

One Hundred Years Young



What connects a pensioner enjoying a two-course lunch with friends, to a Brownie earning a badge for first aid or baking? Or a room full of yoga students to a stage full of Sadleir performers taking a bow after a successful play?

The answer of course is Standon Village Hall where all of these activities, have taken place, for the last 100 Years.

On Tuesday 3 December our Hall will celebrate its Centenary, the day in 1919 that Herbert and Gertrude Le Blanc Smith, of the Lordship, presented the Hall to the Village in memory of their son Ralph and the other brave men of Standon who did not return home at the end of the First World War.

Since then our hall, which is one of the nicest and most reasonably priced Halls in East Herts, has been a major hub of village life, with an average of 200 local residents, from 4 -85 years of age using this lovely facility each week. Activities take place every day, including Fitness sessions, Knitting, Quilt making, Dance lessons, Band rehearsals, a club for people suffering from Alzheimer's, Church functions, May Day/Open Garden refreshments, Tea-Time Talks and quarterly Senior Citizen lunches.

We also host two highly regarded Drama productions each year (since 1944), plus numerous one-off events such as parties and the local Polling Station.

If you are interested in hiring the hall please look at our website www.standonvillagehall.org or phone Denis Olliver on 01279 842625 for more information.

Here's to the next one hundred years.

Denis Olliver (Chairman)

Martyn's Lights – an update.

Many of you who live or commute through Puckeridge High Street will, I am sure, be delighted to see the return of Martyn's Lights from Sunday 1 December to Sunday 5 January.

For those of you who are new to the Village, the lights were bought following the sudden and premature death of Martyn Dawkins who ran the Village Shop (now Something Lovely Tea Room). It had always been his wish that the Village do something to celebrate Christmas – in a very low key but effective way, as befitted the man himself. Upon his death, there was an outpouring of kindness from Village residents – all of whom wanted to remember Martyn - and we do it by stringing up some colourful bulbs along the High Street for the Christmas Period.

We are very grateful to local residents who let us attach the lights to their properties and especially the "power houses" who let us use their electricity. All the Bulbs are LED and a string of 100 bulbs uses approximately 100watts – so it is like turning on an old fashioned 100watt light bulb for an evening.

We often get asked why the strings don't run the entire length of the High Street and this is where we need your help. The initial donations raised enough for the strings and bulbs to be bought. But exposure to the elements for a month a year (we are now in our eighth year) causes damage and we have to maintain and replace bulbs and fittings. We also have to have the lights professionally installed (albeit at a charity rate) so the installation is insured and can be signed off electrically. Donations keep coming in, but not enough to buy more strings of lights or pay for more days of installation.

The current team need some support and more volunteers to keep this initiative going; maybe help with the installation (to bring costs down) and hopefully raise some more money. The current team (Rachel, Derek and Richard) will

be in the Crown and Falcon on **Wednesday 8 January** at 8pm to celebrate the turning off of the lights and to share a New Year drink with anyone who feels they can perhaps help us.

MayDay 2020 and the 75th Anniversary of VE Day

MayDay 2020 will be held on Bank Holiday Friday 8 May to fall on the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. We would like to give MayDay a 'Vintage' feel - any ideas please contact us.

We intend to have all the usual attractions but if any local organisations like Cadets, Scouts, Brownies wish to do anything 'extra special' to mark this occasion at May Day, please email us and we will include it.

Could you help?

As always, we desperately need volunteers to help plan and run the event. We have around 5000 visitors and the current committee consists of a mere SIX people!!!

Any ideas for car parking?

To all the local farmers and businesses who have any ground around Standon and Puckeridge please consider allowing us to use it for the day for car parking; we can make a payment for use and deal with signage, marshalling, security or any other issues. Many thanks.

info@standonmayday.co.uk
Sue Spalding, Standon MayDay

Carols Round the Tree, Standon High Street

Monday 16 December @ 6.30pm
Refreshments in the Church afterwards.

Do you have difficulty reading PS News?

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

Christmas Services at St Mary's Church Standon

On Sunday 22 December, come and join us at the new time of 6.30pm (NB change of time) for the traditional and beautiful candlelit Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. There will be carols for all as well as some sung by our benefice choir and the readings from the Bible tell the story of the loving purposes of God, from the time of Adam and Eve through to the birth of Jesus.

On Christmas Eve at the new time of 5pm, is the very popular Christingle service. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. Each piece of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time. There will be carols for all and Christingles will be made and lit during the service.

Later on Christmas Eve, at 11.30pm, come and celebrate the first Communion of Christmas at our Midnight Communion Service. This will also be candlelit.

On Christmas Day itself, at 10.45am, come and celebrate Jesus' birthday at our 10.45am Christmas Family Worship service.

Details from Michael Smith 01920 821281

mpsmith388@gmail.com

Braughing Women's Institute.

Braughing WI have had a busy year. There has been a good variety of speakers with topics including a Journey From Vancouver to Niagara, Contemporary Art, An evening of attempting various Crafts and an amusing talk entitled Day of Dolly Blue and Izal.

The Summer Strawberry Tea was enjoyed by all and the Annual soup lunch well attended. Braughing sent representatives at both The Annual Council Meeting at St Albans and the Autumn Council Meeting at Oaklands.

The WI. now look forward to another successful year.

Programme

January 16 A journey through Uzbekistan from Khiva to Satharhend to the modern day.

February 20 A Craft evening with Anne Styles.

March 19 Bagels and Bacon

April 16 The history of Hatfield House.

May 21 Resolutions.

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

New Members always welcome.
Contact Kate 01920822397.

Village Lunches

Next lunch: Tuesday 3 December, Standon Village Hall

In what seems like long ago, when the weather was warm, we had another great lunch in the Village Hall - everyone enjoyed moussaka followed by fruit crumble, with the fruit commendably free of "air miles" as it came from the gardens of our lovely cooks and helpers.

We were entertained by the very jolly music of a local ukulele band playing songs many of us remembered - and apparently our tuneful singing along could be heard in the Star! Our thanks to the band - you were fabulous.

The raffle in aid of the local Riding for the Disabled was a great success and it was good to learn how the families of some of our guests had benefited over the years from their work.

At the next lunch, the Christmas lunch, we'll be having traditional food and Christmas music and we've sent a letter to Lapland and are hopeful Father Christmas will be free to call by and see us.

New guests are welcome but booking is required. If you live in the Parish and would like to come, call Helena on 822177 or Brenda 822293.

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Friends of the River Rib

The Friends of the River Rib met for their fourth meeting this year at Buntingford Bowls Club in September with 24 people attending including local parish and town council representatives, Sarah Perry, Living Rivers Officer for HMWT and Friends and residents from up and down the Rib and Quin valleys. The meeting began with an introduction from Mark Wilkinson highlighting the plight of the county's chalk streams, the recent attention to the issues on social media and a debate in parliament, also answering questions on the purpose and mission of the group.

A proposed structure for the group with an outline of officer roles was then presented by Andrew Huggins and agreed by the meeting, with Sir Oliver Heald nominated as President (who has accepted) and nominations of Mark Wilkinson as Chair and David Edwards as Secretary agreed and accepted. With the move to a more formal structure, the meeting discussed the importance of good governance and the correct policies be in place, particularly important where seeking funding and potential charitable status in the future.

Updates were given on recent riverfly monitoring and Daubenton's Bat Surveys on the river and plans were discussed to expand the number of monitoring sites. An upcoming event looking for river invertebrates with 1st Braughing Cubs on the Quin was also highlighted.

It was agreed that underpinning all future efforts is the need to map the rivers and their status and conduct river surveys along their entire length. To achieve this we will look to engage with

all the appropriate parish councils and riparian landowners to seek their agreement and permission for the surveys, which will be conducted by HMWT.

In parallel we will continue to raise awareness of the importance of the Rib and Quin both to people and wildlife, through public meetings and events and seek to engage with the appropriate politicians, departments, agencies and water companies on the underlying issues and seek funding for projects that we identify and the meeting agreed that the officers should meet independently to formulate plans, next steps and future events.

It was agreed that the next public meeting will be held on Monday 13 January, venue to be agreed.

Full minutes of the meetings and other updates are circulated to members of the Friends of the Rib email list. If you would like to receive newsletter updates, or if anyone has any old photos of the Rib, please email friendsoftheriverrib@gmail.com or visit our website contact page <https://friendsoftherib.wordpress.com/contact/>.

Braughing Local History Society

Songs & Teas

Entertainment from the Chiltern West Gallery Quire

Sunday, 26 January, 2:45 - 5pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, Braughing

The West Gallery Period: music in country church quires - psalms, anthems and dance tunes heard in and around Braughing 1720 - 1850

Entertainment starts at 3pm, followed by tea and cakes. All welcome

Members: £ 3, Guests £ 5

Early Development of Saxon Towns in Herts (with a look at Braughing)

Thursday, 27 February, 2pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, Braughing

The speaker is David Short

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Tea Time Talks Update Reminiscences

In October 40 people came to a Reminiscences Afternoon in Standon Village Hall. Mike Jackson showed some of his collection of old photographs of Standon, Puckeridge and Colliers End and members of the audience were invited to join in and share their memories of past times.

Interesting facts and stories emerged. We learned that there used to be a local Colliers End Football Team as well as a Plashes Wanderers Team, but no-one knew where they played! In 1944 an unexploded bomb fell near the Windmill pub and residents had to be evacuated to the Regal Cinema. One member of the audience remembered putting on her special children's Mickey Mouse gas mask for the evacuation. Several people remembered attending the Standon School in the 1950's with the forward thinking headmaster who used to take them on school trips, which was unusual at the time. Less fond memories were those of the boys collecting grass snakes in the churchyard at break time and slipping them into the girls' desks!

Many people recollected the huge number of shops in Puckeridge – at one time nearly 40 – including Fordhams,

where you could buy anything from shoes to sofas. There was also an Ice Cream Parlour near New Street Farm. You didn't need to go out of the villages in those days!

Standon Phone Box

Over the summer we received compliments on the planted up phone box in Standon High Street, and we were grateful to the volunteers on the watering rota who helped to keep the display going. The planting has changed for the winter and change again in spring. We are still experimenting with which plants suit the conditions best.

Tea Time Talks 2020

The next season of Talks, Tea and homemade cakes will be as follows:

Saturday 25 January:

Where the Wild Things Are

A look at the work of the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust with Wendy Hartnell

Saturday 22 February:

Hertfordshire Gardens in the Tudor and Stuart Period, Including Standon Lordship by Anne Rowe

Saturday 21 March

The Buntingford Line - A history of

the railway from St Margarets to Buntingford by David Dent

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Tea time Talks Team.

For more information contact Trish 01920 821069 or Helena 01920 822177

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

- 4 December
- 8 January
- 5 February - Charity Cafe supporting World Cancer Day - Cancer Research UK with stalls and raffle
- 4 March

All ages welcome from pre-schoolers to pensioners. There are toys to entertain the toddlers.

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Standon Parish Council News

Standon Parish Council Web Site: Please do look on our web site for up to date information on what is happening in the parish. It is regularly updated with news items by Parish Councillors and information and links to services provided by the Parish, District and County Councils.

Meeting Dates:

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

Parish Council Elections:

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

Being a Parish Councillor:

Being a Parish Councillor is rewarding especially when an issue which affects a resident's life is resolved. Most of the time it means being vigilant for pot holes and other road defects and reporting them on the HCC web site, checking that planning issues are resolved, being involved generally in the community and bringing things which the Parish Council can influence to its attention.

The Parish Council is a corporate body, which means that no Councillor can take a decision on their own. This also means that there are a group of concerned

people to talk to about any issues you feel need resolution.

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications – unfortunately it doesn't mean that the District Council has to abide with any objection the Parish Council may have! The Neighbourhood Plan has been achieved with the help of like-minded volunteers who are an invaluable source of information and action. The Parish Council has been in liaison with developers and achieved some gains for local residents – this is always difficult because many promises may be made which may not result in any actual changes.

The foremost issues which are always coming onto the agenda are:

- Pot holes
- Dog fouling and littering
- Fly tipping

Every Parish Council has pretty much the same issues to contend with.

As a Councillor, you would be expected to attend the monthly meeting, and take on an area which you are either interested in or have expertise in. If there are two or more Councillors interested in the same thing, you can form a working group.

One complaint that

is frequently made is that the Parish Council takes too long to get things done. One of the reasons is that all information surrounding an issue has to be gathered, and a decision taken as to whether the Parish Council can legally take action on it. There are strict criteria which govern the actions of the Council and its Councillors. Please do take a look at the Parish Council web site which has Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Code of Conduct which are the major guiding documents the Council uses to assess its powers and duties.

Please do consider being a Councillor. We particularly need younger members of the community as most of us are at or over retiring age and we need young blood!! The Parish Council is non-political, and holds a strong Equal Opportunities policy.

Burrs Meadow:

The Parish Council has been advised by the owner of Burrs Meadow, Hertfordshire County Council, that it must close all access gates onto the Meadow. Failure to comply is likely to result in the termination of the lease. Hertfordshire County Council has already submitted the meadow under the Call for Sites to EHDC for housing

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development. The Parish Council has written to properties which have installed a gated access, and will write again, requesting the accesses be stopped up. This is to ensure that Burrs Meadow remains the green open space much beloved of the village.

Standon PC Highways Liaison sub-committee:

Volunteers needed!! This innovative group needs volunteers to assist Cllrs Wren and Crook to work on issues which are of high importance to the communities. A Highways professional has already volunteered to provide expert advice so we just need to have volunteers to progress initiatives which will benefit the community.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The Neighbourhood Plan has been formally adopted by EHDC.

A vote of thanks goes to all the members of the Standon Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan group who were the drivers pushing this project forward. Thank you all!!

This means that the document must now be consulted when any planning application is being considered by EHDC. It does not mean that

development will not take place, but it does provide guidance on what may be acceptable. Residents are also able to quote the Neighbourhood Plan if and when they wish to write about a planning application.

Planning:

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

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

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

Use of Parish Council owned buildings and assets:

Standon Parish Council owns the Community Centre and the Village Hall. Can you please be considerate to neighbours when accessing the buildings, and also when you are

undertaking an activity. It is easy to get into conversation with friends and family and forget that people live around both buildings and what is happy conversation to one person, is noise pollution to another! Please do consider the neighbours.

Also, can children please be reminded to take care of community owned assets which includes using the play equipment in an appropriate way. Again, it is easy for children to get excited when they are playing with friends and behaviour may not always be the best it can be. All children like to use the play area, and the Parish Council wants to keep it safe, clean and tidy. We really appreciate your help with this.

Dog Fouling:

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

Allotments:

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A120 roadworks and speed:

The Parish Council has received complaints, and has made HCC aware, that speed has not been reduced as a result of the recent 'improvements'. If sufficient interest is made from local residents, the Parish Council may initiate a 'community speed watch' group. Interested? Please email the Clerk.

Ditches, drains and hedges:

A quick reminder that the maintenance of ditches, drains and hedges is the responsibility of the landowner. Hertfordshire County Council will not cut hedges, or carry out remedial works to ditches, which border a highway. All hedge cutting should be completed before the 1 March, or after 1 September so that nesting birds are not disturbed.

Do you have something you want to raise?

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

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

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

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

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Puckeridge Karate Club

During October Sensei Mike Billman 9th Dan attended the World Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships that was held in Santiago (Chile), this was an exciting visit as a state of emergency had just been declared in the Chilean capital, Santiago, after protests turned violent. The karate championships were the only sports event in the city that wasn't cancelled.

Luckily our club doesn't suffer with this kind of problem at the community centre.

With January just around the corner it's time to start planning your New Year resolutions, so if you want to try something different and get fit at the same time, come and give Karate a go. First lesson is free.

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To the Editor,

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

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

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

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

Who wants to be a Millionaire?

Last summer 26 Ralph Sadleir School Year 5 and Year 6 pupils became millionaires, Renaissance Learning Word Millionaires that is.

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Kesiah M	Adam S
Tomas W-B	Ella B

So how do we recognise this brilliant achievement? Firstly, our millionaires receive a certificate and a place on our roll of honour. Our Head of English, Mrs McIver, hosts a Millionaires Tea Party to celebrate our Word Millionaires and the pupil who reads the most words receives a trophy and a book so that they continue to be a Word Millionaire.



Next year we plan to continue celebrating our Word Millionaires in style. Word Millionaires will still receive certificates, be added to our roll of honour and attend the Millionaires Tea Party. However, this time a non-uniform day will be added to the rewards for all our Word Millionaires.

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Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club

Winter Update



As the sun sets on our 2019 season, we can both look back on a hard-fought match programme and a fiercely contested set of club competitions that have meant that we can mark the season as a success

The men's East Herts Bowls league team staged a revival in the second half of the season to rise up the league to 5th place (within 1 point of third)

The friendly season ended with 50/50 win to losses ratio and our hard-fought

club competitions have resulted in three different winners (with one final to play at the beginning of next season)

Overall, a fantastic year of participation sport, played in a really friendly atmosphere!

If you walk past the club at the moment, you will wonder what has happened to the green – the brown material currently covering surface is a top dressing which will work over the next few months to continually improve the playing surface.

We are always looking for new members – so if you fancy learning more, check out what we have been doing – sign up to our Facebook page Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club or visit our website at <https://standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com/> is fully up-to date and full of pictures of us winning (and losing) matches!!

Don't worry if you haven't got any equipment or don't know what to do – we will show you the ropes and lend you equipment until you know if you like the game or not

Our 2020 Open Day will be held on 25 April – more of this in the next report

All about us:

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

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

League plus a number of friendly competitions with other clubs.

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

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

We are always looking for new members and would encourage ANYONE (young or old) who enjoys competitive sport to think about trying Bowls. Like golf it is a game where hand and eye co-ordination play a vital part in ensuring that you can get the bowl close to the jack, and it's just as addictive as golf!!

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

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Isabel Hospice News

Ware Group Fundraising News

The September Jumble Sale raised £451.80 on the day. Together with Gill Klinkert's contribution of £509.75p. via Ebay, the grand total amounted to £961.55. An excellent result, thanks to Gill.

The result of November's Sale will be reported in the next PS News.

The first Jumble Sale of 2020 will be on Saturday 25 January 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall. Admission Adult 50p. followed by the sale on Saturday 28 March at 2pm.

Donation of items for Jumble Sales is welcomed at Thundridge Hall from 8.30am on the day. We thank everyone for their support of Isabel Hospice.

In October a collection in Ware Tesco raised £332. A further donation of £50 was also received.

Teresa Mattock and Gill Klinkert are organising a stall at the Drill Hall for Ware's Dickensian Event on Friday 6 December 6-9pm. Over the past year at jumble sales we have saved a variety of brand-new quality items suitable for Christmas Gifts for all the family, which will be carefully wrapped and beautifully presented. We hope that you will visit our stall and buy some Christmas presents there.

On Behalf of Isabel Hospice we wish everyone a peaceful and healthy

Christmas and New Year.

Ann Davey Volunteer.

Lights of Love with Isabel Hospice

Lights of Love is a special time for our communities to come together to celebrate and remember those who are no longer with us. For more than 20 years, Isabel Hospice has invited local people to attend these free, uplifting ceremonies. We would be delighted to welcome you to any one of the ceremonies we will be offering this year. The focus will be a 30-minute ceremony, with favourite readings and Christmas carols. The highlight will be the lighting of our tree, each sparkling light dedicated to the memory of someone very special.

The ceremonies are suitable for all ages, and we will provide an art table for children who wish to create their own in-memory tribute. Limited seating will be provided and we recommend arriving early, as parking can be difficult at some venues. At each ceremony, there will be programme, with every person's name being remembered, printed inside. This will be something you can take away and treasure.

Our events:

- Bishop's Stortford, Sunday 1 December 3:30pm. Market Square, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3UU
- Hatfield House, Thursday 5 December 6:00pm. Hatfield House, Hatfield, AL9 5NB
- Cheshunt, Saturday 7 December

3:30pm, Halsey Masonic Hall, Walnut Tree House, Turners Hill, Cheshunt, EN8 8NJ

You can make your dedication at www.isabelhospice.org.uk/lightsoflove or by ringing Isabel Fundraising on 01707 382500.

Oaklands Ball in aid of Isabel Hospice

13 December 6:30pm - 11:59pm
Coltsfoot Country House, Coltsfoot Lane, Datchworth, Knebworth, SG3 6SB,

Join us at Oaklands' Winter Ball in aid of Isabel Hospice at Coltsfoot Country House on 13 December, 6:30pm - midnight. On the night you'll revive an arrival drink and a three Course meal including 1/2 bottle of wine. Disco to dance the night away!!

Tickets cost £65 per person with £25 of each ticket sold being donated to the Hospice. Register your interest on the Oaklands' events page or call 01438 715278

Carols in the Chapel for Isabel Hospice

Haileybury College, Hertford Heath

17 December 7.30pm-10pm

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Tickets cost £20 per person. For more information please contact our events team on 01707 382535 or www.isabelhospice.org.uk/carols

Essendon Country Club 5k & 10k in aid of Isabel Hospice
19 January 8:00am - 1pm

Event Location: Essendon Country Club, Bedwell Park, Essendon, AL9 6HN, Hatfield

Join us at Essendon Country Club for a 10K Race and 5K family fun (run/walk) Sunday 19 January at 8.30am. Hosted in a totally traffic free environment, this event is perfect for all abilities.

Refreshments will be available and there will be a medal for every finisher!

10K - £15 5K - £10

FREE PARKING – call 01707 26036 to enter.

Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale - Come along and find some treasures!
25 January 2-5pm

Event Location: Thundridge Hall, Cambridge Rd, SG12 0TU, Thundridge

Adult Cost: 50p Child Cost: 50p

Thrill Seekers for 2020!

Abseil for Isabel Hospice at the ArcelorMittal Orbit



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Earlybird Registration £70 (ends 31st December)
General Registration £90 (from 1st January 2020)
Minimum Sponsorship £300

Limited spaces available so don't miss out – Sign up now! Call 01707 382500.

Skydive for Isabel Hospice
Soar through the sky for Isabel Hospice!

Event Date: 15 March 7am - 3pm
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Limited places are available to join us!

Earlybird Registration £40 (ends 31st December)

General Registration £50 (from 1st January 2020)

Minimum Sponsorship £500

Limited spaces available so don't miss out – Sign up now! Call 01707 382500.

Wingwalk for Isabel Hospice!



Get ready to experience the thrill of a lifetime!

Event Date: 10 May 11 – 2pm

Event Location: Aveley Road, Upminster, RM14 2TN, Essex

This is the perfect challenge for the ultimate thrill-seeker!

You will be strapped to a classic 1940's Boeing Stearman biplane and flown by some of the best display pilots in the UK.

The aircraft will fly at speeds of up to 135mph at a height varying from 100 to 700 feet including various manoeuvres and transitions, 'dives' and 'zooms' leaving you completely exhilarated!

Earlybird Registration £129 (ends 31st December)

General Registration £149 (from 1st January 2020)

Minimum Sponsorship £750

Requirements

- You must weigh no more than 77kg (12 stone 2 lbs)
- You must be between 18 and 66 years old
- You must be medically fit and be able to climb to the wing walking rig on the top wing (Approx 10ft)

Limited spaces available so don't miss out – Sign up now! Call 01707 382500.

Enjoy coffee and cake at friendly chatter table

It's always nice to have company when you go for a coffee so if that appeals to you, drop into Hertford Theatre and join the monthly chatter table.

Organised by East Herts Council in partnership with Hertfordshire County Council, it's a friendly opportunity to spend some time with other people while enjoying a drink and a cake.

Chatter tables are an all-inclusive space for people of all ages. The tables are clearly marked, letting you know that the people sitting there are happy to talk to others.

Hertford dates

The chatter tables are from 10am-11.30am on: Friday December 27.

Look for the chatter table sign in the theatre foyer and pop along. Tea and coffee is free on those dates.

Eric Buckmaster, executive member for wellbeing, said: "Coffee and cake always tastes better in company and our chatter table looks forward to welcoming you."

Other venues and dates:

Buntingford - 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at The Manor House.

Ware - 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Drill Hall.



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

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ADULT TENNIS for all, Wednesday morning from 10am and Friday afternoon from 2pm. Contact Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152.

CLUB NIGHT Tuesday 6.30, we have Ladies, Ladies 50+, Ladies 60+, Mens and Mixed teams in local leagues and

are always looking for new players. Contact Diana Foster 07778 031430.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME, special rates for parent/child/family membership, for details contact Sally Bradshaw 01920 821152.

SPINS Pre-School

SPINS Pre-School have had a busy start to the new school year. We have welcomed lots of new Children starting their introduction to early years learning. All our new Children have settled well and are enjoying a variety of play based activities.

This term the children have been exploring outdoor sounds and environmental changes. The children enjoyed collecting natural resources (i.e. sticks, leaves, conkers and acorns) which encouraged them to design an indoor Autumn Trail and number activities with the conkers.

We also enjoyed getting messy carving pumpkins, Halloween craft and the children enjoyed dressing up in Halloween costumes.

We also learnt the importance of Firework safety and created lovely firework pictures.

Christmas where they take part in our Christmas Nativity play. We will finish the term with a Christmas party and a visit from Father Christmas!

SPINS Pre-School is open term time only, Monday – Friday from 9.15 am – 12.15 pm, an extended session is available which runs until 2.15 pm. Children can enjoy lunch (provided by you) with their peers and explore other fun-packed activities, which often means venturing outdoors to explore their ever changing environment.

SPINS Toddler Group runs every Monday term time only from 9.30 am – 11.00 am. We offer a very warm and friendly welcome to all parents and carers and their little ones. SPINS Toddler Group allows you to meet new friends over a coffee whilst giving your child the first experience of personal, social and emotional development. This group is aimed at encouraging your child to make a smooth transition into SPINS Pre-School, however everyone is welcome. SPINS Toddler Group will be holding their annual Christmas party on Monday 9 December (tickets available in advance only).

We still have a few spaces for the coming school year if you are interested in our nursery please feel free to phone or email us for more information to join our waiting list. Visits are welcome by appointment only. Tel: 07881 533339. Email: spins.nursery@outlook.com

Still to come this term are many Christmas activities and the children will learn about the meaning of



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Environmental Drought

The following are extracts from an article entitled 'Environmental Drought in Hertfordshire and North London' published by the Environment.

I don't wish to detract from David Edwards articles about Friends of the River Rib but to rather reinforce what he is reporting. The news from the Environment Agency is important and I hope you will all read and take on board their advice. The Environment Agency words are in inverted commas.

'The combination of a drier than average 3 years, high water consumption and climate change means that our environment is suffering. As a result, the Environment Agency's Hertfordshire and North London area is suffering from an Environmental Drought'.

'There is significant stress on our rivers and the life they support across a number of counties, including Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and Buckinghamshire'.

'The South East has the highest water consumption in the country. Much of the water we use and take for granted is taken from rivers and groundwater reservoirs (chalk aquifers). There's lots of work going on to reduce current demand.'

'The South East has in fact received lower than average rainfall over the last 3 years. Recent dry winters mean that we have only received around 50% of the winter recharge since 2016/17. Winter



recharge is where our chalk aquifers are topped up with water. This is the resource that feeds our chalk streams and also the source of much of the water which we all use in our homes.'

'We are out and about monitoring habitats, collecting evidence to inform decisions on drought and abstraction. By having this evidence we can support and enforce better planning to help conserve water for the environment.'

'Over the last 3 years we have been working with water companies, farmers and businesses to balance the needs of water users. We have also worked with Affinity Water to reduce abstraction by 42 million litres per day since 2015, but we know this isn't enough. We have secured further reductions totalling of 33 million litres per day by 2025, a combined reduction of 12% of total groundwater abstraction in their central region. Going forward we will continue to work towards further changes to improve chalk streams.'

'Water companies are starting to ramp up their drought planning to conserve water supplies for next spring. Another dry winter will very likely require Temporary Use Bans

to be implemented next year. We will work with the water companies to do everything we can to plan and protect the environment should we not receive the level of rain we hope for this winter'.

'We are taking action to encourage water companies to promote the importance of saving water to their customers and have recently joined forces with over 40 partners to launch the Love Water campaign. This is aimed at encouraging people to use less water and look after the water we have by taking steps to stop causing pollution. We need the campaign to grow so that everyone knows that water is precious and wants to take action to protect it.'

You can read the full article at <https://environmentagency.blog.gov.uk/2019/10/01/environmental-drought-in-hertfordshire-and-north-london/>.

To protect our environment and the River Rib, residents need to take action now to reduce their water consumption. We are so used to turning on the tap that we don't take a minute to think where that water is coming from.

Our river and wildlife are suffering now; how long will it be I wonder until we are faced with domestic water rationing? A frightening thought but a very real possibility unless we reduce our usage now.

As an extension of this you could say that the state of the River Rib is our fault for using too much water ourselves.

Think about it and heed the warning before it's too late.

Brian Lemay



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All agreed it was a most enjoyable evening with delicious picnic suppers provided by Little Munden Church. There was a licensed bar and even a dedicated Pimm's Bar, plus the prettiest pale green barista coffee van I have ever seen. All Profits went to All Saints Church, Little Munden

Here are just some of the lovely comments from the many thank you cards we received.

- My friends were and I were bowled over
- It was lovely to be able to share the evening in "Good friend's company"
- A marvellous evening both the picnic supper and the magnificent play
- What excellent entertainment, delicious food and stupendous organisation in beautiful surroundings
- Altogether a great evening. We'll all come again!
- What an amazing evening
- Thank you and your helpers so much, it was magical
- Please reserve me tickets for next time
- The Theatre group were a complete joy

As many people have commented, we need more of this type of Community event

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The church is also

open for coffee and bric-a-brac sale on Tuesday mornings. Many people just drop in for a coffee and a chat in a very welcoming atmosphere. Some people prefer to talk in a quiet side room. Others are more comfortable at a table in the main hall. They may meet people in a similar situation and benefit from sharing their experiences. Some come just once or twice, but many return regularly. There is no need to phone first – people are welcome to just call in.

Christmas Extravaganza' Family Christmas Concert Sunday 8 December 3.00, Ware Drill Hall

Get in the festive mood with our spectacular family-friendly Christmas concert featuring local primary school choirs. Enjoy festive music and Christmas carols with audience participation.

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1st Standon and Puckeridge Guides

We had a record intake of new Guides in September, and all have enjoyed their first term at Guides, whether they had been a Brownie before or were new to Guiding.

We raised almost £100 for Macmillan by holding a Biggest Coffee Morning event for parents, and every Guide who participated received an event badge due to Girlguiding Anglia's partnership with the charity during 2019/20. We also participated in the national Girlguiding Future Girl Acts on Plastic event where we recorded the amount of single use plastic used by unit members (48 Guide lengths), created sea creatures, and made promises to reduce the amount of plastic we use, reuse items and to always recycle. In November we participated in UK Parliament Week and found out about the workings of Parliament,



campaigned on policies, voted, and made edible sparklers for Bonfire Night.

Guides also participated in Remembrance Sunday parades in Standon and Braughing, the Brownie sleepover at Paradise Wildlife Park and the Scout and Guide Band.

We invited Puckeridge Karate Club to run a session to teach the Guides some basic moves and demonstrate the skills a few years of training can give you. We also held a Task Master fun evening, and are enrolling all our new Guides at a Promise and badge presentation evening.

2nd Standon and Puckeridge (Roger de Clare Lunch Club) Brownies

Our lunch club Brownie Pack at the school has been using our limited time and space to full effect.

We have made our ideal rooms in shoe boxes, made sock puppets and created a short performance, and found out about our power to influence others.

We also participated in the national Girlguiding Future Girl Acts on Plastic event and collected our plastic for a week. We made an owl from the items we collected, and made our plastic promises. In November we participated in UK Parliament Week, found out about Parliament and made edible sparklers for Bonfire Night.

The highlight of term was a joint sleepover with evening Brownies and a couple of Brownies from



Saffron Walden. We had an exclusive after hours visit to the zoo with the keepers, a session in the soft play area just for us, a sleepover, and then a day at the zoo.

The Brownies also participated in the Remembrance Sunday parade in Standon and visited Ware Fire Station with evening Brownies.

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The main;

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The Pudding;

A serving of indulgent Yule log, and a platter of tropical fruits.

Tea

Cold ham, and leftover turkey, pasta salad with tinned salmon, couscous with roasted Mediterranean veg, pickled onions, beetroot, red cabbage. Maybe chunk of cheddar, and crispbreads. Grapes, satsumas, a cup of coffee and an After Eight mint to finish the meal.

Sounds tasty, doesn't it?! And not looking very different from yours, no doubt?! But its the careful use of sugar and fat that keeps my members losing weight.

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The Story of Stanley Nicholson, a 1st World War Soldier

All of the men on the Standon War Memorial have an interesting back story, but the story of Stanley Nicholson is perhaps more interesting than some, partly due to the fact that, having tracked down his family, they have kindly let me have access to personal letters that has mostly been impossible to find for most of the other men.

The Nicholson family came to Wellpond Green from the Manchester area via a short spell in London sometime in 1908. A short time before that, Stanley's father had disappeared from the scene, leaving Stanley and his siblings, two brothers and one sister, and their mother, Minnie, who before very long, married a 'farmer' Frederick Wilson Davis. I suspect their property at Wellpond Green was more of a smallholding than a farm. In 1913 Minnie lost her second husband, the

stepfather of her children.

In 1914 the eldest of the three sons, William, decided to emigrate to Australia to seek his fortune, followed the next year by Stanley aged 17 and Leslie, just 14, leaving behind their mother and sister Linda.

In 1916 William joined the war effort. Stanley, who had been working as a boundary rider, followed William, but he had to wait for his mother's permission before enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force.

Both William and Stanley were wounded in France, William suffered a gunshot wound in his thigh in October 1917 and returned to England for recovery before being sent back to war. Stanley was also wounded, in an arm in August 1918, recovered and went back into the fray.

Having survived the war with a relatively minor injury, Stanley became ill and was hospitalised on at least two occasions, and the impression, from his

hospital records, is that he was not diagnosed correctly until his third admittance. The record dated 19th November 1918 shows he had appendicitis, which was unrecognised and untreated for too long. He was shipped back to



Linda

England, presumably following surgery, but his condition then turned to nephritis, a kidney disease, likely exacerbated by the appendix problem. He was visited on at least two occasions in hospital in Birchington, Kent by his mother and sister, and it is his sister's letter to brother William that follows, dated just one day before Stanley died. Stanley is buried in the churchyard at Standon, with a Commonwealth War Graves headstone. He was given a full military funeral, with firing party from the Australian Army, the service attended by a large number of parishioners.

There is reference in the following letter, to Linda's arm, and her aching legs. This could be reference to the result of a fall from a horse, which sadly led to paralysis, the cause of her death shortly after Stanley was buried. Linda was buried just six weeks after Stanley. In the burial register, just one other name separates the brother and sister.

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Oaklands, Standon Herts
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Dear Willie,

The Sydney Mail which have come, I will save for you, there are about half a dozen, but now they have stopped coming.

Mother and I have been over to see Stanley for the week and it was just over a hundred miles from here. We had to go has the matron sent two telegrams saying he was dangerously ill, but I think when we left him on Monday he was a lot better & he hopes to be home soon. We have not had any snow I am pleased to say. I should think you hand must be painful, it does not hurt me to write has it is my left arm. Mother's Birthday is Feb 2nd I must try to get her something, She is feeling a bit miserable, what with my arm & ----, and she would be so pleased to have all of you home for a while.

Mother has send you £10 on last Wednesday so perhaps you have received it by now.

Mother and I feel dreadfully tired after our journey because it happened on Friday just has we got back from Standon station from the hospital, we found the telegram at Mr Burr's and then we rushed of again to London by the next train not having time to come home even and there we were in London finding out the way to get to Birchington, but we could not start

before six o'clock in the morning and that was twelve at night then we looked for a shelter & the only one we could find was a church open all night for soldiers or anybody & we sat there for five hours & were glad to get away to Victoria Station & after all that worry by (my) legs kind of ache & I feel I can't walk far, & Mr Burr that night send somebody to Carlings ? to look after the animals & they did not explain it properly but however he did his best. & then he did not know of some pullets shut up & they went without food & water from Friday to Monday night & when we got home, Mother lit the fire & prepared tea while I went with a lantern and fed them

Your affectionate

Linda

Postscript 1: Stanley's mother Minnie, remarried in 1920 to Henry Glidewell, and it was perhaps under this name that she was known when she ran a small shop at Wellpond Green, which was the subject of a comment by Frank Hislop in the book of local reminiscences 'The Way It Was'. She died in 1949.

"There were two very basic shops in Wellpond Green which sold groceries etc., Mrs Case and her daughter ran one, they were rather 'sweet' and we used the facility quite often. Mrs Glidewell ran the other; her oil lamps were not well maintained, the shop reeked of paraffin and the ceiling was black." Frank Hislop also mentioned that bread was delivered daily from Burr's Bakery - which would

explain why Mr Burr, who ran the post office and bakery, had volunteered to feed the animals at the smallholding.

Postscript 2: Minnie was the granddaughter of a certain William Roberts, a wealthy man who owned the Crown Brewery in Greenheys, Manchester. He paid for the construction of Christ Church, Didsbury, on the proviso that it would be built near his house so he could see the church. There is a stained glass window in the church in memory of their benefactor.



Stanley,
left and
Minnie,
below



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5	Wilhelmus Rufford	1350	B	32"	6 1 3
6	Miles Gray	1616	A	34"	6 2 9

As Christmas approaches, we are more likely to hear the distinctive sound of church bells. Most of our church towers were erected with the specific purpose of housing bells high above the rooftops so their sound could be heard over a wide area, calling people to worship or, sometimes, to celebrate a special occasion.

Church bells come in many different sizes, the larger giving a deeper tone. Of Hundred Parishes churches, Saffron Walden has most bells with 12, the largest weighing over a ton. Some bells are extremely old: Great Waltham, Little Hallingbury, Little Hormead, Stretthall and Westmill each have one dating from the 14th century.

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A peal typically takes around 3 hours so requires organisation and great concentration and stamina. Peals are rarely attempted, but when successfully achieved they may be recorded in the church on a "peal board" giving the bell-ringers' names and the title of the change sequence or method that was used.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Labour Party

East Herts Rural Branch

The local party is now concentrating on the General Election. We had selected our candidate only shortly before the election was called. Selection was made at an all-member meeting, where every member present had a vote. We had a strong shortlist of two men and one woman, and each of them made a presentation and answered questions from the audience.

The result was that Kelley Green was selected. She was born in Welwyn Garden City and has spent most of her life in Hertfordshire, but moved to Cambridgeshire where she now helps to run the family farm. By training she is a landscape architect and has worked for many years as a town planner in local government, specialising in regeneration.

Last year, she was elected to Cambridge City Council, where she is vice-chair of the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee and has been particularly concerned with environmental issues and with the provision of affordable housing.

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Winter Health

Just because it's cold and damp outside isn't reason to slip into hibernation mode. The expression 'use it or lose it' is even more important in winter as we tend to make all manner of excuses not to be active. Try to use any opportunity you can for a very brisk 30 minute walk outside.

Time outside has been scientifically proven to lift peoples moods and positivity.

Maybe offer to walk other people's dogs?

- Start taking Vit. D tablets October to March
- Still use sunscreen, all year round. UV rays can still damage your skin even when cloudy.
- Try hard to avoid carbs. Big thick chunky veg. soup will really fill that need.
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- Try to arrange friends to visit on wet weekends for Board Games and Charades.
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In November we held our AGM to elect a new committee and to welcome our new chairman, John Noades, a former mayor of Buntingford.

Plans for the future were the major point of discussion. Members of the group are in the process of firming new bonds with local schools and their French counterparts and part of this has happened through "The Bake Off" held at Edwinstree school whilst our French visitors were in Buntingford earlier in the year. The future of twinning is with families. This year has seen some of the children who went to Luynes 30 or more years ago return to help with it's future direction.

Despite, or perhaps because of, Brexit we all believe that cultural friendships between European neighbours are now more important than ever. Politics can be put to one side and each other's attractions such as food, drink and customs can be experienced at minimal cost.

In 2020 we will be hosting a visit from our Spanish friends in Olvega and it is our turn to go to Luynes in France. The dates are being discussed at present and will be announced as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to know more about joining in with the exchanges and we always welcome new members.

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I am so pleased and amazed to have won two fantastic awards. It's wonderful to be recognised for the excellent job all the practitioners at Attend2Health do. We are extremely passionate about providing the best possible care for our patients. From writing a book on low back pain, being a Fellow of the British Chiropractic Association and having such fantastic reviews all helped. As a clinic we also like to raise money for charity through different charity days or holding a charity ball. We are so pleased we can help so many people.

Louise Hampton

Stansted Airport Goes Off the Boil

After 63 consecutive months of year-on-year growth, Stansted Airport has posted a reduction in passenger numbers in each of the past three months. Passenger numbers were down 0.5% in July, down 3.7% in August and down 2.7% in September. The overall reduction over the three month period was some 200,000 passengers, equivalent to a year on year decline of 2.3%.

In sharp contrast, Stansted's biggest rival, Luton, posted a 7.3% increase for three months to 31 August with 5.3 million passengers. Heathrow – which is already, effectively, at full capacity – also achieved a small increase (0.7%) handling 22.7 million passengers in the same three months, whilst Gatwick was level at 14.2 million passengers.

It is understood that part of the reason for Stansted's decline in recent months is the non-delivery of new Boeing 737 Max aircraft to Ryanair. All Boeing 737 Max aircraft have been grounded since March following two fatal crashes. It is not yet known when (or if) these safety problems can be satisfactorily resolved to allow Boeing to recommence aircraft production and deliveries to Ryanair, which accounts for four out of every five passengers at Stansted.

Stansted's passenger numbers are also expected to be down in October, partly due to the collapse of Thomas Cook at the end of September.

Stansted's cargo business is also substantially down with a loss of 28,000 tonnes (11%) on a year-on-year basis, with the result that the number of cargo aircraft using Stansted is down 6%



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SSE Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "These latest Stansted Airport traffic figures, showing declines across the board in passenger numbers, flights and cargo activities, demonstrate the nonsense of 'Project Fear' whereby Stansted Airport and some local business leaders were seeking to panic Uttlesford District Council into a hasty approval of the airport's expansion plans. There is no question of growth being stifled."

Peter Sanders continued: "We have consistently pointed out the Stansted Airport Planning Application for 43 million passengers a year (54% more than in 2018) was premature. There is absolutely no rush for any decision. At the very least, Uttlesford District Council should do nothing until we all know the outcome of SSE's legal challenge in the High Court, which took place in November."

Reconsider Airport Decision says Independent Legal Advice

The 2018 Stansted Airport Planning Application should be considered entirely afresh. That's the verdict of leading planning barrister Paul Stinchcombe QC in an independent legal opinion prepared for Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE). In the interests of transparency the full (25-page) legal advice is online at [http://](http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/)

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The QC's opinion sets out the key precedents in planning law and confirms that Uttlesford District Council (UDC) is lawfully entitled to reconsider the entire Planning Application even if there have been no material changes in circumstances or any relevant new considerations.

However, a number of new material factors which have arisen since the Application was provisionally approved last year mean there is not only an entitlement to reconsider, but an obligation to do so.

The QC's advice explains that, provided there are good planning reasons, the new Planning Committee could quite lawfully and reasonably reach a different planning judgment from the former Committee who, by the slenderest of margins (the Chairman's additional casting vote), provisionally approved the Application last November.

It is worth noting that the five members of the former Planning Committee who voted in favour of the expansion plans last year are no longer councillors, whereas the five who opposed it were all re-elected and all continue to serve on the Committee.

Importantly, the legal advice also points out that UDC could support SSE's High

Court challenge for the Planning Application to be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). If UDC's barristers – as well as SSE's barristers – made representations to the High Court that the Application should be treated as a NSIP, there would be a greater prospect of success and, if the case is won, the responsibility for the Application would automatically transfer to the Secretary of State for Transport thereby removing the risk of a costs award against UDC as well as the costs of a Public Inquiry.

SSE Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "This leading QC's opinion provides a comprehensive and balanced assessment of the issues and clearly shows that UDC would not only be justified in re-considering the 2018 Stansted Airport Planning Application, but is obliged to do so."

"Furthermore," he continued, "we urge UDC to make representations to the High Court for the Planning Application to be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. There is compelling logic for UDC to do so, not least in the interests of local council taxpayers. A successful outcome would remove all risks of a costs award against UDC as well as the costs of a Public Inquiry."



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This year our farmers celebrated the season of mellow fruitfulness with good crops of wheat while the hedgerows have been well-stocked with crab apples, sloes, rose hips and hawthorn berries. Folklore hints that masses of fruits foretell a harsh winter to come; in reality the favourable conditions last spring enabled the flower buds formed the previous summer to blossom.

Each year has its own unique pattern of weather with records of notable events. The spire of Finchingfield Church blew down during the great storm of February 1661. The inhabitants of Finchingfield suffered again as 16 barns were destroyed in the great storm of November 1703. The freezing conditions of the very cold winter of 1895 allowed the people of Saffron Walden to enjoy tobogganing by moonlight while folk in Dunmow held an ice carnival. There are many accounts of hot summers when wells ran dry or hail ruined crops.

Those who study long-term trends are concerned about the warming of the atmosphere, hotter summers and an increase in the frequency of storms which can cause serious flooding, damage to trees and property and loss of power.

In May the UK Government declared a Climate Emergency with ambitious plans to plant 50 million trees per year

across the country to help soak up carbon. Current tree cover in the Hundred Parishes is about 6% and any new trees will bring significant visual changes to its landscape. Trees produce timber, habitats for wildlife and reduce flooding risk. Groups of trees can modify the local climate by providing shade, cooling the air and making urban areas more attractive.

To ensure that this project is successful, consideration must be given to the location of plantings and the most appropriate species, with maintenance plans so that these new trees thrive.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

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Puckeridge WI

Unfortunately Puckeridge WI will be suspended and hold it's last meeting in December after 7 years running in the village. Only half of our membership came from Standon and Puckeridge, with the other half coming from Buntingford, Cheshunt, Hertford, Bengoe, Thundridge and the surrounding areas, all wanting our less traditional approach to the Women's Institute. With two members of the committee stepping down, we couldn't fill the roles that we needed to.

It has been a pleasure to be part of a fantastic group of women, and we are all planning on staying in touch for monthly meet ups, without the banner of the WI.

Parking Meter Scam

You are approached by someone who pleads with you to help them with a parking meter that won't accept their foreign card.

They ask you to use your card to make their car park payment, and they will give you the cash.

Once you have entered your card and PIN number, your card will not come out of the machine. They ring who they say is the meter company who tells you they will send an engineer to fix the machine and will contact you later to return your card.

Once you have left, they retrieve your card and use it.

Colliers End Village Hall Committee.

In response to the article featured in the September issue of the PS News, regarding "Development in Colliers End", The Planning Mole.

As a group of concerned villagers of Colliers End we would like it noted that we were very appreciative of the information shared by the planning mole regarding the development at the north end of our village.

In our busy lives, sometimes we are not all able to be fully aware of exactly what is happening all around us and those willing & able to take the trouble to help in ANY area of village life should be appreciated for their commitment to our community.

As villagers we were not fully aware of the size of the proposed development, certainly not at to the South if the village.

In previous cases where development has been proposed we were invited to view plans & meet with developers in our Village Hall in a very neighbourly manner, an act that was very much appreciated.

A construction of this size in the village may have lead to a healthy debate. We watch with interest as our new visitors make us of their new premises. Colliers End Village Hall Committee.

Recent Spike in Telephone Scams

We are have been experiencing a "spike" in the number of reports of scam telephone calls where the caller is claiming to be a police officer. In the recent series, the caller claims that the money in your account is counterfeit.

They ask you to assist the 'police investigation' by withdrawing money from your bank account and handing it to someone who come and collect it.

You may be told not to trust the bank staff and to use a cover story if you are questioned about why you are making the withdrawal.

Some fraudsters ask you to dial another number to speak to someone to corroborate their story. In reality, the phone line is held open and you simply speak to the fraudster's accomplice.

While many people recognise scam calls, some people - particularly those who are elderly or vulnerable - have fallen prey to these highly persuasive fraudsters and have lost money.

It is therefore vital that these people in particular are aware of the scam, so we are asking you to share this advice with anyone who may be vulnerable to this crime.

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If you are concerned about the money in your account, you should contact your bank by visiting your local branch or by contacting them on their published number.

Supermarket Car Parks - Thefts from Customers

Two thefts in supermarket car parks in different parts of the county were reported recently. This is part of an ongoing trend of thefts of handbags and wallets taking place in local supermarket car parks throughout the county.

Circumstances vary, but always involve a customer being approached in the car park by a stranger, who distracts them by asking a question or asking them to look at something.

A typical scenario is where a customer is putting their shopping into their vehicle. A stranger approaches and distracts them by pointing out a concern in relation to their car. While they are distracted by looking at the potential car problem, an accomplice grabs their unattended handbag.

A similar scenario is where a stranger approaches the customer and asks for directions. Again, while the customer is focusing on giving directions, their property is stolen.

In most cases, the victim's cash is stolen and their cards are used quickly at a nearby location. In some cases, the thief

has watched the victim entering their PIN number while paying for their shopping.

Although residents of different age groups have been targeted, we have received most reports where the victims have been senior residents.

Protect Your Money

Please be alert to this crime type and share this alert with neighbours and relatives.

When loading shopping into your vehicle, be conscious about where your handbag or other valuables are. Place them out of reach of passers-by and don't leave them unattended, even for a moment.

Should a stranger approach you with a question, finish loading your shopping and lock your valuables into your vehicle before speaking with them.

Please use your hand as a shield while entering your PIN number when shopping or at cash points.

Keyless cars

I know that we have brought this to your attention before but due to thefts of two cars, both BMW's from the Walkern and Aston areas, I am keen to send another reminder.

If you have the type of car where you may just jump in with the key in your pocket, push a button to start and away you go, then please be aware that given the right circumstance a criminal equipped with the correct tools may pinch the vehicle in seconds.

This is how it is done;

A 'relay attack' is worryingly simple, making it all the more alarming for owners of cars with a keyless entry

system. Once a car has been targeted, two criminals work together using electronic signal relay devices to steal the vehicle,

normally from outside the owner's home.

One criminal stands by the targeted car, while the other one stands close enough to the house to enable the device to pick up the signal from the key fob.

This signal is transferred to the second box, which is placed alongside the car or in the hands of the criminal, effectively fooling the car into 'thinking' the key is present.

With the doors unlocked, the criminals can start the car at the press of a button, leaving them free to drive away.

In order to secure your car, one of the most simple crime prevention measures is to place your key in a metal box such as a biscuit or cake tin, one may also purchase a key pocket. Basically any Faraday cage will do the trick.

Police or Banking Official Scam

Action Fraud are alerting people across the UK to an ongoing fraud problem where residents are receiving phone calls from people claiming to be a police officer or banking official.

There have been numerous reports of this fraud type in Hertfordshire recently.

The caller will say either:

- 1) There has been fraudulent activity at the victims' bank and bank staff are involved. The victim is then asked to withdraw money to either keep it safe or assist the police with their investigation.
- 2) A business such as a jewellers or currency exchange is fraudulent and they need the victims' assistance to help secure evidence by purchasing jewellery or exchange a large amount of currency to hand over to the police.
- 3) The victims' card has been compromised and used to purchase goods by a suspect, the victim is requested to withdraw their money to keep it safe or hand their bank card to the police.

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The caller may tell the victim to lie about the reason for the withdrawal or purchase if challenged by staff, claiming that the staff members are involved in the fraud.

Occasionally the victim will be told to dial a police number to receive confirmation of the story.

A courier attends the victim's home address to collect the goods the same day. Often the victim is given a code word for the courier as a way of authentication.

Remember, your bank or police would never:

- Phone and ask you for your PIN or full banking password
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping
- Ask you to transfer money out of your account
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards to cheque books

Using your phone while driving could cost you £200 and six points on your license!

Police are clamping down on motorists who use mobile devices and reminding them to keep their eyes on the road, not on their phone.

Drivers using a mobile phone while driving are four times more likely to be involved in a collision, according to a recent Parliamentary report. A moment's distraction is all it takes to crash, resulting in potentially devastating, life-long consequences for not only the driver, but their passengers, other road users and pedestrians too.

Looking at your mobile phone means you are not looking at the road. Our advice is put your mobile in the glove-box as soon as you get into your vehicle.

More than 1,500 people were caught using their mobile phone across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire last year:

- 371 in Bedfordshire
- 483 in Cambridgeshire
- 717 in Hertfordshire

Of these, two thirds were under the age of 40. Anyone caught using a mobile phone while driving will be fined £200 and will receive six penalty points. Any driver caught using a mobile phone within two years of passing their test, will have their licence revoked.

The Symbol of Christmas

The symbols of Christmas are everywhere: on cards, in shop windows, on television. Red-breasted robins, snowmen, Christmas trees, Father Christmas, choirs outside churches, Victorian coaches driving through thick snow. Some of these symbols are seasonal; some are nostalgic; some are semi-pagan; and some have Christian roots that are now pretty-well forgotten.

These symbols have great power. They bring back memories of our childhood. They have importance for children today. They give a vision of better times when life was simple. Even the snow speaks of purity and fresh hope. Of course, we all know that this is only half the truth (if it is truthful at all) but still the symbols give us hope. If anyone doubts the power of symbol, just think of Christmas.

Into this comes the symbol of Jesus, sometimes buried beneath the

accumulation of other symbols but always there. When a council tried to rebrand Christmas as "Winterval" the outcry was too great for it to survive. Christ is still (at least for now) an essential symbol of Christmas. Yet it is a sanitised Jesus, surrounded with gentle animals, a bright star and exotic kings. The full Christmas story is rarely told; it is not suitable for children! Look at the slaughter of the innocents in Matthew 2 and you will see what I mean.

The hope we have in Jesus at Christmastime goes far beyond symbol. It is historic, relevant and radical. Jesus is sign of hope for unmarried mothers, for families under stress, for the religiously marginalised, for the homeless, for the politically oppressed, for the refugee, for those without hope. The Christmas story shows that God will give justice to all of these marginalised, whilst those who repress using the power of politics and religion are seen for what they are: opposed to God and ultimately judged by him.

The Christian belief is that the birth of Jesus was the most important event the world had ever known, and his life was the turning point for all humankind. The Christian belief is that he was actually God himself, come to earth, limited by human physicality but displaying all the attributes of God within that limitation.

This is why the birth of Jesus is still a great hope for us today. This is why the marginalised can have hope and the powerful should be concerned. This is why Christians worship him, because he is not only the ultimate symbol of Christmas but also hope for today and eternal life for the future. You are very

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On His Shoulders

Some of the Christmas cards you receive might contain familiar words, words you will certainly hear if you attend a traditional Carol Service with bible readings. Words that speak about Jesus: "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".

"The government will be upon His shoulder" has layers of meaning, but at its simplest it means that Jesus, in His position within the Godhead, governs all the natural laws of this world and the universe beyond. Laws that scientists commit their lives to discovering so they can be harnessed and applied for our benefit. So, if Jesus carries the government of the universe on His shoulder, that should give us confidence to believe He is then well able to take care of any concern that we might be carrying.

There is a well-known story about a man who, in a dream, saw his life stretched out as footprints along a sandy beach. As he looked back over his past, he saw that for much of the time there were two sets of footprints, and he recognised that Jesus had been walking with him. However, he was troubled that at the most difficult times in his life, there was only one set of footprints in the sand, and he said to Jesus, "Why did you leave me during the times I needed you the most?" Jesus replied, "I never left you for a moment; it was in those times that I lifted you up and carried you."

Jesus once told a story about a shepherd who had 100 sheep who discovered as he was counting them one night that one was missing. The shepherd was so concerned about that one sheep that he left 99 in the field to go and find the lost one, and having found it, Jesus said the shepherd carried it home on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Notice that he carried the lost sheep home on his shoulders – both shoulders. The bible sometimes refers men and women as sheep and Jesus referred to Himself as The Good Shepherd; the picture He painted in that story is that whilst the weight of the universe is carried on one shoulder, when it comes to looking after us, He employs the strength of both shoulders – that's how much God cares for you and me.

In another picture, someone stands before Jesus and asks, "How much do you love me?" In reply, Jesus stretches His arms wide and says, "This much!" And He died.

That's the real message of Christmas. At Jesus' birth, stately governors – kings – from another land travelled to worship

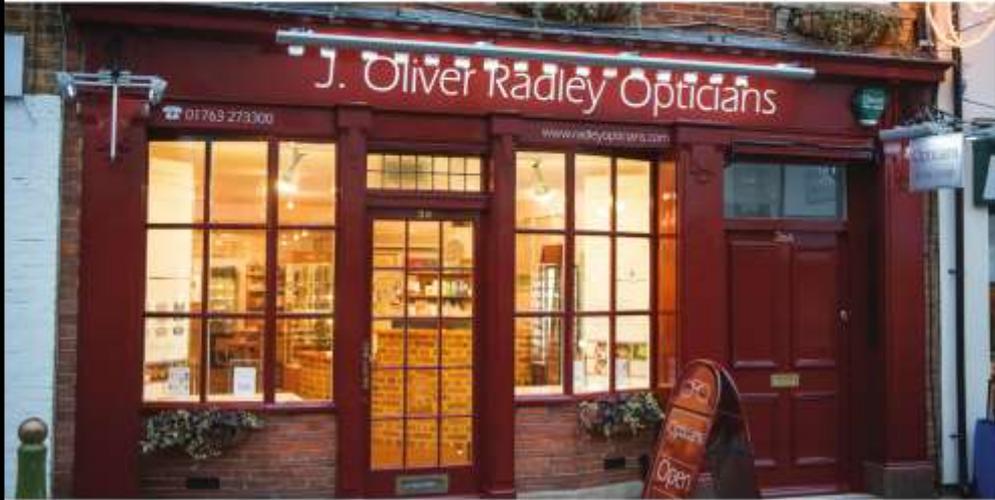
Him, and as did simple shepherds who had been looking after their flocks in the fields. Jesus came for us all, from the highest born to the lowliest, and everyone in between. And from the cradle to the cross, and beyond the tomb from which Jesus was raised, He walks with anyone and everyone who is willing to share with Him this life's path - and beyond that into eternity. Jesus isn't just for Christmas, He's for life – everlasting, eternal life.

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- Could the render do with repairs?
- Are the soffits/fascias all in good order?
- Have any tiles slipped on the roof?
- And could indoors really do with a paint makeover, take a good look.

All these things tend to get overlooked now as we go in semi-hibernation. But plan ahead to that our team can get you booked in so you are not waiting for the work and can schedule it to suit your availability.

Your garden > thinking ahead

When it comes to adding a new plant have a good read through the plant type and its final height. Every year we dig up so many plants where clients didn't realise how big they would grow. Not only that, when you constantly prune many shrubs that are trying to reach a much bigger size, they lose their true beauty.

Also it is good to know some plants actually have a lifespan such as Lavender and Heather. Have a good look at your plants individually. If you saw them in a pot in a garden centre, would you buy it? If the answer is No then get rid. It means it's not giving you pleasure. Or if possible move to a more wild location where its appearance doesn't matter. Or even ask a neighbour, if they can accommodate a bigger space for it.

Plant to help insects

Think ahead by way of Bee Plants or any insect loving plants. Insects are vital to our plants and crops. To realise how seriously in decline they are think back. When was the last time you had a windscreen covered in unfortunate insect incidents? This was a regular summer chore of having to clean car bonnet, headlight lights and windscreen of insect collisions.. not so now sadly.

But bees are truly vital. A report in 2017 found that 33% of wild pollinating insects have declined between 1980 and 2013.

We have lost 97% of wild flower meadows since WW II.

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Tini Tigers (Cheerleaders)	Saturdays	9.15-10.15am	Sophie: 07847 380652



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Saturday January 25th

Where the Wild Things Are

A look at the work of the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust

Wendy Hartnell

Saturday February 22nd

Hertfordshire Gardens in the Tudor and Stuart Period

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Anne Rowe

Saturday March 21st

The Buntingford Line

A history of the railway from St. Margarets to Buntingford

David Dent

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All talks at 3.00pm in Standon Village Hall

For more information contact Trish 01920 821069 or Helena 01920 822177

Village Diary

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

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

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

Every Weekday

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

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

3.15-6.15pm WASPS After School Club

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Monday

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

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

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

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

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

4.30-8.30 Rib Valley Gymnastics and Trampoline Buntingford. Monday Trampoline Freman College:

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

Starlight Stars:
Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

3.45 Twinkling Stars 4-6yrs

4.45 Shooting Stars 7-10yrs

5.45 Bright Stars 11-13yrs

6.45 Drama Stars (Group acting) 10-14yrs

Call Alex 01763 287691

6.35 Zumba Fitness at Standon Village Hall. Details 07578 994221

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

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

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

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

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- 10am Nifty-Fifties Exercise Class for the over 50's. Standon Village Hall. Details Denise Sallows 01920 823072
- 10am – 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700.
- Third Tuesday Colliers End Village Walks followed by refreshments. Details Suzanne Anderson 07896 699844
- 10.45 Nifty@fifty + exercise classes - 11.15am Chair-Aside exercise. Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Denise Sallows 01920 823072
- 11.30 Punchline Boxing (adults) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Adam Davidson 07903 657146
- 1.30-3pm Little Fishes Mother & Toddler, & Little Fishes Church, Braughing Church Hall. Term Time only. Parish Administrator 01920 823832

- Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club
5pm Mini Orange/Green (8-10 yrs)
6pm Junior Club night
7pm Senior Club night
Details Cliff Devonshire 07709 355655.
- Starlight Stars at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
4pm Hip Hop 7-11 yrs
4.30 Advance Street Dance(UDO) 12+yrs
Call Alex 01763 287691
- 4.30 -7.45 Ballet at Braughing Church Hall: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535
- 5.30 Beavers (6-8yrs Scouts) Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Term time only, Angie Adamson 01763 849902
- 6pm Tap, Modern & Jazz at Braughing Community Centre: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224
- 6pm 2nd Buntingford Brownies. Term time in Buntingford. Email for details jill228374@hotmail.co.uk
- 6.15 1st Standon & Puckeridge Brownies. Term time in Standon. Details Naomi Divall 01920 822169
- 6.30 Cubs - Puma Pack (8-10½ years, Scouts), term-time only. Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre.

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

Wednesday

- 8.30 Under 1's Childrens' Group, Standon Village Hall. Details Kelly Brightman 01920 463949
- 9.15 Service of Communion at St Mary's Standon, followed by refreshments (No service in August)
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clare 07966 213880
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Hadham Village Hall
 10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Details Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152
 10am – 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700
 11am Pilates Group Standon Village Hall. Details Judy Coward 01920 822812
 11.30 Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sue 07854 316628
 12.30 Bramble Hill Children's Centre young parents group. (Term time). Details 01763 273008
 2pm Second Wednesday of the month – Ware U3A, Wodson Park, (doors open 1.30pm). Pat Davidson, 01920 438309
 2.15 - 4.30pm Little Munden Cafe at All Saints Church, Little Munden. April - October.
 3pm Friendly club bowls game. New members and interested people welcome. Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club, Station Road, Puckeridge. Details John Simmons 821282
 Dance JAM Academy – Standon Village Hall
 4pm Baby Ballet (3+ Years)
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 5pm Grade 1 Ballet (8+ years)
 5pm Prep/Primary Tap (5-8 years)
 6pm Prep/Primary Freestyle (5-8 years)
 julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk
 4.15-6.15 Gymnastics Edwinstree Middle School. Details Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
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3.30 Mini Movers Street Dance 4-6yrs
 4pm and 4.45pm Street Stars 7-14yrs
 Call Alex 01763 287691
 5.45-6.15pm Scout and Guide Band, Jenyn's School. Term time only. Details Derek Goodall 07790 875862 / derek.goodall1@btinternet.com
 6.15 Punchline Boxing (juniors) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Adam Davidson 07903 657146
 6.30 Cubs - Cheetah Pack (8-10½ yrs, Scouts), term-time only. Braughing Church Hall. Details Derek Goodall 01763 273149.
 6:30 Scouts (10½ - 14½ years old), term-time only. Braughing Old Boys School. Details Simon Smith 07773 016567
 6.30 Braughing Aviation Society meetings. First Wednesday of the month at the Axe and Compasses, Braughing. Details Ray Hankin 01920 832191
 7pm Braughing Tennis Club night. Details Karen Gore 07860 484878
 7pm Zumba classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Diana 01920 822667
 7pm Guides during term time in Braughing. Details Louise 07971 800443
 7.15 till 8.45pm Ranger Girl Guides (14+ years), Cottored Guide Centre, SG9 9QP. Details Rosanne Kenealy 01920 821304
 7.30 Explorer Scouts (14-18 yrs) Bowling Green Lane, Buntingford. Meets throughout the year Details Christine Pestle 07711 506281
 7.45 Third Wednesday Ware and District 41

Club, The Robin Hood & Little John, Tonwell/The Axe & Compasses, Braughing. Book in with Peter Warren 01920 824099
 8pm Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sue 07854 316628
 8pm Ware Photographic Society meets at Thundridge Village Hall, September to May. Details: Barbara Norris 01920 822104 www.wareps.org.uk
 8pm First Wednesday of the month, East Herts Aviation Society meets at the The Sword Inn Hand, Westmill, Buntingford. Details Ray Hankin (rayhankin@hotmail.co.uk) or Vic Flintham (vf@flintham.org)

Thursday

Starlight Stars:
 Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
 5pm Sing Up! (Group Singin) 7-16yrs
 5.30 Rising Stars (Musical Theatre) 14-18yrs
 Call Alex 01763 287691
 4.45pm 1st Standon & Puckeridge Rainbows. Term time in Standon. Details sandprainbows1@outlook.com
 Puckeridge Karate Club
 Juniors: 7-8pm, Adults 8-9.30pm, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details 01763 231132 or at TG's Convenience Store.
 7 Puckeridge Karate Club meets 7pm at Standon & Puckeridge

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- Community Centre. Details Clive Bowen 01763 231132
- 7 Church Choir meets at St Mary's Church, Standon. Details Michael Smith 01920 821281.
- 7 Punchline Boxing (adults) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Adam Davidson 07903 657146
- 8 Hertfordshire Holly, Mixed Clog Morris Dance Side. High Cross Village Hall. New dancers and musicians welcome. Details Mary Deeks 01920 822905
- 8 Prayer and Life Group, A10 Christian Mission. Details 01920 821684.
- 8.30 Standon Morris practice nights, Standon Village Hall, Oct to Apr. Meet in The Star from 8pm - new male & female dancers & musicians welcome (aged 12 and over) Tel: 07808 969379

Friday

- 2pm Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Details Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152
- 4.15-6.15pm Rib Valley Gymnastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford. Contact Andrea Allen 07989980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- 7:30 Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 years old), Christ Church, Ware. Meet throughout the year. Details Jim Campbell 01920 461134.
- 8 Ware Swimming Club Trials evening. All welcome. Training evenings are Monday and Friday. Details Mr Vanner 01920 464439.

Saturday

- Dance JAM Academy – Ralph Sadlier School
- 8.45am Grade 3 Tap
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10.00am Grade 2 Tap
10.30am Grade 2 Freestyle
11.00am Choreography
11.30am Musical Theatre
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- 9am - 1pm at Jenyns School Braughing:
Ballet: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535 & Tap, Modern & Jazz: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224
- 9.30 First Saturday of the month - help with work in Standon Churchyard.
- 9.30 Vinyasa Flow with RedYoga at Standon Village Hall. Details Saskia 07590 964016
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clare 07966 213880
- 12.30-2pm Contessa Vaulting Group training sessions and competition practice. All welcome. Details Tina Layton 01920 821792
- 6pm Evening Mass at Puckeridge Roman Catholic Church. Details 01763 271471.

Sunday

- 9.30 Vinyasa Flow with RedYoga at Standon Village Hall. Details Saskia 07590 964016
- Braughing, St Mary the Virgin Services:*
1st Sunday: 11:15am All Age Holy Communion
2nd Sunday: 9.30am Morning Worship & 5:45 Refresh - informal service
3rd Sunday: 11:15am Holy

- Communion
4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
5th Sunday no service in Braughing - shared Holy Communion service 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Stocking Pelham.
- St. Mary's Church Standon: Please see the church notice board or service cards or the monthly church newsletter for up-to-date information. Details: Michael Smith (Churchwarden) 01920 821281
- 11.15 Mass at Old Hall Green Roman Catholic Church. Details 01763 271471.
- 11am Main service at The Methodist Church, Braughing. Details Revd David Mullins 01279 654475.
- 2.45 -5pm Braughing Sunday Teas. Every Sunday May - 14 October (excluding 3 June). Home-made cakes and teas in the Church Rooms, plus homemade jams.
- 4.45-6pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church), at Roger de Clare School during term time. 4th Sundays 10.45am at St Mary's Church. Details Marion Smith - email: benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk website: www.ubsms.org.uk

December

- 1 Brent Pelham Christmas Fair 11-3.30pm at the Village Hall.
- 1 Isabel Hospice Lights of Love, 3.30 at Market Square, Bishop's Stortford. Details 01707 382500
- 3 Puckeridge WI Christmas Meal Details info@puckeridgewi.org



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- 4 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 5 Isabel Hospice Lights of Love, 6pm at Hatfield House, AL9 5NB. Details 01707 382500
- 7 Stay & Play at Hertford Museum. 10-4.30pm. Details 01992 582686.
- 7 Isabel Hospice Lights of Love, 3.30 at Halsey Masonic Hall, Walnut Tree House, Turners Hill, Cheshunt EN8 8NJ.. Details 01707 382500
- 8 Christmas Extravaganza, 3pm at Ware Drill Hall. Tickets from Hertford Tourist Information 01992 584322.
- 10 Teeny, Tiny, Toddler Christmas at Hertford Museum. Details 01992 582686.
- 12 Knit and Natter at Hertford Museum, 1.30-3.30pm. Details 01992 582686.
- 17 Teeny, tiny, Toddler Christmas at Hertford Museum, 10.15-11.30am. Details 01992 582686.
- 17 Carols in Haileybury College Chapel, 7.30pm. Tickets £20 per person from 01707 382535.
- 20 Manchester Ship Canal talk for Buntingford Railway and Local History Society. The Crown, Buntingford, 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 22 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's Church, Standon. 6.30pm
- 24 Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Standon. 5pm.
- 24 Midnight Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Standon. 11.30pm
- 25 Christmas Family Worship at St Mary's, Standon 10.45am.
- 27 Chatter Table at Hertford Theatre, 11.30, all welcome.

January 2020

- 8 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 8 Martyn's Lights team at the Crown

- & Falcon celebrate turning off the lights and share a New Year's drink. All welcome. 8pm.
- 13 Friends of the River Rib meeting, details <https://friendsoftherib.wordpress.com/>
- 16 A Journey through Uzbekistan, talk for Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 21 Buntingford Railway and Local History Society AGM. The Crown, Buntingford, 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 25 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU. Details Ann Davey 01920 462992.
- 25 Where the Wild Things Are, A Tea Time Talk at Standon Village Hall. 3pm Details Trish 01920 821069.
- 26 Braughing Local History Society Songs and Teas with the Chiltern West Gallery Quire, 2.45 - 5pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing.

February

- 2 Hertford Symphony Orchestra Concert 'Musical Tales' for children. 2.30pm and 4.15pm Tickets Hertford Tourist Information 01992 584322.
- 5 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Supporting World Cancer Day. 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 20 A Craft Evening for Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 22 Herts Gardens in the Tudor & Stuart Period, A Tea Time Talk at Standon Village Hall. 3pm Details Trish 01920 821069.
- 27 Early

Development of Saxon Towns in Herts (with a look at Braughing), talks for the Braughing Local History Society, 2pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing.

March

- 4 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 19 Bagels and Bacon, talk for Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 21 The Buntingford Line, A Tea Time Talk at Standon Village Hall. 3pm Details Trish 01920 821069.
- 28 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU. Details Ann Davey 01920 462992.

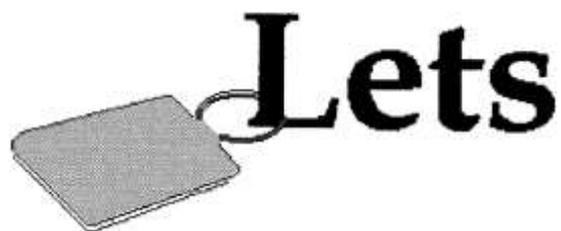
April

- 16 The History of Hatfield House, talk for Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.
- 25 Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club Open Day. Details standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com

May

- 8 Mayday on a Sunday this year - 75th Anniversary of VE Day.
- 16 Resolutions with Braughing WI. Church Hall, Braughing at 7.30pm. Details Kate 01920 822397.

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17 Hertford Symphony Orchestra Concert 'Nordic Fantasies'. 7pm. Tickets Hertford Tourist Information 01992 584322.

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2 Hertford Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert 7.45pm. Tickets Hertford Tourist Information 01992 584322.

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Sunday 8th December		
10.45am	United Holy Communion	Standon
Sunday 15th December		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Little Munden
10.45am	United Worship	Standon
6.30pm	Candlelit Carol Service	Little Munden
Sunday 22nd December		
9.15am	Holy Communion	Little Munden
6.30pm	Nine Lessons and carols	Standon
Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)		
3.00pm	Christingle Service	Little Munden
5.00pm	Christingle Service	Standon
7.30pm	Candlelit Carol Service	Sacombe
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Standon
Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)		
9.15am	Christmas Family Worship (with Communion)	Little Munden
10.45am	Christmas Family Worship	Standon
Sunday 29th December		
10.45am	United Holy Communion	Sacombe

Midweek Holy Communion Services
Tuesdays 9.30am, St Catherine's Sacombe:
Not on 24th or 31st December
Wednesdays 9.15am, St Mary's Standon:

Services at St Mary's Braughing

December

1st 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 1st 11.15am All age Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 4th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 8th 10.00am All Age Morning Worship at St Mary's Braughing
 8th 11.15am Holy Communion at Furneux Pelham
 8th 5.45pm Refresh (informal) at St Mary's Braughing
 11th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 15th 9.30am Café Church Christingle at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 15th 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 18th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 22nd 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 22nd 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 22nd 4.00pm Carol Service at St Mary's Stocking Pelham
 22nd 6.00pm Carol Service at St Mary's Braughing
 24th 3.00pm Nativity Service at St Mary's Braughing
 24th 6.00pm Carol Service at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 24th 11.30pm Midnight Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 25th 10.30am Christmas Day Celebration at St Mary's Stocking Pelham
 29th 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's Stocking Pelham

January

1st No Holy Communion at Braughing
 5th 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 5th 11.15am All age Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 5th 7.30pm Twelfth Night Carols
 8th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing

12th 10.00am All Age Morning Worship at St Mary's Braughing
 12th 11.15am Holy Communion at Furneux Pelham
 12th 5.45pm Refresh (informal) at St Mary's Braughing
 15th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 19th 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 19th 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 22nd 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 26th 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 26th 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 29th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing

February

2nd 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 2nd 11.15am All age Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 5th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 9th 10.00am All Age Morning Worship at St Mary's Braughing
 9th 11.15am Holy Communion at Furneux Pelham
 9th 5.45pm Refresh (informal service) at St Mary's Braughing
 12th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 16th 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 16th 11.15am Holy Communion with prayers for healing at St Mary's Braughing
 19th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 23rd 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 26th 9.30am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing

Details of all services from Rev'd Julie Gawthrop 01920 823531



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www.ralphsadleir.herts.sch.uk

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



Come and arrange a tour of the school with our Headteacher.

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Contact Information:
 Shilton Road
 Puckeridge
 Hemfordshire
 SG11 1TF
 01920 821363
 info@rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk

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Website:
www.rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Bulky Waste, Unwanted / abandoned cars & Flytipping

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

Bulky waste details: One household item - £28 (£10.00 per item thereafter, maximum 4). Check price before using.

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

Car batteries, engine oil, Fridges and Freezers

All are recycled at:

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

Buntingford Household Waste Site, Aspenden Road.

Ware Household Waste Site, Westmill Road.

Cameras & Photography Books

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

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

Domestic Batteries

Standon Post Office & supermarkets

Foreign Coins

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

Ink & toner cartridges

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

Computers

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

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

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.

Knitting wool

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

Stamps

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

Mobile phones

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

Sunglasses & Spectacles

The large chains of opticians, e.g. Boots or 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.

Waste Disposal

For further information, call WasteAware on 0300 1234 051
All Household Waste sites are closed on 25 & 26 Dec and 1 Jan.
Aspenden Road, Buntingford.

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High Street, Puckeridge, Herts, SG11 1RZ
Tel: 01920 821450 www.stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk

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- "An outstanding, caring school offering an excellent education and outstanding opportunities for pupils' personal development" Ofsted 2007
- Welcomes girls and boys from Nursery to Year 6
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Phone 01920 463178 for further information
www.puller.herts.sch.uk

Open: Mon - Fri 5pm - 8pm,
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Westmill Road, Ware
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www.tpsonline.org.uk/tps/number_type.html

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We shoot at Hunsdon, Nr Harlow & Hillside Nr Thurfield once on a fixed Sunday per month.

We have a growing ladies section, more are welcome.

Colts under 18 years free membership (conditions apply).

Membership is £20 pa + £5 joining fee.

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Collette Olive 01920 823128 or 07709 431404

Email colletteolive@btinternet.com



Much Hadham Pre-School



We offer a fun, stimulating, supportive, safe and caring environment for every child. We're Ofsted registered.

We have limited places available from April 2016 and there is funding available.

It would be our pleasure to show you round. Please ring us on 01279 842614 between 8.45am and 12.15pm in term time and ask for Maria. Follow us on Facebook. Much Hadham Pre School, Oudle Lane, Much Hadham, SG10 6DQ

Westmill Nursery

Offering a secure family-friendly environment for children from 2 to 5 years old. Open Monday to Friday during term time.
Tel: Sarah or Sandra 01763 273005 or 07934 195812
Email: westmillnursery@btinternet.com

ALBURY SEEDLINGS

Within the beautiful small setting of Albury School we are now able to offer "Albury Seedlings", caring for children from the age of two, developing young minds through play.

We have flexible sessions, 9 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday. We are registered for funding for children aged 2 to 4 years.

If you would like to come for a visit or to find out what places we have available, please call 01279 771253.

citizens advice East Herts

Free, confidential advice.
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Drop-in Advice:

Hertford

Mon	10am - 2pm	Council Office
Tue	Closed	Wallfields, Pegs Lane
Wed	10am - 2pm	Hertford
Thu	10am - 2pm	SG13 8EQ
Fri	Closed	

Bishop's Stortford

Mon	10am - 2pm	74 South Street
Tue	10am - 2pm	Bishop's Stortford
Wed	10am - 2pm	CM23 3AZ
Thu	10am - 2pm	
Fri	Closed	

Ware

Tue	10am - 1pm	20 Tudor Square (near Prezzo)
		West Street, Ware
		SG12 9XF

Buntingford

Mon	10am - 4pm	The Manor House
Tue	10am - 1pm	21 High Street
Wed	10am - 1pm	Buntingford
Thu	Closed	SG9 9AB
Fri	Closed	

Sawbridgeworth

First Monday of the month	10am - 12pm	Town Council Offices
		Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street
		Sawbridgeworth
		CM21 9AN

Telephone Advice: 03444 111 444
Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm
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Hares
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Providing football for boys & girls of all abilities.

ACADEMY - for boys & girls age 3 to 6 years at Roger De Clare School, every Thursday 4pm - 5.15pm starting on March 5th 2015, cost £3 per session.

Appropriate clothing for the weather & shin pads must be worn. Sessions will be run by an FA Level 2 qualified coach. Further information please contact Rob Cavill on 07816 215378.

Mixed teams from U7-U13, Girls & Boys teams from U14-U18 email HHFC2000@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Isabel Hospice Shop

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping to run our shops. Half a day a week is the usual volunteers' stint.

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

Our van driver also needs help with collections and deliveries 01707 395002.

Do you feel needed and valued?

Might you have some time to spare? Would you like to help other people maintain independence and dignity in their homes and communities, particularly in later life?

If so, call Pauline on 01992 552069 to find out about volunteering for the WRVS Good neighbours scheme locally."

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: Wendy Smith 07922 519174

Age UK Volunteers needed

Age UK Hertfordshire is always on the look out for Volunteers to help support its many projects. A variety of interesting roles are available so no matter how much time you have available or what your level of skills and knowledge are, then we probably have

something just right for you.

For further information please contact 01707 323 272 or e-mail: info@ageukherts.org.uk

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

Something missing?
Fill the space in your home and your heart.

FOSTER WITH US
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering

Talking Newspaper for the Visually Impaired

Hear all about it!

Do you know someone who would like to keep in touch with local events?
www.bstalkingnewspaper.co.uk
01279 651270 or 651313

Do you want to play chess?

Hertford Chess Club is a small friendly club with players of all strengths and ages. We meet in the Hertford Club, Lombard House, Bull Plain, Hertford with oak beams and a private bar!

Contact Alan 01920 463698 or www.hertfordchessclub.com

Westmill Village Hall

Available to rent for functions

To enquire about costs and availability please contact:

Mike McRae on 01763 272147

or email mjismcrae@aol.com

Organising a Party?

Child's? (Up to 14 years), Anniversary? Xmas function? Retirement? Works get-together? Even a wedding?

Why not hire the lovely

Standon Village Hall for the event?

Very reasonable rates! (Maximum 80 persons)

Ring Denis on 01279-842625

For further details!

Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon SG11 1LE

www.standonvillagehall.org

Police Contacts:

Number for NON 999 calls: 101

Crimestoppers: 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

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

Tel: 01920 823860 (inc out of hours).

Surgery is open:

Mon – Fri 8.30am – 6pm

Minor Injuries Unit

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.

Traveline

0871 200 2233

www.traveline.co.uk

Victim support

0300 303 0165

Abandoned Vehicles

01992 655261

**Herts Society for the Blind
Sight Line**

The Sight Line telephone number is:
01707 324680, Monday to Friday
between 9:00am and 4:00pm

**Age UK Hertfordshire
Information Line**

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

Information Line: 0300 345 3446

Trading Standards

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

Post Office Times**Braughing**

Wednesdays and Saturdays 9am-Noon
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

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)

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 10.00 - 19.00

Tuesday 10.00 - 18.00

Wednesday 10.00 - 18.00

Thursday 10.00 - 18.00

Friday 10.00 - 18.00

Saturday 10.00 - 17.00

Sunday 12.00 - 16.00

Buntingford Library:

Monday 10.00 - 17.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 17.30

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday 10.00 - 17.30

Friday: 14.00 - 17.30

Saturday: 09.00-13.00

Ware Library:

Monday: 10.00 - 17.30

Tuesday: 10.00 - 17.30

Wednesday: 14.00 - 17.30

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 10.00 - 17.30

Saturday: 10.00 - 17.00

East Herts District Council

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

www.eastherts.gov.uk.

Herts County Council**Contact details:**

Adult Care Services 0300 123 4042

Children, Schools & Families

0300 123 4043

Fire Safety 0300 123 4046

Highways Fault Reporting

0300 123 4047

www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults

Trading Standards 0345 404 0506

Waste Aware 0300 123 4051

General Enquiries 0300 123 4040

Textphone Users: 0300 123 4041

Animal Warden

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

Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre
is now available for hire.

Meetings/Parties/Regular Bookings.

Call Sally on 07854 916404

Email: communitycentre@tesco.net

www.standonandpuckeridgecc.co.uk

GRANTS AVAILABLE

Standon Charities can offer grants (typically £50-100
for school trips, special equipment for a disabled
person, etc) to meet the needs of individuals or groups
in the ancient parish of Standon
(which includes Colliers End and Wadesmill).

If you think that you, or someone you know, could be
eligible for a grant, write to the Clerk (including a
phone number) John Harris on 01920 822887

Halls for hire

- Braughing Church Hall and Old Boys School, (up to 120 with kitchen facilities) – contact Phil Firmin 01920 823120, email phil.firmin@outlook.com
- Braughing Playing Field Association Community Hall - Contact Sue Fox - suefox1@hotmail.co.uk
- Colliers End Village Hall (40 people comfortably, with kitchen) - Contact Sandra Chadwick 07976 254379
- Dane End Memorial Hall
David Hart 01920 438976
dane-endhallbookings@Outlook.com
- Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre - Contact Sally Sperring 07854 916404 communitycentre@tesco.net
- Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon – Contact Denis or Beverly Olliver on 01279 842625
- Westmill Village Hall. Contact Mike McRae on 01763 272147 or email mjsmrae@aol.com

Local Churches:

- A10 Christian Mission: Contact Revs Colin & Teresa Marks 01920 821684
- Methodist Church, Braughing: Minister Reverend Gill Hulme 01279 504157
- Old Hall Green & Puckeridge Roman Catholic Churches: Fr. John White 01763 271471
- Puckeridge Chapel, Century Hall, Station Road. Pastor Bill Harrow 01920 821366 pastorbill@puckeridgecc.co.uk
www.puckeridgecc.co.uk/index.html
- St Mary's Church Standon: Rev John Chitham 01920 739483 / 07495 504433 or email: rector@ubsms.org.uk
www.ubsms.org.uk/
- St Mary's Church, Braughing: Rev. Julie Gawthrop 01920 823531
vicar@braughing.org.uk
www.achurchnearyou.com/braughing-st-mary-the-virgin/

Braughing Bridge Club



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

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

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

Braughing Sing Choir

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

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

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

Shotokan Karate

Come and give it a try. Self defence and physical benefits for everyone from age 6 years upwards.

6.30 - 7.30pm every Monday
Community Centre, Luynes Rise, Buntingford

Information: Mr P Deacon 01462 642922

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For more information phone: 07510 178200

Email: hbirddropin@gmail.com

www.hummingbirdcancersupport.org

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London SW1A 0AA
Phone 01462 486074
E-mail:
oliver.heald.mp@parliament.uk
www.oliverhealdmp.com

County Councillors

Braughing, including Puckeridge and Standon up to the A120

Jeff Jones 07836 232963
jeff.jones@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Ware North (Standon from the A120 into Ware)

David Andrews 07818 580084
david.andrews@hertfordshire.gov.uk

District Councillors

Braughing

Cllr Ben Harris-Quinney 01920 821446
ben.harris-quinney@eastherts.gov.uk

Little Hadham

Cllr Geoffrey Williamson 01279 771272
geoffrey.williamson@eastherts.gov.uk

Puckeridge

Peter Boylan 01920 822026
peter.boylan@eastherts.gov.uk

Standon

Cllr David Andrew 01920 823836
david.andrew@eastherts.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

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

Braughing

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

Little Hadham

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

Standon

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

Parish Councils

Braughing

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

Chairman:
Kathryn Riley
kriley@braughing.org.uk

Web site: www.braughing.org.uk

Lt Hadham

Clerk:
Mr B M Evans 01279 842803
clerk.little.hadham@ntlworld.com

Standon

Clerk:
Belinda Irons 01763 838732
clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chairman:

Chris Leage
cllrleage@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Web site: <https://www.standonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Westmill

Bernadette King 01763 273356.
Email:-
clerk@westmillparishcouncil.co.uk

Chairman:

Mike McRae 01763 272147
mjsmcr@aol.com



Your Scout Group needs You

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

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

RDA It's what you can do that counts
Riding for the Disabled Association
Incorporating Carriage Driving

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- More volunteers are needed to work with a friendly group helping young children with special needs to enjoy the pleasure of riding.
- No experience with riding or horses is required.
- Sessions held at Contessa Riding School, Colliers End, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during term time
- Even if you can't commit to every week we need a bank of volunteers to call on when necessary.
- What we do is a great help to the children we support and a very fulfilling experience.



For more details contact Gill Roberts on 01279 844032 or gillian.roberts6@btinternet.com Charity Number 1074385

LOCAL DIRECTORY

All phone No's are 01920 and clubs in Puckeridge or Standon unless shown otherwise

- Albury Seedlings Preschool & Albury Primary School: 01279 771253
- Allotments:
Braughing:
Ruth Fleetwood
rfleetwood@braughing.org.uk
Puckeridge: Brian Durrant 822331
- Aviation Society:
Vic Flintham 01763 289636
- Baby-sitting Circle:
Sylvia Pinnington 822216
- Bat Helpline 01992 581442
- Beavers: 6-8 years old,
Angie Adamson 01763 849902
- Bell Ringing:
Braughing: Peter Glazebrook 821554, Standon: Stephen Coley 823886.
- Bishop's Stortford Railway Society:
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- Bowls Club: Andy Mansfield 07976 237050 -
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- Braughing Cricket Club: Peter Hobson 01920 438361
- Braughing Cricket Club Colts: 438361 07774 961829
- Braughing Local History Society:
Mary Cockburn
mary.cockburn@bopenworld.com
- Braughing Playing Field Association Trust: Graham Frary 07855 834862
grahamfrary@tiscali.co.uk
- Braughing Society:
Sandra Lynch 823500
- Braughing WI: Kate Fish 822397
- Bridge Clubs:
Sue Dailly 823692
- Brownies: Register your daughter's interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - general enquiries to: (Roger de Clare lunch club): Louise 07971 800443. (evening unit): firstsandpbrownies@gmail.com
- Budding Babes: Tracy 01920 824041
- Buntingford Bird Club: Tim Robinson, 01763 243143
- Buntingford Choir:
Mandy or Gareth 0781 491 2595
- Buntingford Heritage Centre:
Jenny Dingley 01763 273002
- Carols Round the Tree (Standon):
Caroline Franks 822723
- Carpet Bowls:
Mike Bennett
Mikebennett12@aol.com
- Church Choir Braughing: Church office 823832
- Church Choir, Standon with the Mundens and Sacombe: Michael Smith 821281
- Conservative Assn:
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- Dance JAM Academy:
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- Dog Training: Jan Mann 823475
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- East Herts Aviation Society: Ray Hankin (rayhankin@hotmail.co.uk) or Vic Flintham (vf@flintham.org)
- East Herts Geology Club: Diana Perkins 463755.
- Folk Music Club:
Stortford 01279 656664
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- Friends of Braughing Church:
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Secretary 821978
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- Mayday Committee:
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Rachel Law
rachelaw79@yahoo.co.uk
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