21 The Buntingford Line, A Tea Time Talk at Standon Village Hall. 3pm Details Trish 01920 821069.
- 21 Royston Choral Society Concert, 7.30pm Ashwell Parish Church. Details www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk
- 24 Toddler Tuesday at Hertford Museum. Booking essential www.ticketsource.co.uk.
- 26 70's and 80's Quiz at Hertford Museum 7.30pm. Booking essential! www.ticketsource.co.uk.
- 26 Braughing Local History Society AGM and talk. 7.45pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing.. All welcome.
- 27 'Lion' film showing. Braughing Society at 8pm in village hall. Details from Maureen Saunders 01920 821530.
- 28 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU. Details Ann Davey 01920 462992.
- 28 Aladdin - Charity Film Night at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Film starts 6.45pm. Tickets : s.jarrett1605@gmail.com 07836 214816.
- 28 Arabian Evening with the Friends of St Mary's, Standon. 7.30pm. Tickets £15 from Diana Dale 01920 821691.
- 30 The Bristol 1188 Britain's early supersonic project - a talk for East Herts Aviation Society at The Sword Inn Hand, Westmill. 8pm.

- Details rogerstanton@icloud.com
- 31 Village Lunch 12.00 at Standon Village Hall. Bookings: Helena 01920 822177 or Brenda 01920 822293.

April

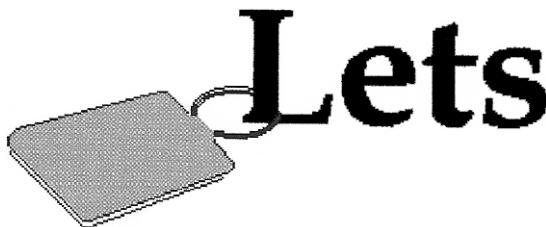
- 1 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 4 Stay & Play at Hertford Museum 10-4pm. Free, drop in.
- 7-9 Craft Activities at Hertford Museum. 10.30-3.30pm. Drop in!
- 16 The History of Hatfield House, talk for Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 8 Braughing Society meeting at 8pm in village hall talk by Roger Wilkes "The experiences of a prison governor". All welcome. Details from Sandra Lynch 01920 823500.
- 14-16 Craft Activities at Hertford Museum. 10.30-3.30pm. Drop in!
- 17 From a Church to a House - a talk for Braughing Railway & Local History Society. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 13 The Continuing Story fo the Tower - a talk for the Braughing Society at 8pm in village hall. Details from Maureen Saunders 01920 821530.
- 18 Behind the Scenes at Hertford Museum, £5, booking essential www.ticketsource.co.uk.
- 21 Toddler Tuesday at Hertford Museum.

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- 25 Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club Open Day. 10-3.30pm. Details standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com
- 27 DH Aircraft you've never heard of! - a talk for East Herts Aviation Society at The Sword Inn Hand, Westmill. 8pm. Details rogerstanton@icloud.com

May

- 1 Friends of St Mary's, Standon AGM and talk. 7.30 at the Church.
- 2 Barkway Market 10-4pm.
- 2 Stay & Play at Hertford Museum 10-4pm. Free, drop in.
- 8 Mayday on a Friday this year - 75th Anniversary of VE Day.
- 8 Roger Wilkes Prison Govener gives a talk for the Braughing Society at 8pm in village hall. Details from Maureen Saunders 01920 821530.
- 10 Open Garden at Brockholds Manor, Old Hall Green, Ware, SG11 1HE 1.30-5pm
- 12 Toddler Tuesday at Hertford Museum. Booking essential www.ticketsource.co.uk.
- 15 The Short Story - a talk for Braughing Railway & Local History Society. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 16 Hornead Rogation Walk, Little Hornead Church 9.15am. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.

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- 16 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU. Details Ann Davey 01920 462992.
- 16 Get Lo-fi & DIY at Hertford Museum. Free admission. 7-10pm.
- 16 Resolutions with Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 17 Hertford Symphony Orchestra Concert 'Nordic Fantasies'. 7pm. Tickets Hertford Tourist Information 01992 584322.
- 21 Braughing WI Annual meeting Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 26-28 Craft Activities at Hertford Museum. 10.30-3pm. Drop in!
- 26-29 Braughing Cricket Club Multi Sports Camp. Details Pete Hobson 07774 961829

June

- 1 The Extraordinary Flying Career of Wing Commander Harold Blackman MC DFC- a talk for East Herts Aviation Society at The Sword Inn Hand, Westmill. 8pm. Details rogerstanton@icloud.com
- 2 Hertford Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert 7.45pm. Tickets Hertford Tourist Information

- 3 01992 584322.
Ely trip with Braughing Society. Details from Maureen Saunders 01920 821530.
- 6 Stay & Play at Hertford Museum 10-4pm. Free, drop in.
- 7-13 High Streets & Hedgerows: Bayford & Little Berkhamsted, exhibition at Hertford Museum.
- 9 Toddler Tuesday at Hertford Museum. Booking essential www.ticketsource.co.uk.
- 10 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 13 Standon Open Gardens 11am - 6pm. Details Diana Dale 01920 821691.
- 18 How to Look after your Spine, talk for Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 19 Nuthamstead Airfield - a talk for Braughing Railway & Local History Society. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 21 Open Garden at Brockholds Manor, Old Hall Green, Ware, SG11 1HE 1.30-5pm

- 28 Isabel Hospice Bubble Rush Fun Run, Cheshunt Park. Sign up at www.isabelhospice.org.uk/bubblerush, or 01707 382544.

July

- 1 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 10-12 Standon Flower & Music Festival.
- 16 Preserving Our Summer, talk for Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 17 Braughing Railway & Local History Society. Visit to Hadham Forge. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 10 Open Air Theatre: Jane Eyre at Brockholds Manor, Old Hall Green, Ware, SG11 1HE Details & tickets: events@pennclarke.com

August

- 21 Braughing Railway & Local History Society social at Standon Green Farm. 7pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.

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September

- 18 Station to Station - a talk for Braughing Railway & Local History Society. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.

October

- 16 London Area Stations - a talk for Braughing Railway & Local History Society. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.

November

- 20 Pigs do Fly - a talk for Braughing Railway & Local History Society. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
 21 Ware & District Photographic Society exhibition. Thundridge Village Hall. Details Barbara Norris 01920 822104.

December

- 18 From Flanders Fields to the Tower - a talk for Braughing Railway & Local History Society. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.

January 2021

- 15 Braughing Railway & Local History Society AGM. 8pm at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.

Community Cafe



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Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

Join us for a drink and a chat on the following

Wednesdays

8.45am to 11.30am



4th March



1st April

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Sunday 8th March: 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 4.30pm The Centre Community Church	Sunday 19th April: 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre	Sunday 19th April: 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre
Sunday 15th March: 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 4.30pm The Centre Community Church	Sunday 26th April: 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre	Sunday 26th April: 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre
Sunday 22nd March (Mothering Sunday): 10.30am Morning Worship 4.30pm The Centre Community Church 4.30pm Total Silence	Sunday 3rd May: 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church	Sunday 3rd May: 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church
Sunday 29th March (Passion Sunday): 10.30am Morning Worship 4.30pm The Centre Community Church 4.30pm The Ecumenical Service	Sunday 10th May: 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre	Sunday 10th May: 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre
Sunday 12th April (Palm Sunday): 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 4.30pm The Centre Community Church	Sunday 17th May: 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre	Sunday 17th May: 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre
Thursday 16th April (Maundy Thursday): 10.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 24th May: 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre	Sunday 24th May: 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Mandarin 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre
Friday 17th April (Good Friday): 10.30am Service at the Cross Car Servicet of Reflection	Sunday 31st May: 10.30am Mandarin 10.30am Morning Worship 4.30pm The Centre Community Church	Sunday 31st May: 10.30am Mandarin 10.30am Morning Worship 4.30pm The Centre Community Church Evening, Centre
<p>There is a service of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 10.30am at St Catherine's Bawtry and Wathenholme, 10.30am at St Mary's Sandness (except on Good Friday).</p>		
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Services at St Mary's Braughton

March

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| March | Easter Celebration at St Mary's Braughing |
| 1st 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham | 11.15am All Age Holy Communion |
| 1st 11.15am All age Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing | Easter Celebration at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham |
| 4th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing | 12th 5.45pm No Refresh service at St Mary's Braughing |
| 8th 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing | 15th No 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing |
| 8th 11.15am Holy Communion at Fumeux Pelham | 19th 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham |
| 8th 5.45pm Refresh (informal service) at St Mary's Braughing | 19th 11.15am All Age Holy Communion with baptism at St Mary's Braughing |
| 11th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing | 22nd 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing |
| 15th 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham | 26th 9.30am Holy Communion with baptism at St Mary's Braughing |
| 15th 11.15am All Age Holy Communion with baptism at St Mary's Braughing | 26th 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham |
| 18th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing | 29th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing |
| 22nd 10.00am All Age Morning Worship at St Mary's Braughing | May |
| 22nd 11.15am Morning Worship with baptism at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham | 3rd 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham |
| 25th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing | 3rd 11.15am All age Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing |
| 29th 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's Stocking Pelham | 6th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing |
| April | 10th 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing |
| 1st 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing | 10th 11.15am Holy Communion at Fumeux Pelham |
| 5th 10.30am Benefice Family Morning Worship with palmprocession at St Mary's Braughing | 10th 5.45pm Refresh (informal service) at St Mary's Braughing |
| 6th 7.00pm Compline at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham | 13th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing |
| 7th 7.00pm Compline at St Mary's Stocking Pelham | 17th 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham |
| 8th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing | 17th 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing |
| 9th 8.00pm Holy Communion and stripping of the altar at St Mary's Braughing | 20th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing |
| 10th 10.30am Family Good Friday Service at St Mary's Stocking Pelham | 24th 10.00am All Age Morning Worship at St Mary's Braughing |
| 10th 2.00pm An hourbefore the Cross-Reflective service at St Mary's Braughing | 24th 11.15am Morning Worship with baptism at St Mary's Fumeux Pelham |
| 10th 7.30pm Good Friday Readings and Music at St Mary's Fumeaux Pelham | 27th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing |
| | 31st 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's Stocking Pelham |
| | Details of all services from Rev'd Julie Gathorne 01920 823531 |

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

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

Domestic Batteries

Standon Post Office & supermarkets

Foreign Coins

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

Ink & toner cartridges

- Puller Memorial School - drop them in to the School.
- Isabel Hospice collects toner cartridges, drop them in to their Charity Shop in Ware High Street.

Computers

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

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- Gwen Duckett collects used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. Drop them in to 5 Vicarage Close, Standon.
- Puller Memorial School in High Cross collects used stamps to 'Save the Albatross'. Drop them into school or 32 Batchelors, Puckeridge.
- Standon Post Office collects stamps for Cancer Research UK.
- Isabel Hospice collects used stamps, drop them in to their Charity Shop in Ware High Street or post them to the Hospice at Great Birmingham Lane, Luton LU3 3NT.

Mobile phones

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Environment Agency

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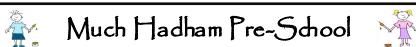
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Ware

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Wed	10am - 1pm	Buntingford
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Isabel Hospice Shop

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Please call the Shop Manager on the appropriate number: Buntingford 01763 274904, Hertford 01992 504401, Bishop's Stortford 01279 659551, Ware 01920 463959.

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 01279 651270 or 651313

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Wednesday	10.00 - 18.00
Thursday	10.00 - 18.00
Friday	10.00 - 18.00
Saturday	10.00 - 17.00
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Buntingford Library:

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Tuesday	10.00 - 17.30
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East Herts District CouncilThe Causeway, Bishop's Stortford or
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Tel: 01279 655261.

www.eastherts.gov.uk.

Herts County Council**Contact details:**

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Children, Schools & Families	0300 123 4043
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01279 655261**Standon & Puckeridge
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Meetings/Parties/Regular Bookings.

Call Sally on 07854 916404

Email: communitycentre@tesco.net
www.standonandpuckeridgecc.co.uk**GRANTS AVAILABLE**Standon Charities can offer grants (typically £50-100
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person, etc) to meet the needs of individuals or groups
in the ancient parish of Standon
(which includes Colliers End and Wadesmill).If you think that you, or someone you know, could be
eligible for a grant, write to the Clerk (including a
phone number) John Harris on 01920 822887

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
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- 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
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Local Churches:

- A10 Christian Mission: Contact Revs Colin & Teresa Marks 01920 821684
- Methodist Church, Braughing: Minister Reverend Gill Hulme 01279 504157
- Old Hall Green & Puckeridge Roman Catholic Churches: Father Cyril Chiaha 01763 271471. parish.rcdow.org.uk/oldhallgreen/
- 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: Rev John Chitham 01920 739483 / 07495 504433 or email: rector@ubsms.org.uk www.ubsms.org.uk/
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Braughing Bridge Club



We are looking for new members, we play on Monday evening in the Old Boys School at 7.30.

We are a friendly group of mixed ability players and would welcome any new players.

If you would like more information please contact Sue Daily 01920 823692

Braughing Sing Choir

Braughing Sing welcomes new members, especially tenor and bass to a community choir for all ages and abilities covering a range of musical styles!

Come along on **Tuesday evenings** during term time at the **Jenyns School**, Braughing. 7.30pm - 9.00pm. *No audition required!*

Contact: Elaine on 01763 289 738 or see our website – www.braughingsing.com or Facebook - "The Braughing Sing".

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For more information phone: 07510 178200
Email: hbirddropin@gmail.com
[Www.hummingbirdcancersupport.org](http://www.hummingbirdcancersupport.org)

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jeff.jones@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Ware North (Standon from the A120 into Ware))

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Peter Boylan 01920 822026
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Standon
Cllr David Andrew 01920 823836
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Parish Council Meetings

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. *Please check local notice boards to confirm details.*

Braughing

Meetings: The Old Boys' Schoolroom, Braughing, 8pm, second Thursday of the month (for planning applications, contact the Clerk).

Little Hadham

Meetings: Lt. Hadham Village Hall, 8pm, first Monday every month except January & August.

Standon

Meetings: Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, fourth Thursday of the month (except August & December). Meetings start at 8pm.

Parish Councils

Braughing

Clerk:
Belinda Irons, 14 Crawley End, Chrishall, Royston, SG8 8QL Tel: 01763-838732 email: clerk@braughing.org.uk

Chairman:

Kathryn Riley
kriley@braughing.org.uk

Web site: www.braughing.org.uk

Lt Hadham

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Clerk:
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For more details contact Gill Roberts on 01279 844032 or gillian.roberts6@btconnect.com
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Your Scout Group needs You

Braughing Scout group is looking for more adult helpers in all sections.

**If you can help out please contact:
braughingscouts@tiscali.co.uk or one of the Scout, Cub or Beaver contacts on page 51 for more details**

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: Brian Durrant 822331

Aviation Society:

Roger Stainton, 07785 245400

Baby-sitting Circle:

Sylvia Pinnington 822216

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Beavers: 6-8 years old,

Angie Adamson 01763 849902

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Braughing: Peter Glazebrook 821554, Standon: Stephen Coley 823886.

Bishop's Stortford Railway Society:

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Bowls Club: Andy Mansfield 07976 237050 -

standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com

Braughing Cricket Club: Peter Hobson 07774 961829

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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:

Marion Saunders 821530

Braughing WI: Kate Fish 822397

Bridge Clubs:

Sue Dally 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:

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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

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East Herts Aviation Society: Ray Hankin (rayhankin@hotmail.co.uk) or Roger Stainton, 07785 245400

East Herts Geology Club: Diana Perkins 463755.

Folk Music Club:

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Veterans Football Club (Braughing): Keith Mardell 822133,

Friends of Braughing Church:

Ned Dally 01920 823692 or email: nedally@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

Hert ford & Ware Railway Society: Stuart Moye 467132

Hert fordshire Holly: Mixed Clog Morris: Mary Deeks 822905

Herts & Essex Architectural Research Society:

Kath Pollard 01708 473646

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:

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Lipreading classes:

Louise Reed 821401

Little Hadham Primary School: 01279 771285

Mayday Committee:

Sue Spalding 821624 or

Rachel Law

rachellaw79@yahoo.co.uk

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www.standoncharities.org.uk

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Enquiries can be made by emailing: braughinghousingassociation@gmail.com

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 sandprairbow1@outlook.com

Ramblers (Royston & Dist):

David Allard 01763 242677

Red Yoga: 07590 964016

Royal British Legion:

Standon: Ron Edwards 464218

Ralph Sadleir Assn: sandie@sandibevents.co.uk

Ranger Girl Guides (14+ years), Wednesday, Rosanne Kenealy 01920 821304

Rib Valley Trampoline Club: Andrea Allen 07989 980038

Roger de Clare School Association: Sarah Gillingwater 823129 or Sam Risley 823477

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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:

Derek Goodall 07790 875862 derek.goodall1@btinternet.com

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

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

Trefoil Guild: Guiding for adults - Alex Chapman 01920 465 726

Twining Assn (Buntingford): Mary Deeks 822905

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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

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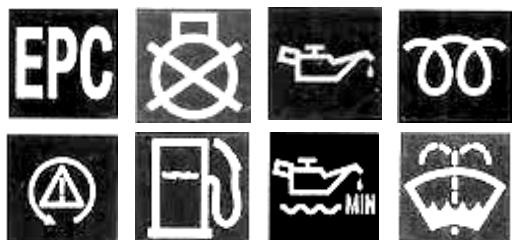
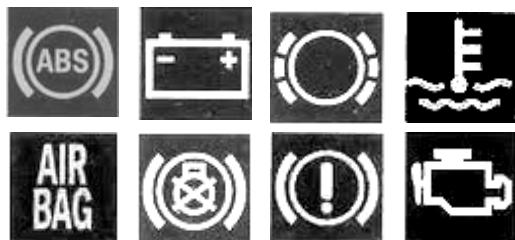
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