

Have you noticed Standon's Bell Tower?

The 15th century tower of St Mary's Church standing 65ft high, was originally owned by the village and was separated by a plot of grass from the main part of the church, it was used for storage for the village. Around 1843 extensive damage was caused to the bell chamber and parapets when the tower was struck by lightning. It was re-built in brick and has been rendered over with cement that had deteriorated resulting with falling mortar and masonry, requiring urgent repairs.

The tower has now undergone extensive surface refurbishment costing more than £250,000. This has been supported by fund raising from the committed 'Friends of St Mary's' (FOSM) and kind donations. Work commenced in April 2025, the tower having been encased in scaffolding, allowing the removal of weathered mortar and masonry repairs including the parapets. Work continued throughout the summer, the scaffolding was finally dismantled during December revealing the tower's restored appearance with new masonry, hand cut stone hoods and quoin corner stones, and a refurbished surface finish with a harling lime rendering mix. This has been chosen to mellow with the nineteenth century re-facing of the church and historic setting. The 200-year-old clock mechanism has also been serviced and a new re-gilded wooden clock face installed. The clock is electrically operated and will continue to strike on the hour.

The work continued in January 2026, completing masonry repairs surrounding the west door hoodmould and the replacement of the four small belfry lead lights with new oak boarding with a 'cross' cut-out and splayed edges, these will shade silver with age. Scaffolding was also erected internally into the bell chamber to provide a wooden



plank mezzanine floor above the bells and access for this work. The contract, commissioned to Lodge & Sons Builders Ltd, Dunmow and supervised by Hanslip & Company Ltd, Architects & Heritage Consultants, London, was finally completed at the end of February. The belfry peal of six bells has remained silent throughout the works.

Standon's tower is now a clear visible beacon of faith welcoming visitors to our beautiful village, ensuring that our Grade I listed building is in a better place for the 21st century.

We invite our readers to appreciate our Heritage by supporting our Historic building for future generations.

K Plummer Churchwarden



Above: Belfry Light Oak Boarding with a 'cross cut-out'

Left: St Mary's 15th Century Tower

Standon Monday Walking Group

The Best Things in Life Are Free!!

Is there a better way to spend a Monday morning than walking in our glorious Hertfordshire countryside with a group of some 10 to 20 friends, neighbours and acquaintances?

Every Monday morning at 10.00, the "Monday Walking Group" meets outside The Star in Standon and walks for 2 hours, usually covering between 4.5 and just over 5 miles. We walk our local footpaths, chat, exchange views and enjoy the beautiful, ever-changing countryside. Our group was set up over 20 years ago and one of us has walked all the 20+ years!

We are of mixed abilities so there is the opportunity for a shorter route if time and energy don't allow for the full 2 hours.

We enjoy both the exercise and company so much we wanted to make sure you knew about the group and that we'd love it if you wanted to come along and see what it's like. So please give it a try. There is no membership and no fee; just turn up outside The Star in Standon at 10.00h any Monday morning with suitable footwear and prepare to smile a lot!!

Could you help deliver PS News?

We have lost a couple of our team members recently

Contact John Harris on 07740 306189

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Standon Parish Council – Councillor Role

A parish council is the local tier of government in England, representing a specific village, town, or ward.

Role & Function: They act as a local voice to higher authorities (district/county councils) regarding planning and community issues.

Powers: They have fewer statutory duties than higher councils, but hold extensive discretionary powers to improve the area, including managing allotments, community centres, and playgrounds.

Funding: They are funded by a precept (a small portion of the council tax) and may receive grants.

Structure: Composed of elected councillors, they must hold at least four meetings per year, which are open to the public.

Parish councils are involved in daily local life, including:

- Managing village halls and community centres.
- Maintaining recreational areas, play areas, and allotments.
- Managing local lighting, bus shelters, and car parks.
- Providing feedback on local planning applications.
- Initiating community projects, such as neighbourhood plans and youth activities

Parish councils make decisions on issues that affect the local community. The most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, helping local groups, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

Councils usually meet once a month for the council meeting, to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or

three hours, depending on the agenda. Some councils have committees to deal with specific subjects, such as environmental issues. In addition to the regular meetings, councillors are required to attend other meetings representing the council, for example acting as a representative on an outside body, community activities or helping develop a new project for the community. Such meetings won't happen every day, so it's not going to take over your life.

Being a Councillor is an enriching life experience - you increase the number of people you speak and interact, and feel a sense of achievement when something you are passionate about is promoted and actioned in the community. You are part of team working for the benefit of the community.

The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now

Understanding the Precept & Section 106 Funding

We know that council finances can sometimes feel complicated, so here's a simple explanation of two things residents often ask about: Parish Precept and Section 106 funding.

What Is The Parish Precept?

Every local council sets a budget each year to cover the cost of running services and facilities. After estimating its income, the council calculates how much extra is needed to meet its planned expenditure.

"A precept is the shortfall of money after a Council has deducted its predicted income from its planned expenditure for the upcoming year."

This amount — the precept — is collected through

Standon Parish Council



The Chairman and some Councillors now wish to retire, which will result in the Council not being quorate and unable to operate.

We urgently need residents to join the Council to ensure its continuation. If we fail to attract new Councillors and are not quorate, then East Herts District Councillors will step in to manage the Council. The entire Recreation Field is in the Charity and we could be at risk of losing this.

If you can help, please contact the Clerk

Clerk: Belinda Irons

Tel: 01763 838732 Mob: 07854 916404

Email: clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk Website: <https://www.standonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

your Council Tax. The district council collects Council Tax on behalf of the parish, district, and county councils and passes the parish's share to us at the start of the financial year.

Unlike district and county councils, parish councils do not receive additional government funding. The precept is our only source of income for delivering local services.

Therefore the precept is what enables your parish council to keep the playground and equipment in good condition, keep Burrs Meadow, The Moors, Mansfield and the Recreation Field mown and the hedges and trees managed, provide the allotments (the land is rented from Standon



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Charities), and a multitude of other actions behind the scenes.

What Is Section 106 Funding?

Section 106 (S106) agreements are legally binding arrangements between developers and the local planning authority. They ensure that when new developments take place, the developer contributes towards facilities or improvements needed to support the local community.

"Section 106 monies are only permitted to be used for the specific purposes detailed in the legally binding agreement..."

This means S106 money cannot be used for general parish spending or transferred to other schemes. It can only fund the projects specifically listed in the agreement.

Recent and Upcoming S106

Projects

Community Centre Improvements
The new doors and canopy were funded entirely through a Section 106 agreement — not from the Parish Council budget.

Community Centre changing rooms:
hot water system was upgraded and the floors altered to ensure they are safe for use.

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)
The planned MUGA on the Recreation Field will also be funded through S106 money. Again, this comes at no cost to the Parish Council and cannot be redirected to other projects.

Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club - Celebrating 75 years

This year, Standon and Puckeridge Lawn Tennis Club celebrates its 75th anniversary. The land on which the playing fields stands was acquired just after the Second World War for all forms of recreation and leisure time activity, with the aim of improving conditions of life for local inhabitants. Two tarmac tennis courts were laid and a club was formed in 1951. At least one founder member of the club survives and many others' forebears were members of the club at one time or another.

We are a proper village club with a real family atmosphere. Since 1951, the club has maintained a strong presence in the villages of Standon and Puckeridge, and has consistently had over 100 junior and senior members.

In the early 1970s, a third court was added to the existing two making it easier to plan and play inter-club matches. This meant the loss of the club's dedicated club house and, for a while, we shared use of the old pavilion with the cricket and football clubs. Older members may recall a wall of the old pavilion was dedicated to the roll of honour of club tournament winners since 1961.

Nowadays we play on a carpet surface and once again have our

own facilities. Tucked away behind a tall hedge in the Station Road corner of the playing fields, it is easy to miss us, but we are still going strong and still welcome new members of all standards and ages.

Later in the year, we will be commemorating our special milestone and we hope many of our members and their families will be able to join us at these events.

PAY TO PLAY is available to all if you just want to book a court. £8 per hour for adults or £5 for under 16's. We even have availability at weekends. Contact Sally Bradshaw on 01920 821152.

COACHING: our Head Coach is Cliff Devonshire, who is an LTA level 4 performance coach.

Cliff has introduced programs for all types of players from junior to experienced club members, these are run term time only.

For more information please contact Cliff on 07709 355655 or email him at clifforddevonshire@hotmail.com

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME:
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Friends of St Marys – FOSM

FOSM is the local charity that raises funds for the preservation and restoration of the fabric, inside and out, of St Marys our ancient grade one listed parish church in Standon. We have just finished renovating the Church Tower.

Thank you to all of you who visited and supported our Plant Stall and took tea, coffee, and delicious cakes at the Village Hall during the Mayday celebrations.

We are now rapidly approaching **Standon and Puckeridge Open Gardens** on Saturday 13 June. 11.00am to 5.00pm Tickets £10.00 from the Village Green.

All our gardeners have been working hard in preparation. Do come along and see the fruits of their labours!

We have lunches available in Church, afternoon tea in the Village Hall, magnificent plant sale in the garden of The Star, live music entertainment in some gardens and a "Treasure" Hunt for children.

This is always a fantastic day which highlights our lovely villages and attracts visitors from near and far. Make it a date to come along this year!

Candlelit Supper

Friday 2 October. In our ancient and beautiful church of St. Mary's, Standon. Come and share a delicious three-course meal and a glass of wine with family and friends and experience a wonderful candlelit atmosphere and some light entertainment.

Christmas Market

Saturday, 5 December in St. Mary's Church, Standon. Enjoy coffee and a mince pie whilst buying Christmas gifts from stalls offering a lovely variety of products and gifts made by talented local crafts people.

We look forward to seeing you at these events. We always welcome new helpers and supporters. If you want to get involved or to know more contact David Goldstraw Chair FOSM - silverhay@aol.com

Co-ordinator (Part-time) – Supporting Local Families

Are you passionate about helping families with young children thrive?

Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire is seeking a friendly, organised Co-ordinator to join our experienced team. For over 40 years, we have supported local families through challenging times, helping children get the best possible start in life.

The role is part-time (20 hours per week) and involves supporting families in their homes, helping to run weekly family support groups, and recruiting and supporting volunteers. You'll work closely with other local family services and play an important role in safeguarding and family wellbeing.

Salary from £26,760 FTE per annum (pro rata, depending on experience). You will need access to your own car (mileage paid). An Enhanced DBS check is required.

For further details and an application pack, please contact admin@hsrsc.org.uk.

Closing date: 26 June 2026

News from Braughing Parish Council

STREETLIGHTS: The lights down Fleece Lane were stolen in March but luckily found by a parishioner and have now been replaced. The lights which were stolen along Church End have also been replaced. We had to go through our insurers and acquire a new set as the originals are still with the police as "evidence". BPC have made representations to our local Police Officer with regard to repeated streetlight crime in our village and the impact this is having on our insurance premium.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE BEAR: Herts CC have undertaken a survey of local residents regarding the viability of yellow lines outside The Bear to stop parking. The majority of replies were not in favour. Cllr Smith is going to look at how we can move forward with this issue.

PENTLOWS: The meadow is recovering from the works carried out in the autumn and starting to look lovely. Already we are seeing and hearing new birds in the Meadow and new plant species. Two new information boards have been installed and we will shortly be installing a Life-ring station. Many thanks to everyone who has signed up as a "Friend of Pentlows Meadow". We will be arranging some maintenance work at the end of May and we will contact our "Friends" directly with details. If you would like to be a "Friend" please email Cllr Moore with your contact details (pmoore@braughing.org.uk)

FLEECE LANE BRIDGE: BPC received a communication from a resident regarding the safety of the

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bridge and small children as it has large open sides. The Bridge has been there for over 120 years and is a listed structure, which means alterations need to be done sensitively and would probably require planning permission. Discussions are ongoing as to how best to resolve this matter

HALLS CLOSE: There is no right of way through Halls Close from the top of Fleece Lane to Malting Lane. We are advised that a lock will be placed on the gate. As Halls Close is a private road, residents have the right to do this.

PUDDINGSTONE: BPC has asked the management company at Halls Close to ensure it is kept nice and weed free. A second Puddingstone was recently uncovered at the top of Church End near the Square

MALTING LANE: We understand the Dragons Teeth on the speedbumps should finally be repainted in April so hopefully by the time you read this they will have been done. BPC will keep pressurising Herts CC and our County Councillor Terry Smith to make sure this gets done.

ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING: This was held in May. There was a visual presentation showing what BPC had achieved in 2025/6 and what we hope to achieve over the next financial year. Cllr Chris Ford was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Ruth Fleetwood as Vice-chair. Thanks to Peter Saggars for carrying out the internal audit.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Thursday 11 June, 8pm, Old Boys School

Thursday 9 July, 8pm, Old Boys School

No meeting in August

Thursday 10 September, 8pm, Old Boys School

Thursday 8 October, 8pm, Old Boys School

Thursday 12 November, 8pm, Old Boys School

No meeting in December

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Ware & District Photographic Society

Several members of the Society have had work accepted in this year's Annual Exhibition of the East Anglia Federation of Photographic Societies. Our new season starts on Wednesday 9 September. The new programme will be on the website. New members and visitors are warmly welcome to come along. The Annual Exhibition along with a hand embroidery exhibition, is being held on Saturday 10 October at Thundridge Village Hall 10am - 4pm. Tea/coffee and homemade cakes will be available.

Barbara Norris
On behalf of Ware DPS

Bartrams Farm

As a local historian, I am interested in the demise of Bartrams Farm which used to be in the southeast of Standon Parish and which may have disappeared sometime in the 1960s.

If anyone knows more about this, and, even better, has a photo of the house, I would be very grateful to hear from you. Please email me on kathrynshreeve@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Kathryn Shreeve

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Midsummer Revels with Standon Sing

Always keen for new opportunities Standon Sing joined renowned local rock group Captain Pink Shorts at Standon May Day. Both groups performed separately and together to an informal and enthusiastic audience.

Standon Sing is our local community choir, with fifty members meeting each Wednesday to sing and to socialise. Now in its fifth year, the choir was set up for people in Standon and Puckeridge to enjoy giving and receiving support for each other, to tackle loneliness, help us feel happy and, of course, to enjoy a sense of belonging. We also sing together!

We always welcome new members, with or without singing experience. For several of our members this is their first choir. Rehearsals are

focused but light-hearted; aimed at enjoying shared achievement.

Standon Sing are looking forward to their next concert, MIDSUMMER REVELS, on Saturday 20 June. This will be a picnic concert at St. Mary's Church, High Street, Standon, starting at 4pm with a bring your own picnic interval in the beautiful gardens of Knights Court. Entry is free – donations welcomed.

MIDSUMMER REVELS will also feature Rib Singers – a local chamber choir of experienced and entertaining singers. The Imperial Male Voice Choir will also join us as a guest choir. This experienced and successful choir never fails to entertain with its exuberance and skill.

If you are interested in Joining Standon Sing please simply turn up any Wednesday at 7.30, at St. Mary's Church, or contact David Ranford.

07888 398336 ranfordd@gmail.com

Isabel Hospice Announces Return of 'Care for a Cuppa' Campaign



Isabel Hospice has announced the return of its popular Care for a Cuppa fundraising campaign, encouraging people across the community to get involved this summer.

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funds for the hospice. Supporters are invited to host their own tea party, afternoon tea or coffee morning, where guests make donations in exchange for refreshments.

Both first-time hosts and returning supporters are encouraged to take part, with events able to be held at home, at work or within local communities.

Running until 30 September, the campaign offers plenty of flexibility for people to get involved.

The return follows last year's successful campaign, which raised £15,000 to support Isabel Hospice's essential services.

Everyone who signs up will receive a free fundraising pack with ideas and resources, including hosting tips from volunteer Ann, a recipe from supporter Gillian, and a Care for a Cuppa-themed quiz.

Grace May, Community Fundraiser at Isabel Hospice, said "Every cup of tea shared helped us bring comfort, care and dignity to people and their families when they needed it most. This year, we'd love to see even more people getting involved."

For more information, visit isabelhospice.org.uk/careforacuppa or call 01707 954 850.

Ware Choral Society

Summer concert 18 July at Ware Drill Hall

Purcell: Dido and Aeneas

Purcell: Welcome to all the Pleasures

Pachelbel: Canon and Gigue

Handel: Zadok the Priest

Tickets available at the door 7pm onwards



Hertfordshire Holly

As always, the busiest weekend of the year is the Mayday bank holiday.

On the Sunday, we spent the day in Rochester at the annual sweeps festival. This year we didn't see any sweeps nor, interestingly, any other clog sides, which is unusual.

This was a 3-day event but we were only there for the Sunday because we had to get back for Standon Mayday on Bank holiday Monday and the important tradition of leading the procession along the High Street as the May Queen is carried into the arena to be crowned.

Later in the month we will enjoy a hopefully sunny summer's evening at The Golden Fleece in Braughing.

On 11 June Holly will perform at The Fox and Duck in Buntingford, 8pm and then Ware carnival on 4 July and Anstey fayre on 5 July.

The carnival is a new venture for us. The theme is 100 years of television and we have decided to go as "Strictly Come Morris Dancing!" No glitzy costumes needed, we can just be ourselves showcasing the traditional aspect of what we do.

We are a clog morris side performing dances traditionally from the North-West of England.

Our practice nights are held at High Cross village Hall on a Thursday

evening from 8 to 10pm and we always welcome new members, men and women

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

Or contact Mary 01920 822905
mideeks@yahoo.co.uk

St Paul's Walden Bury Open Garden and Music Event on Sunday 5 July.

This event will help raise funds, as well as awareness for the work CPRE Herts does to protect our green spaces. This particular event will be celebrating our centenary and will allow exclusive access to Sir Simon Bowes-Lyon, KCVO and president of CPRE Hertfordshire's, estate.

The afternoon promises to be a spectacular showcase of local music, as well as a chance to relax in a garden featured in Rae Spencer Jones' '1001 gardens you must see before you die'.

Please see here for more information: <https://www.cpreherts.org.uk/get-involved/events/st-pauls-walden-bury-open-garden-and-music-event-5-july-2026/>




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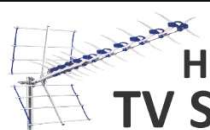
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Standon Mayday 2026

What an absolutely fabulous day we had on the High Street!! We are extremely grateful to you all for turning out and supporting Standon Mayday 2026!! A huge well done to everyone!! Mayday is run by a very small Committee so we are totally reliant on our band of local helpers who give their all on the day.

Luckily it stayed dry for us and the air display was able to go ahead, just not as high as the pilot would have liked.

The procession was lovely with May Queen Elspeth Addison sitting very regally up on her chair flanked by her 4 attendees: Miley Debnam, Rosie Folan, Millie Greenaway and Sophia Hart, escorted and crowned by Hertfordshire Holly Ladies Morris Team and the children of Roger de Clare School along the High Street to the arena accompanied by the Standon Church Bells!!!

The Arena kicked off with Tiger Cheer cheerleaders and paced on with our fantastic MC Twiggs (Sophie) holding it all together for us. The Modern Line Dancing group had everyone up and dancing with them, followed by Stortford Cheerleaders and the children of Roger de Clare School country dancing around the ancient Maypole!!!

The Fun Dog Show in Burrs Meadow was admirably run by Sarah with our new judge Leah in partnership with Honest Hounds and had a lot of support from loads of very lovely dogs. Rosettes were awarded first to third place in all 8 classes, prizes and treats were given out too.

The Airshow at 3pm was performed by Chris Burkett from airdisplays.



com (best views from behind The Star) and was absolutely incredible. Standon Sing Community Choir entertained in the Church along with Captain Pink Shorts Rock Band, Beauhope Folk Group and Ware Ukulele Group.

My very grateful thanks must go to my fantastic Committee of just five people and their families for their tenacity, patience and determination to make May Day succeed. Big thanks to Sophie for being amazing, giving us all so much information and running things on time.

Also big thanks to all the helpers, pay desk volunteers, performers, participants and residents of the High Street – for their forbearance and allowing us to use their road for the day.

Massive thanks to Connect Scaffolding, The Ashley's, Andy Davis, Standon Parish Council, The Star, Michael Baker,

The Bell, 119 Production Services, John and Sarah-Jane Yates, Standon Post Office, Philip and Judy Smith, Standon Convenience and Palmer & Martin (Bishops Stortford) for offering their ground, services, equipment or donations.

May Day is run as a not-for-profit event and all proceeds from the day will go to local causes and charities within Standon and Puckeridge. You can apply to the Committee for a donation to your charity via email to the address below.

Looking towards next year, suggestions and offers of help and space for parking are invited via Facebook or email!!

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The Village Lunch

This time, to ring the changes, Jan, one of our most long-serving and kind helpers, writes the report:

Here we are in May already; the weather has been kind. This is my favourite time of year, the beginning of summer. Soup has been put on hold for 6 months and now it's time for our selection of sandwiches and cakes, provided by our lovely ladies and served to you by our great waiting team. So much goes on behind the scenes to make a very enjoyable few hours for our guests - but it's also a pleasure for the helpers to make this monthly lunch a lovely get together for all of you.

So from us to you, see you next time for a cuppa or two. Jan

As ever, if you live in Standon or Puckeridge and would like to come to a simple lunch in Standon Village Hall, usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month, please just contact us. Or you might have a neighbour or friend who you think would enjoy it. We can always find an extra chair!

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Spring Term in Full Bloom at Jenyngs

We have had an incredible Spring Term jam packed full of amazing experiences for our children. These include:

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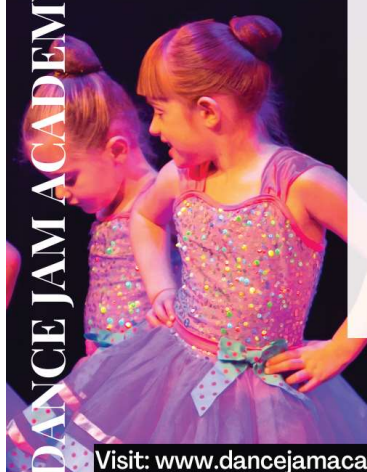
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Thank you to Veolia for leading the initiative and donating the fruit trees, tools and compost!

Class visit to Stansted Mountfitchett

In March, Birch Class visited Stansted Mountfitchett Castle. The

children explored the fort, grounds and the toy museum to bring their recent history topics to life.

Thank you to Friends of Jenyns for covering the cost of the coach to keep the trip affordable for our families.

National Science Week

To celebrate National Science Week in March, the school took part in a range of activities including Science workshops led by Inventors & Makers. The workshops included: Building Bridges, Understanding AI and Engineering & Structures. They were a fantastic way to bring science to life and encouraged lots of thoughtful questions and enthusiasm.

Upgraded children toilets, cloakrooms and new lockers!

Our Half Term Project for this term was the refurbishment of our pupil toilets and cloakrooms including the installation of brand new lockers for our Year 3 and 4 children. These have certainly made our older learners feel more independent as well as create a safe and tidy communal environment.

Braughing Village Walks

As we move into summer, why not join us on one of our monthly village walks exploring the beautiful countryside in and around Braughing.

Walks usually take place on the first Sunday of the month, departing promptly from The Square at 2pm. Walks last approx. 2 hours and are across open countryside which can still be muddy so please wear walking boots or wellies. There is usually an opportunity to shorten the walk or get a lift back to Braughing for those who wish (please mention before we leave). Everyone is welcome including well-behaved dogs. Walks are usually followed by tea and cake in Marion's Green Shed.

Walk dates:-

Sunday 7 June 2.00pm

Sunday 5 July 2.00pm

Sunday 2 August 2.00pm

Sunday 6 September 2.00pm

We are also planning an evening walk in June: please see noticeboards or our FB page (Braughing Parish Paths Group) for more details.

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No new Rector for Standon - yet

Our first round of recruitment for a new Rector was unsuccessful. Whilst this was disappointing it is not an unusual occurrence and does not imply we are not an attractive benefice – for the right person.

Next steps: Our advert remains in the online Church Times newspaper and the closing date for applications is 8 June. We will then shortlist, with a view to interviewing in very early July. With the best will in the world, this would mean an autumn appointment for any new Rector, and plans are even being discussed to cover Christmas 2026 – just in case.

Please pray for those involved in the process and for its successful outcome. Meanwhile there are many jobs that need doing and as ever a small pool of volunteers. If you have an interest in flower arranging, making tea, cakes and coffee, book-keeping, or even cleaning; then your contribution would be most welcome. It is when a benefice is in vacancy that its true strength can become apparent. Meanwhile, our work for God in our villages will continue in regular worship, prayer and outreach.

Derek Wheeler, Church Warden at All Saints Little Munden.

Dunster House



Originally built as a private house in the 19th century this was converted into a shop sometime before 1920. An early picture shows the name A E Cro (?) and a directory gives the proprietor as A H Gough. From the mid-1920s it was run as an ironmongery and hardware shop by Edgar Griffin until closure in the mid-1960s. Eileen Hyatt (later Jarrard) then transferred her hairdressing business to the shop. The business closed shortly before 2000 and the premises is now a private house again. The picture shows Mrs Griffin standing in front of the shop with much of the stock displayed outside.

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Braughing Church

Our new service pattern is now taking shape.

The first Sunday of the month is an All Age Service in Braughing starting at 10.30. This is an informal interactive act of worship suitable for everyone and lasting about 40 minutes. It is then followed by refreshments. At 11.30 those who wish move up into the chancel for a short service of Holy Communion. You are welcome to join us for either part of the service or stay for the whole thing if you wish.

The 2nd Sunday of the month is a more traditional Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing at 10.30 followed by refreshments

The 3rd Sunday of the month is Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham at 9.30. This informal service is aimed at children and families and lasts about 45 minutes.

The 4th Sunday of the month is a more traditional Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham starting at 10.30 and followed by refreshments

If there is a 5th Sunday the service (usually Holy Communion) will be held at St Mary's Stocking Pelham at 10.30am.

We will be holding a Songs of Praise at Braughing at 10.30 on Saturday 14 June

Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe

It has been great to see everyone at the Community Cafe over the past months, and we look forward to seeing you during the sunny Summer months.

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 June, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November and 2 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 to keep toddlers amused!

As those who come along regularly to the Community Cafe will know, we hold a number of Cafes each year in support of various charities. In 2025 we raised over £1000, split between Cancer Research UK, Parkinsons UK, Cystic Fibrosis Trust, MacMillan Cancer Support and Alzheimers UK.

So far in 2026 we have raised £200 for Cancer Research UK in February and £176 for Parkinson's UK at the April Cafe. A big thank you to Helena and Jenny for their hard work in organising the Plant Stall, which added to the money raised.

Thank you so much to everyone who supports the charity fundraising cafes. Our donations make such a difference to these charities.

Our July cafe will be raising money for the local charity, Isabel Hospice, with drinks, cakes, raffle and a plant sale. Please do come along a support this great cause.

And our October Cafe will be a MacMillan Coffee Morning. Again with refreshments, raffle and a plant sale.

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. The most recent bag of recycled goodies raised £44.45 for Cancer Research UK. Thank you.

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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 would 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
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We endeavour to ensure each day is different from the last to enrich children's educational experiences.

Looking back, we celebrated the Lunar New Year (year of the horse) with a special visit from Biscuit, a 6-year-old pony owned by Bridget B. The children learned many facts about horses, for example the purpose of the chestnuts on their legs.

We worked with Jess Oliyide a certified play therapist from Nurture

play therapy who supported some children through play, using toys, creativity and imagination to help these children to welcome, process and understand feelings and emotions. Jess encouraged the children to explore their way of communicating and to build on their bank of language. Jess will be returning in the Autumn Term.

We continued our STEM learning by making Wind Catchers which became Mother's Day presents. The Children fostered an understanding of wind direction and speed required to move its colourful ribbons.

Our main principle of learning is to be at one with nature. This never fails to provide holistic development, physical health, cognitive growth, sensory stimulation and well-being.

Children smell the rain, feel the bark, listen to rustling leaves and stones underfoot. Their young appreciation for nature creates a sense of environmental responsibility.

In May we celebrated National Bee Day with a very special visit from local Bee keeper Karen Davies. The Children watched bees working in a portable beehive. They now have an understanding of the Bees power of pollination which is paramount to keep our ecosystem in balance.

Our older Children transitioned to no less than 10 different schools around the area. We said a fond farewell to the children in our leavers ceremony and welcomed the magnificent Auntie Rob Robs Reptiles. Children got to meet reptiles, snakes, tree frogs and Stacey the Tarantula.

We look forward to welcoming new families in September and thank

everyone for their continued support. Visits are by strict appointment only. To be part of our Spins Pre-School Community Tel: 07881 533339 or email: spins.nursery@outlook.com

Midweek Music at St Mary's

Thank you for supporting this popular community event in St Mary's Church, Standon, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except for August and December.

Light refreshments are served from 11.30 along with tea and coffee giving everyone a chance to catch up with friends and make new ones.

At 12.30 there is a short concert to enjoy, given by a variety of local musicians and school students. We have had an eclectic mix 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 can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Upcoming dates are:

Wednesday 24 June Music students from Haileybury College

Wednesday 22 July Wild Rose Trio
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We've also held gradings for some of the junior and senior students and we're pleased to say that everyone passed, more students will be able to grade in the next few months.

The Puckeridge club was 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 and experience ever since.

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

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

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

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

Clive is supported at the club by:

- Alex Matthews 5th Dan
- Lewis Matthews 5th Dan
- Tracy Gardner 4th Dan
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Simple Changes.

Eating out can be seen as difficult when enrolling as a member at Slimming World, but it truly doesn't have to be, some simple changes can mean you can enjoy your favourites and still lose weight. Nothing is banned when food optimising, but many have lots of SWIPS (Slimming World Individual Picks - new name for Syns). Here's a few to show you!

Fish & chips are an easy and quick take-away option, and easily could take a member over their daily allowance twice, but if you remove the batter, the fish is Free, add mushy peas that are also Free and only a handful of chips, you'll be within your SWIPS; ketchup is only 1 Swip per level tablespoon and tartare sauce 2.5 per level tablespoon. Still delicious, still socialising but being mindful.

If Chinese is your bag then choosing a dish that has lots of vegetables in it will mean you are consuming very low calorie foods that will help to fill you up, so Chop Suey, or Chicken in Oyster sauce is also low in Swips. Opting for plain boiled rice, or plain noodles will mean you are not using any Swips as they are Free, filling and tasty. But do avoid the deep-



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Pizza lovers are hard done by as pizzas are high in fat, and therefore Swips, however having only a slice, and bulking the plate up with a Speedy salad and SW chips can satisfy the taste buds. Making pizza at home can keep the calories down by using a wrap as the base, lots of lean protein such as chicken, ham, or tuna, a selection of veggies and a passata base, with measured cheese can make you part of the occasion, but still losing weight.

Cooking at home is key to Slimming World success, and members who never cooked or relied on jarred sauces, or ready meals now have a stock of herbs & spices they never thought they would own!!

One meal I particularly love is lasagne, and yes, it can be enjoyed with Slimming World.

Using 5% mince will keep the meal Free, adding as many veg as you can to bulk up the dish; onion, garlic,

peppers, courgette, aubergine, celery, mushrooms, carrot, into the passata along with herbs, stock, and salt & pepper. Pasta is Free too, so it's only the white sauce that needs addressing. This I make using 500g of fat free yoghurt, and 3 eggs whisked together with a fork, add salt & pepper and its perfect (trust me!!!), the cheese on top will be measured from your allowance of Healthy Extras and boom! Dinner!

So if you are stalling from joining because you don't think you can eat the foods you love, think again, and hopefully I have shown you an insight into group life. We discuss how to make meals more SW friendly, how to socialise, and lose weight too, so if you'd like to be part of it, please let me know.

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Supporting Local Sport & Community Events

Attend2Health continues to champion local clubs and events. Recently, we sponsored a player from Royston Town Football Club and Owner Louise and Sports Massage Therapist Oliver went to meet one of the players. Once again will be supporting the Braughing

Wheelbarrow Race. We're also pleased to continue our sponsorship of both the Buntingford Bowls Club and the Buntingford Cricket Club.

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The People's Emergency Briefing

In April 100 people from Buntingford and the surrounding area attended The People's Emergency Briefing, a non-political film created to present up to date facts on the climate and nature crisis that is being shown around the country.

The 45 minute film presents extracts from expert presentations given at the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster Hall last November in Gogglebox style with reactions from celebrities and the general public. The presentations are on the impacts of the crises on ten main areas including health, food security, the economy and national security. Our MP, Chris Hinchliff,

was one of the attendees and also attended the recent screening in Buntingford. He concluded the event with his point of

view, which supported the film. Recently at Prime Minister's Question Time he highlighted that climate change will have a greater impact on food security, energy security and supply of medication than the effects of the current situation in the Middle East (see [Chris Hinchliff's Facebook page](#)).

After the screening, people shared their thoughts about what they had seen and explored ideas around local and global solutions. Thanks go to joint hosts Buntingford Cinema, Peacechild International and Churches Together for enabling this.

The general feeling was that the film should be seen by EVERYONE so if you would like to see the film in Buntingford, there is another chance to see the film on 24 June at Seth Ward Community Centre. Tickets are free but please book early as spaces are limited at

<https://www.tickettailor.com/.../buntingfordcommu.../2153077>

If you can't make this one, check the interactive screening map at <https://www.nebriefing.org> for other local screenings including Ware, Hertford and Bishops Stortford.

What comes from these screenings remains to be seen but as the quote from James Baldwin goes "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

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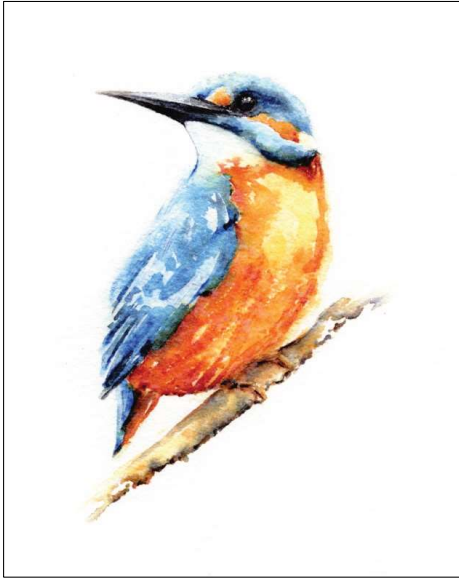
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Westmill Art Exhibition



After the resounding success of last year's Westmill Art Exhibition, we're delighted to announce that—by popular demand—it will return once again for its 36th year.

Last year over 65 artists exhibited a total of 350 pieces, with the majority making at least one sale. We're pleased to welcome back many of those artists, along with introducing an exciting number of new exhibitors. The Exhibition continues to showcase both professional and amateur talent, predominantly from the local area. If you're interested in exhibiting your own work, we warmly encourage you to get in touch—please don't hesitate to contact the organisers at alex@alexphotos.co.uk or 07768 790902 for more information.

Blessed with beautiful sunshine, last year's two-day event had an incredible atmosphere, and we're hoping for more of the same this year. Come along not only to enjoy the Exhibition, but also to experience the charm of the village of Westmill. While you're here, you can visit the Westmill Tea Rooms or the Sword Inn Hand pub—

perfect additions to a lovely day out.

All funds raised will go towards supporting Westmill Church, helping to meet the significant costs that churches face these days of maintaining their history and beauty, in addition to the general running costs. Beyond that, the Exhibition is a fantastic community event, bringing together volunteers and encouraging local residents to take the exciting step of exhibiting their work for the first time.

Be sure to mark your calendar: Saturday 30 May & Sunday 31 May. Join us at St Mary the Virgin Westmill Church, SG9 9LJ to view—and perhaps even purchase—some inspiring artwork. We look forward to welcoming you!



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Buntingford Adult Learning For Fun

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The Course will start on Wednesday 16 September.

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Is the two party system under threat? What are the alternatives?

NATO - What is it for? Would NATO be better without the USA?

Justice and the legal system - should juries be abolished as a right?

The BBC- does it fulfil its original purpose or is it time for change as the charter is up for review?

Is it time for the UK to re-join the EU?

Andrew Mountbatten Windsor - does his behaviour with Epstein threaten the Monarchy?

Education - should all schools be providing education for children with special educational needs and disabilities?

Men - masters in their own home? Have issues around women's rights gone too far?

Which is the best way to maintain peace in the world? Cold War or détente?

Are pensioners a liability or an asset?

What is terrorism?

Wednesday Lectures start at 10.30am. Coffee is served before the meeting from 10.00am. Any further information please phone Julia Peacock on 01763-272584 or Joan Jones 01763-273341

Interesting quotes

'Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.'
~ Oscar Wilde (much as today!)

'I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened.'
~ Mark Twain

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'Mistakes are part of the dues one pays, for a full life.'
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I've found myself in a really difficult financial situation and I don't know where to turn.

I was made redundant recently and now I'm finding it hard to keep up with my bills and am getting into debt - what can I do?

Money problems can feel overwhelming, but the most important thing to remember is that you don't have to face this alone. We know that times are incredibly tough for lots of people right now, and Citizens Advice is here to help you find a way forward.

Make sure you've been paid everything you're entitled to by your former employer. You can check what your rights are on the Citizens Advice website.

If you're finding it difficult to stay on top of bills, free budgeting tools like the one on the MoneyHelper website can help you understand what money you have coming in and going out each month, and where you might be able to cut costs.

Before you start, try to find your most recent bank statements, payslips, debit and credit card statements or bills, and receipts for things you usually pay for in cash. Make sure you include all your expenses, for example money you spend on your partner or family.

If your budget just doesn't add up and you need help to afford essentials like bills and food, you can find out how to get help with your bills as well as what cost of living support is available on the Citizens Advice website.

Please don't ignore bills or letters about money that you owe. You should collect and organise all debt-related documents to create a comprehensive list of all your debts. It might feel overwhelming when you see everything written down - but try not to worry, the important thing is that you're taking action to sort things out.

If you're behind on household bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. ***Take a look at the Citizens Advice website*** for more information about what bills to prioritise and how to manage debts. You can then speak to the organisations you owe money to - they might let you pay smaller amounts or take a break from payments.

For other types of debt like credit cards or loans, gather all the information on what you owe, create a budget, and contact your creditors to set up an affordable repayment plan. This might seem scary, but it's an important first step.

Lots of people miss out on benefits they're entitled to, so it's worth ***checking what you can get on the Citizens Advice website***. Claiming benefits might also let you get access to other financial help like cost of living payments and discounts on energy and transport.

Whatever your situation, you don't have to face this alone - get in touch with us and we can help. Our advice is free and we won't judge you - most people are two to three pay packets away from crisis. Our advisers can help to check if you're eligible for any benefits or financial support, and explore all the options for dealing with your debts. Call our Message Line 01920 459944 or visit citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk for our advice options. Or you can come and see us on Mondays between 10 and 12.30 at The Manor House, High Street, Buntingford.

What is Social Prescribing?

Hello to everyone reading this in PS News, I sincerely hope this piece finds you all well.

My name is Mike & I am the Social Prescriber for the Standon & Puckeridge Medical Centre where I am ably supported by my colleagues Jen & Fliss (they step in when I need to take time off). But, "What is Social Prescribing?", I am sure many of you are asking... So, please let me give you some insight into a vital service

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that has helped many patients locally to navigate an often-complex health system, let alone those life events that can put us into a tunnel that feels as though there is no light at the end of it.

Social Prescribing is an approach to health & wellbeing that recognises your needs may often extend beyond just medical care. Instead of focussing solely on clinical treatment, Social Prescribing connects individuals with community-based activities, groups & services that supports their overall wellbeing. Through linking people to local resources such as community groups, exercise programmes, volunteering opportunities, arts activities, & support services such as voluntary transport schemes or Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Prescribing strengthens both individual lives & the communities we belong to.

At our core, Social Prescribing is determined to address the social determinants of health - factors such as loneliness, financial stress, housing challenges & a lack of social connections. We understand that many people go to the GP surgery not only because of physical illness, but because their anxiety is made

worse due to those other challenges in life. Through Social Prescribing, we will give you the time to tell us what matters to you, to help you access the support that fits your needs.

For our community, the benefits of Social Prescribing are significant, and this is borne out by our success stories. We have supported many people to link in to befriending, exercise groups, which reduces their loneliness & social isolation by encouraging them to connect with others with shared interests. Evidence has shown us that, where people feel more connected & supported, their overall wellbeing improves, the impact is truly tangible.

Another key aspect of Social Prescribing is strengthening those of you out there that organise & run our local community groups. Our role increases awareness & use of community groups, charities & voluntary organisations that provide vital services. We want to support you to sustain these local initiatives, to foster collaborative partnerships & to build a stronger voluntary sector - strength truly does come from within our community, as we become more

resilient when residents know where to find support & how to support one another.

Ultimately, Social Prescribing brings communities together. It builds stronger relationships between service users, healthcare providers & crucially, local organisations, who are creating networks of care that extend far beyond just clinical settings. When you feel connected, supported & valued, you thrive, communities thrive.

If you, or someone you know, needs something in their life that can improve their wellbeing - whether that be meeting new people, becoming more active, learning a new skill or finding support - Social Prescribing can help to connect you to opportunities in your community. Please do speak to the Standon & Puckeridge Medical Centre who will direct you to me (Mike) - taking that first step could open the door to new friendships, greater confidence, and a healthier, more connected life.

Mike Thompson

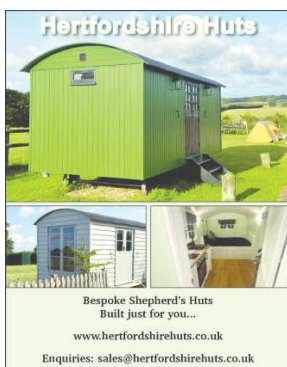
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Home Fire Safety Visits

We can visit residents in their homes to provide personalised fire safety advice. During these visits we can:

Check and install smoke detectors where required

Identify any additional risks

Refer residents to other agencies if further support is needed (for example, due to vulnerabilities or disabilities)

Arrange specialist hard-of-hearing alarms for those with hearing impairment

Support for Schools

We can arrange school visits to deliver:

- Fire and road safety talks
- Tours of the fire engine for pupils
- Career insights for secondary school students
- Fire safety advice for Senior Leadership Teams from a business-safety perspective

Community Groups & Care Settings - we can visit:

- Community centres
- Care homes
- Youth clubs

To offer fire safety talks and guidance, which can be followed up with individual Home Fire Safety Visits if needed.

Local Businesses

We can support local businesses by:

- Offering fire safety advice
- Helping staff understand workplace risks
- Providing guidance on business continuity in the event of a fire

Local Events

We are happy to attend village fetes, fairs, and similar events to offer fire safety advice. These events are always popular, particularly with children, as we can:

- Open the fire engine for people to explore
- Provide interactive activities such as operating a hose

Support for Youth Organisations

We regularly work with:

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If you would like to make use of any of these free services, please feel free to get in touch. We look forward to working with you to help keep our community safe.

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Horses were once very important in everyday life. This changed quickly with the advent of tractors, trucks and the motor car.

Horses were used extensively in agriculture; they also hauled delivery carts and buses and everything in between. Some of us may remember the horse-drawn milk float or the coalman and rag-and-bone man. There were blacksmiths, smithies and forges in most towns and villages.

We still have blacksmiths who work in metal, making gates, weather vanes, tools and farm implements, as well as shoeing horses. A farrier is a specialist in equine hoof care.

Whilst blacksmiths and farriers are quite rare today, there are reminders of this aspect of our heritage around The Hundred Parishes, for example in the names Forge Green at Hildersham, Anvil Cross in Great Hallingbury and Smith's End Lane in Barley. The area has five pubs called The Three Horseshoes – a name which probably came about because they had a nearby farrier, ready to deal with a customer who arrived with a horse that had lost a shoe.



Today, dwellings with names like The Old Forge or Anvil House often reveal their earlier lives.

Much Hadham Forge is still in use, part of Much Hadham Forge Museum. The museum usually opens Friday to Sunday, April to December, 11am to 5pm. It is housed in a series of listed buildings, dating from the 15th to 19th centuries. The forge itself dates from the 17th century; today's blacksmith runs forge experience days.

Ashdon once had three blacksmiths in the village. Now, one of Ashdon Museum's excellent displays is a representation of a blacksmith's shop with all the tools and equipment that he would have used. The museum is open April to October from 2pm to 5pm on Sundays and bank holidays and is well worth a visit.

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Activities in or around water can be a fun pastime, especially during warmer months. Around half accidental drownings happen to people who didn't intend to go into the water.

Between 2000 and 2025 HFRS have attended 120 water related incidents.

It's important to know how to stay safe:

1. Keep your phone charged so you can call 999 if you need help.
2. Keep clear of the water's edge - riverbanks can be unstable after very wet or very hot weather.
3. Follow the proper pathways – they're much safer.
4. Avoid unlit routes near water at night and plan a safer path away from the water.
5. A location app on your phone (like what3words) can help emergency services know your location.

If you come across someone, in trouble in the water

- Phone 999 straight away to get help. Ask for the fire service – never enter the water to attempt a rescue.
- Tell the person to stay calm and float on their back.
- Throw something that floats - if it is safe to do so.

We are encouraging pubs etc near water to undertake our training on how to use a throwline. It could save someone's life! To find out more, go to [cpd](http://cpd.customerservices@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

Quick Quiz

Animals

1. An octopus has eight arms, but how many brains does it have?
2. What colour is Zebra skin?
3. What is the collective term for hippopotamuses?

Geography

4. How many times could the UK fit inside the United States?
5. Which famous City is also known as the City of Angels?
6. Which county has the most Trees?

Random

7. Which of these vehicles has circumnavigated the globe in the quickest times

Answers on page 26

Motor Vehicle Thefts

There has recently been a spate of keyless car thefts across Hertfordshire. In many cases, offenders are using devices to capture keyless car signals to fool the vehicles into thinking they have the key, enabling thieves to enter and start the vehicle.

If you have a keyless entry vehicle, please consider purchasing and using a "Faraday" box or pouch for both your regular keys and any spare keys, to block any signal transmissions when the vehicle is not being used.

Tips to prevent vehicle crime:

- Ensure you lock doors and shut windows/sunroof when leaving your vehicle unattended.
- Always remove keys from the ignition when you are not with the vehicle
- When parking, remember to set your immobiliser or alarm or use an approved steering lock or gear lever clamp.

- 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.
- Be aware of your keys. Don't leave them visible on a windowsill or near to your front door, where they could be "hooked" through the letterbox or a keyless signal can be received by relay devices.
- If you have a keyless entry car use a signal blocking bag and consider using additional trackers, steering wheel locks or ghost immobilisers.
- Store car ownership documents at home, not in your car.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activities in the area.

If you need to report a crime please call 101 or go online

Protect yourself from doorstep frauds

The Trading Standards advice is clear: don't deal with doorstep traders. Be very selective when choosing traders to do work on your house -

- Get at least three written quotes - prepare a clear detailed brief beforehand.
- Seek references, read reliable reviews, and ask to visit previous jobs where possible.
- If you can, use personal recommendations from family and friends. Social media is not a personal recommendation and can be easily infiltrated by doorstep criminals.
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Quick Quiz answers

1. Nine
2. Black
3. A Thunder
4. 40 times
5. Los Angeles
6. Russia
7. Hot-air balloon

The Buntingford Railway and Local History Society Programme of Events 2026

January 16 th	A.G.M
February 20 th	Carol Emery – Buntingford Inns and Pubs
March 20 th	Introduction to East – West Project
April 17 th	Phil Wood – Railway Slides
May 15 th	Cristina Harrison – The Doll Family, Hadham Towers
June 19 th	Braughing Station – outside visit 7pm start
July 17 th	Dave Blowers – outside visit Walk to Old Thundridge Church 7pm start
August 21 st	Society Social – outside visit Green End Farm 7pm start
September 18 th	Pauline Hazelwood – Saddle Tank Books
October 16 th	Andy Grovestock – Railways today
November 20 th	Stephen Ruff – Buntingford Branch
December 18 th	Richard Tremaine – Railway Films

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Saturday 11th July 2026
12.00 noon until 6.00pm

Our preparations for the Braughing Fair and Wheelbarrow Race are now firmly underway. The categories for the races, and the entry fees, remain the same as last year as per below! (One thing for which the price hasn't risen for two years now!)

There is no theme for your fancy dress so let your imaginations run wild. **The entries open on Monday 11th May at 8.00am** so please go to our website to enter.
www.braughingwheelbarrowrace.com

	Early Bird Entry Fee	On the Day Entry Fee
Children's Race 6-12 years old	£5	£7
Children's Race 13-17 years old	£8	£10
Adult & Child Race Child must be between 6-17 years of age	£10	£15
Adult Races Men/Women/Mixed	£10	£15
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Dog Show

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 6.00 – 8.00pm

Saturday 11th July

10.00-11.00am
 6.00 – 7.00pm

Sunday 12th July

8.00- 9.00am
 8.00 – 11.00am

TASK

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 Litter picking/clearing bunting/banners, etc.

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Line Dancing (Adults)	Fridays	9.15-10.45am	Sue 07930-302843
Slow-Flo Yoga (Adults)	Fridays	11.00-12.30	Diana 07786-713086
Reiki Drum Relaxing (ALL)	Fridays (Monthly)	7.00-8.45pm	Annette 07769-183286
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Village Diary

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

We will take details of events as far ahead as you like to try to stop events clashing.

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

Every Weekday

7:30-8:30am WASPS Breakfast Club at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre (term time only). For more details visit www.waspsclub.com or Nicola on 07904 391133 nicola@waspsclub.com

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

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

Monday

10am Standon Monday Walking Group, just turn up at The Star at 10am any Monday for an apx 5 mile walk.

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

3.45 Twinkling Stars (4-6 yrs)

4.30 Shooting Stars (7-10 yrs)

5.30 Bright Stars (11-13 yrs)

6.30 Rising Stars (14-18 yrs)

Ali Latchford 01279 966 466

4 and 5.05pm Yoga-nastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford
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5pm 1st Standon & Puckeridge Rainbows. Term time in Standon. sandprainbows1@outlook.com

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 01920 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

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR PARTNER?

New Seasons bereavement group is 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. We 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.

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winter). Diana Foster 07778 031430

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

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

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

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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. braughingscouts@gmail.com](mailto: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

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We have spaces in some year groups!

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

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Website:

www.rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk

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

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 john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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.

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

Community Cafe



at the.....

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

Join us for a drink and a chat on the following

Wednesdays

9.30am to 11.30am

3rd June

1st July

Charity Café supporting Isabel Hospice, with raffle and plant sale



5th August

2nd September



7th October

Macmillan Coffee Morning, with raffle and plant sale

4th November

For more details contact Alison on 07813 702375



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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

- 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
- 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 email benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk
- 11.15 Mass at Old Hall Green Roman Catholic Church. 01763 271471.

June

- 3 Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe, 9.30 - 11.30am in the Lankester Lounge, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
- 7 Braughing Village Walk, 2pm at The Square
- 11 St Edmunds College Sixth Form Open Evening <https://www.stedmundscollege.org/sixth-form/sixth-form-open-evening-discover-st-edmunds-college-sixth-form/>
- 11 Hertfordshire Holly perform at the Fox & duck, Buntingford, 8pm
- 13 Standon and Puckeridge Open Gardens 11 - 5pm
- 20 Midsummer Revels - bring your own Picnic Concert at St Mary's, Standon 4pm
- 24 Midweek music at St Mary's Standon 11.30am

July

- 1 Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe, 9.30 - 11.30am in the Lankester Lounge, Standon

- & Puckeridge Community Centre
- 4 Hertfordshire Holly perform at Ware Carnival
- 5 Braughing Village Walk, 2pm at The Square
- 5 Hertfordshire Holly perform at Anstey Fayre
- 5 St Paul's Walden Bury Open Garden & Music event
- 11 Braughing Wheelbarrow Race
- 11 Song of the Sea at Hertford Museum until October
- 18 & 19 Christ Church, Buntingford Flower Festival
- 18 Ware Choral Society Summer Concert at Ware Drill Hall. Tickets at the door.
- 22 Midweek music at St Mary's Standon 11.30am
- 25 Microfest at Hertford Museum, 12 - 6pm

August

- 2 Braughing Village Walk, 2pm at The Square
- 5 Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe, 9.30 - 11.30am in the Lankester Lounge, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

September

- 2 Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe, 9.30 - 11.30am in the Lankester Lounge, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
- 6 Braughing Village Walk, 2pm at The Square
- 16 Buntingford Adult ILearning for Fun course: Current Affairs starts, details Julia Peacock 01763 272584
- 23 Midweek music at St Mary's Standon 11.30am

October

- 2 Candlelit Supper, St Mary's, Standon
- 7 Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe, 9.30 - 11.30am in the Lankester Lounge, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
- 10 Ware & district Photographic Society Annual Exhibition, 10-4pm Thundridge Village Hall.

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

November

- 4 Standon & Puckeridge
Community Cafe, 9.30 - 11.30am
in the Lankester Lounge, Standon
& Puckeridge Community Centre

December

- 2 Standon & Puckeridge
Community Cafe, 9.30 - 11.30am
in the Lankester Lounge, Standon
& Puckeridge Community Centre
- 5 Christmas Market at St Mary's,
Standon



CHRIST CHURCH

Baldock Road, Buntingford. SG9 9AA

Web site: www.buntingfordurc.org.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/URCBuntingford

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Minister: Rev Sue Fender
revsuefender@gmail.com
01223 375588

Secretary: Peter Godbert
buntingfordurc@talktalk.net
01763 281 359

SERVICES at 11am / URC YOUTH GROUP IN THE HALL at 11am

June	7	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
	14	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Robert Pope
	21	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton
	28	Morning Worship	Rev Sue Fender
July	5	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
	12	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Janet Tollington
	19	Morning Worship	Penny Flynn
	26	Morning Worship	Graham Watson
August	2	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
	9	Morning Worship	Richard Lewney
	16	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton
	23	Morning Worship	Rev Sue Fender
September	30	Morning Worship	Graham Watson
	6	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
	13	Morning Worship	Bob Parkin
	20	Linked Mission Partnership Joint Service	
October	27	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Janet Tollington
	4	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender

Bible Study Course

We usually meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the Church hall
Lunch from 12.30pm

Bring your own lunch tea & coffee is provided

The Course will run from 1.00 – 2.00 pm

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.

Advance Notice

The Church will be holding a Flower Festival on the 18th & 19th July

Did you enjoy playing table tennis?

Your friendly local club plays every Thursday from 6 - 8pm

We mostly play doubles but there are opportunities for singles during the evening

Thundridge Village Hall, Ermine Street, Thundridge
SG12 0SY

More information from

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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john@walkinginengland.co.uk



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Hospital Transport Scheme needs Volunteer Drivers

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

Details from 07922 519174

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



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

Dates for your Diary!

13th June 11.00am – 5.00pm Standon Open Gardens

14th June 3.00pm Gold Arts Award Concert All Saint Little Munden

20th June 4.00pm Midsummer Revels Picnic Concert St Mary's Standon

24th – 27th August 10.00am – 3.00pm Holiday Bible Club St Mary's Standon

2nd October 6.30 – 10.00pm FOSM Candlelit Supper St Mary's Standon

Wednesdays in termtime 3.00pm Café and Lions All Saints Little Munden

Fridays in termtime 9.30am Little Angels St Mary's Standon



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Mind & Music - Songs to
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EACH Thursday 2 - 3pm

Bringing people together to sing a variety of
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Mind & Music welcomes everyone,
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For information contact David Ranford
ranfordd@gmail.com 01992 976762

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

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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

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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...

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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 idetichipping 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 benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk
- St Mary's Church, Braughing: Mr Don Varley, Churchwarden, Church Office - 01920 823832 www.achurchnearyou.com/braughing-st-mary-the-virgin/

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Demonstration evenings, talks and workshops by artists and local arts organisations once a month

Practical painting afternoons to come and work on your latest art project alongside others, whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a chat

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Monthly newsletters, and more

Membership is £20 per year

Membership forms can be found on our website

www.muchhadhamartsociety.co.uk

connecting our community through art



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1st Braughing Scout Group
boys and girls (6 - 14 years old),
contact.braughingscouts@gmail.com
Albury Seedlings Preschool & Albury
Primary School: 01279 771253
Allotments:
Braughing: Ruth Fleetwood
rfleetwood@braughing.org.uk
Gerald Dale 07718 734898
Baby-sitting Circle:
Sylvia Pinnington 822216
Bat Helpline 01992 581442
Bell Ringing: Braughing: Paul Currie
822026, Standon: Tracey Coley
823886.
Bowls Club: Andy Mansfield 07976
237050 or
standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com
Braughing Bird Watching Group
Paula Moore 07983 326163
paulaandpaul@btinternet.com
Braughing Cricket Club & Colts: Peter
Hobson 07874 868691
braughingcricketclub@yahoo.co.uk
Braughing Get Together: Marion
Saunders 821530
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Sheila White
chairbraughinglhs@outlook.com
Braughing Playing Field Association
Trust: Graham Frary 07855 834862
grahamfrary@tiscali.co.uk
Braughing Tennis Club www.braughingtennis.uk denis.clough@btinternet.com
Braughing WI: Kate Fish 822397
Brownies: Register your daughter's
interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - general enquiries to: (Roger
de Clare lunch club): Louise 07971
800443. (evening unit):
firstsandpbrownies@gmail.com
Budding Babes: Tracy 01920 824041
Buntingford Bird Club: Tim Robinson,
01763 243143

Buntingford Choir:
info@buntingfordchoir.co.uk
Buntingford Heritage Centre:
Jenny Dingley 01763 273002
Carols Round the Tree (Standon):
Caroline Franks 822723
Carpet Bowls:
Mike Bennett Mikebennett12@aol.com
Church Choir Braughing: Church
office 823832
Church Choir, Standon with the
Mundens and Sacombe: Michael
Smith 821281
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Dance Classes - Rhythm & Poise
School of Dance: Ballet: Karen
Howarth - 01279 651535 & Tap,
Modern & Jazz: Kate Dutton -
07969 362224
Dance JAM Academy:
Julie McPartland 07971 699615
julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk
Dog Training: Jan Mann 823475
Dominoes: Axe & Compasses,
Braughing - Graham Frary 821715
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Morgan
stevemorgan125@btinternet.com
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Diana Perkins 463755
Embroidery Group: Barbara Norris
822104
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Guides: Register your interest at
www.girlguiding.org.uk - general
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