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St Mary's Church, Standon

As I write this, excitement is growing and invitations are going out. Our new Rector, Rev John Chitham, will be joining our benefice on 26 March at 7.30pm, and plans are well underway for the service at which he will be instituted. He and his wife, Basma, will move into the Vicarage in early March.

John is currently serving as Chaplain to the Bishop of Blackburn. Before that, until 2016, he was a Vicar in Worthing, serving several churches over a period of 17 years. John's experience is wide-ranging, and includes leading a church in Beirut from 1995 to 1998. I imagine he has some interesting stories to tell.

When John arrives, it will be almost 10 months since Alan left us. In that time, a dedicated team has worked to maintain all of our work in these villages, and I hope you feel that we've kept the ministry and mission of the Church not just functioning but moving forward. We have received enormous amounts of help from visiting clergy, who have led our communion services, taken weddings for us and spoken at St Mary's at the School, and we are hugely grateful for the support they have provided.

We are all looking forward to John and Basma's arrival, but the work of the Church is never invested in only one person. We are all the Church; the body of Christ called to work for God in our communities. Our Rector leads us, but we all have a part to play in the great commission that Jesus gave us, to tell everyone about the good news of God's love.

The service on 26th is open to all, as are all our services in St Mary's. There's no such thing as a private service in any of our benefice churches. All are always welcome. Please come along if you'd like to be part of that rather grand and quite formal installation service (there'll be three Bishops there, so the hats will be worth seeing!). If that doesn't appeal, or you can't make 26th, you will be more than welcome at any of our services, as we welcome John and

Basma to our benefice and get to know them.

Each month, we hold a range of services. At 10.45 on the second Sunday of each month, and at 8.00 am on the first one, there are communion services, when we gather round the Lord's table to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. On the third Sunday of each month, we have morning worship, when we gather to sing God's praise and bring him our worship and our prayers, and learn more of him as we explore the Bible together.

On the fourth Sunday, we meet for more informal family worship, where we include contemporary songs and incorporate activities for children. Each Sunday apart from the fourth, at our afternoon service, St Mary's at the School, there is discussion as well as Bible reading, prayer and praise, and the younger members take part in Messy Church. Most months, we hold a Choral Evensong service, much loved by many (and finding increasing followings of young people in many of our cathedrals), where the congregation can be transported by beautiful music, written over many centuries to honour God and enhance worship.

A full list of the services in our benefice is available on page 39.

Caroline Franks
Reader (Licensed Lay Minister), St Mary's, Standon.

Standon Mayday is on Monday 6 May

High Street in Standon from 1pm.

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

The arena items will include dancing by the children of Roger De Clare School, Starlight Stars, Stortford Cheerleaders, the Crowning of the May Queen and finishing with the infamous Duck Race.

Entry will be by programme on the gate at a cost of 50p each.

Standon May Day is a unique charity event cherished by the people of the village and visitors alike. This year is the 44th on the High Street, making it one of the longest established traditional festivals in the country. It is a fantastic occasion for local groups to fundraise and advertise.

I would like to thank everyone in Standon and Puckeridge for their continuing support of May Day, I know that it disrupts the people who live on the High Street for the day and we all appreciate their forbearance.

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

Could you help?

If anyone would like to volunteer that would be great. We are also looking for new Committee members to help spread the load a little- it's easy really, just six meetings a year in the pub and helping on the day. Burrs Meadow is now fully booked but we still have a few spaces on the High street left. Please contact our secretary at info@standonmayday.co.uk for more information.

Sue Spalding
Chair, Standon May Day

Get your used stamps to Standon Post Office before 31 March!

The facility to recycle used stamps at the Post Office will not be available after the end of March, so please donate your stamps before the end of March

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A new home for successful Village Lunches.



For almost 20 years Judi Smith has generously hosted the Village Lunches in the barn at New Street Farm. Many people will remember the Smiths rebuilding part of the brick barn on Kent's Lane in the early 2000s and creating the lovely multi-purpose room, which has been used for many of our village activities.

Judi and the team of helpers have been hosting the Village Lunches every few months since the renovation works were completed. Some 40 local residents have regularly enjoyed the company and the great food prepared by the helpers.

Philip and Judi Smith now need the barn for other uses, so the last lunch was held there in early December last year. We had a fabulous turkey dinner, and the Year 4 Choir from Roger de Clare School delighted everyone with their singing of Christmas songs and the carol Away in a Manger. Big thanks to the Choir and their leader Michael Smith,

and of course to Judi and all the helpers, without whom that and the many other lunches over the years would not have happened.

While that was the sad end of an era, the good news is a new one starts! The lunches will now be held in Standon Village Hall where the welcome will be just as warm – and we'll be able to accommodate a few more guests too. The format will be much the same: a 2 course hot meal with tea and coffee all for £5. The lunches take place about 4 times a year, and it's a great time to catch up with friends and neighbours and meet some new people too.

The next lunch will be on FRIDAY 29 MARCH. Spaces are filling up fast and if you'd like to come or know someone who might please telephone Helena 822177 or Brenda 822293

New helpers are welcome too: if you'd like to help, please also contact us.

Braughing Local History Society

- Thursday 28 March AGM followed by a short history quiz 7.45pm
- April: No meeting
- Thursday 23 May Policing Hertfordshire before “the Police”, speaker: Dr Elaine Saunders 7.45pm

All welcome, members £2; visitors £3.
Meetings at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing SG11 2QA

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- Some items may need repair, so check them before you buy.

Where is my nearest reuse centre?

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Living Rivers

Back in the Autumn during a conversation at a wildlife sound recording event at Wicken Fen I learnt that a fellow enthusiast was also a Living Rivers Champion for the River Stort. Intrigued by the project and interested to see if something similar might be set up for the River Rib, I was introduced to Sarah Perry of HMWT and later on Phil Buckingham who had written an article on Living Rivers last year for the Thundridge Parish Magazine.

For some time now, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust have been championing a project known as "Living Rivers". Working with riverside landowners, groups and individuals, they coordinate restoration projects and provide management advice to help bring into good condition Hertfordshire's globally rare chalk rivers and their wetland habitats.

Alongside this, The Trust "host" a number of Catchment Partnerships; these are action groups of local people and organisations who have a stake or interest in the plight of our rivers. Some of their projects have been aired on national television, notably the very successful project on the River Mimram at Tewin and the major river improvement project being planned for the old river Lea from Wormley through to Fishers Green.

These groups are beginning to see their efforts starting produce results, thanks to local volunteers joining and making their voices heard and where necessary mucking in with projects to improve the their river environments.

Of particular note is that Affinity Water has been reducing abstraction levels from the chalk aquifers of the Beane and Mimram, partly in response to the local river group's activities, and are continuing to look for ways to reduce them over time. This leaves more water in the ground to find its way into the rivers and improve the quality of the whole river environment.

Several projects are also underway on various parts of the River Lea, the most recent being major in stream restoration of the Old River downstream of Star Street in Ware. These project have been targeted to benefit specific wildlife species such as Water Voles, Brown Trout and Barbel with the knowledge that these are key habitat indicators, which is to say if these species are present in healthy numbers the overall river environment is probably not in bad shape.

Friends of the River Rib

Returning to our local river, our aim is to form a similar catchment partnership group, The Friends of The River Rib, with the broad objective of exploring options to improve the overall quality of the Rib for the benefit of all the flora

and fauna that live in the river valley.

The Friends of The River Rib is currently building a website and blog for interested parties to keep up to date with what's happening locally along the river. Initial activities will involve mapping the river to indicate the type of restoration and improvement works required, in stream invertebrate sampling to test the current levels of insect life in the river, and contacting landowners and parish councils to obtain their support for our objectives.

The Wildlife Trust will of course be assisting the group wherever possible. However what we need most is local people to champion their river and to promote and protect its habitats for people and wildlife.

If you're a landowner, member of a local group / organisation, or individual interested in finding out more about how you might get involved in protecting and improving your local river, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information contact Mark Wilkinson or Phil Buckingham on FriendsoftheRiverRib@gmail.com or Sarah Perry, Living Rivers Officer on sarah.perry@hmwt.org

Information about wider Catchment Partnership activities across Hertfordshire's Rivers is held on the Rive Lea Catchment website <http://www.riverleacatchment.org.uk/>

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Council Planning Chairman didn't even know what he was voting for!

Following the decision of the Chairman of Uttlesford Planning Committee, Councillor Alan Mills, to use his (additional) casting vote in favour of the airport planning application, Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) health adviser, Professor Jangu Banatvala, wrote to him to ask whether he had reviewed the latest World Health Organisation (WHO) Noise Guidelines, published in October, prior to voting.

The new WHO guidelines are of enormous significance because they show that aviation noise can be harmful to community health at far lower decibel levels than previously recommended. These tough new WHO guideline levels reflect the strength of the latest evidence relating to environmental harms of aviation noise annoyance and sleep disturbance.

The disturbing reply from Councillor Mills suggests that he believed the planning application was for 174,000 flights, rather than 274,000. This fundamental mistake could be just a careless typographical error, except for

the fact that his reply contained two other startling admissions:

He claimed to have read 4,500 pages of the planning application documents (about a third of the total) and yet he believed that it meant no extra flights. However, even a cursory look at the planning documents shows that, with an annual cap of 35 million passengers, Stansted would be limited to 248,820 flights but raising the cap to 43 million passengers results in 274,000 flights. Approving the application therefore means an extra 25,180 flights a year – about 70 extra flights per day.

Councillor Mills said he was unaware of the new WHO Noise Guidelines but Professor Banatvala had – in person – presented the latest Noise Guidelines to Councillor Mills and his colleagues on the Planning Committee just a week earlier. The new guidelines were also highlighted in SSE's evidence to UDC, whose planning officers knew very well just how important they were. Officers had written to MAG (Manchester Airports Group) in December making clear that the effect of the new WHO Noise Guidelines would need to be assessed before the planning application could be decided:

"In the event that the World Health Organisation ("WHO")'s new evidence on the impacts of aviation noise is published before a determination to grant planning permission, the environmental statement assessment must incorporate this evidence (for example, by way of supplementary assessment)." [emphasis added]

Despite the words "must incorporate" the Council's officers and the Planning Committee completely disregarded the new WHO Noise Guidelines.

At the special Planning Committee meeting in November to consider the airport planning application, five councillors voted against and five voted in favour, including the Chairman. The Chairman's casting vote (i.e. he was allowed two votes) carried the day. Of the four other councillors who voted in favour:

- One did not ask a single question all day;
- Another who voted in favour asked just one question, which was to request a 'comfort break';
- The remaining two councillors who voted in favour each just asked the



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Isabel Hospice News

Ware Group Fundraising News

We would like to thank all friends and supporters of Isabel Hospice for their contributions to our fundraising activities during 2018. We made an excellent amount from the six Jumble Sales, totalling £3,857.

In addition we raised money from Ware Week, Dickensian Evening, Can collections from local businesses and pubs, street collection, table-top sales, car-boot sales and EBay .We were also fortunate in receiving generous donations from businesses and private donors. The total of all these events amounted to £9,027.

The Grand Total for the year was £12,884. This would not be possible without the hard work of our 27 volunteers, who are wonderful.

The January 2019 Jumble Sale made a profit of £501, with a further £327 from one of our volunteers who sells designer clothes on EBay, sorted from the items you have donated.

The next Jumble Sale is on Saturday 30 March at 2pm Thundridge Hall. Admission 50p.

Ann Davey Volunteer.

Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale Dates:

2pm. Thundridge Hall. Admission 50p. All on Saturdays. (Please note increase in admissions to 50p.)

30 March, 18 May, 13 July, 14 September, 2 November.

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Residents helping to plant three silver birch trees in Burr's Meadow, Standon to commemorate soldiers from the Parish who lost their lives in the First World War.

The trees were paid for with funds raised from the Armistice Commemorative Tea held in November in Standon Village Hall

Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday 4 May from 9.30 to 11.30 am

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Good health is most often portrayed as someone who is physically in the best health.

How many of us truly think of 'good health' as being a state of mind too?

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More often than not we chose to portray a perfect image of ourselves (typically on social media). We live in a world where the underlying trend is where status, material objects and achievements are used as primary measures of self-worth.

Also we are encouraged not to 'air your dirty laundry' and 'pull yourself together'.

Suppressing our emotions is neither natural, nor healthy, but we need to understand where it is safe to reveal personal struggles. Social media is NOT the place to do it, remember that as it may well come back in a very negative way in future when potential employers or future partners happen upon such unfortunate disclosures.

Stress is a major cause of illness .Do you recognise the signs?

- Cognitive - constantly worrying / negative thoughts
- Emotional – irritable, angry, short tempered, feeling powerless, lonely, unhappy.
- Physical- muscle tension, nausea, stomach cramps,

- Behavioural- eating a lot more or a lot less than usual, isolating oneself and ignoring responsibility.
- Tasks are- beyond capacity/into overload.
- Relationships -avoiding interaction with others or working together. Being subject to bullying at work.
- Environmental factors – poor lighting, constant noise, uncomfortable temperatures.
- Change- lots of constant change in a workplace not being properly communicated.

These can all result in adding to stress levels.

In America having a therapist is very much 'the norm' for people of various backgrounds and professions. It is seen as a positive thing in wanting to face up to life's anxieties but in the hands of someone who is not part of your personal life and can therefore not be influenced by anything other than your wellbeing. Speaking to a therapist, who is a stranger, may initially seem difficult. But being able to release so much pent up anxiety to someone who will not judge you, just support you can be such a huge relief, feeling like a huge exhale.

Look for how you can move on. Very often what seems like one big problem is in fact a collective of small problems that you have 'mentally banked' as just one. As soon as you see how to resolve the small parts it will be a progressive release.

For further help Hertfordshire Wellbeing Centre hertswebc1@gmail.com

Go to www.nationadebtline.org and www.stepchange.org and just as importantly speak to your Doctor. They know the professionals to guide you.

Help is there for you. Ask for it and know you truly deserve it.

Most of all make time to actually do things that make you smile. 5 minutes on the kid's trampoline when no one is home. A few minutes of powerwalking when you are out walking. Or best of all, favourite music on and sing and dance. That's a therapy even if you can't dance!

The Community Cafe

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

6 March - Charity Cafe supporting Cancer Research UK - stalls and raffle

3 April

8 May - Charity Cafe supporting Multiple Sclerosis Society - stalls and raffle

5 June

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- Carry a drinks bottle with you wherever you go. Remember to reuse and refill on the go.
- Keep reusable bags in your car or by the door so you remember to use them.
- Remind restaurants and bars that you don't want a straw in your drink. There are reusable versions available for you to slip into your bag.
- Keep reusable cutlery in your bag. If you're eating on the go, you can say no to single use knives and forks.

Reusables in the bathroom

- Swap your shower gel bottle and hand pump for a bar of soap. Simple but effective and they last much longer.
- Ditch plastic shampoo and conditioner

bottles for these brilliant bars <https://www.independent.co.uk/extras/indybest/christmas-gifts/fashion-beauty/shampoo-hair-soap-plastic-free-green-beauty-environmentally-friendly-a8505026.html> which are a great alternative.

- You can buy toilet roll wrapped in paper, not plastic. Buy in bulk from an ethical company.
- Bamboo toothbrushes are available online. Plastic toothbrushes take around 1000 years to decompose.
- Discover a range of reusable sanitary products. The average sanitary pad can contain the equivalent of 4 plastic bags! Change up your monthly routine with plastic free periods.

Reusables in the kitchen

- Find your nearest milkman. In the past 40 years, use of glass milk bottles has dropped around 90%. Let's get back to the good old days.
- Make your own cleaning products, most things can be cleaned easily using a simple recipe of white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.
- Ditch the cling film and invest in reusable food wrap or make your own.

For lots more ideas and links to useful web sites search wasteaware campaigns.

Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club

Come on down to the Community Centre for a game of tennis.

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

CHILDRENS GROUP COACHING every Tuesday after school, Mini Red 5-8yrs from 4 - 5pm, Juniors 9 yrs+ from 5 - 6pm.

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Braughing Scout & Guide Band Report

This has been a very challenging and emotional year for the Braughing Scout & Guide Band. We have continued to struggle to provide a succession of young musicians from our cub and scout sections, that have in the past supported the band so admirably. We are thankful for the support of the Brownies, Guides and guest musicians to enable us to fulfil our commitments.

Thousands of people have again been entertained by our musicians parading at Ware & District St George's Day, Standon May Day, Buntingford & Ware Carnivals and at Remembrance services both at Standon and Braughing. The musicians' green berets and red jackets has become a recognized feature at these events, and remains the only Scout and Guide band in our county.

Sad loss of our Drum Major

During July following a short illness we suffered the loss of Ian Baker. Ian, a founder member of the band and our Drum Major, was a familiar immaculately dressed figure, leading the parades swinging his mace with precision, and always acknowledging the crowds with a smile and a salute. A past scout leader and group scout leader his friendship, experience, leadership, encouragement and the commitment to the bands appearance was respected by all and he is so sadly missed. At the request of Ian's family a senior band musician, escorted the cortege and pallbearers to a drum beat from St Mary's church Standon. Ian was laid to rest in the churchyard overlooking the village he loved.



Ian Baker, late Drum Major, Braughing Scout and Guide Band.

The band meets to practice during term time on Friday evenings for one hour from 6.30-7.30pm at the Community Centre Puckeridge. We have been blessed with the continued leadership of Band Master Garry Edwards and the support of leaders, helpers and parents, who have encouraged and instructed the young musicians to perform in public.

We have many instruments at our disposal including snare drums, cymbals, glockenspiels, valve and cavalry trumpets all supported by experienced instruction. We offer a unique opportunity for young people to find and develop skills which can enhance confidence and self esteem.

Would you like to play with the band?

The band is open to all young members from the Scout and Guide groups. We would also like to invite all young people and any adults who have an interest in music but are not currently involved in the Scout and Guide movement, to come along and discuss their interest and prospect of playing an instrument or helping with our band.

The Scout and Guide band cannot continue without young people and helpers. Please give us your consideration and support.

Standon Hand Embroidery Group

The above Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Sargent Room at Standon Village Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm from January to November.

Our Tutor is the well-known Julie Walsby from the WI College at Denman and belongs to the Hertfordshire Embroideries Guild. She teaches long and short (shaded work), crewelwork, goldwork, patchwork cushions, etc.

We have a couple of places available and beginners are most welcome to come along. The first session is free!

The Group's work is show-cased in November as part of the Ware & District Photographic Society's Annual Exhibition at Thundridge.

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The Ralphie Reporter

Lots of excitement at the Ralphie Reporter - we have appeared in The Herts Mercury! Following an interview with a reporter from The Mercury, we were featured in the Community News section (3 January edition). It seems that The Mercury were impressed with the professionalism of our young journalists and the high quality of our newspaper.

The Ralphie Reporter is the school newspaper of Ralph Sadleir Middle School in Puckeridge. It is currently published termly, and our latest edition is a whopping 52 pages! We cover a wide variety of news stories as well as some regular features. Regular features include a problem page, puzzle pages, competitions, pet's corner, hobby corner, recipes and a 'getting to know you' column about staff. News stories in our latest issue range from articles about plastic pollution, childhood obesity, Fortnite, to the visit of the Princess Royal to a local riding stables.

The Newspaper club has 33 regular reporters across KS2 and KS3. We have a dedicated artist for our front covers and welcome guest reporters for one off stories. It requires a big commitment from the children to spend a whole half term writing for the paper and so we feel very proud to have attracted so many children to contribute to the paper which is, after all, an extra-curricular activity.

Working in editorial sub teams, the children decide the content of each issue and work to tight deadlines. The sub-editors are responsible for collating and editing the work of their teams. Following this process, the Editorial team meet to decide on the running order of the paper and to plug any gaps with additional material.

Once the articles are collated and the running order agreed, the paper moves on to the school office where it is assembled using specialist software by our administrator. After proof copies have been printed and checked we have a print run of 200 copies. The club members then swing back into action over the second half of each term to market and sell the newspaper. We sell the paper to children at break-times and to parents/carers at open days and exhibition evenings. Any profits we make are used to develop the paper, and a proportion are given to a charity selected by the reporters.

All in all, the children who produce the Ralphie Reporter learn a wide variety of skills through the club from writing, editing and interviewing through to marketing the paper and increase circulation issue on issue. These are all valuable 'real world' skills that we believe support their learning in school.

Copies of The Ralphie Reporter are available from the School Office at a cost of £1.

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SPINS Pre-School have had a very busy start to the New Year. All our new children have settled in well and are making good progress. To finish the term the children enjoyed celebrating Valentines Day.

Our staff continue their professional development with courses including 12 Hour Paediatric First Aid, Autism Training, Safeguarding and GDPR/Data Protection.

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

Next term our focus turns to People that help us, the children love dressing up and taking part in role play, for example road safety and the Police Station.

We are currently registering rising 2 year olds for our September 2019 intake. Places are limited so please book early. If you would like to visit the nursery or are interested in registering your child please phone for an appointment to join our waiting list, Tel: 07881 533339.

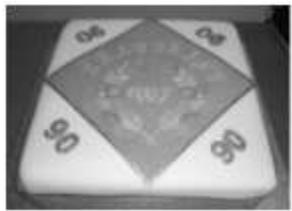
Spins Pre-School also run a weekly Toddler Group on a Monday morning, 9.30 am – 11.00 am. £2.00 per child.

This is also at the Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, small hall. We welcome parents and their children, from birth until they reach 5 years. You can attend as often or as little as you wish, tea/coffee available and a drink and snack for your child. Why not come along and make some new friends whilst your little one plays. On offer is painting, craft table, playdoh, baby area, games, puzzles, singing and so much more.

If you have any enquiries or would like to discuss your requirements please feel free to contact either Sam Christie or Paula Smith. Tel: 07881 533339, email: spins.nursery@outlook.com

Braughing Women's Institute.

A very busy year ended with a party to celebrate 90 years of the Braughing Institute.



A buffet was enjoyed by members and a special cake was cut.

Programme for 2019 All meetings held in The Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

- 18 April Contemporary Art Karen Adams
- 16 May Annual Meeting
- 20 June Antiques Shops in Hitchin. Marie Walner
- 18 July Craft Evening with Anne Styles
- 19 September Millinery. Kate Fuller
- 8 October Soup Lunch in The Church Hall.
- 17 October Hootie Toot. Silver Jewellery. Lesley Powell
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WEDNESDAY

STREET DANCE

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4:00-4:45pm Street Stars 7-14yrs
4:45-5:30pm Street Stars 7-14yrs

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Natalie Pettitt works on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Natalie has a credit diploma in Sports massage and has been treating people since 2007.

Alison Trehearn works on a Saturday and has a level 3 VTCT in Sports massage. She is also able to use

acupuncture as part of her treatment and has worked with Hertford Rugby club in the past.

Becky Harpin works on a Sunday and has a degree in sports therapy. Becky has gained a number of qualifications in pregnancy massage, Dry needling/ Medical acupuncture, Strength and conditioning rehabilitation, and is APPI Pilates trained so can offer one to one Pilates sessions as well as offering massage.

As a Mother's day special we are offering a 30 minute massage gift voucher for just £19 – one per person while stocks last! Just call 01763 87 80 87 for more information.

Isabel Hospice events

Vitality Big Half 2019

10 March 9:00am – 3:00pm

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The iconic route for The Vitality Big Half starts by Tower Bridge by the Tower of London and finishes in the spectacular setting of the Cutty Sark in Greenwich.

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a FREE Isabel Hospice running vest, fundraising advice and materials.

We have 10 guaranteed spaces available for this event - so don't miss out, sign up now!

Registration: £20 (Non-refundable)

Minimum sponsorship: £300

Contact Megan 01707 382544 to get signed up now!

Spring Celebration Lunch

13 March 12:00pm – 12:30pm

Copley's Café, Hopleys, SG10 6BU

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Come along to Copley's Cafe at Hopleys, SG10 6 BU from 12pm for 12.30pm.

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Its Free! Donations welcome! Open Tues – Sat 10am-5pm

Sele Farm

Sunday 3 March 11am

Join Peter Ruffles and Jean Riddell for a guided walk of Sele Farm. Discover how Hertford pioneers formed a new community and the hidden stories of Sele Farm's buildings and streets.

Maximum 15 places, booking essential!
£2 per person payable in advance

Tickets available from Hertford Museum 01992 582686 or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/588446>

The Show Must Go On!

23 March – 22 June

Dive into the world of show business and discover Hertford's rich history of performance.

Its Free! Donations welcome!

Open Tues – Sat 10am-5pm

Volunteer Open Evening

Wednesday 27 March 6-8pm

Drop in and join us for a glass of wine and discover a wealth of volunteering opportunities at Hertford Museum. Meet our fabulous team, talk to some of our current volunteers about their experiences and find out how YOU can help support your community in a wide range of roles.

Central Hertford

Sunday 14 April 11am

Join local historian Philip Sheail for a guided walk around Hertford's historic town centre.

Maximum 15 places, booking essential!

£2 per person payable in advance

Tickets available from Hertford Museum 01992 582686

Hertford Museum Stores Open Day

Saturday 27 April , 11am – 3pm

Go behind the scenes at Hertford Museum stores. Discover how we store and care for our vast and varied collection. Visit the Roman corn drying oven and learn more about the fascinating Foxholes Farm excavation. Visit our reference library and see some of our volunteers in action conserving

collections in the workroom. Enjoy a cup of tea and cake and FREE family crafts in the Millbridge room. Free Admission, drop in! Donations always welcome

Museums at Night

Saturday 18 May 7-9pm

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1st Standon and Puckeridge Guides

2019 has started with lots of new Guides, as well as three of our oldest Guides being awarded their Baden Powell Award and hopefully moving on to Rangers.

The Guides have chosen their new Skills Builder badges to work on in their groups, and we have continued our unit activities with testing a new resource for Girlguiding UK, a cooperative games evening led by a Guide, participating in a forward planning activity for Girlguiding so the Guides can be involved in shaping Guiding in the future, making sock creatures and butterbeer for our Harry Potter Book Night event, and visiting the Co-op in Buntingford to plan meals on a budget and find out about the organisations that ensure food quality and sustainability in the UK.

As usual, we will be selling fudge at Standon May Day to raise funds for the unit.

Plans are now beginning for our summer camp when we'll be trying to earn some of the new Guide badges, as well as hosting local Brownies and Rainbows for a day.

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

The Brownies have started their new Skills Builder badges with the theme of Communication. So far they have made

paper cup telephones, passed coded messages using the phonetic alphabet, found out that their voices can convey different emotions, explored emojis and invented new ones, and learned more about their friends and expressed it with pictures.

The Brownies really enjoyed their trip to see Snow White in Stevenage with the evening Brownies, and the first interest badges from the new programme have been awarded, including a dancer badge and a baking badge.

1st Standon and Puckeridge Brownies (evening Pack)

Thankfully at the last minute, we have been able to save the evening Brownie Pack from closing. Thank you to our Owls for volunteering. Whilst they are being trained up, we will gradually be able to start taking new Brownies on again. Demand for places at Brownies is still high and there is an extensive waiting list of girls asking for a place. If you or anyone you know would be willing to help, or you would like to know what is involved, please contact Louise on 07971 800 443 or jenkinslouise101@gmail.com.

The Brownies have been earning a record amount of badges this term as we try and use up our stocks from the old Programme, before moving onto the new Programme in the next few months. Amongst the

activities we have done so far are celebrating Chinese New Year, making suet feeders for the birds, learning skills that will be useful around the home, going to the panto with the Lunch Club Brownies and preparing speeches and readings for Speaker badge.

Because you said yes

Author unknown

Because you said yes...

A young girl will feel the pride of being someone special as she carefully puts on her uniform for the very first time.

A girl can move to a new town and have "instant friendships" with girls she might never have met.

Parents will experience that special pride when they listen to their daughter say the Guide Promise for the first time.

Bright eyes will become a little brighter with excitement as the kindling finally catches on the first camp fire.

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environment and the warm feeling that comes from giving service to someone less fortunate than herself.

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A young woman will contact the Guides one day and say, "I had so much fun when I was a Guide, I'd like to try being a Leader."

...and the circle will continue – because you said yes!

Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club

Spring Update

Over the winter we have worked hard to protect the quality of our green and members have had a number of work sessions around the club.

Fixtures

Our 2019 season is fast approaching and the fixtures list at <https://standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com/> is now getting crowded with both East Herts (Div. 3) League fixtures and a host of friendly and club competitions

Open Day – come along 10am-3.30pm on 27 April at The Playing Field, Station Road, Puckeridge.

- If you have never tried Bowls but would like to see what all the fuss is about – come on down
- If you want to try a sport that will keep you active and engaged throughout the summer – come on down
- If you want to try a sport where everyone is equal – come on down
- 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
- If you just want to know more – contact us at standonpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com and we will swiftly get back to you

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 across the area.

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.

If you are looking for a new place to play and you are already a bowler – contact us and let's get to know each other

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!!

We have spare bowls that can be used if you want to try out the game and experienced members on hand to offer help and tips for those looking to improve.

Find out more at www.standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com or why not write to us at Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club, The Playing Field, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF

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The evening will be compered by our Poet in Residence, Jude Simpson and local author Sarah Harrison will be reading a poem, so please come along and celebrate the talent of your local choirs - Adhoc, Foxton Singers, Reed Church Choir and pop up choir WomenSing.

Tickets are £10, under 13: £5

To book please call Home-Start office on 01763 262262, email admin@hsrsc.org.uk or book online through www.ticketsource.co.uk/hsrsc

Swimmers: Home-Start and South Cambridgeshire Aquathon

This year Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire is trying to make their annual Aquathon the biggest one yet and are calling on local clubs and organisations to help them make an ever bigger splash this year. The annual event, which has traditionally been held in partnership with local schools, is now being opened up to other local organisations to help their fundraising.

This joint fundraiser is the perfect opportunity for local organisations to raise funds, and all without the hassle as Home-Start Royston and South Cambridge do all the heavy lifting. The event, which will be held on the evening of Sunday 19th May at the Royston Leisure Centre is organised entirely by local family support charity Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire.

Participants are invited to contribute teams of six for a fun 55 minute relay swim, and the great news is that participants get 50% of the sponsorship they raise, while the remaining 50% goes to support Home-Start's vital work

with local families in crisis. It's a win win for local people wanting to raise funds for a club or charity close to their hearts – with the added bonus of supporting local families in need.

With everyone from little nippers to grandparents welcome to take part, it has the potential to be a golden fundraising opportunity for a wide range of organisations – schools, Scouts, Guides, local sports clubs just to name a few.

Places at the Aquathon are limited, if want to get involved, raise money for your club, and support local families, contact Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire for an application form.

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- Infrastructure improvements contributing to health and wellbeing
- Widening access to cultural opportunities for vulnerable children and young people

Deadline for applications is 29 April. Go to www.eastherts.gov.uk/communitygrants for more information. Or contact Claire Pullen on 01992531459; claire.pullen@eastherts.gov.uk.

Tea Time Talks

In January, over 50 people attended a talk in Standon Village Hall by Puckeridge resident Jane Tubb on the geology of East Hertfordshire.

Among many fascinating facts, the audience learned that half a million years ago the River Thames flowed through Panshanger Park and Westmill quarry as it was gradually pushed south east by advancing ice to its present position and that at some point it even flowed through Standon parish.

We found out that the famous Hertfordshire pudding stone is much more colourful in East than West Herts and that it is not of glacial origin, as stated on the plaque by the Standon stone, but was formed during a short period of global warming about 55 million years ago.

Perhaps most intriguing of all we discovered that 56 million years ago Standon used to be 'Standon on Sea' - if you are walking anywhere in the parish above the 90 metre level, you are likely to find evidence of this in the form of areas of beach pebbles, rounded by the action of the waves in an ancient sea.

By the time you read this, our second talk, "An Exploration of Standon Parish" by Rob Street, will have taken place in February, but there is one more talk to come:

Saturday 23 March, The Malhouses of Ware: A look at the history of a major malting town By David Perman. 3.00pm in Standon Village Hall. Talk followed by tea and cakes. Entrance £5, payable at the door.

We hope to see you there.

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Braughing Cricket Club Report

Braughing Cricket Club will be playing in Division 3 of the Herts & Essex Cricket League during the 2019 season.

The club runs Colts Saturday morning training sessions which have been very popular with both boys and girls from the age of 4 upwards - sometimes there are 40-50 children on the field and in the nets being coached by the players in all aspects of cricket with an emphasis on fun, sportsmanship and inclusivity.

During the Summer holiday the club run Summer camp over 4 days which are highly organized fun days with well-planned outdoor and indoor activities for the youngsters and these sessions are very quickly fully subscribed.

Looking forward to next Summer's youth cricket, the club are entering 4 teams; U17s, U14s, U11s and new for 2019 an under 9s in the Herts Junior League.

Could you help with the Junior cricketers?

This is a very busy commitment and although we have a number of confirmed helpers, we are keen to involve more adults that can help, especially with the younger age groups and with our 'all stars' group. If you think you'd like to help please get in touch.

In terms of winter training, we have nets booked in March and April for all age groups, at Ward Freeman. Colts outside training sessions for children 4 and above, will start 27 April

The Cricket Club have been proactively fund-raising during 2018. Once again, the club ran a highly successful BBQ at the Wheelbarrow fayre in July, thanks to the amazing efforts of all who were involved.

Further good news, where our fund raising has really paid off, is that we have secured a lottery fund for new nets. We will shortly be selecting a supplier to

upgrade the nets before the outdoor season starts. We also have been awarded Co-Op funding going all year in 2019, however we need some help promoting this, so if you shop at Co-Op Buntingford, please nominate Braughing Cricket Club as your charity and the Co-Op will donate 1% of spend.

With so much going on, it promises to be a busy 2019 and we would love to involve more people that can help. Once again, if you are able or interested to support any age group or would like to join the club as either a senior or junior player, please get in touch.

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Securely lock outbuildings

Police are reminding rural residents to make sure they securely lock outbuildings and set any alarms following four burglaries overnight. A quad bike and lawn mower were stolen in Much Hadham: electric tools stolen in Tye Green: tools were stolen in Bishop's Stortford and four offenders were disturbed breaking into St Edmonds College in Old Hall Green.

To help reduce burglaries to sheds and outbuildings:

- always ensure you lock your garage or shed and don't store any valuable items in there, unless you use appropriate security measures
- shed doors can be secured with two hasp and staple bolts for closed shackle padlocks to be attached to. Install the bolts with one towards the top and the other at the bottom to reduce the leverage points.

You could also replace the screws of the fixings with one-way clutch head screws, to prevent them

being tampered with

- windows to garages, sheds or outbuildings can be secured with internal diamond mesh grilles, which provide a good visual obstacle to burglars.
- There were also four thefts from motor vehicles in Ware, which included a dash cam stolen from a van and two sets of number plates being stolen.

To help reduce vehicle thefts:

- never leave valuables in your vehicle and keep any other possessions out of sight.
- if you use a vehicle for maintenance purposes, it is advisable not to leave tools or other working materials in a vehicle unoccupied or overnight, as works vehicles such as vans are commonly targeted by criminals
- never leave vehicle documents in your car, as this would make it easy for a thief to sell your car
- use an approved steering lock or gear clamp and remember to set the immobiliser or alarm on your vehicle, if it has them
- consider having an anti-theft device fitted.

Braughing Sing Community Choir

We welcome new members of all ages and abilities. We sing a variety of songs.

Do come along and join us on Tuesday evenings

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Today there is much we take for granted that our ancestors would not have done – for example the availability of fresh running water. In 1786 it was recorded that during an attempt to reposition a Dunmow water pump “the gentlemen of the Mob Classes were determined it should not be moved . . . a great mob got together and a great riot ensued.” The riot led to 12 people being imprisoned in Chelmsford Gaol.

Throughout the Hundred Parishes there

are numerous surviving examples of water pumps that once served a small local community. Many are listed.

In Ugly Green, beside a large puddingstone, stands a village pump that dates from around 1800 AD.

Westmill village has a pump (see photo), dating from about 1900. It stands on the village green and carries the inscription “Traverse the desert and then you can tell what treasure exists in the cool deep well.” This is an extract from a poem, Water, by Eliza Cook.

The communal village pump at Pump Green, High Easter has been sensitively renovated, having been in use until the 1930s. It stands in the shade of a lime tree planted to commemorate the coronation of King George V in 1910.

A 19th-century pump stands in the road in Hunsdon’s conservation area in front of 16th-century Pump House.

To commemorate Queen Victoria’s Jubilee in 1887 the village pump was erected in Little Dunmow. It is a fine example of Victorian design.

Thaxted and Great Dunmow have similar, rather grand, 19th-century pumps in prominent positions.

I have mentioned just a few of the many and varied examples. There are plenty more to be ‘spotted’ around our beautiful area, some in obvious public locations and others in private gardens.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Hormead Rogation Walk

25 May

Walkers will meet at 9.30am outside Little Hormead Church for a 9.45 start.

The walk will follow public footpaths to Wyddial where refreshments will be provided prior to a visit to the Church.

On to Anstey to enjoy a ‘bring your own’ lunch in the Village Hall, drinks provided followed by a visit to the Church.

Across the fields to Meesden and Brent Pelham Churches (water provided) and finish at Great Hormead about 4.30pm where again refreshments will be provided.

Everyone is welcome including well-behaved dogs. The walk is about 13 miles but walkers may join and leave wherever they wish. If transport is required please contact the Vicar James Sawyer on 01763 289258 prior to the day.

If you wish to join at a particular Church or if the route passes your home, please give your phone number to James and we will contact you as we approach.

The finish at Great Hormead will include a picnic for all ages whether or not they have walked and those who wish may join a Meet and Greet group.

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The Harmonaires Choir



Wade in the Water

Saturday 23 March 7pm in support of WaterAid at St John's Church, Stansted

For their first local concert this year, The Harmonaires Choir, under the expert leadership of Josie Cowley, is performing at St John's Church, Stansted on Saturday 23 March at 7pm. This one-hour concert, by one of the region's most engaging choirs, is raising funds for Water Aid. Listen to songs that will transport you to rivers and seas, storm and rain. Enjoy evocative music by Chilcott, American and British folk music, musical theatre, spirituals and more. Tickets are available at: Adults £10, Students £6 from www.theharmonaireschoir.com or 07912 025777. Tickets also available on the door.

The Harmonaires Choir, formed four years ago, is building a reputation as one of the leading choirs in the area singing an eclectic mix of music from Tallis to Coldplay. Their last concert, a Christmas

extravaganza, at St Joseph's Church, Bishop's Stortford was a sell-out and raised over £400 for the charity Shelter. The choir is also performing a lunchtime concert at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral on 9 March.

CPRE Hertfordshire Awards

Nominations now open

Awards for those caring about their Community and/or the Environment

We love to celebrate efforts made by anyone to improve life in their community or enhance the environment in Hertfordshire. For example; charities, informal groups, individuals of all ages, events and businesses can all be nominated.

- Someone or something in your community deserves to be recognised.
- You can nominate yourself or others.

Complete a nomination form, downloadable on our website www.cpreherts.org.uk then email your nominations to: office@cpreherts.org.uk or post to CPRE Hertfordshire, 31a Church Street, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9LW

Closing date: 31 May

Our judges will review the nominations during the summer and the Awards will be presented at an event in October.

We want to recognise those who work so hard to protect, promote and enhance towns or villages and/or the surrounding countryside to make them better places

to live, work, go to school or enjoy for today and tomorrow.

Previous nominations have included village halls, histories, village greens, gardens and playgrounds. We have received nominations for forests, chalk streams, local nature reserves, health walks and woodland restoration.

As well as nominations for businesses and individuals of all ages, who make a difference in their community.

Someone or something in your community deserves to be nominated

Royston Choral Society

Spring Concert

J.S. Bach – St John Passion, Saturday 6 April 7.30 pm

- Evangelist – Daniel Joy
- Soprano – Nina Bennet Mezzo - Kate Symonds-Joy Bass Lukas Kargl
- Musical Director – Andrew O'Brien
- Haileybury Choral Society - East Herts Sinfonia

Tickets £15 (concessions £12, school students £1)

For tickets see website <http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk>, telephone Caroline Franks 01920 822723 or ask a choir member

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Puckeridge Karate Club

It's been a while since we last had an update in PS News, so here's a catchup.

There have been a couple of black belt gradings: Lara Bowen took and passed her Junior 1st Dan, Lewis Matthews took and passed his 4th Dan, they were both graded by Sensei Mike Billman 9th Dan.

We had a visit from Sensei Mark Durham 7th Dan, he taught the senior class an advanced kata that most of them hadn't done before, this was a very fun but challenging evening and we look forward to seeing Mark at the club again.

Mike has been involved in karate since the late '60's, and as well as running the club for the last 30 years he's actively involved with Karate holding positions on the National, European and World Federations.

Puckeridge Karate Club has a great instructor : student ratio and a huge depth of knowledge that the black belts are keen to pass on to the other students.

Would you like to give it a try?

We do have spaces available for both Junior and Adult beginners so if you've ever thought about starting, now is the time to give it a go. If you're interested, please get in touch. The club is a traditional Shotokan club and focuses heavily on discipline, fitness, and technique.

Training times are:

Tuesday: Seniors All grades 8.30-



Sensei Billman quite a few years ago

9.30pm

Thursdays: Juniors All grades 7-8pm

Seniors All grades 8-9pm

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Buntingford Twinning Association

French visit to Buntingford

2018 was the 40th anniversary of the Buntingford Twinning Association and the first link with Luynes in France. Last year we celebrated in grand style at the château in Luynes so this year Buntingford will commemorate the milestone Our French guests will be here 11-15 April and we always like to hear from families willing to host.

Buntingford to Olvega

Our visit to Olvega in Spain will be 1-4 August. This will coincide with a small fiesta that will happen in the town during which a huge puppet called Bulinga is to be seen wandering the streets and everybody drinks and dances and has a good time. This is not the same fiesta that happens in September that many of us have enjoyed in the past so a new experience for all of us. There is the opportunity for more people to join us for what is undoubtedly going to be an unforgettable few days.

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

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Dance JAM Academy

We have had an extremely busy few months at Dance JAM Academy and classes continue to excite all the children and adults that attend them.

Tap Exams took place at the end of the year with all students achieving extremely rewarding marks from the Examiner. Freestyle and Musical Theatre examinations take place in March and all the children are working very hard on their set Grade work.

In other news, local children Liv Kerner and Francesca Caira have successfully auditioned for local productions at Hertford Theatre. Liv Kerner also obtained a place at West End Kids. In addition to her core classes with us, she attends weekly classes in London. Charlotte Hurry and Ella Markey auditioned and gained places at Stage Right Centre for Performing Arts and are now studying the BTEC Performing Arts Course on a full-time basis. Their show in December was a testament to how hard they are working.

Ralph Sadleir School continues to support Dance JAM greatly by offering Dance clubs. This is a great form of fitness for all ages offering health benefits, both physically and mentally. These clubs allow those not wanting to attend external regular classes the opportunity to dance.

Youth Theatre Company opened its doors recently and replaced the Musical Theatre classes at Dance JAM. This is a wonderful opportunity for all those wanting to Sing, Act and Dance. Classes take place on a Sunday 1pm-4pm. Their first production, Aladdin, was a huge success! The children loved performing

a complete show that was written and directed by our Artistic Director, Gemma Barnes. We also had a visit from West End's Alex Jordon-Mills, who delivered a brilliant Hairspray workshop!

Standon Village Hall, as always, are extremely accommodating and supportive of all our classes and I want to thank them for this.

Monday and Wednesday classes are very busy with a real sense of community.

We are now enrolling for all our classes and will soon begin work on our Bi-annual show in November at Hertford Theatre. Classes take place across the week at Standon Village Hall and Leaside Church Hall, Ware. Children of all ages are catered for in Tap, Freestyle, Ballet and now the NEW Youth Theatre Company. This past year has seen an increase in those attending with Special Educational Needs and I want to reiterate that all of our classes are inclusive. We are happy to discuss what we can offer.

Adult Tap and Adult Pop Choir take place on a Monday at Standon Village Hall (Tap 7.30pm and Pop Choir 8.15pm). The adult classes are only £5 pay weekly, so there is no



commitment.

This February Half -term we have two courses to choose from: Mary Poppins (20th Feb) and Minions (21st Feb). If you see "Yellow" children around the village on the 21st, you know why! Further Course Dates: 10th April "Lights, Camera, Action!", 30th May "Animal Kingdom".

Anyone wishing to find out more about classes/courses/theatre trips can email julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk or call 07538 981408.

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Hertfordshire

But I was raised in the shadows of
Council blocks
In East London, round the corner from
the Royal Docks
With people whose prejudice sadly still
shocks
For that I firmly blame the Press
I think it's time we had some redress
Because the News is just the views of
those in power
And they'd dearly love us to forget all
about Grenfell Tower

The worst rags of our time
Speak nothing of the Grenfell crime
Preferring to write about benefit fraud
instead
Rather than mention the seventy-two
dead
But like I said, the Press love to ride on
the hatred tide
I wouldn't use The Sun to wipe my
backside

And while the News is still the views of
those in power
I cannot forget about Grenfell Tower
It seems blatantly obvious to me
We need a decent Public Housing Policy
Forget so-called "Affordable"
Forget "Part Buy, Part Rent"
We need good old-fashioned Council
Houses

Built by our own Government

But that's an argument for another day
Right now all I have to say
Is listen up, if I may
Their relatives have walked in silence
Every fourteenth day
Their terrible silence needs to be heard
It should speak volumes
For the seventy-two
Who
Will never say
Another single word

Grenfell

Grenfell Tower burned on 14 June 2017.
That date just happened to be the first
anniversary of my husband Neil's death.
Unable to sleep that night, I watched as
the disaster unfolded on TV and the
inevitable eye-witness reports and
footage emerged of this dreadful, wholly
avoidable, tragedy.

Anyone who knew Neil would know
how important homes and housing were
to him. The irony is not lost on me that
this event took place on the anniversary
of his shocking death. I believe he
would have felt the same sense of moral
outrage that I do that in 2017, 72 people
were burned to death in their homes, in
what were largely social housing
premises; homes that should have given
refuge and safety but which were made
into death-traps, possibly due to the
flawed decision making of people who
were appointed to look after those
premises.

Incredibly this June it will be the third

anniversary of Neil's passing, the second
of Grenfell. Since Neil's death I have
found much solace in writing and
particularly poetry. In 2016 I wrote a
piece in PS News thanking the people of
Puckeridge and Standon for their
kindness following Neil's sudden death.
In that issue (September 2016), I also
included the words Neil wrote on
housing and community as part of his
work on the Neighbourhood Plan. I
hope you won't mind me including them
again here; given the work currently
underway in our villages on housing and
roads and the inevitable stresses and
strains it puts on us as a community, I
felt it might be worth looking again at
the hoped-for outcomes of the work in
progress.

Here are Neil's words:

SPNDP Vision September 2015

I see the parish preserving the
community spirit of friendly inclusion.
The way that many people in the
neighbourhood are inclined to look up,
smile and say good morning to people
they come across in the street. The
feeling of security that ourselves and our
loved ones are safe in our homes and to
walk the streets, and that if anyone is in
distress someone nearby will help.

The community and its infrastructure
will grow but at a very measured and
well thought through pace. New
housing will be varied in small
incremental gains, meaning whilst we
may have building going on in the
village constantly, it may facilitate

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A place to live that is served reasonably by the services required for modern living for all ages and all abilities. We should have shops that sell food and essentials at reasonable prices and transport facilities that can take ordinary people further afield at most times of the day. Health & welfare services should be readily available and treated as a right and not require constant community action for fear of their loss.

A place that has open space and community buildings to serve the population to advance sports, hobbies and pass times as well as promote social enjoyment.

A place to live that is not a slave to car ownership but also recognises that cars are a current fact of life and realistically provides ample space for parking close

to dwellings and near shops so as to reduce the harm to the living environment caused by current lack of facilities.

A place where people "want to live" rather than "have to live". A place where people are "proud to live" rather than the only place they can "afford to live". A place where it is a joy to live for everyone.

Neil Johannessen

The Hundred Parishes Society

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

We have been sending monthly articles to magazine editors for more than four years and thought it might be a good idea to provide a reminder of the Society's aims and activities. The Hundred Parishes Society is a registered charity, run entirely by volunteers. It was launched in 2014 and is still relatively new.

A full explanation of the organisation's objectives is given on its website. Put briefly, it exists to increase awareness, enjoyment and care of the Hundred Parishes, an area that is characterised by its rich and diverse heritage.

The area covered is approximately 450 square miles and incorporates 104 parishes in northeast Hertfordshire, northwest Essex and southern

Cambridgeshire. It includes 6,700 listed buildings which is more than any of the country's National Parks, and this despite being smaller than most of them. It is also worth pointing out that the three districts in the UK with the greatest concentration of pre-1700 listed buildings are Uttlesford, Braintree and East Hertfordshire.

Running the organisation is the responsibility of a small group of trustees who meet about every two months. At the present time we would welcome an extra trustee, particularly one from Hertfordshire. We now have 120 members paying a minimum annual subscription of £10: a mixture of individuals and households, parish councils and other local organisations.

Our main activities revolve around the spreading of information through leaflets, the website, regular magazine articles, member emails and occasional talks. The website has details of 20 interesting walks, each starting and ending at a railway station.

In 2018 the Society published "The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction". This 400-page quality hardback book contains a brief history of each parish and is lavishly illustrated with almost 1,000 photographs. It can be bought at local Tourist Information Centres.

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Just before Christmas we danced at Tesco, Brookfield. The weather was perfect and we were joined by two other local dance sides, Whitethorn from near Tring and Fiddler's Brook from Sawbridgeworth. Together we raised nearly £200 for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust.

In June we will be performing at the Leigh-on-sea festival and are hoping to also dance at Rochester, Broadstairs and Sandwich. We really do need more members so that we can accept other invitations. No doubt we will perform at some local pubs and at other events too which are still to be arranged

On Sunday 24 March we will be holding a workshop in High Cross village hall from 2 to 5 so if you fancy giving clog morris a try then come along but please let us know beforehand so we can bring extra cake.

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So, we have 11 seats up for election in our branch area, the other seats falling into two other constituencies. Naturally, the campaign will major on those wards where we have held seats before and can win them again and these are all in our neighbouring constituency of Hertford and Stortford.

Nevertheless, there are a considerable number of Labour voters scattered through our part of the district, so that it is not impossible to win seats where we have come close to winning in the past.

We regard taking back seats in East Herts as particularly important, because for the last four years our district council has been controlled without any opposition by the Conservatives. This is a highly dangerous situation whatever party has unfettered control. Voters are beginning to see that, because in the by-election in Watton-at-Stone last August, they elected the Liberal Democrat candidate against all the odds, as the first non-Conservative to hold the seat. We know that some Labour voters chose to support her, judging that she was best placed to defeat the Conservative, since she was the only candidate who lived in Watton itself.

It turns out that the Conservative councillors, unlike the voters, have not recognised that the dangers inherent in their decisions going unchallenged,

because they did not appoint her to any of the committees, even though there was a vacant seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

As part of our fund-raising, we have just held our annual dinner in Braughton, giving a chance to chat with friends about politics and, of course, other things. Once again, we were pleased to welcome members from elsewhere in the constituency, as well as from Enfield, Broxbourne and Hertford.

David Bell

Puckeridge WI

Puckeridge WI have now had their first meeting in their new venue of Standon Village Hall on their new date - the 1st Tuesday of the month. We made folk art and napkin decoupage hearts, and members surprised themselves with how well they could pick up the techniques to produce a professional looking result.

We are a small and diverse group of women and aren't your typical WI. We also have a craft club, film club and a WhatsApp social group which organises walks, garden visits and other trips. New members are welcome, and your first meeting is free, so come and see what we are about.

Our provisional programme for 2019 is as follows, but please contact us at info@puckeridgewi.org before you come as we aren't always in the hall.

- 5 March Cromer Windmill speaker
- 2 April Easter craft (Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre)
- 7 May Annual meeting
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- 2 July Summer social
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Francis – an Easter story

Heidi and Rolland Baker are missionaries who for many years were based primarily in Mozambique. They have an incredible number of stories of God's love and mercy that they share, one of which involved one of their pastors, a man named Francis.

A few years ago, they were holding a conference in another African country when Pastor Francis was set upon by a gang who beat him so badly that he died. When the police were called, they refused to attend because they said it was too dangerous in that locality at night. The hospital refused to send an ambulance for the same reason.

Eventually they managed to borrow a car and took Francis's body to the hospital themselves. Although Francis had been dead for some hours, the church began to pray and at 12.15am Francis came back to life and sat up! His body was broken and he was still in dreadful pain, but before he went unconscious from the morphine the doctors' administered, he said just two words through his swollen lips: "Forgive them." The church continued to pray and next morning they agreed to forgive the gang, just as Francis had asked.

Later that morning, the police caught a teenage member of the gang and asked the church leaders to come and file charges. The church replied that there was a problem, because the man who had been murdered was no longer dead and furthermore, they did not want to press charges. The police were very agitated about this because the said it would only encourage more crime. In the end, with no charges filed, the police release the teenager into the church's custody. A remarkable thing also happened: as soon as the young man was forgiven, all of Francis's wounds were totally healed and the hospital asked the church to come and collect him because they had no reason to keep him there. The only thing was that all his clothes were in shreds and he had to be bought new ones. As Francis and the church began to express their forgiveness and love to the young man, he was overcome and later that day, he became a Christian, turning his life over to Jesus. He went on to attend bible college and to train to become a pastor.

As for Francis, well the following Easter Sunday he and his fiancée were married at Heidi and Rolland's Easter Service. The only thing they could say was how amazing it was that God raised Francis back to life so that he could marry his bride on Resurrection Sunday.

In the New Testament, Paul writes that if Jesus Christ is not risen, then our Christian faith is empty; but the fact is that Christ was raised from the dead and

through faith in His death and resurrection we can all have our sins forgiven and our lives renewed – both now and eternally (I Corinthians 15). Francis might be one of the more remarkable examples of God's love and power to change our lives, but the power of mercy and forgiveness that God has shown to each and every one of us can produce extraordinary results when we begin to live out our faith the same way.

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

Revs Colin & Teresa Marks
Pastors, A10 Christian Mission

Puckeridge Congregational Church

Some newspaper headlines are so obvious that they're funny. Study Finds a Sex and Pregnancy Link; Survey Finds Dirtier Underground After Cleaning Jobs axed; Researchers Find Larger Kangaroos Leap Farther; Alcohol advertisements promote drinking: Only rain will cure drought, Fish lurk in streams; Tomatoes come in big, little, medium sizes; Lack of brains hinders research; Bible church's focus is the Bible. What a grasp of the obvious! Well, one thing that's not obvious to a lot of people, is the truth concerning Jesus. In fact, one big problem we face as the Christian church is a misconception by a lot of people that it doesn't matter what

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you believe about Jesus. The truth of the matter is that right now, very few people in Puckeridge really understand who Jesus Christ is, if they did we would have mega churches.

Here is a confrontational question but one that begs asking. Are you a Christian? Some people who would call themselves Christian are the worst witnesses to the faith than anything else. I was asked by a lady, "If Christians are so righteous why do they steal pens like everyone else"? Some who call themselves believers use God as an excuse. "I was going to come/help/work as promised but God told me to do something else."

Most people that don't go to church, have developed a concept of Jesus based on faulty information in a variety of ways, but mostly by observation and experience. Some have experienced church and not returned through boredom, not understanding the language and ritual. Or they work side by side with people who say they are Christians, they observe Christians on TV or are influenced by their and family regarding Jesus. They've heard prosperity preachers who see no problem lining their pockets at the expense of others. They've also heard of a Jesus preached who is more concerned with the outward appearance and the use of the King James Bible, rather than the inner qualities of Christian character and integrity. They've also heard of the Jesus of the liberal church, preaching the Jesus who is politically correct and is more

concerned with affirming people's lifestyles, than in truth and tough love. Just who is Christianity talking about when it talks about Jesus? Who is the Jesus we're talking about? Our view of Jesus determines our response to Him.

About half way through Matthew's gospel, we read of a time when Jesus had taken His disciples away to a lonely place for rest and relaxation, Jesus gathered His disciples around Him. The question we're asking, is the same question Jesus asked His disciples. "Who do people say I am? This question is so important, because many really don't know who Jesus is, but this is the central issue of Christianity. His disciples told Jesus what others were saying about Him. Some people were saying that He was John the Baptist. Other said that Jesus was Elijah, the prophet. Still others thought Jesus was Jeremiah or one of the other prophets. People knew He was a significant prophetic voice in their time and they had seen Him perform miracles. They knew He put an emphasis what the Word of God said. There were all kinds of ideas floating around about who He really was. In another verse Jesus said John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus made some very bold claims about Himself. He claimed to be God the Son and the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He didn't claim to be a way, but the Way. He did not claim to be a truth, but the Truth. He did not claim to be a life, but the

Life. Also, He claimed that He was the only access to God the Father and heaven! This is what Jesus claimed for Himself. That is certainly a whole lot more than just a man. It has been correctly stated that, when you consider the claims that Jesus made of Himself, that He was either a liar, a lunatic, or the true Lord.

C. S. Lewis, who was once an agnostic wrote: I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic on a level with a man who says he is a poached egg or else he would be a devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse." Later, he said "You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God but let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." If you are a Christian where do you hold Jesus in your life.

Pastor Bill Harrow

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10.45am United Worship	Standon		6.00pm Choral Evensong	Standon	
4.45pm St Mary's at the School	RdEc School		Sunday 5th May		
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Sunday 24th March			10.45am United Worship	Little Munden	
9.15am Holy Communion	Little Munden	RdEc School	4.45pm St Mary's at the School		
10.45am Family Worship	Standon		(with Messy Church)		
Tuesday 26th March			Sunday 12th May		
7.30pm Installation Service	Standon		10.45am United Holy Communion	Standon	
Sunday 31st March (Mothering Sunday)			4.45pm St Mary's at the School	RdEc School	
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4.45pm St Mary's at the School	RdEc School		Sunday 26th May		
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Sunday 14th April (Palm Sunday)			10.45am Family Worship	Standon	
10.45am United Holy Communion	Standon		6.00pm Choral Evensong	Standon	
4.45pm St Mary's at the School	RdEc School		Thursday 30th May (Ascension Day)		
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- 6 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
- 10 9.30am Morning Worship at St Mary's Braughing
- 10 11.15am Holy Communion at Furneux Pelham
- 10 6pm Refresh (informal service) at St Mary's Braughing
- 13 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
- 17 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
- 17 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
- 20 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
- 24 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
- 24 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
- 27 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
- 31 10.30am Bene fice Mothering Sunday Family Communion at St Mary's Stocking Pelham

April

- 7 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
- 7 11.15am All age Communion at St Mary's Braughing
- 10 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
- 14 10.30am Bene fice Palm Sunday Morning Worship with Palm procession at St Mary's Stocking Pelham
- 14 5.45pm Refresh (informal service) at St Mary's Braughing
- 15 7.00pm Compline at St Mary's Braughing
- 16 7.00pm Compline at St Mary's Stocking Pelham
- 17 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
- 18 8.00pm Holy Communion and stripping of the altar at St Mary's Braughing
- 19 10.30am Family Good Friday service at Stocking Pelham
- 19 2.00pm An hour before the Cross – Reflective Service at St Mary's Braughing
- 19 7.30pm Good Friday readings and music at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
- 21 9.30am All Age Holy Communion Easter Celebration at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
- 21 11.15am All Age Holy Communion Easter Celebration at St Mary's Braughing
- 24 No Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
- 28 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
- 28 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham

May

- 1 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
- 5 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
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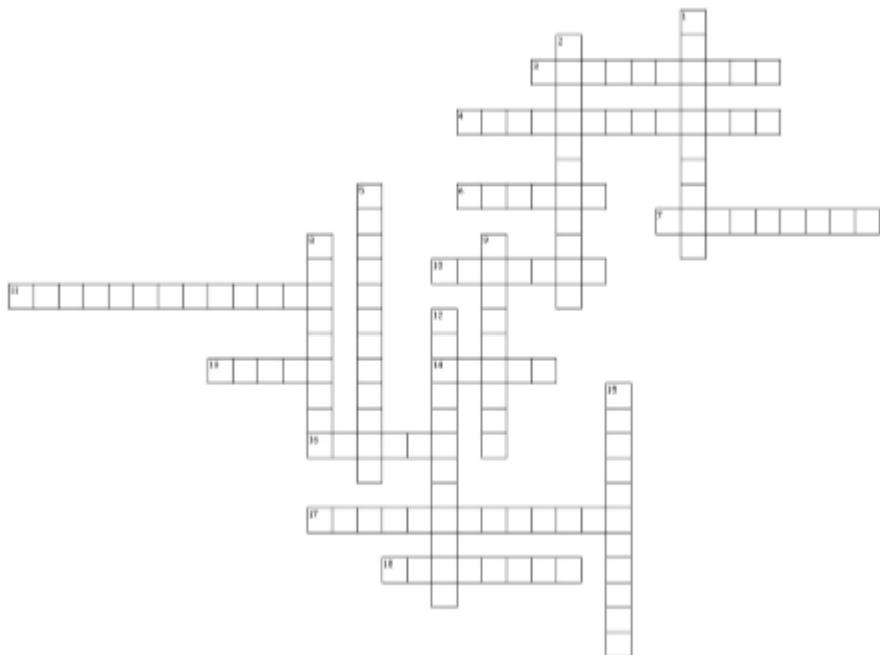
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4. The road to a source of printing material (9,4)
6. Used to make beer (6)
7. Somehow it's pronounced like a bendy lorry (9)
10. What used to be in Regal Close (7)
11. The sort of festivity they don't have south of the equator (4,9)
13. Barn behind the Star (5)
14. Not a nice place to live (5)
16. Drop a 't' and move a few miles north (6)
17. The small body of water is in rude health but not blue (8,5)
18. Three steps above privates (8)

**Down**

1. Was his porridge too cold or too hot (6,4)
2. Grassy area with some metal swarf (5,6)
5. Sounds appetising but hard to eat (7,5)

8. Occidental timber shop (9)

9. Breadmaker's finale (6,3)

12. Where big guns face justice (7,5)

15. A rainbow colour in need of repair (6,5)

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

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



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

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

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If this damage is left it could potentially ruin a whole section or worse, let in water. The more you put it off the worse the repair bill will likely be.

If you think there maybe more serious problems we can commission a Drone Survey which will give you a clear understanding of what is needed.

Also if you have found that you are spending more time outside then it is an ideal building period to add the Patio Extension or even E-Decking , a resin decking which is non slip .Resin decking looks just like wood but non-slip and doesn't rot and no maintenance.

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Try to mix in different 'moods' of areas rather than a more clinical approach.

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Village Diary

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

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

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

Every Weekday

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

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

3.15-6.15pm WASPS After School Club based at Standon and Puckeridge

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

4.30-6.30 Rib Valley Gymnastics and Trampolining Buntingford. Monday Trampolining Freeman College: 4.30-6.30 Children's classes,

7.30 Adult/older teens session.

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

Starlight Stars:

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

3.45 Twinkling Stars 4-6yrs

4.45 Shooting Stars 7-10yrs

5.45 Bright Stars 11-13yrs

6.45 Drama Stars (Group acting) 10-14yrs

Call Alex 01763 287691

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
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Tuesday

- 10am Nifty-Fifties Exercise Class for the over 50's. Standon Village Hall.
Details Denise Sallows 01920 823072
- 10am – 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700.
- Third Tuesday Colliers End Village Walks followed by refreshments.
Details Suzanne Anderson 07896 699844
- 11.15am Chair-Aside exercise. Standon Village Hall. Details Denise Sallows 01920 823072
- 11.30 Punchline Boxing (adults) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Adam Davidson 07903 657146
- 1.30-3pm Little Fishes Mother & Toddler, & Little Fishes Church, Braughing Church Hall. Term Time only. Parish Administrator 01920 823832
- Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club
4pm Mini Red (5-8 yrs).
5pm Mini Orange/Green (8-10 yrs)
6pm Junior Club night
7pm Senior Club night
Details Tracy Llewellyn 07985 183796

- Starlight Stars at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
4pm Hip Hop 7-11 yrs
4.30 Advance Street Dance(UDO) 12+years
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 Cricket Club practice night, Colts and Adults. Details Kai Michael 01763 273127 or Dave Bantick 01763 273205

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

7.30 Bell Ringing Practice, St Mary's Church Tower, Standon. Interested? - Come along or: Details Trevor Chapman 01920 821341.

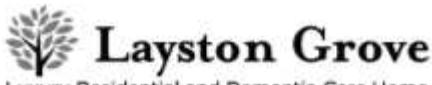
7.30 Embroidery Group. Second Tuesday in the month, Sargeant Room, Standon Village Hall. Details Barbara Norris 01920 822104

8 Puckeridge WI, 1st Tuesday of the month, Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall. Details Louise 07971 800443 or info@puckeridgewi.org

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

Wednesday

- 8.30 Under 1's Childrens' Group, Standon Village Hall. Details Kelly Brightman 01920 463949
- 9.15 Service of Communion at St Mary's Standon, followed by refreshments (No service in August)
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clare 07966 213880



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9.30 (term time) Little Hadham Parents & Toddlers group. Held Little Hadham Village Hall
 10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Details Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152
 10am – 1pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700
 11am Pilates Group Standon Village Hall. Details Judy Coward 01920 822812
 11.30 Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sue 07854 316628
 12.30 Bramble Hill Children's Centre young parents group. (Term time). Details 01763 273008
 2pm Second Wednesday of the month – Ware U3A, Wodson Park, (doors open 1.30pm). Pat Davidson, 01920 438309
 2.15 - 4.30pm Little Munden Cafe at All Saints Church, Little Munden. April - October.
 3pm Friendly club bowls game. New members and interested people welcome. Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club, Station Road, Puckeridge. Details John Simmons 821282
 Dance JAM Academy – Standon Village Hall
 4pm Baby Ballet (3+ Years)
 4.30pm Prep/Primary Ballet (5-8 years)
 5pm Grade 1 Ballet (8+ years)
 5pm Prep/Primary Tap (5-8 years)
 6pm Prep/Primary Freestyle (5-8 years)
 julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk
 4.15-6.15 Gymnastics Edwinstreet Middle School. Children's classes 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
 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), Cottered 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 The Arts Centre, Kibes Lane, Ware, SG12 7ED, September to May. Details: Barbara Norris 01920 822104 www.wareps.org.uk
 8pm Last Wednesday of the month, Braughing Aviation Society meets in the Old Boys School, Braughing. Details Terry Gilroy 01920 822296

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
 6 Cricket Club Practice Session. Details Kai Michael 01763 273127 or Dave Bantick 01763 273205.
 Puckeridge Karate Club Juniors: 7-8pm, Adults 8-9.30pm, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details 01763 231132 or at TG's Convenience Store.
 7 Puckeridge Karate Club meets 7pm at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clive Bowen 01763 231132



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

Friday

- 10am Third Friday Digital Photography for Beginners, Ware U3A Standon Village Hall. Details Barry Jackson 01920 821356
- 2pm Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Details Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152
- 4.15pm & 5.15pm during term time Rib Valley Gymnastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford. Contact Andrea Allen 07989980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- 6.30 Scout & Guide Band, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Term times only. Details Garry Edwards 01920 823163
- 7.30 Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 years old),

- Christ Church, Ware. Meet throughout the year. Details Jim Campbell 01920 461134.
- 8 Ware Swimming Club Trials evening. All welcome. Training evenings are Monday and Friday. Details Mr Vanner 01920 464439.

Saturday

- Dance JAM Academy – Ralph Sadlier School
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| 8.45am | Grade 3 Tap |
| 9.15am | Grade 4 Freestyle |
| 10.00am | Grade 2 Tap |
| 10.30am | Grade 2 Freestyle |
| 11.00am | Choreography |
| 11.30am | Musical Theatre
julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk |
- 9am - 1pm at Jenyns School Braughing: Ballet: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535 & Tap, Modern & Jazz: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224
- 9.30 First Saturday of the month - help with work in Standon Churchyard.
- 9.30 Vinyasa Flow with RedYoga at Standon Village Hall. Details Saskia 07590 964016
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clare 07966 213880
- 12.30-2pm Contessa Vaulting Group training sessions and competition practice. All welcome. Details Tina Layton 01920 821792
- 6pm Evening Mass at Puckeridge Roman Catholic Church. Details 01763 271471.

Sunday

- 9.30 Vinyasa Flow with RedYoga at

Standon Village Hall. Details Saskia 07590 964016

Braughing, St Mary the Virgin Services:

- 1st Sunday: 11:15am All Age Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday: 9.30am Morning Worship & 5:45 Refresh - informal service
- 3rd Sunday: 11:15am Holy Communion
- 4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday no service in Braughing - shared Holy Communion service 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Stocking Pelham.

St. Mary's Church Standon: Please see the church notice board or service cards or the monthly church newsletter for up-to-date information. Details: Michael Smith (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

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If you are interested in the post please contact Mrs Wendy Sellers at the School Office as soon as possible on **01920 821450.**

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March

- 2 Home-Start Celebrating Voices concert at Meridian School, Garden Walk Royston. 7pm. Tickets £10 from Home-Start office 01763 262262
- 3 Guided walk of Sele Farm with Hertford Museum. Tickets from the Museum 01992 582686 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/588446
- 5 Talk for Puckeridge WI at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 6 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 8 Braughing Society talk from the Campaign to Protect Rural England. 8pm at Braughing Church Hall.
- 13 Isabel Hospice Celebration Lunch at Copley's Café, Hopleys, SG10 6BU. 12Noon. Tickets from Renee at 01279 755320.
- 14 Days of Dolly Blue and Izal. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 22-22 June The Show Must Go On! Exhibition at Hertford Museum. Tues-Sat 10am-5pm.
- 23 Tea-time Talk on The Malthouses of Ware, 3pm at Standon Village Hall. Entrance £5 at the door.
- 22 'A Star is Born' film 7.30pm at Braughing Village Hall. Tickets at the door or from Braughing Post Office in advance. £7.50.
- 23 Harmonaires Choir concert 'Wade in the Water' in aid of WaterAid. St John's Church, Stansted. Tickets £10 from 07912 025777 or www.theharmonaireschoir.com
- 24 Hertfordshire Holly dance workshop at High Cross Village Hall. 2-5pm. Details Mary Deeks 01920 822905
- 26 Rev John Chitham's installation

Service. St Mary's Church, Standon.

- 27 Volunteer Open Evening at Hertford Museum. Drop in for a glass of wine.
- 28 Braughing Local History Society AGM at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing. 7.45pm.
- 29 Village Lunch. Details Helena 01920 822177 or Brenda 01920 822293.
- 30 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU.

April

- 2 Easter Craft - talk for Puckeridge WI at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 3 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 3-5 Sadleir Drama Club production 'Last Panto in Little Grimley'. Tickets from Penny Wheadon 01920 822022 or sadleirdrama@gmail.com
- 6 Royston Choral Society Spring Concert 7.30 at Ashwell Parish Church. Tickets £15 from Caroline Franks 01920 822723 or www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk
- 11-15 Buntingford Twinning Association French visitors here. Details Mary Deeks 01920 822905
- 12 'A Decent Bit of Shopping' at Cottered Village Hall, 10am-1.30pm. In aid of the Red Cross.
- 14 Guided walk round Central Hertford with Hertford Museum. Booking essential from the Museum 01992 582686.
- 17 Starlight Stars

Stage & Screen Spectacular 12 and 3pm at Hertford Theatre. Details www.starlightstars.co.uk

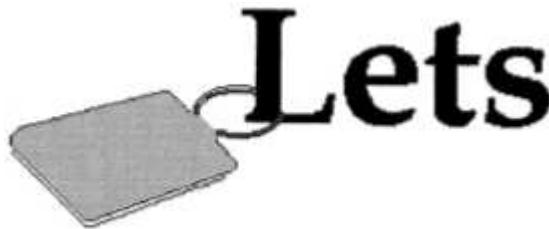
- 18 Contemporary Art. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
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- 27 Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club Open Day 10am-3.30pm. Puckeridge & Standon Playing Field, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF. Details standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com
- 27 Hertford Museum Stores Open Day, 11am-3pm.

May

- 4 Little Hadham & Albury Garden Club Plant Sale, 9.30-11.30am at Little Hadham Village Hall.
- 6 Mayday, 1pm in Standon High Street. Details info@standonmayday.co.uk
- 7 Puckeridge WI Annual Meeting at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 8 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 16 Annual meeting of Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm

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- Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 18 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU.
- 18 Museums at Night: Live music at Hertford Museum, 7-9pm. Free admission.
- 23 Braughing Local History Society talk: Policing Hertfordshire before 'The Police' at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing. 7.45pm.
- 25 Annual Rogation Walk - Hormead Benefice. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.

June

- 4 Local walk and pun with Puckeridge WI Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 5 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 19 Arts and Crafts for Adults: Collage Workshop at Hertford Museum. 10am-12.30pm. Booking essential 01992 582686.
- 14 Antiques Shops in Hitchin. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 30 Open Garden at 9 Lloyd Taylor

Close, Little Hadham SG11 2NB, 2- 5pm

July

- 2 Puckeridge WI Summer Social at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 13 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU.
- 18 Craft evening with Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397

August

- 1-4 Buntingford Twinning Association visit to Olvega, Spain. Details Mary Deeks 01920 822905
- 6 Suffragettes Talk for Puckeridge WI at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- September**
- 3 Charity Crafting with Puckeridge WI at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 14 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU.

- 14 Millinery. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397

October

- 1 Talk for Puckeridge WI at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 8 Soup lunch with Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 17 Hootie Toot, Silver Jewellery. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397

November

- 2 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU.
- 5 Quiz with Puckeridge WI Christmas Meal. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 21 Days of Dolly Blue and Izal. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397

December

- 3 Puckeridge WI Christmas Meal Details info@puckeridgewi.org

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Wednesday	USA Pilates	Judy: 01920 822812
Wednesday	Dance JAM	Julie: 07971 699615
Wednesday	Bounce	Rebecca: 07904 125228
Wednesday	Sadler Drama Group	01763 289446
Wednesday	Parish Paths	John
Thursday	Smart Group Training	Richard: 07980 910989
Thursday	Rainbows	Cheryl: 07803 314964
Thursday	Iyengar Yoga	Jen: 01920 821288
Thursday (Sept - April)	Morris Men	Bob: 07772 463024
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1st Thursday	Local Friends	Rita: 01920 821722
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Ware Household Waste Site, Westmill Road.

Cameras & Photography Books

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

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Standon Post Office & supermarkets

Foreign Coins

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Ink & toner cartridges

- Puller Memorial School - drop them in to the School.
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Another site worth checking is www.donateapc.org.uk

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- Puller Memorial School in High Cross collects used stamps to 'Save the Albatross'. Drop them into school or 32 Batchelors, Puckeridge.
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Buntingford		
Mon	10am - 4pm	The Manor House
Tue	10am - 1pm	21 High Street
Wed	10am - 1pm	Buntingford
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Fri	Closed	
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Isabel Hospice Shop

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

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Call Sally on 07854 916404

Email: communitycentre@tesco.net
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The Sight Line telephone number is: 01707 324680, Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm

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Sunday	12.00 - 16.00

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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

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- Braughing Church Hall and Old Boys School, (up to 120 with kitchen facilities) – contact Phil Firmin 01920 823120, email phil.firmin@outlook.com
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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 mjsmcrae@aol.com

Local Churches:

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- Methodist Church, Braughing: Minister Reverend Gill Hulme 01279 504157
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Crossword Answers

- Across**
- 3: Much Hadham
 - 4: Papermill Lane
 - 6: Barley
 - 7: Haultwick
 - 10: Station
 - 11: Cold Christmas
 - 13: Duoro
 - 14: Nasty
 - 16: Sandon
 - 17: Wellpond Green
 - 18: Sargents

Down

- 1: Middle Bear
- 2: Burrs Meadow
- 5: Pudding Stone
- 8: Westwoods
- 9: Bakers End
- 12: Cannons Court
- 15: Broken Green

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!

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

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[Www.hummingbirdcancersupport.org](http://www.hummingbirdcancersupport.org)



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 Cllr Geoffrey Williamson 01279 771272
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Peter Boylan 01920 822026
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Standon

Cllr David Andrew 01920 823836
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Parish Council Meetings

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

Braughing

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

Little Hadham

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

Standon

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

Parish Councils

Braughing

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Chairman:
 Richard Boxall 01920 822335

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



Your Scout Group needs You

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

LOCAL DIRECTORY

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

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rfleetwood@braughing.org.uk

Puckeridge: Brian Durrant 822331

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Vic Flintham 01763 289636

Baby-sitting Circle:

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Angie Adamson 01763 849902

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mary.cockburn@btopenworld.com

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Braughing Society:

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Braughing WI: Kate Fish 822397

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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): firsandpbrownies@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:

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Mikebennett12@aol.com

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Conservative Assn:

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Tuesday Puma Pack: Jackie Andrews 01763 247675

Dance Classes - Rhythm & Poise School of Dance: Ballet: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535 & Tap, Modern & Jazz: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224

Dance JAM Academy:

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Dog Training: Jan Mann 823475

Dominoes: Axe & Compasses,

Braughing - Graham Frary 821715

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Folk Music Club:

Stortfolk 01279 656664

Veterans Football Club (Braughing):

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Friends of Braughing Church:

Ned Dailly 01920 823692 or email: nedailly@btinternet.com

Golf Club (East Herts):

Secretary 821978

Guides: Register your interest at

www.girlguiding.org.uk - general enquiries to Louise 07971 800443.

Hares Football Club:

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Health Centre: 823860

Hertford & Ware Railway Society: Stuart Moye 467132

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Kettlebell Exercise Classes: Sue Prior 07854 316628

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www.standoncharities.org.uk

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- Pets TLC: 822705
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 Standon: Ron Edwards 464218
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 sandie@sandibevents.co.uk
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 S.P.I.N.S. Pre-School: 07881 533339
 St. Thomas of Canterbury Primary School PTA: C/o School 821450
 Standon Morris: Catherine Ward 07808 969379
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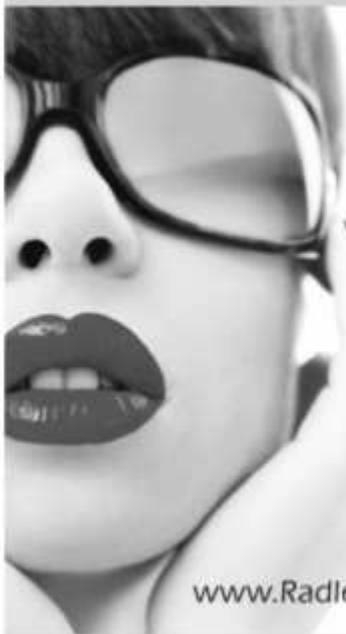
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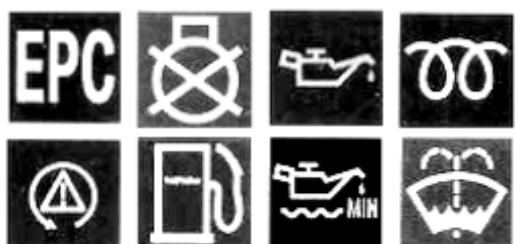
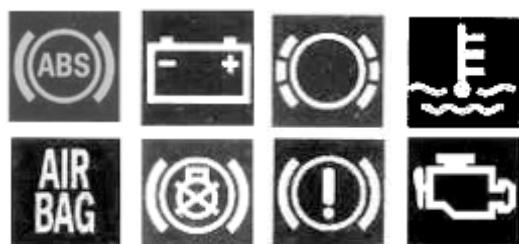
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