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The figures for the amount of plastic that ends up in the oceans are frightening. In the BBC's Blue Planet 2 David Attenborough alerted us to the fact that more than 8 million tonnes are dumped in our seas every year (the equivalent of dumping one full lorry load from East Herts District Council every minute!) Not only does this do shocking damage to wildlife, but particles of plastic get into the food chain through the sea food we eat, with unknown consequences....

We can all do something to reduce the plastic we use:

- Tell supermarkets to reduce their plastic packaging;
- Shop locally. You don't see cucumbers in plastic at Pearce's Farm Shop in Puckeridge;
- Buy a reusable take away coffee cup and get it filled up at Day's Bakery in Standon;
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East Herts Council's Community Grants Programme for voluntary and community groups is open for applications. We are looking for projects that promote the health and wellbeing of residents, especially those that are vulnerable or disadvantaged. We are also keen to fund community events that commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. Go to www.eastherts.gov.uk/communitygrants to view the list of our priorities and an online application.

Organisations are also invited to attend a Grant Information and Advice workshop on Monday, 10 September 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Council offices in Hertford Pegs Lane, SG13 8EQ. Contact Claire Pullen on claire.pullen@eastherts.gov.uk or 01992 531459 to book your place or if you have an idea you would like to discuss

Deadline for applications is 15 October

Braughing Local History Society

Thursday 25 October

Film night - 'Suffragette'

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Thursday 22 November

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Clare's talk will include reference to the famous case of Braughing's Mathew Wall.

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The Community Café

At Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre will be held on the following Wednesdays, 8.45-11.30am

- 5 September
- 3 October - Charity Cafe supporting Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning - stall and raffle
- 7 November
- 5 December

Join us for a drink and a chat. All ages welcome, pre-schoolers to pensioners!

For more information contact Alison on 01920 822872

Do you have difficulty reading PS News?

If so try the online edition at www.psnews.org.uk/latest.pdf you can increase the size of the print on your tablet, computer, etc.

Standon Parish Council News

More Bollards in Puckeridge?

Driving on the footways which is especially prevalent in Station Road is against the law and extremely dangerous. The driver on the footway could hit a pedestrian. If you know someone who carries out this dangerous practice please tell them they are putting lives at risk for the sake of waiting a few seconds. Alternatively, you can report them directly to the Police.

The Parish Council is seeking community support for more bollards to be installed into the footway to prevent this terrible practice continuing. If you think more bollards are needed, please email the clerk and say why.

Parish Council vacancy:

We are sorry to report that Cllr Mary Wilkinson has resigned from the Parish Council. Mary is a strong character with independent views and she challenged any assumptions about issues raised. Mary worked hard as Chairman of the Planning Committee and will be missed.

This means there is a Councillor vacancy. If you are interested in applying for the position please contact me or a Councillor.

New Parish Council website:

The Parish Council has a new website which is much easier to keep updated and navigate. Please see: <https://www.standonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

There is also a new email address for the clerk which is clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Can you please only use this email address when contacting the clerk.

Many thanks to Cllrs Foot and Wren for their hard work pulling all the documents together, and Cllrs Cowell and Leage for proofreading and checking links.

If, as a user, you find anything which isn't working, or you have suggestions for improvements, please contact me. Also, there is a 'News' section on the front page. If you know of something which you think would be important to bring to the community's attention, please email it to the clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The Parish Council has submitted the draft Neighbourhood Plan document to EHDC and it has been presented for assessment by the independent examiner for comment and possible amendment.

GDPR:

The Parish Council has to be compliant with GDPR. To that end, the Parish Council will have a change of operating address and a different telephone number from October. Can you please check the website for the update and new contact details. Please be advised that if you are on the email distribution list, you have a right to be removed from it on request. Information on GDPR is available on the new website.

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 etc.

Whilst the Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications, it is EHDC which takes the decision. The Parish Council has no opportunity to appeal against EHDC's decision.

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.

Litter

Please report anyone littering to East Herts District Council. It is also important to keep the villages clean of litter as it has been proven that motorists drive faster in areas which are dirty and littered. Can I also ask that children are instructed on how to keep the environment clean and tidy as they don't automatically know what adults know. If they are instructed on keeping the

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environment clean, it may well transfer to their wider lives and help them in the future.

Parish Lights:

Standon Parish Council has commissioned lighting upgrade and this should now be completed. The Parish Council is liaising with HCC to get the ownership and thus ongoing maintenance and energy costs, transferred to HCC.

Allotments:

If you would like to take on an allotment, please contact me or the allotment manager, Brian Durrant on 01920 822331.

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/>

It is more efficient if faults are reported directly to Herts Direct. There is no benefit to report faults to the clerk unless a fault has been reported and no action has been taken to rectify the problem. It is helpful to forward any updates received from Herts Direct to the clerk advising of action to be taken. These can then be monitored, and escalated as appropriate.

Ditches, drains and hedges:

A quick reminder that the maintenance of ditches, drains and hedges is the responsibility of the landowner. Hertfordshire County Council will not cut hedges, or carry out remedial works to ditches, which border a highway. Autumn is the best time to cut hedges, so now is ideal. Please do pick up the clippings if they fall on the public highway.

Parking in the parish:

Parking in the parish is very difficult because the village streets were not designed to take the number of cars that are now in the area. It would be really appreciated if you could park with care and consideration taking particular care not to obstruct turning circles, driveways, and footpaths. Parking on yellow lines is prohibited.

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.

www.standonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Belinda Irons, Clerk email: clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01763 838732 mobile: TBA

Meeting Dates:

Main Parish Council Meeting: 4th Thursday of the month excluding August and December in the Lankester Lounge, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge, commencing 7.15pm

Planning meetings:

2nd Tuesday of the month excluding August and December in the Lankester Lounge, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge, commencing 7.15pm

Finance meetings: follow Planning meetings in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Braughing Women's Institute Programme.

Thursday 20 September From Flanders to the Tower. Speaker Richard Thomas.

Thursday 18 October Butterflies of Britain and Europe. Speaker Roger Gibbon.

Thursday 15 November Behind Closed Doors "Holloway". Speaker Pauline Martindale.

In December Braughing Institute reaches its 90th year. A party will be held to celebrate this occasion.

All meetings are held in The Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for the popular W.I Soup Lunch on 30 October 12 - 2 pm in The Church Hall. No need to book just turn up. £5

New members always welcome. Secretary. Kate Fish. 019208223

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Starlight Stars News

We've had a makeover!

After 15 years of providing performing arts classes to children and young adults in Standon & Puckeridge, we decided to have a little change. This includes a new logo, new website and most importantly, a new timetable. We felt that some of our classes needed the age ranges to slightly change so that all the children can reach their potential and enjoy performing our end of term showcases with ease and confidence. To add to our 15 years celebrations, we expanded our sessions to Baldock in April. The Town Hall (Baldock Arts & Heritage Centre) have warmly welcomed us to use their amazing venue, hosting our classes on Wednesdays and we hope to amalgamate the Puckeridge and Baldock classes for our BIG show in 2019.

We've also divided our excellent staff into 2 teams; Starlight Stars – Performing Arts Classes and Exam Stars – Performance & Communication Classes. We now offer a variety of performance and communication sessions in local schools including St Edmund's College & Prep School, Ralph Sadleir, Edwinstree Middle School, Knights Templar (Baldock), The Stephen Perse Foundation (Cambridge)

and Haileybury College (Hertford). Our students prepare for examinations with The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) and the enjoyment of the sessions really do reflect in the outstanding results we receive. If you think your school would be interested in our sessions too please contact lamda@starlightstars.co.uk.

Our new timetable looks like this:

MONDAY (Puckeridge Community Centre) Musical Theatre Style Classes 3:45-4:45 Twinkling Stars 4-6yrs, 4:45-5:45 Shooting Stars 7-10yrs, 5:45-6:45 Bright Stars 11-13yrs, 6:45-7:45 Drama Stars (Group Acting) 10-14yrs.

WEDNESDAY 3:30-4:00pm Mini Movers Street Dance 4-6yrs, 4:00-4:45pm & 4:45-5:30pm Street Stars 7-14yrs

THURSDAY 5:00-5:30pm Sing Up! (Group Singing) 7-16yrs, 5:30-7:00pm Rising Stars (Musical Theatre) 14-18yrs

Private tuition in Acting, Singing and Musical Theatre also available on request throughout the week.

Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies

Back in March, everyone had a fabulous experience performing this show. It was such a joy to see the Community Centre

turned into a theatre for our two performances and that's all thanks to the great team at 119 Productions. Thank you to all our students, parents and staff for making it another joyous opportunity to watch the students shine.

Starlight Stars is always proud of their students and we are particularly proud of Ella Markey for landing the leading role in BSMTC's Juniors production of Legally Blonde at The Rhodes Theatre, Bishops Stortford and what an amazing production it was. Congratulations also go to Jack Gale who started his West End debut in School of Rock at the end of February and he has just received a new contract to start again in a more advanced role from August. Wow! Everyone at Starlight Stars hopes you both had the best experience on and off the stage.

Following the success of Jack, we ran a theatre trip to see School of Rock in June. We managed to book the best seats in the house and could see every bead of sweat pouring from Jack's brow. It was a magnificent production. We welcome anyone who wishes to support our future theatre trips to contact us via trips@starlightstars.co.uk. Future trips include Bat Out of Hell, Tina Turner Musical and The King and I.



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Pop-up Marquee Theatre

And finally, we are very excited to be in consultation and close communication with the Parish Council in order to use the Community Centre grounds to host our 2019 Movies & Musicals Showcase. We have been offered the opportunity to create our very own Starlight Stars Pop-Up Theatre which will be attached to the Community Centre building. It will provide a large enough space for all our parents and their children to share their hard work and we couldn't think of a more perfect setting than where Starlight Stars first began. The organising is still in the very early stages but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 01763 287691 or email info@starlightstars.co.uk.

As always, thank you to all the staff, students, parents, Community Centre Committee and WASPS after school club for your support and for your help in keeping Starlight Stars alive over the last 15 years.

For more information and to take a look at our new website please visit www.starlightstars.co.uk.

Stop Stansted Expansion Update

Just to remind you, the Government accepted the recommendation of the Airports Commission that there should be one new runway in London and the South East by 2030 and that that runway should be at Heathrow. This decision has been endorsed by the House of Commons, but is being challenged in court by the local authorities concerned.

In the meantime the Government is minded to support the more intensive use of existing runways, including that at Stansted, and the Airport has submitted an application for planning caps of 43m passenger movements each year and 279K flights. In 2017 throughput at Stansted was 25.9m passenger movements and 174K flights. So the approval and implementation of the Airport's planning application would result in substantial increases in noise, air pollution, carbon emissions, and surface access traffic and so on. For this reason SSE is opposing the application.

Another aspect is that the Airport and the Uttlesford District Council want the application dealt with by the Council, i.e. at the local level. SSE believes that

the application is of national or at least regional importance, and should therefore be dealt with centrally by the appropriate Secretary of State. Depending on the Secretary of State's response to this argument SSE will decide whether or not it should bring legal proceedings.

Peter Sanders
Chairman

**MayDay 2018 Update
We Made a Profit!!**

Following our success on a scorching hot MayDay this year the Committee are pleased to announce that we have made a small profit.

Could your group use a grant?

We would ask any Local Charities based in Standon and Puckeridge who may be interested in a small donation to their cause to apply by email to the Standon MayDay Committee for consideration via info@standonmayday.co.uk by the end of September 2018. Many Thanks

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St Mary's Standon

Recent work in the churchyard

If you walked down Standon High Street in March, April or May the chances are that you admired the painstaking brick and flint restoration work being undertaken on the Church's West perimeter wall. It is all part of a programme under the auspices of the Friends of Standon Churchyard outlined in the December 2016 edition of PS.

Wall repairs

We had thought to do some repairs to the North wall – shared with Standon House – but the Church architect said that the West wall, which in effect presents the Church to the public, was more pressing. We therefore engaged the services of John Bullen, Standon's own flint-worker extraordinaire, to take down and rebuild seven brick buttresses, to replace the flint-work between them and to repoint where necessary. John had previously restored an altar tomb just off the Lime Avenue which stood as an example of his craftsmanship and a foretaste of his work on the wall. The wall was not to be hurried, but, day by day, passers-by were able to admire its progress and many of them stopped to discuss the job with John and his apprentice, Ivan Scripps. It

became a sort of social community project. Now that it is finished, look closely at it. See if you can spot some puddingstone among the flints – especially the small rare pink piece; and admire the overall effect. The 'Friends' are delighted with it.

Lime trees

Above the wall are the thirteen Lime trees, these, and other tall Limes elsewhere in the Churchyard were the subject of a major pruning in early 2017. In past years (when we were all younger and lither) the 'Friends' did the tree-work themselves but this time age and wisdom prevailed and we secured the services of Andy Woods another good 'local.' For this work the Church Council rather than the 'Friends' paid. The Limes now owe their pleasing and full shape to the work of Andy and his helper – and the wood they yielded has also been put to good use.

Hedge laying

The final significant work, undertaken by the 'Friends' themselves, has been the laying of the 70 yard hedge between the Churchyard and the Almshouses. This is not obvious to the passing public but it has been on the conscience of the 'Friends' as it grew higher and higher

since we planted it some 17 years ago as it has taken the light from the Almshouses. Truth to tell, we rather doubted whether the job was within our competence; but with half a morning of advice and help from a professional, Adam Wilkinson, and with considerable trepidation, we completed it in February. The weather at times was challenging but some twenty 'Friends' set to, gradually gaining both confidence and momentum.

To each his or her particular task whether it was cutting and planting stakes, slicing and laying the living hedge, chopping out wands and weaving them into the top, or raking and clearing and burning the detritus. When all was done we admired the stark beauty of the work but doubted it would ever green up. How wrong they have proved to be, to everyone's delight, including theirs!

And, of course, regular maintenance

These projects should not detract from the less spectacular routine work of mowing and strimming and cutting and clipping and brushing and burning and tidying and edging and the myriad other routine tasks of maintenance. If the Churchyard looks good it is because of the diligence of a few 'Friends', and particularly Steve and Keith who have



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You may ask, how does all this support and serve the primary purpose of the Churchyard?

The place exists as a final resting place and a haven of peace and dignity for others to remember them. Everything the 'Friends' do in the Churchyard has this at the front of their mind. But we encourage those who tend graves to do so in a way which is consistent with the sanctity and calm of this hallowed ground. There are many ways in which you may be able to help if you tend a grave, including ensuring that no glass is left so that it may damage churchyard equipment – or worse, injure a 'Friend'; removing prohibited mementoes; and ensuring that any curb edging round the grave is not raised, to facilitate mowing.

There are graves which distract from the peaceful atmosphere and which infringe the Diocese's regulations. The 'Friends' are very aware that people who tend graves gain solace in different ways and are reluctant to take action which will cause upset, but we do ask all who look after graves to consider not only their own interests but the sensitivity of the others, and to abide by the Regulations.

The Regulations are displayed in the Church's West porch and I would be happy to advise anyone who has concerns about observing them

Michael Baker (Chairman, The Friends of Standon Churchyard) (Tel. 01920 822144)

High Cross & Thundridge W.I.

Invite you to join them on a WALK/ LUNCH, on Saturday 29 September.

If you are walking, then joining us for lunch, please arrive at the hall 10.30 am to start walk at 10.45 am.

If you only wish to come and join us for the lunch, this will start at approx 12 noon.

Cost will be £6.50 per head. Dogs are allowed on walk only, and on a lead please, not in the hall.

Look forward to seeing you, please contact either Jan Handy 01920 318752 or Ena Macdonald, 01920 466237, for catering purposes, whether you are walking or lunching.

SPINS Pre-school

SPINS Pre-School, based at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre hope you have enjoyed the summer break! We are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things and welcome all our new and existing children to the nursery. We also have two new members of staff joining us this term for you to meet.

SPINS Pre-School take children from the age of two years (waiting list process) and we are open term time, Monday – Friday from 9.15 am – 12.15 pm, an extended session is available which runs until 2.15 pm. Children can enjoy lunch

with their peers (provided by you) and explore other fun-packed activities, which often means venturing outdoors to explore their ever changing environment.

We work closely with all surrounding schools and Wasps breakfast/after school club for families requiring wrap around care.

SPINS Toddler Group (from birth to school age) runs every Monday term time only from 9.30 am – 11.00 am. We offer a very warm and friendly welcome to all parents and carers and their little ones. SPINS Toddler Group allows you to meet new friends over a cuppa whilst giving your child the first experience of personal, social and emotional development. This group is aimed at encouraging your child to make a smooth transition into SPINS Pre-School, however everyone is welcome.

Two year funding is available for families falling under the criteria. Three/ four year funding is available for every child the term after they are three years old. We are also registered on the 30 hour scheme should you meet criteria. Childcare vouchers are welcomed.

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The first lecture is on 19 September when wildlife photographer Gordon Bramham will be showing his international nature acceptances.

For further information about the programme visit www.wareps.org.uk or telephone 01920 822104.

Annual Exhibition

Our Annual Exhibition this year will be for one day only and is being held at Thundridge Village Hall, Cambridge Road, Thundridge, SG12 0SY 10am - 6pm on Saturday 17 November.

There will be over 100 prints on display and a number of digital images. There will also be a display of hand embroidery and lace-making. Refreshments including homemade cake will be available. Free admission, free car parking and there is also access for people with disabilities.

1st Standon and Puckeridge Brownies

We have had another successful and exciting year including trying some yoga (www.karmaspaceyoga.com); being visited by the local PCSO and lollipop lady; learning about how to help hedgehogs by a visit from a representative of Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity (www.swccharity.org); pitching their inventive ideas to a dragons den panel; and demonstrating their many talents in a 'display of talents' evening.

The unit joined up with the 2nd Standon and Puckeridge Brownie unit to get an exclusive visit to Hertford museum; both units enjoyed an evening around the campfire singing songs and making s'mores with the Standon and Puckeridge Guides; and all Girlguiding units in the village joined up to celebrate World Thinking Day in which everyone also achieved a bonus badge!

The Brownies have achieved the Trefoil Guild 75th Birthday Challenge badge for which they worked together to plan an international-themed party; participated in activities and games which Brownies over the past 50 years would have done during their unit meetings such as

polishing coins; learnt a new skill in the way of belly dancing (www.bellybelles.co.uk); explored and brightened their community by pond dipping in the water meadows and litter picking in the recreational grounds; and the year was topped off by enjoying the international-themed party which they had planned at the beginning of the term, (mocktail making was a highlight).

Could you help with the Brownie unit?

A new, varied and enriched program has been developed by Girlguiding and is being rolled out as we speak so it is the perfect time to join the units in your area; the 1st Standon and Puckeridge Brownie unit is in need of committed and enthusiastic volunteers. All resources and training are provided, all we need is you! The unit has been in operation for over 30 years and has an ever increasing waiting list but we need your help to continue providing a safe space for young girls to broaden their horizons, develop their interests and have fun.

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As well as local pubs our big event of this summer was our Day of Dance in Ware which took place in July with our guests Standon Morris and Wicket Brood.

Yes, it was hot and humid, but fortunately there was plenty of cloud cover and thankfully it wasn't one of the hottest days of the year.

We started outside Boots, then Maltster Square. Roast lunch at The Old Bull's Head followed by an impromptu music session. Over the road to The Maltings and finishing at Ware lock before being served with delicious cakes and tea at Place House.

Although it was warm everyone voted the day as having been a great success. Many people had enjoyed watching the dancing and we handed out leaflets explaining who we are and how to join. Hopefully a few will be interested enough to find out more.

On 8 Sept we will be performing in Hertford as part of The Heritage Day and then on 22 September we will be attending the Morris Federation AGM which is going to be held at Cecil Sharpe House in Clerkenwell. During the day many dance sides will be performing on the South Bank of the Thames which is not somewhere that we have had the opportunity to perform before and should be fun.

For further information contact Mary Deeks 01920 822905 mideeks@aol.com

Also have a look at our web site www.hertfordshireholly.org.uk for a lot of information including future events.

Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club

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Royston & District Choral Society - Autumn Update

Royston & District Choral Society rounded off its 2017-18 season with a well-received concert in Barkway Parish Church (see photo).

Join us for our 2018-19 season as a singer or audience member!

Tuesday 11 September Open Rehearsal 7:45 – 9:45pm in Royston Parish Church

The second Tuesday evening rehearsal of each term is arranged as an open rehearsal. Potential new singers are welcomed to join in for the evening to see how they get on. If you are tempted to join us you are welcome to contact our Chair, Huw Jenkins, or just turn up. You will not be asked to sing on your own. RCS is a sociable choir. We have a coffee break half way through rehearsals and a popular 100 Club. Members often enjoy a drink together after rehearsals and a group meal a couple of times a year. Our current membership is around 70 and new singers are always welcome. Members come from Royston and many surrounding villages so there's every chance new members will find someone they know in the choir!

Sunday 30 September Royston Arts Festival Finale concert

Royston & District Choral Society is delighted to be taking part in Royston Arts Festival's Finale Concert again this year. Our slot will probably reprise one or two numbers from our popular Serenade to Music summer concert and



Vote of thanks for Serenade to Music concert, Barkway June 2018 - Photo courtesy Sue Sanders

give a foretaste of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem. We will then enjoy taking part in the closing singalong

Sunday 4 November – Britten War Requiem Haileybury College

The War Requiem, first performed on 30 May 1962, was commissioned to mark the consecration of the new Coventry Cathedral, replacing the original building destroyed in a World War II bombing raid. Britten, a pacifist, combined the traditional Latin Mass for the Dead with poems by the English war poet Wilfred Owen. This performance will be in partnership with

Haileybury College choirs and orchestras.

For more information about the choir:

See our website www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk, find us on Facebook or contact Chairman, Huw Jenkins – email chair@roystonchoralsoc.org.uk – tel. 07855 311192

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We rehearse on Tuesday evenings 7:45 – 9:45 pm in Royston Parish Church with our singing year closely following school terms. The second Tuesday evening rehearsal of each term is an open rehearsal. We invite new singers to come for the evening to see how they get on. If you are tempted to join us you are welcome to contact our Chair, Huw Jenkins, or just turn up. You will not be asked to sing on your own. RCS is a sociable choir. Members often enjoy a drink together after rehearsals and a group meal a couple of times a year.

Dates for your 2018/19 diary:

- Tuesday 11 September Open Rehearsal 7.45-9.45 Royston Parish Church
- Sunday 30 September Royston Arts Festival Finale concert
- Sunday 4 November – Britten War Requiem Haileybury College
- Saturday 22 December – Christmas Concert Royston Parish Church
- Saturday 6 April 2019 - Bach St John Passion Royston Parish Church

Ralph Sadleir School Council 2018

By Sadie Hurren, School Newspaper 2018

School Council is where the pupils of Ralph Sadleir (2 people from each class) come together and suggest ideas themselves and their class have, to the school. Some ideas get put forward, but it depends on the suggestion. One idea everyone had, was the fact everyone uses bios to write with in class. We suggested that only KS3 could use them and as the suggestion was such a good idea, it was put forward and it is in use today!

Another example of a good suggestion was; if you have P.E. last lesson on any school day, you could go home in your P.E. kit. Again, this suggestion was so good, that it was put forward to the head teacher, Mr Spong, and it is in use today!

Right now, we are looking at the new school menus for the summer term and the new planners for next September. We had to all write our review on the

new menu, what we liked about it and what we didn't like. We all then looked into the new school planners, what pages they liked or would like to see more of, and we all picked a colour that we liked. Either; Green, blue, purple or yellow. We all liked the blue, because it isn't too bright and we have had planners with the blue in before.

Something else we are all looking at, is a way to fundraise for a charity of our choice this year. We have had ideas such as; Bake off's or a non-uniform day. The trouble is, we have had these before, and we are looking for something different.

Lastly, something that always comes up, is toilets! The toilets are quite an issue for everyone and we are still looking for ways to improve our school toilets.

If you are reading this and you are in Ralph Sadleir School, make sure to come to school council in September and Mrs Hesketh is looking forward to seeing you, so make sure you have ideas ready!

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Jumble Sales: The May and July Jumble Sales raised £634 and £637 despite the first one being the same day as 'the wedding' and the second the World Cup Football Final! Our thanks to all the donors, buyers and volunteers who made these amounts possible. The next Jumble Sales are on Saturdays 15 September and 3 November, 2pm at Thundridge Hall.

A Ware street collection on 2 days in June raised £575 and Ware Carnival Cuddly Toys Tombola £106.70.

East Herts Miniature Railway at Van Hage is celebrating its 40th year at the Garden Centre. Over the years they have supported Isabel Hospice and 3 other local charities, by donating to them each year. They run on a 'no profit' basis, so apart from maintenance and improvements to the Miniature Railway, and enjoyment and entertainment to thousands of children, they very generously distribute profits to the charities. We congratulate and thank all the EHMR Co. Ltd. members, directors and volunteers for their generous support to Isabel Hospice and donating a total of £24,000 over the last 10 years.

The total donated to all 4 charities and smaller organisations is £149,000.

Ann Davey 01920 462992 Volunteer

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Buntingford Twinning Association

2018 is the 40th anniversary of the Buntingford Twinning Association and the first link with Luynes in France and 30 of us had memorable days in Luynes.

On the first day we went to the Chateau d'Ussé, then had a superb meal at The Gosier Sec in Villandry followed by an organic wine tasting.

Saturday was the day for celebrating 40 years of twinning between Buntingford and Luynes.

We started off the day at "The Greenhouse". This new construction can be seen from the road and now our

curiosity has been satisfied. It is the new sewage works!

The mayor of Luynes, Bertrand Ritouret, explained the process from the waste arriving through to the clean water entering the River Loire. After filtration and oxygenation tropical plants are used to treat the dirty water so it is environmentally friendly.

After a visit to the new multi-media library, we assembled outside the social centre where we were joined by some familiar faces. The town band played both national anthems and the mayor commented that when the twinning first started he was a junior member of the band himself.

Presents were exchanged. Buntingford town council gave a beautiful glass plaque and received a bronze "Marianne". This is the female head that is the national symbol of France. This one is unique though because on her shoulder the Buntingford bunting.

After drinks and canapés we were taken to the chateau in Luynes as guests of the Duke and Duchess.

Another exchange of presents took place here between the twinning committees.

We received an engraved silver tray and gave the Luynes twinning a clock with two faces, one showing the time in Luynes, the other set to British time. The duchess received a bouquet as a thank you and both mayors were presented with commemorative medals from the EU.

A five course buffet followed to the accompaniment of live music. Sorry to say that during this time some of us were distracted a bit by the events at Windsor castle which we could follow on our phones. Our French friends were just as interested as we were.

To complete the afternoon we were allowed to wander around the chapel and the nearby grounds. The view over the town of Luynes was marvellous.

We always welcome new faces so if you would like to find out how to become involved with the exchanges between Buntingford and Luynes or Olvega in Spain then please contact one of us.

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Bubble Rush

Agnes and her team (see photo) would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who supported us this year for Race for Life for Cancer research and Bubble rush for Isabel Hospice in July. We're pleased to say that, despite the hot weather we raised £504.40 which will be divided between those two charities.

A big thank you to all my staff and Gemma Sallows for support this year.

Agnes Wisniewska



Childhood Memories

I was born in July 1938 in Enfield and lived in a small terraced house. I was an only child and it must have been a shock for my parents when the 2nd World War broke out. My father was not in the services as he worked at the Royal Small Arms Factory in Enfield Highway.

Even though I was very young I can remember small things like, my father carrying me to the Anderson Shelter at the bottom of the garden where we spent the night. I can recall the sound of the 'doodle bugs' overhead and then a large explosion. I don't recall my age but during the day if the sirens went off my mother would take me under the large heavy old dining table for protection, it must have been frightening for her but seemed like a game to me.

I also remember my father getting cross that he had lost part of his garden to the Anderson Shelter and that instead of

flowers he had to grow vegetables.

There was one occasion when I was getting dressed by the kitchen range, as it was nice and warm, when my mother said 'move away from that window as you are in a draught' so I moved to the other side. Suddenly there was a large explosion as a bomb was dropped in a road nearby and the window was shattered with glass everywhere.

In some ways we were lucky regarding food as my mother came from an Essex farm area and on some Friday nights we were taken to her sister's by a lorry driver, who also lived in that area but worked in Enfield. We made the journey back in the drivers cab with all the goodies we had been given by the family, such as chicken, lamb, pork, eggs and homemade cheese.

In my first year at school there were still 'air raids' and when that happened the teacher used to take us to the

underground cloakroom, where we were given mats to sit on and she would sing songs with us.

I recall the railway line near us where Ack Ack guns would ride up and down the line with their lights shining up into the night sky.

During the war we were issued with ration books for things like meat and sugar. There were sweet coupons in the book and at the weekend my father would give me the coupons, a list and the money to pay for it, and I would run to the Sweet Shop.

On some evenings my parents would sit listening to the radio to hear the war news and what Winston Churchill had to say.

I am sure I have missed a lot out and there must be other people my age who can recall events of that time.

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The Hertford and Ware group launched in June 2015 and has grown to be the largest of the county's 11 units, with 50 cadets and 15 leaders.

They have won numerous awards for their social action partnership project, ACHIEVE CARE, which helps tackle social isolation among older members of the community, and were runner's up in last year's National Cadet Competition.

Detective Constable Rob Scott, who leads the Hertford and Ware Cadets, was also named Cadet Leader of the Year at the Constabulary's annual

Citizens in Policing Awards last month.

"It's an absolute privilege to lead the Hertford and Ware Volunteer Police Cadets and it's been great to watch the group go from strength to strength," said Rob.

"As some of our older members prepare to move on, we are now looking for new cadets to join us. It's a great way to learn new skills and make friends, while also helping your local community. You don't have to have ambitions to join the police but, if it is a career you are interested in pursuing, this is a great place to start."

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1st Standon and Puckeridge Guides

We asked the Guides what they would like to do during summer term. One of the favourite activities was learning how to make slime. A few simple ingredients and a lot of fun seeing how far it could stretch around the hall. We have also decorated cupcakes, had a games evening run by our older Guides, made hedgehogs out of books, tried folk art, and had activities run by the girls themselves in small groups.

We organised a sponsored walk around the Braughing countryside to raise money for Riding for the Disabled. We are still counting up the money, but we have raised about £200 at the time of writing.

Our Co-Op Community Fundraising grant is being spent, and we recently purchased a couple of play parachutes which we used when we hosted the local older Brownies for a games evening and picnic. We have also bought resources for the Girlguiding programme which is being completely renewed. The Guides will soon be able to work on their Mixology, Meditation and Sports.

Some of the Guides went to Brownies and ran activities with a chocolate theme. Some of our older Guides also went to Rangers so they could find out about the next section up.

The Guides have been hard at work on badges this term and have earned their Future Girl badges with some girls earning their Trefoil Guild Challenge badges which celebrate the 75th birthday of the Trefoil Guild, the Guiding section for adults. Some of our older Guides are just finishing work on

their Baden Powell Challenge Awards and will be doing the residential section over the summer with an adventure in central London at Girlguiding HQ.

We have recently come back from a trip to PGL with the two local Brownie Packs, and had a great time abseiling, on the zip wire and a giant swing amongst other fun activities

2nd Standon and Puckeridge (Roger de Clare) Brownies

Our lunch club Brownies Pack is continuing to work well with the support of the school.

During the Summer term, the older Brownies chose to do Hostess badge as a unit. As Brown Owl and Snowy Owl would have been unable to sample 16 lots of Brownie cakes for that section of the badge, the School allowed us to run a bake sale with all the cakes, and we raised £150 for Riding for the Disabled.

All the Brownies earned their Future Girl Badges by exploring issues important to them including cruelty to animals, provision of sporting opportunities for girls and equality. They also earned their Google Digital Adventure badges by looking at basic coding and algorithms, and some of the Brownies have been awarded their Trefoil Guild Challenge Badges celebrating 75 years of the Trefoil Guild which is the Guiding section for adults.

We have continued participating in activities with the other units in Standon, Puckeridge and Braughing. One Brownie earned her Brownies Go For It Badge by participating in a chocolate themed evening run by the Guides to celebrate her moving on after Christmas.

We've also enjoyed belly dancing and pond dipping with the evening Brownies, and all the older Brownies went to an evening at Guides where we played parachute games and shared a picnic.

The highlight of the summer was a trip to PGL in Suffolk with the evening Brownies and Guides for a long weekend of adventurous activities and fun.

We will be changing over to the exciting new Brownie programme in September which has been highlighted in the media since the end of last term. Hopefully we'll have girls trying the new badges including Aviation, Baking and Performing.

A Celebration of Music' in Buntingford

In this part of Hertfordshire we have more than a few different types of choirs and arrangers of musical festivals, so our concerts in St Peter's and St Richard's were always going to clash with something - but no matter!

Wherever and whatever musical event people might have been attending over the weekend of 30 June/1 July how lucky we were to have had such a wonderfully diverse choice on our doorstep.

Our concerts were raising money for two "low profile" charities: 'The Cambridge Centre for Brain Repair' at Addenbrookes and 'HoverAid' currently working in Madagascar.

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

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If not, this course will try to show you just what the Britons were defending as the legions spread out from Kent.

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East Herts Rural Branch

Following the intense activity in Letchworth and Royston before the elections in May, we all hoped to be able to relax a little, but it was not to be. Sadly, the Conservative councillor for Watton-at-Stone, who was only elected a few years ago after the death of his predecessor, died suddenly in July. As a result, there is a by-election on 23 August for the Watton-at-Stone seat on the East Herts District Council.

August is by no means a good month in which to hold an election.

Unfortunately, turnout for district council by-elections tends to be very low, whatever the month. In August we can expect an even smaller proportion of the 2,000 electors in Watton to go to the poll than at other times of the year.

No doubt, one reason for the low turnout in by-elections is that usually there is no hope of changing the control of the Council. This is especially true of this by-election, since the Conservatives have an overwhelming majority of the councillors in East Herts.

In fact, the Conservatives hold all the seats except one, which is held by an Independent who was actually elected as a Conservative. Personally, I would argue that it is very unhealthy for a council to be run by a single party without any opposition to hold them to

account – and this applies whichever party is in control.

Even a small number of councillors from a different party or parties can challenge decisions of the controlling party. Obviously, they cannot vote any proposal down, but most councillors are sufficiently concerned about their locality to be prepared to consider sensible counter-proposals.

Perhaps the voters of Watton will think it important to provide a challenging voice on East Herts District Council.

David Bell

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St Mary's at the School with 'Messy Church'

***4.45pm Sundays, Roger de
Clare School***

As David and Rebecca Wells have taken over the leadership until a new Rector joins us, we thought it might be helpful for them to introduce themselves and to answer some questions you might have about what St Mary's at the School is all about. You may already have enjoyed one of St Mary's at the School's special events: 'Walking the Nativity', 'Tough Talk' or the Breakfast with the ex-Premiership footballer, Linvoy Primus.

David: "My working background is in IT and in running a small business. When I'm not leading St Mary's at the School or our Tuesday Men's Group, my other passion is sailing on the East Coast, from the River Orwell in Suffolk."

Rebecca: "I was the nursery nurse at Little Munden School. I'm also part of the women's Tuesday night Oasis group. Although I sometimes go with him, I'm not as keen as David on sailing...I'm happier on land, gardening and baking."

"We didn't go to church ourselves until two friends took us to hear Billy Graham speak about Jesus when we were in our thirties. That day really changed our lives and we'll always be grateful to that couple. Since then, we've led church children and youth groups over the



years. We started to co-lead St Mary's at the School when it began two years ago, with our previous Rector, Alan and his wife Jill. We both really want to help people discover how different life can be with Jesus at the heart of it."

Who is St Mary's at the School for?

"Anyone and everyone...we have families, couples and singles, men, women and children of various ages coming along each week. There's up to 40 of us on a Sunday afternoon at Roger de Clare School."

Why would I come along?

"St Mary's at the School is for anyone who thinks they or their children might like to find out more about Jesus. In our meetings you'll be able to discover how he can make a real difference in your life."

But I don't usually go to church...

"That's ok...many of the people who already come didn't either, or have any

real faith in God.

We always aim to make everything easy to understand, relevant and interesting. You're guaranteed a warm welcome in a relaxed environment. We're just like one big family that loves to laugh and learn together and to help each other with life's challenges."

So what goes on?...is it just like a regular church service?

"No, it's much more informal. We like to think of ourselves as a church for people who don't usually 'do' church... but do want to find out who this Jesus really is.

We kick off with a couple of modern worship songs. You can just listen or join in as you like. Then the younger ones head off with our children's leaders for some fun Messy Church activities. Parents can go with them if they wish...'Messy' means it's not about being perfect or quiet...it doesn't

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"A new thing just starting is for our older children aged 10 years plus, They will now have their own session with an experienced Christian youth leader with chats, teaching and videos."

"The other adults get to hear a short talk from a range of interesting Christian speakers. We usually provide an opportunity to ask any questions you have or to discuss what you've heard. People who come say they love how interactive it is! Often one or two of the people who have put their trust in Jesus will share something about what he has been doing in their life recently. We get to hear some amazing things!"

"Finally, the children get a chance to show us what they have been making and doing in their group, before we all enjoy some great cake ('Bake-off' without the tent?) and drinks together... a good chance to get to know other people. And for anyone with a problem or anything they need help with, there's always someone here to pray with you if you would like that."

Do I need to commit to coming every week?

"We understand that people sometimes have other commitments on Sundays. So whether you just come along just once to check us out, or once a month, you'll be just as welcome as those who join us every week."

"Once a month (on the 4th Sunday) we don't meet at the School but join the wider church family at St Mary's for a Family Service at 10.45...that's us together as the family of the church...it doesn't mean you have to have children to join us!"

"We hope that's been helpful and we look forward to welcoming any of you from Puckeridge or Standon one Sunday afternoon at Roger de Clare School. Check out our Facebook page @stmarysattheschool for more information...it's a good place to get a feel for us before you come along."

"We hope to see you soon!"

David and Rebecca Wells
Acting Leaders, St Mary's at the School

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motivation up all the way to life-long healthy habits.

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- More of the weight a member loses will be fat – the stuff they're unhappy with – because exercise tones and firms muscles (it won't make them bigger).
- They're more likely to keep the weight off because a high proportion of muscle means a higher metabolism (so they'll use more energy even when they're resting)
- Exercise actually suppresses appetite – you're less likely to want to eat after exercising and the balance of energy taken in and energy expended is somehow magically re-tuned.

Did you know?

That over 1,000 people become obese every single day in the UK and that irrespective of weight, physical inactivity is the fourth primary health risk after smoking, high blood pressure and high blood fats. And that per year, there are 18 million days of sickness related absence and 40,000 premature deaths as a result of weight/fitness issues.

As the UK's leading slimming organisation we have a big responsibility to do more to safeguard their future.

How will exercise increase members' motivation?

You'd be surprised! Research has shown that exercise has a profound effect on your body, mind and spirit.

- It boosts your mood and gives you an increased sense of wellbeing which decreases the need to find comfort in food.
- It makes you feel happier and increases energy levels. The more mental energy you have the easier it is to exert conscious control of your appetite.
- It reduces stress and tensions that may otherwise seek an outlet in eating.
- It builds self-confidence and a sense of personal self-mastery, increasing the likelihood that you'll make positive changes for yourself.

How exercise helps health... It can...

- improve heart health and help protect against developing heart disease
- reduce the risk of stroke
- protect against developing type 2 diabetes and assists in the management of diabetes
- help reduce the risk of developing certain cancers
- build and maintain healthy bones and help keep joints mobile
- produce stronger muscles, ligaments and tendons
- help you maintain a better posture so that shape and appearance are improved

In addition to all these benefits to health, exercise can...

- help tone and firm the arms, legs and bottom
- make you look, and feel ten years younger
- increase overall self-esteem
- make you feel revitalised and able to deal with everyday obstacles in a more positive way
- aid restful sleep
- ease stress and most importantly help you KEEP A HEALTHY WEIGHT FOREVER!

Yet, because members see fast results from Food Optimising (the proof is on the scales!), often that's where they (and Consultants) tend to focus their attentions and Body Magic gets put on the backburner.

Research shows that the further and more frequently you move your body and the heavier you are, the more energy you expend. This means that the heavier you are, the more benefit you get from exercise.

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Starting Gun Fired on Airport High Court Action

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has served legal papers requiring the Government to take control of deciding the latest Stansted Airport expansion proposals, or face proceedings in the High Court.

The move puts the Secretary of State for Transport on formal notice of a Judicial Review application if he fails to designate the airport's planning application as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) within 14 days. Such a designation would mean the application would be considered nationally rather than by the local planning authority, Uttlesford District Council (UDC).

The application for expansion at Stansted was submitted by Manchester Airports Group (MAG) on behalf of the airport last February. If approved it would mean a 44 per cent increase in flights and a 66 per cent increase in passengers compared to 2017 levels. From the outset, SSE fiercely opposed the attempt to rush through the application and has argued that the scale of the application meant that it had to be determined nationally rather than by the local Council.

National determination of a planning application is a lengthier and far more thorough process than local

determination, involving detailed scrutiny by an expert team. By contrast, despite having no expertise in the field of major airport infrastructure projects, UDC had reached an agreement with MAG to 'fast track' its planning application in return for staged payments. SSE branded this a 'cash for favours' agreement.

For almost four months SSE has been corresponding on this matter with both the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government ('HCLG'), currently James Brokenshire. Neither Minister is at this stage prepared to 'call in' the airport planning application for national determination, although James Brokenshire who has overall responsibility for the planning process has indicated that he will consider this when the process is further advanced.

Meanwhile the attempt by MAG and UDC to rush through the planning application and have it decided by 18 July has come unstuck. Under pressure from Essex and Herts County Councils as well as from SSE, UDC now recognises that it needs a great deal more information from MAG before its planning application can even be sensibly considered. No new target date has yet been set for determining the application but it is unlikely to be before October.

SSE Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "Despite the current delay on the part of the local Council, we cannot afford to wait any longer to ask for a legal ruling as to whether this planning application should be dealt with nationally rather than locally. That is why SSE has now served formal notice of an application to the High Court for Judicial Review proceedings."

At this stage SSE's action is targeted solely at the Secretary of State for Transport but SSE has reserved its position with regard to any potential future action against the Secretary of State for HCLG and against UDC. All these parties have been served with copies of SSE's legal documents, as has Stansted Airport Limited.

While SSE will ask the High Court for an expedited hearing, this may still not take place until next year. Accordingly, SSE has made representations to the interested parties seeking their agreement that it would be inappropriate for the current airport planning application to be decided until the outcome of the Judicial Review is known, pointing out that there is no urgent need to determine this planning application because Stansted Airport is still nowhere near its present cap of 35 million passengers per annum (mppa).

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The book introduces the reader to the rich history of each village and town in the area and paints a picture of life in the Hundred Parishes up to the start of the 21st century. The book has more than 400 pages and includes almost a thousand photos. Price £25 per copy.

The publication marks a significant step in the Society's mission to raise awareness and appreciation of the Hundred Parishes, an area of 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire. It expands on the parish information already available on the Society's website, where visitors can download walk routes and find sources of information and activities associated with the area's culture, history, heritage, countryside, wildlife and conservation.

The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction can be purchased at the Tourist Information Centres in Saffron Walden,

Thaxted and Bishop's Stortford, as well as Great Bardfield's independent bookshop, Between the Lines.

It is also available in Stansted Mountfitchet from me, Ken McDonald. I can be contacted on 01279 813226 or via the website,

www.hundredparishes.org.uk.

The index to the Society's new book refers to no fewer than eleven castles. All are shadows of their former selves, but many can still be seen and just a few may be visited.

Many were built soon after the Norman Conquest of 1066. These Norman castles are described as motte and bailey, consisting of a large mound of earth or rubble (motte) surmounted by a wooden or stone tower. Alongside would be an embanked enclosure with additional buildings (the bailey).

A fine example of what a typical Norman castle may have been like exists at Stansted Mountfitchet. Although little survives other than the mound on which the original castle once stood, a wooden stockade and village have been recreated. The mottes are still visible from Norman castles at Anstey, Great Canfield and Stebbing.

Civil war raged in England between Stephen and his cousin Matilda from 1135 to 1153, a time known as The Anarchy which saw considerable castle building. Geoffrey de Mandeville, the Earl of Essex, swapped sides more than once. He built the castle at Saffron Walden. Some ruined walls still remain and they are Grade I listed, the finest surviving stone castle within the Hundred Parishes.

Our area is rich in heritage so, as ever, I encourage you to go explore and see what you can discover!

Ken McDonald, Secretary

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Lest we forget - 11 November:

Children remember Christmas and their birthday. As we grow older more dates take on a greater significance: wedding anniversaries, wife's/husband's birthdays, starting work, finishing work, birth of first child and loss of loved ones. What dates come to mind for you?

I was a soldier and mechanic called on to repair all sorts of strange vehicles. As I look back I used to think 11 November was such an inconvenience. You had to stop what you were doing change into your number two dress uniform with bulled boots etc. and march to the garrison C of E church. It was not a place of welcome; you sat down in rank order and were given a pre-scripted offering from the Chaplain, then marched back.

That all changed in 1982. I, along with a few others, had been invited on a cruise south to see the Falkland Islands. I ended up on the Landing Ship Logistic, RFA Sir Lancelot. On 24 May at around 10:15 she was hit by a 1,000lb bomb 20 or so feet away from where I was. Fortunately, it did not explode and was later removed.

On the journey I had made friends with two bomb disposal officers from the Royal Engineers: Warrant Officer John Philips and Staff Sergeant Jim Prescott. Jim used to borrow my waterproofs to protect him from the spray in the rigid

raiders that they travelled in to ships to defuse bombs. On the 23 May Jim was just leaving I asked him if he needed the waterproofs. He said, "No, won't need them tonight".

John was attempting to defuse the 1,000lb bomb on the HMS Antelope when it went off. He was blown through the air, severing his left arm, as the first of two explosions tore apart the ship he was trying to save. The previous day, 22 May, 1982, the day after the first UK landings at San Carlos. The pair had defused an unexploded bomb on HMS Argonaut. It had been dropped from such a low height that it had not armed to explode. This one was very different; it was armed, it just had not exploded. Unbeknownst to the pair, the timer had delayed and as they worked the clock had started ticking. John said there was a 'whoops' moment, when they realised what had happened. As the explosion ripped through the ship a bulkhead door hit Jim in the chest killing him instantly and John lost an arm. For many of us a life changing moment. I began to understand sacrifice and what it means to give up your life for another. I have nothing but respect for such people.

I was not a Christian and could not see the point in going to church to remember something like that. However, this 11 November in our chapel I will give time to stand in quiet contemplation not only for Jim but others I know who have been killed through the years in so many conflicts all over the world. I will think

of the men who fought and died for us that are left behind. Presenting us with a freedom that ironically, even allows us to complain about war.

Service men and women have given us the freedom to say 'thank you' to them for their sacrifice, or to say nothing. Now being a Christian I think of another's sacrifice. One that gives me so much more. I, like many, had not given much thought to heaven, hell and church. I was a Christian; it said so in my documents. I would get a Christian burial on that declaration. However, in reality I was a sinner. "Sinner" is a word that gets a bad reputation these days and well it should. Unfortunately, the bad reputation it is getting is for the wrong reasons. Confronted by our shortcomings, we are quick to defend ourselves with words like: "I'm not a sinner! I've never murdered anyone or anything like that!" Sin simply means to miss the mark; to fall short of the goal. The fact is, we are all sinners, for there is no one, save Christ alone, who has lived a life that did not in some way fall short of the perfection God requires. We all deserve to pay the penalty for that sin, which is to spend eternity in hell.

Sin, according to the Bible, is any action that violates the law given by God in the Ten Commandments. The law was given by God to show us what it means to live a life deserving of God's love. It was also given to show us that none of us can live that kind of life. God knew that in advance and that is why He sent His Son



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Jesus to be that perfect sacrifice for us. Jesus, God in human flesh, voluntarily laid aside His God-hood to connect with us, to show us He understands us and to give us a way to be reconciled to the Father, since none of us can keep the law to its letter. "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Christ sacrificed himself for us who would believe in him.

What will you be doing this 11 November? Personally, I will be thinking of the friends and comrades I have lost. Those that died so I would not have to. Those that have given me the chance and freedom to write this. I will also be remembering Christ, who through his death gave me the gift of eternal life in heaven, and not hell.

Pastor Bill Harrow
Puckeridge Congregational Church,
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Harvest Festival at St Mary's Standon

Come and join us at 10.45am on 23 September to celebrate this special time of the year.

We hope as many as possible of our local farming community will be able to attend.

The post has been vacated, but the work goes on!

Alan, our Rector, has moved on now to his next challenge in Upper Holloway parish. Our benefice has settled into our time of vacancy, which will last until our new Rector arrives, probably in the early part of next year.

The position of Rector is vacant, but that doesn't mean that we aren't as busy

as ever. In his last article, Alan described the church as a lifeboat, always ready to rescue and save people. That lifeboat, as he emphasised, is made up of people who know how much they are loved by God and who long for others to know that love too. Coming to know how much God loves us, values us and cares for us can, indeed, save lives. We read much in our media about the pressures on everyone to be more something: to have more perfect bodies; to be better at a skill; to excel more at work; to be more spiritually connected and many others. Always, the message seems to be that we must strive for the next goal, and that goal, if it is ever achieved, is replaced by yet another. It's exhausting!

God loves us just as we are. He's not waiting for us to reach a target before he will accept us. The point of a lifeboat is that it rescues those who are in difficulty, whatever their condition or position. The church is the same. All are welcome. Once the lifeboat has picked up the shipwrecked, that is the time to start to tend to injuries and fears. Once we know, really know, that God loves us, whatever our needs, then is the time to look at how we might respond and how we can grow in that love into the amazing people that he knows we are.

But the church is not just for rescuing those in peril on the high seas. Once we come to know God and his infinite love for us, we want to know more about him, and about how we can love him more too. We are drawn to follow him; to serve him. Among our many activities in our benefice are opportunities to learn to live more closely with God; to understand how what the Bible teaches helps us to make

sense of our everyday lives; to stop chasing goals and start living the 'life in all its fulness' that Jesus promises.

As I write, we have just held our leavers' services for our two church schools in the benefice, Roger de Clare and Little Munden School. At each, we urged the children not to forget what they have learned in their time at the schools about how much God loves them. Each of them left the service holding a lighted candle, to signify that they go on to the next phase of their lives bearing with them the light of Christ.

God is always close by. We may choose not to notice; we may turn away, but he is there. If you haven't seen that yet, or if you used to know and have forgotten, why not climb aboard this lifeboat and see what happens?

Caroline Franks

Licensed Lay Minister, Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe.

Life in the midst of death

It's not easy to find

He stops in front of the commandant, removes his hat and looks him in the eye: "Herr Commandant, I want to make a request. I want to die in the place of this prisoner." He points at Gajowniczek. "I have no wife or children;" he continues, "I am old and unable to work. And he's in better condition." He perfectly understands the Nazi mentality.

"Who are you?" asks the officer.

"A Catholic priest." Kolbe replies. There is a moment's stunned silence. And then, "Request granted."

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The prisoners were never allowed to speak. Recalling the moment, Gajowniczek said, "I could only thank him with my eyes. I was stunned and could hardly grasp what was going on. The immensity of it: I, the condemned, am to live and someone else willingly and voluntarily offers his life for me – a stranger. Is this a dream?"

Maximilian Kolbe outlived the other nine condemned men. And in the end, he didn't die of thirst or starvation. On 14 August 1941 he was eventually killed by being injected with carbolic acid.

Franciszek Gajowniczek amazingly survived the Holocaust, and after the war he went back home. But every year, on 14 August, he returned to Auschwitz to pay his respects and say thank you to the man who died in his place. And he carved himself a plaque as a memorial to Maximilian Kolbe, which he placed in his back garden.

An innocent man dies for a condemned man. A man facing certain death is unexpectedly given life. As in Auschwitz, so in Jerusalem - about 2000 years ago. Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God, a Jew, innocent of all charges, dies on a cross in place of the guilty – me and you. Why? Out of love, and the fact that there was no other way to bring us eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes on him might not die, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

There is nothing more that we have to do other than to believe and receive God's loving gift of life. No rituals, no striving to do better, no list of resolutions to be worked at. A rough,

merciless Roman jailor once asked one of his Christian prisoners, "What must I do to be saved?" The simple reply was "Believe – give thanks and put your faith - in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (Acts 16:30-31). And the Christian life is one simply lived in response to God's love, as reflected in the way Franciszek Gajowniczek's life was forever impacted as he remembered Maximilian Kolbe's sacrifice for him.

Revs Colin and Teresa Marks
Pastors, A10 Christian Mission

Beware Rogue Traders - who may Claim to be Working at the Home of one of your Neighbours

Police and Trading Standards frequently receive reports of traders "cold calling" at the door and telling residents that work needs to be done to their home or garden. They may claim that your roof or guttering are damaged or your trees are unsafe and need work. Their work is then of a poor standard, or sometimes the price jumps by ten times because the trader "helpfully" finds other things that also need to be fixed! Similarly beware callers offering to do gardening work, driveways or roof cleaning.

Trading Standards and Police advise that you never have work done by anyone who cold calls, even if they claim to be working at your neighbour's home. No reputable trader ever approaches a customer in this way. It is a good idea to display a "No Cold Callers" sticker in your window and turn away any callers you don't know, if possible without opening the door. "No Cold Callers" stickers can be obtained

from your local policing team or your local Citizens' Advice Bureau.

If you think your home or garden needs work, please use a trader recommended by a friend or call the Citizen's Advice Consumer Service on 08454 040506 to find an approved reputable local trader.

You should obtain three quotes to check the price is competitive and the work really needs doing - never rely on the word of a single trader. Any contracts over £42 that are agreed in a customer's home are subject to 14 day cooling off rights. The homeowner must be given written information about their right to cancel, about the identity of the trader who is doing the work and the total cost of the work to be carried out.

A statement on a flyer or business card about a 14 day cooling off period is not enough. If the customer requires the work to start within the 14 day cooling off period, they must authorise this in writing.

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Blackmail and other Threatening Messages

Some of our members have received an email from a person claiming to have video footage taken through a device attached to a porn website, which they claim the recipient visited. Within the message they have also quoted a password which the recipients had used in the past to access a legitimate online account. This password is likely to have been stolen as part of a data breach several years ago and sold on. The members who have reported receiving these emails have told us that the password is a historic one they no longer use. The recipients of the email were told to send money in the form of Bitcoins to an account provided. If this is not sent, the sender has threatened to pass the video to the recipient's contacts. The recipients had never visited porn websites and the email had doubtless been sent to many recipients with the intention that some people would be frightened into paying. Similarly, we have received numerous reports of threatening messages being sent to business people across Hertfordshire. The message begins with: "Read this text carefully, since it

can be the last in your life". The sender states that they have been paid to kill you by one of your "envious" business rivals, and that to "save your life" you should send a sum of money to an anonymous bitcoin account. The sender goes on to say that they will be travelling to the UK to carry out this threat and the message ends with: "The well-being of the future life depends on your choice. Think about your life, you family." Again, it appears that this message has been sent to a large number of recipients with the intention that some people will be frightened into sending money.

Rogue traders use a new approach

Hertfordshire Trading Standards is warning residents to be vigilant as a result of a novel approach being used currently by rogue traders.

Instead of asking for work in your garden, these rogues tell you that they are working next door/ at the bottom of the garden on a hedge or trees that are on the boundary and that the clippings may fall into your garden. To save you any bother, can they access your garden to collect the branches or clippings? Once they are in your garden, they offer to do work

on your side and because you think that they are working at a neighbour's house, you think that they are ok and agree.

Of course, these traders aren't working next door and in the latest incident an 87 year old in Herts, lost £100. The trader disappeared, not even doing the work.

Trading Standards advise not dealing with cold callers and don't believe any story of working next door – on trees, on an adjoining roof, anywhere. Reputable traders will not approach you in this way, without the neighbour being present. Please look out for your elderly family members and neighbours and warn them about this latest scam.

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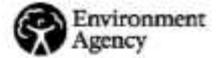
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- excavations near the river bank.

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If an un-permitted structure is found to have a detrimental impact on flood risk, drainage or the environment, you may be subject to legal action as well as invalidated insurance. Please note that we are unable to issue permits retrospectively.

Owners are also reminded that they are responsible for maintenance of their riverbanks and should not dispose of any garden waste or materials that may cause a blockage.

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Are you affected by Parkinson's?
 Did you know that there are Parkinson's support groups all over the country. Your local support group was set up 3 years ago by a wonderful man called John, suffering from Parkinson's. Now in his late 70s, he needs younger, more able people to get involved with the group.

Can you give a little time?
 Just come along, last Friday in the month (1.30-3.30pm) to Valley Court, Piggotts lane in Bishops Stortford, where the group get together for tea, cake and support. You may have something really useful to talk to them about that will make them laugh or feel inspired. For example a musical talent or particular hobby you love to share about, or simply to offer a friendly ear and chat.

- Or help organise an event, an afternoon tea or an outing.
- Or if you like numbers, help them with the treasury duties.
- Or if you cycle or run, help raise awareness wearing a Parkinson's shirt.
- Or offer a couple of hours respite care for their partners/families.

So please get involved in any capacity you can, however small, as this is so appreciated by those with Parkinson's. Contact claire.uwins@mac.com



Or just sign up as a "CAREbanker" to be part of community care via theCAREbank.org or contact claire.uwins@mac.com 07595674241

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The Other Room

Now is the time to buy your spring bulbs.

Look at the growth heights and the flowering period. This will give you a much longer display. Early ones through to late spring. Be sure to plant to the depth stipulated otherwise they are very likely to just flop over and if too near the surface, slugs will feast on them. If you dig a trench to put bulbs in add some potting compost to boost the roots, this really pays off.

Rambling roses.

Once flowers have faded cut back the stems and tie onto trellis to support. Espalier into a good shape where blooms can really give a good show next year. In autumn dig in a good well-rotted horse manure.

Have a good hard look at your shrubs.

Be mercenary with faded half dead plants and think as you stand looking at it..if you were in a Garden Centre "Would I buy that ? " If the answer is a resounding "No " ..then get rid !

Be sure to look out for over winter BeeBoxes Bat Boxes and Hedgehog Hibernators. These are vital creatures to keep your garden healthy.

Try to think of textures when it comes to new additions for next year.

Pennisetum 'Sky Rocket ' is a lovely addition to a border especially with purple slate as a mulch to really set it off.

If you are thinking of updating your patio how about adding a tiling feature?

Look at alhambratiles.co.uk and mandarinstone.com Adding a little exotic focal point can really brighten up a garden and it only needs to be in a few random sections.

To try to make the 'Outdoor Living' last a lot longer look at Patio Heaters.

Even wall based electric ones with a swivel head can make a real difference to the autumn chill. Add to that Kreafunkaglow Light Up dimming light and bluetooth speaker see amara.com

Also think about next year.... now

Now is the best time to plan a Studio/ Patio/ Koi Pond /Water feature / Pergola with lighting and even automated irrigation

Neuro Science studies Dept at Oxford have proven that daylight can have considerable benefit to our health based on our circadian rhythm (natural body clock) Not having enough natural daylight can affect out depression levels/sleep patterns and even energy levels as well as mood and behaviour. So having as much natural light pouring into your house through doors/windows and even 'borrowed' light funnels can significantly help. So think of creating more glass based extensions such as garden rooms or French windows, can really be of health benefit.

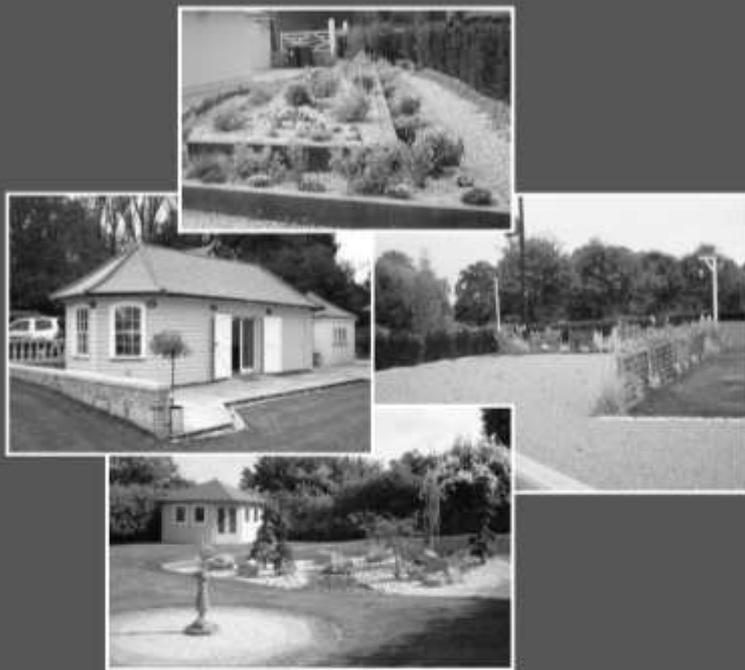
We try to encourage clients to think ahead so that we can deliver the build/ makeover in plenty of time and to cause the least disruption (mud/mess)

Also discussions about the designs, the actual use of the garden and of course the budgets Also to investigate if we need to look at Planning Applications ...these can take months, but fine for a Spring project

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Village Diary

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

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

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

Every Weekday

- 7.45-8.30am WASPS Breakfast Club at Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre (term time only). Trained staff currently take children to Roger de Clare, Ralph Sadleir and St Thomas of Canterbury Schools for registration. For further details please contact Nicola on 07904391133 or email on nicola.re@virgin.net.
- 9.30- 12.15 or 2.15 (lunch club). Term Time only SPINS Pre-School Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Fun and friendly atmosphere with qualified staff. Visits welcome. Details 07881 533339.
- 3.15-6.15pm WASPS After School Club based at Standon and Puckeridge

Community Centre (term time only). Trained staff currently collect children from Roger de Clare, Ralph Sadleir, St Thomas of Canterbury and Jenyns Schools. For further details please contact Nicola on 07904391133 or email on nicola.re@virgin.net.

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.
- 4.30-6.30 Rib Valley Gymnastics and Trampoline Buntingford. Monday Trampoline Fremantle College: 4.30-6.30 Children’s classes,

7.30 Adult/older teens session. 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
- 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
- 6.35 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@dancejamacademy.co.uk
 Julie 07971 699615

Tuesday

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

11.15am Chair-Aside exercise. Standon Village Hall. 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
 4pm Mini Red (5-8 yrs)
 5pm Mini Orange/Green (8-10 yrs)
 6pm Junior Club night

7pm Senior Club night
 Details Tracy Llewellyn 07985 183796

Starlight Stars at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
 4pm Hip Hop 7-11 yrs

4.30 Advance Street Dance (UDO) 12+yrs
 Call Alex 01763 287691

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

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

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

6pm 2nd Buntingford Brownies. Term time in Buntingford. Email for details jil1228374@hotmail.co.uk

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

6.30 Cricket Club practice night, Colts and Adults. Details Kai Michael 01763 273127 or Dave Bantick 01763 273205

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 Puckeridge WI, 2nd Tuesday of the month. Details Louise 07971 800443 or info@puckeridgewi.org

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

Wednesday

8.30 Under 1's Childrens' Group, Standon Village Hall. Details Kelly Brightman 01920 463949

9.15 Service of Communion at St Mary's Standon, followed by refreshments (No service in August)

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

9.30 (term time) Little Hadham Parents & Toddlers group. Held Little Hadham Village Hall

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- 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@dancejamacademy.co.uk
- 4.15-6.15 Gymnastics Edwinstree Middle School. Children's classes Details Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- Starlight Stars:
Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
- 3.30 Mini Movers Street Dance 4-6yrs
4pm and 4.45pm Street Stars 7-14yrs
Call Alex 01763 287691
- 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
- 6.30 Braughing Aviation Society meetings. First Wednesday of the month at the Axe and Compasses, Braughing. Details Ray Hankin 01920 832191
- 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), Cotteder Guide Centre, SG9 9QP. Details Rosanne Kenealy 01920 821304
- 7.30 Explorer Scouts (14-18 yrs) Bowling Green Lane, Buntingford. Meets throughout the year Details Christine Pestle 07711 506281
- 7.30pm 1st Standon & Puckeridge Guides. Term time in Braughing. Details Louise Jenkins 07971 800 443
- 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 The Arts Centre, Kibes Lane, Ware, SG12 7ED, September to May. Details: Barbara Norris 01920 822104 www.wareps.org.uk
- 8pm Last Wednesday of the month, Braughing Aviation Society meets in the Old Boys School, Braughing. Details Terry Gilroy 01920 822296

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Thursday

Starlight Stars:

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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 Ros French 07717 857389 sandprainbows1@outlook.com

6 Cricket Club Practice Session. Details Kai Michael 01763 273127 or Dave Bantick 01763 273205.

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

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

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

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

10am Third Friday Digital Photography for Beginners, Ware U3A Standon Village Hall. Details Barry Jackson 01920 821356

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

4.15pm & 5.15pm during term time Rib Valley Gymnastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford. Contact Andrea Allen 07989980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk

6.30 Scout & Guide Band, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Term times only. Details Garry Edwards 01920 823163

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.

Saturday

Dance JAM Academy – Ralph Sadlier School

8.45am Grade 3 Tap

9.15am Grade 4 Freestyle

10.00am Grade 2 Tap

10.30am Grade 2 Freestyle

11.00am Choreography

11.30am Musical Theatre
julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk9am - 1pm at Jenyns School Braughing:
Ballet: Karen Howarth - 01279651535 & 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

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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
(Churchwarden) 01920 821281

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

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

2.45 -5pm Braughing Sunday Teas.
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4.45-6pm St Mary's at the School (with
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School during term time. 4th
Sundays 10.45am at St Mary's
Church. Details Marion Smith -
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website: www.ubsms.org.uk

September

5 Community Café at Standon &
Puckeridge Community Centre,
8.45-11.30am. Details Alison
01920 822872.

5 Ware & District Photographic
Society season starts. 8-10pm at
Ware Arts Centre, Kibes Lane,
SG12 7ED. All welcome. Details
01920 822104.

11 Royston Choral Society Open
Rehearsal, Royston Parish Church
at 7.45pm. Details Caroline Franks
01920 822723

13 Charity Crafting with Puckeridge
WI, Roundhay Lodge, Roundhay,
Puckeridge 8pm-10pm Details
info@puckeridgewi.org

15 Hertford Museum Stores Open Day,
11-3pm. Free admission, drop in!

15 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale,
Thundridge Village Hall, 2pm.
Details Ann Davey 01920 462992.

20 From Flanders to the Tower - talk
for Braughing WI at The Church
Hall, 7.30pm. Details Kate Fish
01920 822397

21 A Mixed Bag—a talk for the
Buntingford Railway & Local
History Society at The Crown,
Market Hill, Buntingford. 8pm.
Details Stephen Ruff 01763
289516

23 Harvest Festival at St Mary's
Standon. 10.45am.

29 High Cross & Thundridge WI
Walk/lunch. Details Jan Handy
01920 318752 or Ena Macdonald
01920 466237.

October

2 Literary Lunch with the author of
'Brollo' the childrens' book.
Details 01763 262262. In aid of
Home-Start East Herts.

3 Community Café supporting
Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee
Morning at Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am.
Details Alison 01920 822872.

13 Women 100 with Puckeridge WI,
Roundhay Lodge, Roundhay,
Puckeridge 8pm-10pm Details
info@puckeridgewi.org

18 Butterflies of Britain and Europe -
talk for Braughing WI at The
Church Hall, 7.30pm. Details Kate
Fish 01920 822397

19 Great Eastern Lines 1956/62—a
talk for the Buntingford Railway &
Local History Society at The
Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford.
8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763
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25 Braughing Local History Society
Film Night 'Suffragette', 7.45 at St
Mary's Church Hall, Braughing

30 Braughing Women's Institute Soup
Lunch in the Church Hall. 12-2pm.
All welcome.

November

3 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale,
Thundridge Village Hall, 2pm.
Details Ann Davey 01920 462992.

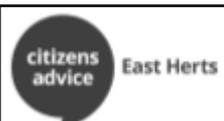
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- 01920 822723
- 7 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 10 & 11 Armistice Day
Commemorative Teas in Standon Village Hall. 3pm. Details from Helena 01920 822177.
- 13 First Aid with Puckeridge WI, Roundhaye Lodge, Roundhaye, Puckeridge 8pm-10pm Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 15 Behind Closed Doors 'Holloway' - talk for Braughing WI at The Church Hall, 7.30pm. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 16 Wormley in Picture Postcards—a talk for the Buntingford Railway & Local History Society at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516
- 17 Ware & district Photographic Society Annual Exhibition at Thundridge Village Hall, Cambridge Road, SG12 0SY. 10am-6pm. Details 01920 822104.
- 22 Braughing Local History Society talk: Funerals in Tudor & Stuart England, 7.45 at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing
- 27-1 Dec. Sadleir Drama production of

'The Accused' by Jeffrey Archer. Tickets from Standon Post Office from mid-October. Details 01763 289446.

December

- 5 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 11 Christmas meal with Puckeridge WI, Roundhaye Lodge, Roundhaye, Puckeridge 8pm-10pm Details info@puckeridgewi.org

- 21 Local History Films—a talk for the Buntingford Railway & Local History Society at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516

January 2019

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

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September	
2 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham	Braughing
2 11.15am All age Communion at St Mary's Braughing followed by a shared lunch at 12.30 pm	14 11.15am Holy Communion at Furneux Pelham
5 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing	14 5.45 pm Refresh (informal service) at St Mary's Braughing
9 9.30am Morning Worship at St Mary's Braughing	17 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
9 11.15am Holy Communion at Furneux Pelham	21 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
9 5.45pm Refresh (informal service) at St Mary's Braughing	21 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
12 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing	24 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
16 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham	28 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
16 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing	28 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
19 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing	31 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
23 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing	
23 11.15am Harvest Thanksgiving Service with Flower Festival at St Mary's Furneux Pelham	November
26 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing	4 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
30 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's Stocking Pelham	4 11.15am All age Communion at St Mary's Braughing followed by a shared lunch at 12.30 pm
	7 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
October	11 10.30 am Remembrance Service at St Mary's Braughing
3 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing	11 10.55 am Remembrance Service at Furneux Pelham
7 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham	14 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
7 11.15am Harvest Thanksgiving All Communion at St Mary's Braughing followed by a shared lunch at 12.30 pm	18 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
7 Harvest Thanksgiving Songs of Praise at St Mary's Stocking Pelham	18 11.15am United Service with the Methodist Church. Healing Service with Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
10 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing	21 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
14 9.30am Morning Worship at St Mary's Braughing	25 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
	25 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
	28 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
	Details of all services from Rev'd Julie Gawthrop 01920 823531

The United Benefice of St Mary's Standon and All Saints Little Munden with St Catherine's Sacombe Services at a glance September to November 2018			
Sunday 2nd September		Sunday 21st October	
8.00am Holy Communion	Standon	8.00am Holy Communion	Little Munden
10.45am United Worship	Little Munden	10.45am United Worship	Standon
4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool	4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool
Sunday 9th September		Sunday 28th October	
10.45am United Holy Communion	Standon	9.15am Holy Communion	Little Munden
4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool	10.45am Family Worship	Standon
		3.00pm Service of memories	Standon
Sunday 16th September		Sunday 4th November	
8.00am Holy Communion	Little Munden	8.00am Holy Communion	Standon
10.45am United Worship	Standon	10.45am United Worship	Little Munden
4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool	4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool
Sunday 23rd September		Sunday 11th November	
9.15am Holy Communion (Harvest)	Little Munden	9.15am Service of Remembrance	Little Munden
10.45am Family Worship (Harvest)	Standon	10.45am Service of Remembrance	Standon
6.00pm Choral Evensong	Sacombe	4.45pm St Mary's at the School	RdCSchool
Sunday 30th September		Sunday 18th November	
8.00am Holy Communion	Little Munden	8.00am Holy Communion	Little Munden
10.45am Harvest Praise	Sacombe	10.45am United Worship	Standon
4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool	4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool
Sunday 7th October		Sunday 25th November	
8.00am Holy Communion	Standon	9.15am Holy Communion	Little Munden
10.45am United Worship	Little Munden	10.45am Family Worship	Standon
4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool	6.00pm Choral Evensong	Standon
Sunday 14th October			
10.45am United Holy Communion	Standon		
4.45pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)	RdCSchool		
Holy Communion			
Tuesdays, 9.30am at Sacombe; Wednesdays, 9.15am at Standon			
For up to date information see our website: www.ubsms.org.uk			

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Headteacher Mrs. Laura Woods Telephone 01920 821363
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RECYCLING INFORMATION

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

Bulky waste details: One household item - £23.50 (£10.00 per item thereafter (maximum 4.)

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Car batteries, engine oil, Fridges and Freezers

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

Buntingford Household Waste Site, Aspenden Road.

Ware Household Waste Site, Westmill Road.

Cameras & Photography Books

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

- Roger de Clare School is now recycling ink jet and toner cartridges, original manufacturers only, from printers, fax machines and photocopiers. They can be dropped off on any school day between 8.30 and 11.00 am
- 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

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

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Knitting wool

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

Stamps

- 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 Barmingham Lane, Luton LU3 3NT.

Mobile phones

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

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Hertford
SG13 8EQ

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Tue	10am - 2pm
Wed	10am - 2pm
Thu	10am - 2pm
Fri	Closed

74 South Street
Bishop's Stortford
CM23 3AZ

Ware	
Tue	10am - 1pm

20 Tudor Square (near Prezzo)
West Street, Ware
SG12 9XF

Buntingford	
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Tue	10am - 1pm
Wed	10am - 1pm
Thu	Closed
Fri	Closed

The Manor House
21 High Street
Buntingford
SG9 9AB

Sawbridgeworth	
First Monday of the month	10am - 12pm

Town Council Offices
Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street
Sawbridgeworth
CM21 9AN

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Westmill Village Hall

Available to rent for functions

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Mike McRae on 01763 272147

or email mjmcrae@aol.com

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For further details!

Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon SG11 1LE

www.standonvillagehall.org

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www.herts.police.uk

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

Puckeridge Health Centre

Drs. Partington, Foster and Nicolson.
The Surgery, Station Road, Puckeridge
SG11 1TF

Tel: 01920 823860 (inc out of hours).

Surgery is open:

Mon – Fri 8.30am – 6pm

Minor Injuries Unit

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Offers you information on a wide range
of issues that are relevant to older
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Information Line: 0300 345 3446

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Saturday closing 12.30pm

Standon

Monday - Friday 9.00 - 5.30

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stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com

Animal Warden

To report incidents re: dog faeces, stray
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Text POWER and your postcode to
80876

ukpowemetworks.co.uk/powercut

0800 31 63 105

0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a
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Local Library Times**Home Library Service:**

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Bishop's Stortford Library:

Monday 10.00 - 19.00

Tuesday 10.00 - 18.00

Wednesday 10.00 - 18.00

Thursday 10.00 - 18.00

Friday 10.00 - 18.00

Saturday 10.00 - 17.00

Sunday 12.00 - 16.00

Buntingford Library:

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Tuesday 10.00 - 17.30

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 10.00 - 17.30

Friday 14.00 - 17.30

Saturday 09.00-13.00

Ware Library:

Monday 10.00 - 17.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 17.30

Wednesday 14.00 - 17.30

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Friday 10.00 - 17.30

Saturday 10.00 - 17.00

East Herts District Council

The Causeway, Bishop's Stortford or
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Tel: 01279 655261.

www.eastherts.gov.uk.

Herts County Council**Contact details:**

Adult Care Services 0300 123 4042

Children, Schools & Families

0300 123 4043

Fire Safety 0300 123 4046

Highways Fault Reporting

0300 123 4047

www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults

Trading Standards 0345 404 0506

Waste Aware 0300 123 4051

**Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre**

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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
for school trips, special equipment for a disabled
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

General Enquiries 0300 123 4040
Textphone Users: 0300 123 4041

McRae on 01763 272147 or email
mjsmcrae@aol.com

benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk
www.ubsms.org.uk/

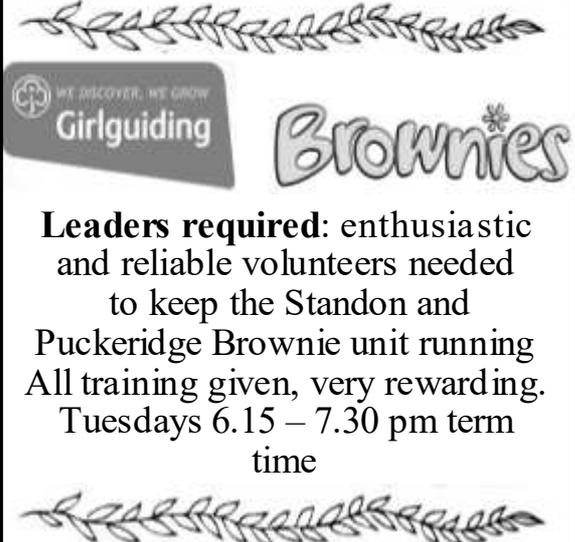
- St Mary's Church, Braughing: Rev. Julie Gawthrope 01920 823531
vicar@braughing.org.uk
www.achurchnearyou.com/braughing-st-mary-the-virgin/

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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dane-endhallbookings@Outlook.com
- 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
- Westmill Village Hall. Contact Mike

Local Churches:

- A10 Christian Mission: Contact Revs Colin & Teresa Marks 01920 821684
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pastorbill@puckeridgecc.co.uk
www.puckeridgecc.co.uk/index.html
- St Mary's Church Standon: Michael Smith 01920 821281 or email



Leaders required: enthusiastic and reliable volunteers needed to keep the Standon and Puckeridge Brownie unit running. All training given, very rewarding. Tuesdays 6.15 – 7.30 pm term time

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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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

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Your Scout Group needs You

**Braughing Scout group is looking for
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**If you can help out please contact:
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more details**

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Should any become available, preference would be given to the elderly, most needy and those with a connection to Braughing.

- Photographic Society (Ware): Barbara Norris 822104
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- Railway & Local History Society (Buntingford): Stephen Ruff 01763 289516, (Bishop's Stortford) Barry Bridges 438586, (Hertford & Ware) Stuart Moye 467132
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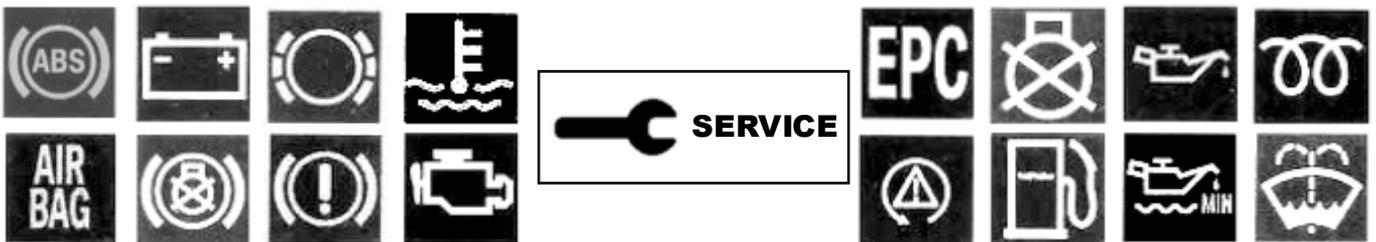


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