

Goodbye from the Rector

Dear Friends,

With great sadness, I have to say that this will be my last article. After a very happy six and a half years in the Benefice, Basma and I will be moving on to retirement. It is a great wrench; we have enjoyed being here immensely and have made many friends. The churches have been a constant source of encouragement and joy and the Hertfordshire villages' balm to the soul.

It has been a fascinating time to have the privilege to minister here. After a year of "settling in" there was covid, which brought new challenges of having to operate online and see people only in the open air. We soon discovered that two dog-lead lengths was about the correct distance to separate, which meant walking the dog was even more enjoyable!

After covid we (like everyone) did all we could to get back to normal, and our churches have done that. Since then we have seen new people come to Jesus, our services consolidated and our buildings repaired. There have been new things started, like Little Angels in Standon, some such as the Cafe in Little Munden have flourished, and some things have stopped that were no longer working.

For us personally the last two years have been dominated by the genocide in Gaza, including the killing of some of Basma's relatives. We have been very grateful for the support of so many who have comforted and tried to understand, and who have been prepared to question previously held ideas.

Of course, our main preoccupation has been for people to know more of Jesus and to worship him as Lord and Saviour. In the last two years or so, we have seen people asking question along the lines of, "What's it all about?" This is particularly true of Gen Z who, unlike my generation, have nothing like the hope in



Do you recognise anyone in your family tree?

This fabulous photograph shows the Standon Home Guard.

Not only that, but we also have names to go with faces, which is the icing on the cake! (Ref: Acc 6674)

Back row, left to right:

Frank Jaynes, Brusher Martin, Clarence Perrin, Mr Hutley, G Stock

Middle row, left to right: Jim Porter, John Martin [or E Martin], Ernest

Frederick Saggars, F Adams, Frank Clements, Henry Saggars, Bill Bonney, Jim Dickerson, Bert Willett, A Spearman

Front row, left to right: Arthur Napolitona, R Gammon, C Cobb, Jack Berry, John Marshall, Hugh Simmons, E Darter, Philip Berry, N Devile [or Deville]

progress that we were given. If you are asking such questions, I recommend whole-heartedly looking into Jesus. Christians are certainly not perfect, but we have local devoted and kindly congregations only too ready (with humility, I trust) to tell you of the hope they have in Jesus.

Our last service is 28 September (all are welcome!) and then we will be retiring to Hampshire. We will look forward to a new Rector being appointed in due course; in the meantime, we will be praying for you and missing you. Please do pray for us.

With much love,
John

Traffic Lights

We have been increasingly aware of the extra volume of traffic on the A120 through Standon. We live off Barwick Road and trying to join the A120 has become more dangerous. The Little Hadham bypass hasn't helped as the traffic is now continuous. Is it time to demand traffic lights at the A120/South Road/Barwick Road junction?

If you agree, then just confirm by emailing robertstreet711@gmail.co.uk and we will gather support to submit to the County Council.

Thank you.

Rob Street

Friends of the Rib & Quin

After five years as a community organisation, Friends of the Rib and Quin (FORQ) is reshaping itself into a less formal entity. Some activities continue, such as Riverfly monitoring and working with local schools.

Our objectives in setting up FORQ were three-fold:

- to raise awareness of the special nature our two local chalk streams and the challenges they face;
- to benchmark the wildlife in our catchment area, both in and out of the rivers, and
- to campaign for remedies to the problems of pollution and abstraction of the aquifer that significantly impact our chalk streams.

The FORQ Executive believe we have achieved some successes, locally more people know of our chalk streams, their rarity and their ecological importance. The number of Riverfly monitoring surveys now totals three figures and nearly 1000 different species have been identified in our catchment through our iNaturalist Community recording scheme.

Despite this, our local chalk streams are officially classed as being in a "poor ecological condition" and this will not improve until solutions to the challenges of pollution and abstraction to this country's rivers are addressed.

This change gives us the opportunity to disperse our remaining funds. We will be donating to Barley & Barkway First Schools Federation, Roger de Clare First School and 1st Braughing Scout Group. We think this appropriate in the context of the work they do in introducing their young people to our local chalk streams and their biodiversity. We take this opportunity to thank those who have supported us. Our personal thanks to all of you.

FORQ Executive Committee.

Ware & District Photographic Society

The Society established over 60 years ago. It meets every Wednesday evening at Thundridge Village Hall from September to May 8.00pm – 10.00pm. The programme appears on the website and includes regular lectures, competitions and practical evenings.

The Annual Exhibition is at Thundridge Village Hall on Saturday 11 October from 10am – 4pm.

Whether you are an avid hobbyist or just curious come and explore the world of photography. Our vibrant community spans ages and abilities, united by a shared passion for photography. Whether you are a seasonal pro or just starting out, you will find a welcome awaits you. The new season starts 3 September and the first 3 evenings are free!

Repair Café

What have a robot vacuum, a sit-upon toy car, an electric scooter and an old petrol-driven mower got in common?

They were some of the unusual items repaired at the Sustainable Living Club (SLC) Repair Café over the last year.

The SLC held another successful Repair Café at the Braughing Community Centre at the end of June. This was the anniversary of the first café in 2024, and we celebrated with more repairers and more cake.

Again, the most popular repair was the knife / scissors / garden tool sharpening, but all the usual favourites featured: small electrical appliances, table lamps, tech, cycles and a selection of clothes.

Over the four Repair Café's held so far most of the items have been handed back to their owners ready for a new lease of life. This saves landfill, resources used on producing replacements and usually imports from outside the UK.

Another Repair Café will be held on 8 November. It will be advertised on notice boards and social media. As before, a booking system will be in use: donations will be gratefully received either at the time of booking or on the day.

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East Herts Aviation Society PHOTO

The Society has enjoyed a variety of talks over the last few months including a fascinating presentation by Taylor Downing on the mystery of what happened to Korean Airlines flight 007 in 1983.



Our final meeting before the summer break was the Len Howett Memorial Lecture when Chris Leworthy spoke on the Battle of Britain – 85 years on (Hurricane above). We had a tour of North Weald Airfield in July, which included the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and National Police Air Service Hangars.

We will be back in September with Aldon Ferguson on Photo Reconnaissance during the Cold War, in October, Debbie Land speaks on Stalin's female pilots and then finally before the Christmas break, something different, Living in Space – The Island One Project presented by Jerry Stone.

We meet monthly, 8pm, in the Church Hall, Braughing. Most members have supper at the Axe and Compasses first and then walk to the Church Hall. All are welcome – if you would like to come along, please contact Steve Morgan in advance at contactehas@gmail.com

To find out more about the Society, please visit www.Braughing.org.uk and click on village organisations for further information.

Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe

It has been great to see everyone at the Community Cafe and we look forward to seeing you over the rest of the Summer and into the Autumn.

We are open 9.30am to 11.30am on the first Wednesday of every month, in the Lankester Lounge at the Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre: 3 September, 1 October, 5 November and 3 December.

If you haven't been along before please pop in for a cuppa and a chat. All ages are welcome, from pre-schoolers to pensioners. We even have a box of toys for the toddlers!

We hold a number of Cafes each year in support of various charities.

In August we raised an amazing £188.61 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust with drinks, cakes and a raffle.

Thank you so much to everyone who supports the charity fundraising

cafes. Our donations make such a difference to these charities.

In October we will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. There will be drinks, cakes and a raffle and, following the success of last year, there will be a plant sale. So please do come along and support this great event.

In November our friends from the Oasis Academy will be selling their winter/Christmas designs and in December we will be supporting Alzheimer's UK, again with a raffle.

There will be a 'Recycling for Good Causes' Box at each Cafe, for old jewellery; coins & currency and stamps; mobile phones; cameras and gadgets. Proceeds will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

BUT PLEASE, NO CABLES OR PLUGS, CASES OR BOXES, AND PLEASE, NO USED BATTERIES. THANK YOU

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

We look forward to seeing you in the coming months and we'd like to thank the volunteers who lend a hand when any member of the team is unable to attend.

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Best wishes
Alison, Helena, Jenny and Lorraine

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Apples - An Amazing Year

This year is a very good year for our cider apples. We had a good spring, the trees blossomed and our bees did a very good job pollinating the trees. As a result, we should have a bumper harvest this year. We will start harvesting in August which because of the hot weather is several weeks earlier than usual. We will start to make our cider in September.

Disaster in the Vineyard



As you can see from our photograph, the vines are looking really healthy. We have cut the grass between the rows, bud rubbed the vine trunks, taken out the lateral growth and trimmed the tops of the vines. The vineyard looks amazing. Unfortunately, we have a massive

problem - NO GRAPES. On 20 May we had a very late frost. This burnt all the new growth on the vines. Consequently, we will get so few grapes it will be unlikely that we will have a harvest. The vines are growing new bunches of grapes but there isn't enough time for them to mature and ripen.

There is absolutely no point in getting disheartened - "onward and upwards". Let's look forward to Summer 2026. Farming is not easy!!

Friends of St Mary's, Standon - FOSM

FOSM is the local charity set up to raise fund for the preservation and restoration of the fabric, inside and out, of St Mary's in Standon.

Open Gardens - June. A huge thank you to all of you who came and supported our Standon and Puckeridge Open Gardens Event in June.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and luckily, the weather was kind.

A big thank you to all the garden owners and all the helpers who work

so hard to make this event a success. It really is a magnificent team effort.

We are already looking forward to 2026 and if you have a garden in Puckeridge or Standon that you would like to open next summer we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact us at silverhay@aol.com

Next Events - Our last two fundraisers for 2025 are: Candlelit Supper - 7.30pm Friday 26 September.

In our ancient and beautiful church of St. Mary's, Standon. Come, share a delicious three-course meal and a glass of wine with family and friends, and experience a wonderful candlelit atmosphere. There will also be interval entertainment. Tickets are £30 per head including one glass of wine. Tickets available from Diana Dale 07718 734897 or via email at silverhay@aol.com

Christmas Fair - Saturday, 6 December

In St. Mary's Church, Standon. Enjoy coffee or mulled wine and a mince pie whilst buying Christmas gifts from the lovely stalls in the church.

We look forward to welcoming you to these events. If you want to know more don't hesitate to contact us.

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Standon Mayday 2026

MayDay will take place on Monday 4 May. Our planning starts this month and we would love to hear from anyone who feels they can help. Our volunteers have a lovely time being involved on the day. We particularly need a clear up team from 5pm to 7pm. The Committee really appreciates every person who helps and we have ordered sunshine for next year!! Our visitors are primarily local people who thoroughly enjoy the day and it makes our village very special. Please contact us if you are involved with a local group that would like to perform in the arena.

A number of people ask 'Where does the money go?' So here is the answer: May Day does not make a profit, our aim is to organise a fantastic event that people want to attend, and that local charities can raise funds at. We have to provide insurance, security, entertainment, toilets, health and safety and a variety of other things. If, after everything is paid for we have a surplus, we ask for local charities to apply for a contribution via our email address.

Sue Spalding
standonmayday@outlook.com

Hertfordshire Holly

Our dancing season is ending for this year. Sometimes we have events in September but not this time.

We have had several successful pub evenings and we have not been rained on, unlike in 2024.

The Fox and Duck in Buntingford and The Goat in Hertford Heath were two of the pubs that welcomed us.

A rather warm Saturday afternoon was spent at Goff's Oak fete in July.

The workshop that we held in Albury village hall for a ladies adventure group was an overwhelming success; everyone had a great time but, unfortunately, didn't result in recruiting any new dancers because the members mostly live too far away to attend regular practice.

Our last performance for this season was at a care home in Enfield who keep asking us back and we will return to entertain the residents in December.

Because the tunes we use are well known both staff and residents enjoy joining in with percussion instruments and singing along.

There were a few changes to the committee at the AGM and we are now looking forward to another enjoyable 12 months of dancing and performing.

Sadly we have lost 2 members this month so again, if anyone would like to come along to see what we do then please make contact.

Fortunately, we have a new dancer starting who saw us in Datchworth in May and is keen to become part of the traditional dancing community.

The practice season starts in September and we will be getting dances ready for Christmas and New Year.

Practice night is at High Cross village hall, 8 to 10pm Thursdays.

For more information please have a look at the Hertfordshire Holly website: hertfordshireholly.org.uk

Or find us on Facebook.

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Jenyns see the School Year out with a Bang! -

What an amazing Summer term it has been here at Jenyns.

Back in mid-June, we had our Sports Day where we welcomed families to watch their children take part.

Friends of Jenyns were on hand to sell a range of delicious cakes and refreshments, as well as providing our children with fruit snacks, followed by a picnic lunch on the field and further games.

In July, we organised a school trip to Southend-on-Sea as part of our 20th Anniversary in our 'new' school building. We spent time playing on the beach and then visiting the Sea-life Zooquarioum. The children enjoyed getting up close with a range of creatures including: butterflies, meerkats, penguins, sharks, tropical fish and dinosaurs! We would like to thank Friends of Jenyns for fully

funding the trip for all of our pupils and staff members.

In July, Chestnut Class had a school sleepover. They spent the morning in an art workshop led by Anna Hyde from The Real Art Club (based in Braughing), followed by a trip to St Joseph's in the Park School in Hertford for a fire lighting activity in their Forest School and a Pool Party. Back at school, the children were greeted with inflatables on the field and a takeaway dinner. Our Year 3 and 4 pupils had an unforgettable experience, something that I am sure they will cherish.

Finally, on 17 July, on the eve of their last day at Jenyns, our



Year 4 pupils had the privilege of ringing the bells at St Mary's Church in Braughing. This powerful and symbolic gesture signified their time at Jenyns ending. I am sure that this event has created one of many lasting memories for our Year 4 Leavers - They have not just been a part of the school, they have been a part of a whole village. Thank you to Paul and Tracia from the Braughing Bell Ringing Society.

We already have lots planned for the year ahead.

Forest School Stay and Play

We will be hosting another Forest School Stay and Play on Wednesday 24 September between 9:00am-10:30am. This will be outside in our forest area, so please dress your little ones accordingly.

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Wednesday 24 September @ 4:30pm

Monday 13 October @ 9:30am

Thursday 6 November @ 9:15am

Wednesday 19 November @ 2:00pm

To attend, please contact the school office via telephone 01920 821461 or email admin@jenyns.herts.sch.uk

Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club

The season is nearly over!

By the time you read this our calendar will be nearly empty and we will be closing till Spring!

However, the winter will be full of social events and friendship, and we will be counting down the days until we can get back out on the green!

What do you get when you are a Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club member? Lawn Bowls the name of the game and it really is something

anyone can do whatever your level of expertise.

From the end of April onward, we have regular roll up for club members (Wednesday afternoon and Monday nights). We play friendly fixtures (mostly at weekends) against other clubs, and we take part in the East Herts Bowls League. We are also members of the East Herts Bowls Association and the East Herts Ladies Bowls Association. This allows our members access to a range of competitions.

We are very active in the clubhouse – regular crib nights have extended to inter-club crib competitions, and there are Wednesday social nights with a variety of activities such as darts, table tennis and carpet bowls. So, if you want an introduction to the club – search for Standon & Puckeridge Bowls or email standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com for more information



To find out more about us visit:

<https://standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com/>

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

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We are always looking for new members and would encourage ANYONE who enjoys competitive sport to try Bowls.

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

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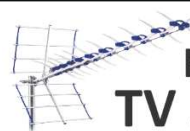
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Memorial Cup: Held in June in memory of Vic Hubbard who was our President. It was run as a Dutch Doubles tournament and was won by David Wright and Katy Moran.

Junior Championships: These were held in July and the winners were:

- 11 and under singles: Leo Thompson
- 12 and under singles: Ben Howard
- 14 and under singles: Ben Howard
- 16 and under singles: Mikolaj Nowicki-Polonski
- 18 and under singles: Fletcher Debnam

- 14 and under doubles: Anton Kaplunov and Jacob Wilson
- 18 and under doubles: Mikolaj Nowicki-Polonski and Fletcher Debnam

Club Championships: were postponed due to bad weather and unfortunately not all the finalists were available and some matches were played outside this time. Many thanks to Cliff for organising it.

- Men's Singles: Kieron Debnam beat Cliff Devonshire, who had to retire.
- Ladies Doubles: Mandy Minichiello & Holly Beckley beat Diana Foster & Sue Stewart
- Men's Doubles: Ali & Kyle Buckling beat Kieron & Fletcher Debnam
- Mixed Doubles: Mandy Minichiello & Ali Buckling beat Diana Foster & Kieron Debnam

We also held a Plate Competition.

- Men's Singles: Paul Howard beat David Wright

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Please note Saturday and Sunday are only available if there is not a match.

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

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I'm proud to have been elected as your new Green Hertfordshire County Councillor. This role is a real responsibility, and I want to thank everyone in the Ware North division who voted - whether for me or not. I will work hard to represent all of Standon.

Over the past few months, I've had many valuable conversations with residents who shared their concerns, ideas and priorities. These conversations don't stop with the election - they're just the beginning. I'm keen to listen, to learn, and to ensure your voices are heard at county level.

One of the first things I've committed to, following direct feedback from

residents, is using funding from my member's locality budget to install a new speed indicator on the A120 to help tackle concerns about road safety. This is a small but important step - and I'm determined to build on it by responding to local priorities.

If you live in Standon and want to raise an issue or share your views, please to contact me directly at Kirsty.Taylor-Moran@hertfordshire.gov.uk. I'm here to represent the whole community, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kirsty Taylor-Moran

Future Events

General Knowledge Quiz, Friday 5 September, 7.30 at the Riverside Hall, Priory Street, Ware. More details on the East Herts Green Party Facebook Page or email info@easthertfordshire.greenparty.org.uk.

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Dance JAM Academy

We finished the Summer on a high with so many students celebrating success this year. Students in our Wednesday and Saturday Preparatory, Primary and Junior Classes all achieved their IDR (International Dance Rewards) in Ballet and Tap and 5 students, having worked hard on their GCSE Dance examination, submitted their practical work and sat their written exam in June.

The following senior students head off to further their studies and we wish them huge success:

- Molly Atkinson, Performers College, BA (Hons) Contemporary Musical Theatre
- Amy Briggs, ULA (University of Arts London) BA (Hons) Acting & Performance
- Ciara MacLaren, D&B Academy of Performing Arts, BTEC Level 3 extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice

Achieving their first professional contract is Olivia Sanders, who joins the Inaugural Cast for Disney Adventure Cruises and she heads off to Singapore in September!



We are incredibly proud of every student, young and old. They strive to be the best that they can be every week and watching them grow in confidence and make new friendships, as well as learn new skills, is our aim.

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Events to look forward to: "Wednesday" themed workshop for 4-12 year olds in the October half term and a Table Top sale on 15 November! Details on our website and socials.

Julie McPartland AIDTA
Principal – Dance JAM Academy

Attend2Health Named Finalist in Prestigious Entrepreneur Awards

Buntingford's own Attend2Health is a finalist in the 2025 Allica Bank Great British Entrepreneur Awards, earning a coveted spot in the Service Industries Entrepreneur of the Year category for the East of England.

Often dubbed "The Grammys of Entrepreneurship," the awards celebrate the UK's most innovative, resilient, and impactful business leaders. Attend2Health's shortlisting highlights not just business excellence, but a genuine commitment to patient care and community well-being.

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The awards ceremony will take place this November in London, where the national winners will be announced. In the meantime, the Attend2Health team is celebrating the recognition and continuing to do what they love: helping people feel their best.

Based on High Street in Buntingford, Attend2Health is a private medical clinic offering a wide range of services under one roof—from chiropractic and osteopathy to physiotherapy, acupuncture, reformer Pilates, massage therapy, hypnotherapy, and more. The clinic's team-based approach ensures that patients are matched with the right practitioner for their specific needs.

If you're struggling with aches and pains or simply want to explore your options, Attend2Health offers free consultations to help guide you in the right direction.

Call 01763 87 80 87 to book a free chat today or visit www.attend2health.co.uk to learn more.

We're Taking On the BCA Challenge 100!

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Although we had to cancel the dog show due to the hot weather, the falconry display, by Fens Falconry, was spectacular. Very informative and entertaining at the same time.

The wheelbarrow races that followed were more popular than ever. The children's and adult's races had to be split to accommodate the entries. The fancy dress costumes never disappoint – take a look at our website (braughingwheelbarrowrace.com) Facebook and Instagram pages.

We would like to thank the owners of the fields and car parks for their generosity. A massive thank you to

our Sponsors for their financial support and local companies who give their time and expertise free.

We are very small Committee and rely heavily on help from people setting up before the event, and clearing up afterwards. If you gave us some of your time (you know who you are), we are truly very grateful.

Next year we will need more volunteers to keep this event going, i.e. to help set up on the Friday, on the day itself and after the event next year. If you can spare a couple of hours next year, please let us know info@braughingwheelbarrowrace.com.

This year's local charities and clubs who benefited from the day include:

- Jenyns School Bar and Raffle - £8,800 profit
- Braughing Cricket Club BBQ - £640 profit (they give 50% of their profit to The Alzheimer's Society)
- Buntingford Scouts Car Parking- £1,500 profit
- Standon and Puckeridge Rainbows Coconut Shy - £197
- St Mary's Church Teas, Coffees and Cakes- £645 profit
- Ward Freman Swimming Pool's Book Stall - £234
- Parkinson's Society Tombola - £577
- Animal Re-homing Charity (RATS), Buntingford £50 donation.

Therefore, over £12,500 raised for charity.

We estimate 2,500 people attended the days. This means a total profit this year of £4,500 to put towards Braughing village amenities.

So, a grand total of £17,000 was raised which is a brilliant result for having a fun day. Thank you to everyone who came.

Date for next year is Saturday 11 July 2026 – put it in your diaries!

Midweek Music at St Mary's

Thank you to all who support this popular event in St Mary's Church, Standon, which continues on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Light refreshments are served from 11.30 giving everyone a chance to catch up with old and new friends.

At 12.30 there is a short concert to enjoy, given by local musicians and school students. We have had a huge variety of genres and performers all of whom give freely of their time and talents.

There is no charge, but there is a chance to donate towards the work of all three churches in our Benefice if you would like to: St Mary's Standon, All Saints Little Munden and St Catherine's Sacombe.

Do come and join us, you are assured of a warm welcome.

Forthcoming dates are:

24 September Margaret Goodall (trumpet), Michael Smith (organ)

22 October Hugh Legg (tenor), Rebecca Watts (harp), Michael Smith (piano)

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You will also be able to see our Summer Exhibition of local artists in The Gallery.

The Tasty Turk truck will be serving kebabs for the hungry and there will be Tea, Coffee & Cakes on the lawn.

Just keep an eye on our events page and classes page for our arts programme.

Some of our artists are offering classes in a wide range of disciplines. Beginners are very welcome, as are those who wish to extend their skills. It will be a great opportunity to have a go at something new, with excellent teaching in a beautiful setting!

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Contact with Standon Parish Council should only be via the Clerk Belinda Irons. She is available on 01763 838732, mobile 07854 916404, email clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Website

<https://www.standonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Councillor Vacancies

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4. Use Strong Passwords

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5. Monitor Your Accounts

Regularly check bank statements and online accounts for unusual activity.

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Follow trusted sources like Action Fraud (UK), or your local police.

7. Secure Your Devices

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8. Report Fraud

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E-Scooter Awareness – Know the Law!

Thinking of riding your privately owned e-scooter on public roads or pavements? Think again.

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The Parish Council has received reports that residents are unhappy with horses on the highway. If you witness an incident please report it direct to the Police. Currently, the Police have not received any reports regarding horses and the public highway. Putting posts on social media will not result in Police action.

Allotments

The allotment year will commence on the 1 October to ensure that all vegetables and fruit can be harvested and the plot cleared ready for the next growing year. There are a number of vacant allotments, many of which need to be cleared. If you want to take on an allotment which needs to be cleared before you can cultivate it, you will be entitled to a significantly reduced rent in the first year. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Multi-Use Games Area

The Multi-Use Games Area has been delayed due to planning application issues. We expect installation will take place in the autumn. It will be open to all to play football, netball, basketball etc. Commercial use is permitted by licence at specific times.

Planning

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

Any Parishioner can present their plans to the Parish Council at a Parish Council meeting. Whilst the Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications,

EHDC takes the final decision. The Parish Council has no opportunity to appeal against that decision.

Something you want to raise? If so, please contact the Clerk.

Belinda Irons

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Become a Parish Councillor

It has become clear that the management of the community centre and recreational field is less than perfect. This is a direct result of a shortage of councillors (there are four vacancies presently) and a lack of volunteers to help run our local facilities. The following 'What is a parish Council and why become a Parish Councillor' may help you have a clearer understanding of the role and responsibilities. Councillors are 'volunteers' and unpaid for their time and work. The parish council maintains the community centre to ensure it is fit for purpose, but to manage the facilities additional councillors and or volunteers are desperately needed.

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What is a Parish Council and why become a Parish Councillor?

What is a Parish Council?

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community. Parish councils are invariably the first place people will go with concerns or ideas and are a vital part of any community.

Its focus falls into three main categories:

- representing the local community

- delivering services to meet local needs
- striving to improve quality of life in the parish

Why become a Parish Councillor?

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

Seeing your community change for the better, because of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement.

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, helping local groups, managing community facilities and open spaces, and campaigning for

and delivering better services and facilities.

While parish councils have limited powers to make decisions they have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the borough or unitary council, health authorities, police etc).

In this respect parish councils are extremely powerful. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

How much time does it take up?

The parish council meets once a month. Meetings usually last for two hours, depending on the agenda - so it's not going to take over your life.

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

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Spins Pre-School & Toddler Group

As we wish continued learning success to our Leavers of 2025 as they embark to their next stage of development and education, we welcome our new children & their families to The Spins Pre-School community.

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One of the greatest gifts you can give your child/children is independence. This transition journey is different for every family and every child, as no two families or children are the same.

Each child has a designated Key Worker, however we understand that it may be essential to modify the conventional system to meet organic connections driven by the child.

Many areas are explored to truly understand 'Capital Culture', as this is the essence that may shape a child's way of learning and indeed what method of teaching our staff apply.

Spins take a methodical approach to their curriculum which is adapted dependent on where our new intake of children's fascination lead us to.

This said, we evaluate and celebrate previous successes to ensure all children have the same exciting opportunities that worked well.

We have a Facebook group that briefly highlights a little of what we do, however, our private Facebook page exclusive to Spins Families gives a detailed and unique learning story, which provokes a two-way dialogue between parent/carers and child at the end of each day.

In addition, Spins Toddler Group which runs every Monday morning between 9.30-11 (term time only) is a great way to meet other Parents/Carers, introduce social interaction and engage in messy play and crafts!! Snack & beverages are included for just £3 per child, no need to book.

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Braughing Parish Council

Following the APM, Cllr Ford was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Fleetwood as Vice-chair. Portfolios were reassigned among the councillors. BPC has reinstated the Public Correspondence Log.

BPC have initiated a dialogue with the landlord regarding renewal of the lease on the leased land (due in 2029) which contains the allotments, playground and Community Orchard

BPC thanked Peter Boylan for his work in cataloguing the Council's historical documentation, which was housed in the safe. It will now be handed to Hertfordshire Archives for safe-keeping.

Highways: once again there has been a lot of roadworks and resurfacing going on in the village. We are grateful to parishioners for their patience

Speed Indicator Device (SIDs) we received a request to fund the insurance on one of the SIDs in the village, previously this has been funded from our County Councillor budget. BPC decided not to fund this and we have asked our County Councillor to reconsider.

Planning: BPC renewed our objection to the construction of a property at Quinbury Farm, which has gone to the Secretary of State on appeal. BPC also objected to

access works on land east of Green End Farm and to the construction of three 5-bedded houses in Dassels.

Pentlows Meadow: We are hopeful the Environment Agency will grant permission shortly for the project. A contractor has been appointed and we hope the work will be carried out in October

Litter Bins: BPC are still actively pursuing EHDC for the removal of three of our litter bins including one owned by BPC. We have asked District Cllr Terry Smith to investigate on our behalf.

100th birthday celebration: BPC celebrated the 100th birthday of local resident Alec Webb (who has lived in Braughing for most of his life) by commissioning a picture for him.

This was painted by Jane Davalle and presented to Alec at a special celebratory coffee morning in May where prosecco and birthday cake were served.

Many thanks to Jane for doing the picture and to Tricia Lilley and Marion Saunders for providing the cake; also to the extra helpers on the day. More than double the usual number of residents attended the event.

The Pudding Stone should be installed shortly at its new site by the ford.

Puckeridge Karate Club

This September the club celebrates its 31st anniversary, we've lost count of the many people who have come along and had a go.

One of the biggest differences in that time is that when the club first started there were very few females training and only one teaching, now females make up a third of the club students, four of them are black belts and two are instructors. We also now have a dedicated junior lesson.

Sensei's Clive & Tracy both have more than 40 years' experience.

Sensei's Alex, Lewis & Dana all started as juniors at Puckeridge, and trained and graded under the late Hanshi Mike.

Over the last ten years we've also helped and supported Duke of Edinburgh Award students.

If you've trained with us in the past and would like to restart then you're more than welcome to pop along.

The Puckeridge club, started in 1994 by the late Hanshi Mike Billman 9th Dan when he was a resident of Puckeridge and has continued to grow in strength ever since.

Sensei Clive Bowen 6th Dan now runs the club and will strive to maintain the high standards that Hanshi Mike instilled in the club.

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

Clive is supported at the club by:

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

Training times are:

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Thursdays: 20:00 – 21:00 Seniors

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News From St Mary's Braughing

We are delighted to announce that after 3 long years we are about to welcome a new priest to the Benefice. Reverend Lynn Hayler, currently a member of the team at Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing in the Diocese of Gloucester, has been appointed as Priest in Charge (House for Duty) for the Benefice of Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham. Lynn will work with us on Sundays and two other days. We are very excited that Lynn and her husband Steve will be joining us. We are grateful to the members of the clergy who have come to our churches to lead services during the vacancy.

Sadly Peter Marshall, a very long standing member of our congregation, died aged 91 in July. We will all miss him very much.

Before Rev'd Lynn joins us, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 14 September at 10.30. This year we hope it will take be a Family Service. Old Man's Day (2 October) falls on a Thursday and as usual we will be sweeping Fleece Lane with the children from Jenyns School. Rev'd Lynn's licensing service will be Wed 22 Oct at 7.30pm in Braughing.

Rev'd Lynn will be with us for Remembrance Sunday on 9 November: we anticipate a parade to the war memorial at 2.45pm followed by a service in Church at 3.30pm

Our phone is playing up so the best way to contact us is by email churchoffice@btinternet.com.

Services for September, October & November (all services subject to change esp those in November*. See Church noticeboard or Facebook page for up to date information)

- Sun 7 Sept Holy Communion 10.30am Braughing
- Sun 14 Sept Family Harvest Festival 10.30am Braughing
- Sun 21 Sept Café Church 9.30am Furneux Pelham
- Sun 28 Sept Holy Communion 10.30am Furneux Pelham
- Thurs 2 Oct Old Man's Day 9.30 meet at top of Fleece Lane
- Sun 5 Oct Holy Communion 10.30am Braughing
- Sun 12 Oct Holy Communion 10.30am Braughing
- Sun 19 Oct Café Church 9.30am Furneux Pelham
- Weds 22 Oct 7.30pm Licensing Service for Rev'd Lynn Hayler, Braughing
- Sun 26 Oct* Holy Communion 10.30 Furneux Pelham
- Sun 2 Nov* All Souls 10.30am Braughing
- Sun 9 Nov* Holy Communion 10.30am Braughing
- Sun 16 Nov* Café Church 9.30am Furneux Pelham
- Sun 23 Nov* Holy Communion 10.30am Furneux Pelham
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Prof Peter James Marshall CBE FBA (he would have hated me for using all his "titles") passed away on 26 July at the age of 91. Peter had lived in Maltings Cottages since 1969 with his successive cats: Toby, Biggles and Widget. Peter was a

very gentle, kind and unassuming man. Yet he was a highly respected historian and author.

Peter was born in Calcutta – he always said he was born in the zoo which would be possible as his family lived there (his father was the administrative secretary), however as he was born by caesarean he would have to have been delivered by the vet! Peter returned to England at the age of 2 as a sickly child, attended Boarding School and spent 2 years National Service as an officer in one of the Kenya Battalions of the King's African Rifles during the time of the Mau-Mau war. It was a time of great violence and suffering and not something he cared to remember although he always had a soft spot for the country of Kenya.

Peter attended Wadham College Oxford (where he later became Honorary Fellow) and completed a PhD. His book, based on his PhD, "The Impeachment of Warren Hastings" remains the classic study of the subject. Meanwhile Peter attained his "only academic job" at his first attempt at King's College London where he rose from Assistant Lecturer in 1959 to

Professor of History in 1978. He was also elected to the Rhodes Fellowship in Imperial History from 1980 until he "retired" in 1993. Peter was the author of a number of academic works, the last, completed just before his death, will be published posthumously. He became President of the Royal Historic Society from 1996-2000. He endowed the RHS Marshall Fellowships supporting young researchers towards their PhD. In 2002, Peter was awarded the CBE for services to History.

Peter loved to travel. He made many visits back to India. His last trip was to St Vincent and the Grenadines where he completed research for his final book *Slave Ownership and Paternalist. Sir William Young (1749-1815) in England and the Caribbean*. Although into his 80's, he insisted on finding a local guide to take him up the mountain to see the St Vincent Parrot. The guide told Peter he was oldest person he'd ever taken there.

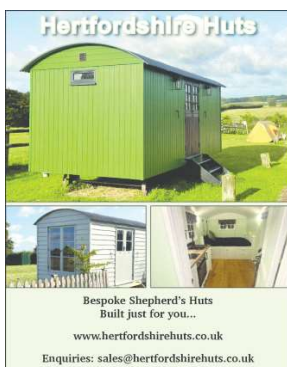
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Jenyns School where for years he ran a gardening club). Until infirmity overtook him, was "Assistant" (his words) Duck Warden, buying grain and feeding the ducks at the ford every day. He knew them and they knew him. His favourite duck was the Mandarin drake who lived there for a few years and used to visit Peter's house with his little family. He loved nature and particularly birds. He was a generous host: he loved to cook and to entertain. He loved Cheese and (very) good wine. He was a regular attender at St Mary's Church. He would chat to anyone and everyone, understanding their point of view but never judging them. He had a breadth of knowledge and an inquiring mind that meant he could talk to almost anyone about almost anything!

Peter was unique. God broke the mould after he created Peter. He had that remarkable quality of "niceness". He was gentle, modest, kind, in every way a gentleman and a genuinely lovely man. It was an honour to have known him. We will all miss him very much.

Braughing Parish Paths Group

As we move into autumn, we will continue our monthly walks across Braughing Parish (and sometimes beyond). As we move towards winter, the paths will get more muddy and slippery so please make sure you wear boots.

We meet in the Square (opposite the Axe) ready to depart promptly when the clock strikes 2. Our walks are mainly on footpaths across open countryside and we try to maintain a reasonable pace of 2.5-3mph. Walks last approximately 2 hours but there is usually an option for a shorter walk for those who wish. We usually finish with tea and homemade cake in Marion's Green Shed.

Everyone is welcome to join us on our walks including well-behaved dogs.

Walk dates:

- Sun 7 September 2pm
- Sun 5 October 2pm
- Sun 2 November 2pm
- Sun 7 December: 1.30 start

For more information, contact paulaandpaul@btinternet.com

Braughing Get Together

We will be back with new events, for the start of term in September, commencing with a "Back to School" event on Friday 19 September.

Bring along some old school photographs and maybe wear something from your old school wardrobe.

On Friday 3 October, it's the return of our highly fun-filled Bingo Night; no cash prizes, just lots of treats.

Following this we are working on an suitable event for Friday 7 November.

Our last event of 2025 will be our ever popular annual Winter Supper on Friday 5 December.

All our events are held in Braughing Church Hall, unless otherwise stated.

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Parishes holds the key to lots of things. From either the map or the alphabetical listing, select an individual parish to find out a little about its history, the nearest walks or details for a pub or tearoom. Introductions include ideas for further reading and links to useful websites.

What's On lists future events in chronological order. Many entries have a link to further information. We are pleased to give publicity to any event that promotes local knowledge or culture, exploration or conservation.

Articles offers local insight into a wide range of topics.

Walks has general guidance and then three options: Station walks, Quiet Lane walks and Other walks. Scroll down the list to find one that suits your need in terms of location and

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Feedback is a way of telling us of changes or something we have missed – perhaps a pub closure, bus route change, additional activity for What's On, or website links or phone numbers that no longer work.

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Mind And Music started its Standon group in October 2021 and meets each Thursday afternoon at 2.00 at Northfield, Puckeridge.

We use music to relax us and open our minds to the good things in life. Some people like to sing along; some like to listen and reminisce – and things always crop up for us to chat about. We always finish with smiles on our faces.

We choose songs and activities to encourage participation and reflection. Gentle exercise, breathing and relaxation are important elements of each session. Rounds, activity songs and using musical instruments encourage concentration. Above all, everyone is made to feel comfortable and valuable.

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"Seeing people who struggle with memory loss 'come alive' when they hear familiar songs is such a joy for them and those who support them" (volunteer helper)

I have enjoyed leading this sort of group for many years and I am pleased to be able to work in my local community. Why not give us a try? Please contact me or just come along to a session.

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Strength To Strength For Standon Sing

Standon and Puckeridge Community choir

Standon Sing has quickly established itself as an active and friendly community choir and has performed a number of well-received concerts, raising considerable funds for local and national charities. The choir has become a regular feature, leading carol singing at the Standon Christmas tree and at local pubs. It has also been a pleasure to sing with other people at Northfields and at Roundhay.

Grant money has helped to buy new music and the choir is now set to use its developing skills to tackle more ambitious repertoire.

As a true community choir, Standon Sing welcomes all new members, especially those who would like to try a new social group. Singing experience is not necessary! Social events and theatre trips have also become regular fixtures in the calendar.

This autumn promises to be a busy season for Standon Sing...

Autumn Leaves – a joint concert with Rib Singers. 11 October at St. Mary's Church, Standon.

Christmas Crackers – our annual Christmas concert with Rib Singers and St. Mary's Benefice choir

Carols around the Christmas Tree – in Standon High Street and then, hopefully, in the two Standon pubs.

With fifty members Standon Sing is a great place to try out your vocal chords (no one hears your mistakes and it's sometimes useful to hide in a crowd!) Why not give us a try? Either simply turn up or ask for information first – ranfordd@gmail.com

Standon Sing. Every Wednesday 7.30 – 8.30. St. Mary's Church, Standon High Street.

A date for your diary...

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Having lived in this area for 21 years and prior to that Widford and Wareside, I know all too well the Blue/Green therapy, meaning Woodland and Rivers.

In 2016, East Herts and South Cambridgeshire were voted the top places to live in the UK. Many reasons why but one was the rich mosaic network of Rights of Way

Having had horses and dogs all my life, I know the true value of Bridleways and Footpaths.

As long as you keep your dog under close control along the designated routes (i.e. - easy recall and it is not worrying livestock ~sheep/cattle) you can enjoy seeing your dog in its utter joy, frisking and relishing the freedom along the lovely footpaths. That is a lot to smile about and other dog owners always cheerily greet you along the way. It is a good energy. Sadly (though fortunately rarely) some landowners seem to think they can alter Rights of Way to suit their needs and erect large signs telling you to 'Keep your dog on a Lead'. This is not a legal requirement unless there is a direct intervention from Herts County Council Rights of Way or similar body. When you see a

Right of Way changed, with no advance notices erected or your chance to question/oppose, then please do contact the Rights Of Way dept. at Herts County Council. It is illegal to change historic rights of way. They are part of our historic environment and a cultural joy.

Truth be known, I am not sure on the legality of Cats and leads.

Whilst walking along the Rib, my dog and I, both running. All of a sudden my dog stopped. She looked at me, looked back to the direction we were heading, and again looked at me. I immediately 'read' her concern and called her back to put her on the lead. Assuming Deer/Badger or something I was utterly gobsmacked, when as we turned the corner, a couple walking with a Cat in harness. Yes a Cat! Turns out the couple live in a flat in Harlow, but they used to come this way for quiet country walks. They had a large mesh topped rucksack, which the Cat happily obliged to jump in to demonstrate what they do if there are a lot of dogs. It was amazing. The cat was not crouching or looked nervous. My dog was confused, but interested for a span of milliseconds as our run was far more important in her tiny, but lovely, brain.

I have seen people walking with Ferrets in harness...and a rabbit, but never a Cat.

Maybe next time an Elephant!

There'll ALWAYS BE A REASON NOT TO, if you let it.

"I really want to lose weight, BUT..."

Sound familiar?

- July: "There's no point starting now – I'm on holiday in 2 weeks."
- August: "I'll wait until the schools go back."
- September: "I've got two nights out – I'll start next month."
- October: "Halloween's coming up... sweets everywhere!"
- November: "I want to, but I should save for Christmas."
- December: "Too many parties – there's no point starting now."
- January 2026: "It'll be packed with New Year joiners – I'll wait."
- February: "If I'd started 6 months ago and lost just 1.5lbs a week... I'd be over 3 stone lighter by now!"

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Furneux Pelham C of E Primary School

It has been an busy school year with fantastic opportunities for our children to thrive. This year we have:

- Seen our older children perform at the Royal Albert Hall as part of a mass choir,
- taking to the stage in the Nativity and KS2 productions,
- enjoyed Forest School with Mrs Eagle down in The Burrow,
- enjoyed trips to Greenwich

- Observatory, Cambridge museums as part of an Ancient Greeks history topic,
- a beach day at Walton on the Naze,
- the local PCSOs bringing their quad bike and talking to the children about being safe.
- the Peak District for the Year 5 and 6 residential,
- Years 3 and 4 were Romans for the day with History off the Page,

We are starting our Nursery provision from September and have enjoyed great success in a wide variety of sports as part of the Birchwood Sports Partnership.

In February, we had our Ofsted inspection, which highlighted many great things about our school. The classrooms and school environment have started to be upgraded, including the opening of our new library and well-being space. We make great use of our outdoor space with the climbing area re-opening and outdoor learning planned for many areas of the curriculum. Our wraparound care has provided support for families alongside being very popular with our children.

We were very lucky with the weather for Sports Day before the warmer temperatures kicked in this year. The children greatly enjoyed being in their houses and taking part in activities that had been set up. Year 6 did a super job of leading their teams around the course. After lunch, the races were a fantastic display of resilience, skill, competition and teamwork right across the school. It was lovely to have parents join us and enjoy the afternoon together to watch a range of traditional sprint,

egg and spoon and three-legged races. I have had so many positive comments from staff, children, grandparents and parents who thought the afternoon was a great success.

This year, we have seen our Reception children become thoughtful and inquisitive learners, who we have watched grow and flourish throughout the year and who are such a delightful class.

Our Kingfisher children have been resilient in times of change at the start of the year, maturing and making great progress. Their love of art this year has been evident with their creative and impressive range of skills taught by Mrs Spicer who is starting an after-school Art Club from September.

Nightingale Class have enjoyed taking on responsibilities and roles across the school and show such eagerness as part of the school council.

Skylark Class have been superb role models to our younger children in the school as buddies, shown determination and confidence on their recent residential trip and their curiosity for learning and engaging in lessons will support them as the Year 6's move onto the next stage of their school journey, Year 5 are ready to take on more responsibilities from September.

As we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, we wish them all lots of luck in their new schools in Bishop's Stortford and Ware.

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Barkway Market

Visitors enjoyed a charity day out at Barkway Market and raised record funds for the local community.

The sun shined and visitors poured into this year's Barkway Market on Saturday 10 May, which raised over £25,000 for the local community.

The warm weather and beautiful setting encouraged over 4,000 visitors to take their time milling around over 180 stalls to buy unique products, and celebrate with delicious food and a glass of something bubbly.

Stallholders offered a wide range including local artisan cheese, wine, bread, locally grown lavender, carefully sourced antiques, plants and garden accessories, artwork, handcrafted wares, clothing, jewellery, beauty products and more. Charities such as HomeStart Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire attended to raise funds for their projects.

Barkway is part of the old London to Cambridge coaching route and the origins of the Market can be traced back to medieval times in 1270. Re-established in 1977 as a "Street Market", when residents Molly Bruce, Mr Fidler and others wanted to raise money for a village party to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

For more details about the Market, please visit www.barkwaymarket.org or follow them on Facebook @barkwayvillagemarket or Instagram @barkwaymarket. Bookings for 2026 will be open to potential stallholders early next year.

Look after your garden

Each summer we are poised ready for the dreaded hosepipe ban. Lawns take one of the biggest hits but make the quickest recovery.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for plants/shrubs.

Alongside this, with our increasingly busy lives, weeding and stand around watering is not what we want to be doing.

My team and I deliver a solution to take the pressure off and is aesthetically pleasing.

The new planting schemes we put in now are most always DDM's =Disease (resistant)/Drought/Maintenance ~as a design approach. Embracing plants that withstand of really low temperatures. We can take all these pressures away from you by planting the appropriate plants for your soil type and garden size and adding the best slow release feed.

Then adding a proper membrane with an enhancing gravel/slate for no weeding and drought tolerance. We plant for all year round colour, some bee-friendly plants and ones that will grow to suit the space. We can embrace this in existing gardens with minimum disruption.

Think of the stress this will take away.

Having your own home or your place of solace is a blessing - and sometimes a curse.

As we know, homes need maintaining and the costs are just seemingly spiralling.

Come winter we get the storms/high winds and as we

have seen across the country, they can wreak devastating results.

Fences are one of the main things to take the hit. Breaking onto plants, falling into neighbours garden, sudden loss of security, let alone how awful it looks.

My team and I are often asked to put in hedging, the design is this: Put up a 6ft large square mesh fence and along it plant *Pyracanthus*. This plant if full of thorns ~ great for security. It soon climbs the mesh wire, fully covering it. It holds its leaves (privacy). It has blossom in Spring and bright berries in Autumn. Birds love it to sing / nest in, as Cats cannot get in it. In addition, butterflies/caterpillars love it. Who doesn't love that sweet song of a Robin or Wren (I am always amazed at how so much volume can emit from such a tiny creature). The open mesh fencing also allows hedgehogs freedom which is so very important.

So there you have it. Screening, security, colour and no more painting (just a trim and tidy once a year) plus hedges do not succumb to storms and a great place for birdsong. Has to be a winner!

It is also well documented that hedges are true 'Wildlife corridors', allowing moths, beetles, shrews and birds to feel safe when out doing their daily existing in what is really our manicured environment. So you will be doing your bit for them.

Kate Hooper

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Village Lunch

The Village Lunch team has nothing to report! Maybe we have just arrived at a formula our guests like - we hope so.

In July, we made a superhuman effort to push the Village Hall walls further apart and laid places for a record nearly 60 guests, including very welcome new names. Everyone enjoyed a summer menu of sandwiches, quiche and cheese and pineapple skewers, followed by delicious homemade trifle, the only negative feedback being too much cream on the trifle!

Sadly, now autumn, with its cooler weather, is only round the corner but this means tasty and comforting homemade soup will be back on the menu for some months.

The walls of the Village Hall are of course not elastic but if you or anyone you know in Puckeridge or Standon might enjoy a simple monthly lunch in Standon Village Hall, please do contact us.

Helena 07974 583832 Brenda 01920 822293

Help from Citizens Advice East Herts

If you need advice, the quickest way is to call our Message Line 01920 459944 anytime (we aim to return calls within 24 hours, except weekends) or visit www.citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk for our advice options. If you don't have phone or email or need extra support, Citizens Advice Contact Centre in Manor House, Buntingford, is open every Monday from 10am to 12.30pm, where our friendly staff will listen to what's happening and help you work out what to do next. Simply drop in, we're here to help.

Buying and selling tickets – your safety guide

We've all experienced that mixture of hopefulness and elation that comes with trying to get tickets to a must-see live event. But that promise of an unmissable moment can quickly turn sour if you fall victim to an online ticket scam from an unregulated site, on social media, a fan forum or auction platform.

Don't let your excitement lead to disappointment. Here's your checklist to safer buying online.

Use a regulated platform

Do your homework: Purchase tickets only through a legitimate and regulated platform. If you are unsure of a website's legitimacy, you can check it by using Get Safe Online's Check a Website tool.

Cover yourself: Ensure platforms offer fan protection with a guarantee should anything go wrong. Regulated ticket marketplaces such as viagogo offer a money-back guarantee. Buyers are guaranteed to receive valid tickets in time for the event and if an issue arises, viagogo will step in to provide comparable replacement tickets or a refund.

Resist the hard sell and social media: Getting in-demand tickets can feel like a race against time but don't let individual sellers pressure you into a quick purchase. It's best to avoid buying tickets on social media where many sellers are unverified, increasing the risk of scams or counterfeit tickets. Plus, social media platforms often lack buyer protection, making it harder to get a refund if something does go wrong.

Choose 24/7 support: Buy tickets from a regulated site that offers 24/7 customer support to make sure help is always available if you experience issues, like trouble accessing your tickets. Round-the-clock support also

provides peace of mind, knowing you can quickly resolve any unexpected problems.

Verify the venue and date: If the event is taking place at a venue unknown to you, then confirm its existence through online maps and look for independent reviews. Once you have done so, search the original live event announcement or schedule on the artist's or team's website to make sure dates and location align.

Price check reality: If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Avoid suspiciously cheap tickets.

Protect your information

Avoid transfers; pay with credit card: Unless you're dealing with a trusted or regulated platform, avoid bank transfers. Direct payment methods do not provide protection or allow you to track your order, they also limit your ability to recoup your money in the case of a scam. Credit cards offer better protection.

Stick to the platform: Don't share your contact details with anyone outside of the company you're purchasing tickets from and be wary of any sellers asking you to take the transaction off the platform. Any transactions that take place off the platform will not be protected, nor will any information you share.

Secure sites only: Make sure the website uses a secure connection (https) before entering payment details.

Don't display details: Visible bar codes, QR codes and order numbers can lead to your information, or the security of your ticket, being compromised. Protect your ticket, cover up any visible information.

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- Never leave valuables in your vehicle – not even in the glove box or boot – and keep all possessions out of sight – even coats, sunglasses and carrier bags.
- Remove your satnav and holder and wipe away suction marks which

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- Be aware of your keys. Don't leave them lying around, visible or in pockets in changing rooms where they could be taken. Don't leave them visible on a windowsill or near to your front door, where they could be "hooked" through the letterbox.

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Village Diary

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

Every Weekday

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Monday

10am - 11.30am Iyengar Yoga at Standon Village Hall, Road, Standon, SG11 1LE. Contact Sarah on 07427 596961 or www.TowardYoga.com.

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

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

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

Starlight Stars:

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

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4.30 Shooting Stars (7-10 yrs)

5.30 Bright Stars (11-13 yrs)

6.30 Rising Stars (14-18 yrs)

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

7.15 Ware District Trefoil Guild, St Mary's Church Hall, Ware. Guiding for adults. Mandy Challis 07766 086 137 waredistricttrefoil@gmail.com

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

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

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

8.00 Puckeridge Karate Club meets at Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre. Clive Bowen 01763 231132

Tuesday

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

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

10am - Noon The Listening Place (a drop in centre for bereavement advice and support). Tuesdays at Leaside Church and Community

Centre, High Street, Ware SG12 9BT. Alison 01763 232673.

10:00-11:00am Vinyasa Flow Yoga (for all) - Braughing Community Centre 11:15-12:15pm Postnatal Yoga - Braughing Community Centre

10am - 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700.

11 Accessible Yoga. Standon and Puckeridge community Centre. Penny Constantinou 07944 416572

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

12-2pm Citizens Advice Contact Centre at Bishops Stortford Methodist Church. Messageline 0192 0 459944

1.30 - 3pm Little Blossoms Stay & Play group 07508707153

2-4pm Second Tuesday of the month, Standon Hand Embroidery Group in Standon Village Hall. Barbara Norris 01920 822104.

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

5.30 Beavers (6-8yrs Scouts) Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Term time only, contact.braughingscouts@gmail.com

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

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

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

6.30 Cubs - (8-10½ years, Scouts), term-time only. Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. contact.braughingscouts@gmail.com

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

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR PARTNER?

Newis a group of men and women whose partners have passed away. We meet the third Thursday of each month 2 till 4pm in Puckeridge Community Centre. have been going for 8 years and support each other through a difficult time but also enjoy a chat and a laugh over a cup of tea and cake. Whether you have been bereaved recently or many years ago you will be very welcome to join us. If you need transport please let me know.

Heather Jackson 07909065550

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3,100 copies are distributed to Puckeridge, Standon, Colliers End, The Mundens and Westmill
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Contact John Harris on 07740 306189 or john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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

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

7.30 Bell Ringing Practice, St Mary's Church Tower, Standon.

Interested? - Come along or

Tracey Coley 01920 823886 .

7.30 Embroidery Group. Second Tuesday in the month, Sargeant Room, Standon Village Hall. Barbara Norris 01920 822104

Wednesday

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

9.30 Worship and Bible Study at St Mary's Standon, followed by refreshments (No service in August)

9.30 Gentle Therapeutic Hatha Yoga, Braughing St Mary's Church Hall. Ian 07553 285453.

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

9.30-10.30am Vinyasa Flow Yoga (for all) - Furneux Pelham Village Hall

10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Sally Bradshaw 01920 821152

10am - 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. 0844 848 9700

11am Pilates Group Standon Village Hall. Judy Coward 01920 822812

11-1pm Citizens Advice Contact Centre at Hertford Sele Community Hub. Messageline 01920 459944

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

12 Noon Braughing Shed Club at Brook cottage Farm Riding school, Barleycroft End, Furneux Pelham Buntingford. 07547966526 or email jacquithorne664@gmail.com

12.30 Bramble Hill Children's Centre young parents group. (Term time). 01763 273008

2pm Second Wednesday of the month - Ware U3A, Wodson Park, (doors open 1.30pm). Pat Davidson, 01920 438309

3.15 - 4.30pm Little Munden Cafe at All Saints Church, Little Munden. April - October.

4 - 8pm Dance JAM Academy - Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Ballet, Tap and Freestyle classes from age 3.

Contact: julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk

4.15-6.15 Gymnastics Edwinstree School. Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk

Starlight Stars:

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

2pm Dance Fit (18yrs). Ali Latchford 01279 966 466

5.45-6.15pm Scout and Guide Band, Braughing Church Half-term time only. braughingscouts@gmail.com

6.15 Punchline Boxing (juniors) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Adam Davidson 07903 657146

6.30 Scouts (10½ - 14½ years old), term-time only. Braughing Church Hall [contact](mailto:braughingscouts@gmail.com).

braughingscouts@gmail.com

6.30 pm Third Wednesday. Ware and District 41Club meet alternately at the Star, Standon and The Golden Fleece. Braughing. Contact: david.tomlin419@btinternet.com

7pm Braughing Tennis Club night. Karen Gore 07860 484878

7pm Guides during term time in Braughing. Louise 07971 800443

**Chris Hinchliff MP
North East Herts**

Have your say on local buses: Take my survey today.

Reliable public transport matters—but many in North East Hertfordshire still face poor services and high fares.

With the Government's new Buses Bill and £12.2 million in funding, we have a chance at real, meaningful change.

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chrishinchliff.co.uk/buses

Roger de Clare C. of E. First School and Nursery

We have spaces in some year groups!

Please contact the school office for a tour with our Headteacher, Mrs Woods.

Please look at our most recent OFSTED report for further information.

Contact Information:

Station Road
Puckeridge
Hertfordshire
SG11 1TF
01920 821363

admin@rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk

Website:
www.rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk

Roger de Clare C. of E. First School and Nursery are delighted to announce that we still have spaces in some year groups.

We are a first school and Nursery with an excellent reputation. We cater for children from 3-9 years old. Our vision and values centre around 'maximum achievement for all in a happy, caring and Christian environment.' Our Early Years creates a strong foundation for active and lively play-based learning that is continued throughout the school. We enjoy strong links and partnerships with our Middle and Upper Schools as well as with all schools within the Rib Valley.

7 Much Hadham Table Tennis Club
details andyfurze@aol.com or
01279 842358.

7.15 till 8.45pm Ranger Girl Guides
(14+ years), Cotted Guide
Centre, SG9 9QP. Rosanne
Kenealy 01920 821304

7.30 Explorer Scouts (14-18 yrs)
Bowling Green Lane,
Buntingford. Meets throughout
the year Christine Pestle 07711
506281

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

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

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

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

Thursday

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

2 Mind & Music - Songs to Aid
Memory at Northfields. David
Ranford ranfordd@gmail.com

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

Starlight Stars:

Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre

3.45 Mini Movers (4-6 yrs)

4.15 Street Jazz Dance (7-11 yrs)

5 Freestyle Dance (11-14 yrs)

Ali Latchford 01279 966 466

6 Junior Table Tennis at
Thundridge Details
imrothg@talktalk.net

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

Puckeridge Karate Club

Juniors: 7-8pm, Adults 8-9.30pm,
Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre. 01763 231132.

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

7 Table Tennis at Thundridge
Details imrothg@talktalk.net

7 Keogafit at Braughing
Community Hall. Details 07950
934024 .

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

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

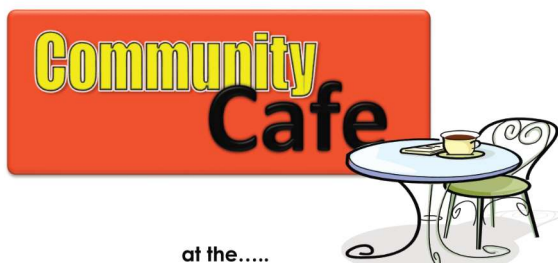
8 Hertfordshire Holly, Mixed Clog
Morris Dance Side. High Cross
Village Hall. New dancers and
musicians welcome. Mary Deeks
01920 822905

8.30 Standon Morris practice nights,
Standon Village Hall, Oct to Apr.
Meet in The Star from 8pm - new
male & female dancers &
musicians welcome (aged 12 and
over) 07808 969379

Friday

9.30 - 11am Little Angels Baby and
Toddler Group at St Mary's
Standon in term time

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



at the.....

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

Join us for a drink and a chat on the following

Wednesdays
9.30am to 11.30am



3rd September

1st October
Macmillan Coffee Morning
with raffle and
Plant Sale



5th November

3rd December

For more details contact Alison on 07813 702375



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B77 4RP

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Stamps

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Please place your items in the sack provided
at your designated drop off point:
Community Café @ The Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre
First Wednesday of each month
9.30am to 11.30am

- 2pm Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Sally Bradshaw 01920 821152
- 3.30 Accessible Yoga at home (via Zoom) 3.30pm. Penny 07944 416572.
- 4.15-6.15pm Rib Valley Gymnastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford. Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- 7:30 Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 years old), Christ Church, Ware. Meet throughout the year. Jim Campbell 01920 461134.
- 7.30 Tai Chi and Qi Gong at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sarah Baker 07740 701102
- 8 Ware Swimming Club Trials evening. All welcome. Training evenings are Monday and Friday. Mr Vanner 01920 464439.
- 8 The Braughing Get Together meets most months in the village hall on the second or third Friday. Marion Saunders 01920 821530.

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club - Club morning . Diana Foster 07778 031430.
- Braughing, St Mary the Virgin

- Services:
1st and 2nd Sunday at 10.30am.
- St. Mary's Church Standon: The United Benefice of St Mary's Standon, All Saints Little Munden and St Catherine's Sacombe:
1st Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's Standon; 10.30am Morning Worship, All Saints Little Munden.
2nd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary's Standon.
3rd Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's Standon; 10.30am Holy Communion, All Saints Little Munden.
4th Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship, St Mary's Standon; 6pm Choral Evensong, St Mary's, Standon..
5th Sunday: 10.30am Morning Worship, St Catherine's Sacombe. Please see the benefice website, www.ubsms.org.uk for up-to-date information or contact Revd. John Chitham on 07945 504433.
- 11.15 Mass at Old Hall Green Roman Catholic Church. 01763 271471.

September

- 3 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 9.30, details Alison 07813 702375
- 5 General Knowledge Quiz, Friday 5 September, 7.30 at the Riverside Hall, Priory Street, Ware. info@easthertfordshire.greenparty.org.uk
- 10 Mid Morning Mingle, 10.30-12.30 at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Helena 07974 583832
- 10 Buntingford Adult Learning for Fun course 'Collapse of USSR through witness eyes. Details Julia Peacock 01763 272584
- 13-14 Parndon Mill Open Studios, 11-5pm. Harlow CM20 2HP
- 17 Buntingford Adult Learning for Fun Collapse of the USSR course

- starts. Details Julia 01763 272584
- 20-21 Braughing Railway and Local History Society exhibition, Manor House, Buntingford, 10-4pm
- 24 Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon. 11.30am. Details music@ubsms.org.uk
- 26 Candlelit Supper at St Mary's, Standon. Tickets Diana Dale 07718 734897

October

- 1 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 9.30, details Alison 07813 702375
- 8 Mid Morning Mingle, 10.30-12.30 at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Helena 07974 583832
- 11 Ware & District Photographic Society Exhibition, Thundridge Village Hall, 10am - 4pm
- 11 Autumn Leaves Choral Concert at St Mary's Church, Standon, Details ranfordd@gmail.com
- 22 Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon. 11.30am. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

November

- 1 Music at St Mary's Church, Standon. Details music@ubsms.org.uk
- 5 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 9.30, details Alison 07813 702375
- 19 Mid Morning Mingle, 10.30-12.30 at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Helena 07974 583832
- 26 Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon. 11.30am. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

December

- 3 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 9.30, details Alison 07813 702375
- 6 Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church, Standon
- 6 Ware Choral Society Christmas Concert at Ware Drill Hall
- 10 Mid Morning Mingle, 10.30-12.30 at Puckeridge & Standon

Defibrillators in the PS News area

Automated External Defibrillators are located at:

Furze Cottage, **Barwick**.

Phone box opp The Axe & Compasses, **Braughing**
The Golden Fleece, Green End, **Braughing**
Community Centre. Playing Fields, **Braughing**
KB Tyres, High Street, **Puckeridge**
Outside St Thomas School High Street, **Puckeridge**

Standon Village Hall,

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

Community Centre. Details Helena 07974 583832

May

4 Mayday

July

11 Braughing Wheelbarrow Race



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THE MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD SG9 9AB
Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September 2025, 10am - 4pm
FREE ADMISSION



BUNTINGFORD FESTIVAL CHOIR

returns from its summer break in **September** and is holding "open rehearsals"

Not sure whether our type of singing is for you?

Take a chance and try us out – we don't pay subs so it won't cost you a penny to come along and listen, join in or not, all without any pressure

If you love singing, have a basic knowledge of musical notation and can reliably hold a tune, we'd love to hear from you

We are happy to welcome new members, especially tenors and basses

To find out more, call 07973 726344 or contact:
sing@buntingfordfestivalchoir.org

The choir will rehearse in and around Buntingford on Thursday evenings from September between 19:00 and 20:30 in preparation for Aspenden's Candlelit Carol Service on 18 December



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Looking for friendly and caring volunteers to visit older people **once a week.**
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07772 173659
visiting.eh@ageukherts.org.uk

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

Details from 07922 519174

The United Benefice of St Mary's Standon and All Saints Little Munden with St Catherine's Sacombe

Regular services in our Benefice**First Sunday each month**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary's Standon
 10.30am Morning Worship All Saints Little Munden

Second Sunday each month

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's Standon

Third Sunday each month

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary's Standon
 10.30am Holy Communion All Saints Little Munden

Fourth Sunday each month

10.30am All Age Morning Worship St Mary's Standon
 6.00pm Choral Evensong St Mary's Standon

Any Fifth Sundays

10.30am Morning Worship St Catherine's Sacombe

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

9.30am Worship and Bible study St Mary's Standon



For more details of services and activities please
 see our website: www.ubsms.org.uk



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CHRIST CHURCH

Baldock Road, Buntingford SG9 9AA
www.buntingfordurc.org.uk
 Fb URCbuntingford

Minister Rev Sue Fenderrevsuefender@gmail.com

01223 375588

Secretary Peter Goddardbuntingfordurc@talktalk.net

01763 281 359

SERVICES at 11am / JUNIOR CHURCH IN THE HALL at 11am

September

7	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
14	Morning Worship	Peter Godbert
21	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton
28	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Janet Tollington

October

5	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
12	Morning Worship	Graham Watson
19	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton
26	Morning Worship	Rev Sue Fender

November

2	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
9	Remembrance Service	At St Peters
16	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton
23	Morning Worship	Faith Paulding
30	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Janet Tollington

December

7	Junior Church Service	Rev Sue Fender
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Bible Study

We are holding a Ecumenical Bible Study at Christ Church URC Buntingford on the first Wednesday of each month. We will meet for lunch from 12.30 and our bible study will run from 1.00 – 2.00 pm. Entitled Influential Women we will look at the stories of the women of the New Testament. Some only get a brief mention and we may not remember them, others have played a significant part in the life of the early church. All of them have story to tell us.

Regular Event

'Coffee and Company meets every Thursday, 10.30am to 12.30pm, in the Church Hall. If you're elderly, living alone, new to the area, perhaps working from home, and would like some company, come along to share Coffee, Cake, Company and Chat. All are welcome. Just turn up and give a small donation for the refreshments.

**Mind & Music - Songs to aid memory and wellbeing**

NORTHFIELDS, Puckeridge SG11 1TJ

EACH Thursday 2 - 3pm

Bringing people together to sing a variety of well-known and loved songs, in a fun and friendly environment.

Mind & Music welcomes everyone, especially those affected by dementia and their carers, as well as those concerned about their memory.

For information contact David Ranford
ranfordd@gmail.com 01992 976762

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Bulky Waste, abandoned vehicles & Flytipping

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

Bulky waste details: One household item - £58.90 (for up to 3 items.)

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

Report abandoned vehicles:

www.mysociety.org/wehelpyou/report-abandoned-vehicles-to-your-local-council

Car batteries, engine oil, Fridges and Freezers

All are recycled at:

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

Ware Household Waste Site, Westmill Road.

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.

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/

Foreign Coins

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

Ink & toner cartridges

Local Recycling Centres.

Computers

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

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

Postcards

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

Furniture

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

Stamps

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

Mobile phones

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

Sunglasses & Spectacles

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

Report a Water Leak

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

Environment Agency

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

Potholes & Faulty Traffic Lights

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

Trading Standards

Citizensadvice.org.uk or call 0808 223 1133

Stop junk mail, phone calls and faxes

Register and junk mail and phone calls will miraculously reduce!

Mailing Preference Service

0207 291 3310

www.mpsonline.org.uk/mpsr/

Telephone Preference Service

0845 070 0707

www.tpsonline.org.uk/tps/number_type.html

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

Waste Disposal

For further information, call WasteAware on 0300 1234 051

All Household Waste sites are closed on 25 & 26 Dec and 1 Jan.

Westmill Road, Ware SG12 0EL

Open: Every day: 10am - 6pm

Woodside Industrial Estate

off Dunmow Road (A1250)

Bishop's Stortford CM23 5RG

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

Police Contacts:

Number for NON 999 calls: 101

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

Please remember: ALWAYS DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

www.herts.police.uk

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

Puckeridge Health Centre

The Surgery, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF

Tel: 01920 823860 (inc out of hours).

Surgery is open:

Mon – Fri 8.30am – 6pm

Minor Injuries Unit

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

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

NHS Non-emergency Number

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

Domestic Violence/Abuse Help Line

08 088 088 088 (Freephone)

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

Victim support

0300 303 0165

Age UK Hertfordshire Information Line

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

Information Line: 0300 345 3446

We listen...

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

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

Call us on 01992 629358 and 01992 630623

Abandoned Vehicles

01992 655261

Herts Society for the Blind Sight Line

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

Power cut helpline

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

Animal Warden

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

Trading Standards

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

Traveline

0871 200 2233 www.traveline.co.uk

Post Office Times

Braughing, at The Golden Fleece.
Wednesday and Saturday mornings.
Dane End

Mon - Sat 9.00 - 7.00
 Sunday 9.00 - 8.00

Standon

Monday - Friday 9.00 - 5.30
 Saturday 9.00 - 1.00

Aircraft noise

Stansted Airport Noise Unit.
 0800 243 788 email:
stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com

Local Library Times

Home Library Service:

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

Bishop's Stortford Library:

Monday 10 - 7pm
 Tuesday - Friday 10-6pm
 Saturday 10-5pm

Sunday 12-4pm

Buntingford Library:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 - 5.30pm

Friday 2 - 5.30pm, Saturday 9-1pm

Ware Library:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 10-5.30pm,
 Wednesday 2-5.30pm.

Saturday 10-5pm

Parish Council Contacts:

Braughing

clerk@braughing.org.uk

Little Munden

Clerk: Geraldine Ward 01920 438145
clerk@littlemundenpc.org.uk

Standon

Clerk: Belinda Irons 01763 838732

clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk

East Herts District Council

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

Herts County Council

Contact details:

Highways Fault Reporting

www.hertsdirect.org/highway-faults

Home Safety and Security Checks
 0300 123 4046

lhss@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Trading Standards

0345 404 0506

report.

fraud@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Waste Aware

0300 123 4051

General Enquiries

0300 123 4040

Textphone Users:

0300 123 4041

Other help and support hertshelp.net or

0300 123 4044

Halls for hire

- Braughing Church Hall and Old Boys School, (up to 120 with kitchen facilities) – contact sallyannehow@gmail.com 07824 446531
- Braughing Playing Field Association Community Hall - Contact Graham Frary grahamfrary@tiscali.co.uk

- Colliers End Village Hall (40 people comfortably, with kitchen) - Contact Sandra Chadwick 07976 254379
- Dane End Memorial Hall David Hart 01920 438976 dane-endhallbookings@Outlook.com
- High Cross Christine Bosson 01920 467996 hxvillagehall@gmail.com
- Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre - Contact clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon – Contact Denis or Beverly Olliver on 01279 842625
- Thundridge bookings@thundridge.org

Local Churches:

- The United Benefice of St Mary's Standon and All Saints Little Munden with St Catherine's Sacombe: Please see the benefice website, www.ubsms.org.uk for up-to-date information or contact Revd. John Chitham on 01920 739483
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All numbers are 01920 unless otherwise shown

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Christine Pestle 07711 506381,
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01920 461134

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07808 969379

Standon & Puckeridge Health Centre:
823860

Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre: Contact
clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.

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Standon Village Hall - Denis Olliver
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Swimming Club (Buntingford):

David Carr 07966 508156

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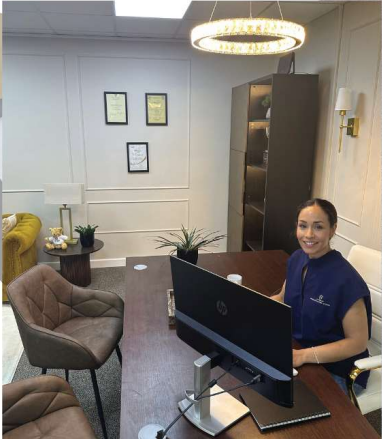


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