

Honouring the 1st Battalion, the Hertfordshire Regiment

We were fortunate enough to be on a battlefield tour in Belgium with a group from the Herts at War project, over the few days when the commemoration of the 3rd Battle of Ypres (also known as Passchendaele) took place.

The 31st July 1917 was the first day of this offensive and it was on this day that so many men of the 1st Battalion of the Hertfordshires were lost. The Herts at War project had been raising money from donations over the last few years to have a memorial erected to them, and placed near the village and indeed the very fields where they fought and died, at St Julien, north of Ypres. This ambitious project came to fruition on 31st July 2017 when the memorial was unveiled by the Countess of Verulam, performing one of her last roles as Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. Also present was our local MP for North and East Herts, Sir Oliver Heald, each gave a short address. Two buglers from the Last Post Association in Ypres, played The Last Post and wreaths were laid by the dignitaries, family members of survivors as well as some of those lost that day. The mayor and members of the local community of St Julien as well as many people from Hertfordshire attended, in all about 200 people.

The next 2-3 hours was spent on a 4 km walk following the route the 'Herts Guards' took and where some still lie. The walk was punctuated by six short talks, giving information about what had happened at each point along the way. The Herts Guards was a name bestowed by the Irish Guards who recognised that the Hertfordshires were not the typical Territorials, but men who could fight as well as the regular 'elite' soldiers.

After gaining their first two objectives with relatively light casualties, they began the final phase of the attack,

taking their turn to lead the assault on the formidable German Langemarck Line. They advanced into a hail of machine gun and artillery fire with devastating consequences. In the following two hours, approximately seventy five per cent of the Battalion's initial strength was either killed, wounded or missing, including all the officers. When rations were brought up to the line that evening and the question asked "where are the Hertfordshires?" the reply was: "there are no Hertfordshires".

There are two men on the War Memorial in St Mary's Church Standon who died that day, one in the 1st Battalion Hertfordshires, Lance Corporal Henry Beaumont Clarke, whose aunt and 'second mother' Emma Thompson ran the Windmill pub in Standon High Street. The second man, Edward H Smith was in the Royal Sussex Regiment which fought at the same action. Edward and his family have worked for generations at St Edmund's College.

Along with so many others during the 100 or so days that followed, these two men were never found, and so their names are commemorated on the Menin Gate at Ypres.

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(Thanks to Monica Giles for suggesting this).



Sadleir Drama Club

At the end of March 2017 Sadleir Drama Club put on a production of "Baby Sparklers" by Frank Gibbon - this nostalgic One-Act comedy play was set in an industrial town in the 1970s where a group of children were preparing for Guy Fawkes night but a hidden danger was lurking in the shadows... The production was followed each evening by the ever popular fish & chip supper before the evening was rounded off with a very amusing duologue "Carrot" by David Tristram about the managing director of an ailing roofing bolt manufacturer with an unusual and tempting proposition for his very principled union representative.

Dates for the Diary – Future Productions

The Sadleir Drama Club Autumn Production will take place from Tuesday 28th November - Saturday 2nd December 2017.

Sally Laws-Robinson has kindly agreed to direct a production of "Neighbourhood Watch" by Alan Ayckbourn.

Brother and sister Martin and Hilda Massie live together, leading a quiet, Christian existence in the confines of the Bluebell Hill Development. Just as they are preparing for a housewarming gathering, their peace is shattered by a young trespasser in their garden. The

Massies' neighbours congregate in their living room and together they agree to form a neighbourhood watch group to safeguard against further incidents. But after the Massies' beloved garden gnome Monty is thrown through their window, matters swiftly escalate, complicated by Martin's burgeoning romance with Amy, wife of Gareth, who was formerly involved with Luther, husband of Magda... What begins as a well-intentioned scheme for a safer community ends in violence and acrimony.

The cast of eight are ready and raring to start rehearsals at the beginning of September and we do hope you will come along to watch. Tickets will be available as usual from Standon Post Office from late October.

If you are someone who likes to come along to our plays perhaps you might like to join our 'Supporters List'. Once you are on this list, we will let you know, in plenty of time, about our productions, when and where to buy tickets and generally keep in touch. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact me, and let me know your address or, preferably, your email address.

Liz Pickup
Secretary, Sadleir Drama Club

01763 289446 or
pickup1@btinternet.com

Hertfordshire Holly

Another dancing season has flown by. Since performing at Standon Mayday we have been further afield to the Chippenham folk festival, Leigh-on-sea, St Neots and Whitstable but we have also performed nearer to home at the Baldock festival and several pubs including an evening at The Golden Fleece as guests of Standon Morris.

In early Sept we are going to be in Cambridge which is always a good day as there will almost certainly be an appreciative audience. It will be part of a weekend Holly Holiday which we enjoy every other year: For the in between years we organise a day of dance to which we invite other sides to join us on a tour of the local area so that will be in 2018.

Between Sept and April we concentrate on learning and practising new dances and teaching our new recruits and we already know of one lady keen to come along and try us out. More ladies and gents interested in seeing what we do will be welcome at High Cross village Hall on Sept 3rd, at 8.15, or most other Thursdays.

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1st Standon and Puckeridge Guides

Once again, our older Guides have worked really hard, and three more have achieved their Baden Powell awards. This is the top award in Guides, and we are so proud of everything Gracie, Juliana and Lauren have achieved.

One of the older Guides has moved on to become a Young Leader at a local Brownie Pack, and some of the others are hoping to continue a link with Guiding by doing the service section of their Duke of Edinburgh awards with local units.

This summer, seven Guides went to Wellies and Wristbands, a national Girlguiding festival-style camp in the New Forest. They enjoyed the usual adventurous activities along with hot tubs, crafts, outdoor challenges and the evening entertainment featuring music acts and a UV party night.

We are still one of the Co-op Community Fund nominated charities until October. Any money spent on Co-op branded goods by membership card holders, as well as money from carrier bag sales, goes towards one of three good causes. If you nominate us as your preferred charity, our unit will benefit, so please log in to the Co-op website and select 1st Standon & Puckeridge Guides.

We also fundraise through Easy2Name.com which supplies school name tapes. You just need to select 1st Standon & Puckeridge Guides at checkout.

2nd Standon and Puckeridge (Roger de Clare) Brownies

Our innovative lunch club Brownie Pack has just finished it's first term. We meet weekly as a 30 minute lunch club, offering a full Brownie programme to girls who would otherwise miss out on a place due to the long waiting lists for local units.

This term, we enrolled 8 Brownies, which took place after the school sports day so that parents could come and watch their daughters making their promise. The Brownies designed their own Promise Pond during meetings, and the girls were also presented with their Artist badges, and special Random Act of Kindness badges in a scheme organised by Guides from Watton at Stone.

Next term we are welcoming even more girls to the unit, and are looking forward to more badges, visiting the panto and preparing for our first residential with the 1st Standon and Puckeridge Pack.

Could you help?

We still have more girls wanting to join our units than we have space for, so we could still benefit from opening other units in the area. To do this, we need volunteers. The units could be the traditional evening type, a Saturday morning once a month, an after school club in partnership with a school, or even another lunch club. For further information, please email louisejenkins7@yahoo.co.uk.

Ware and Hertford Trefoil Guild

Ware and Hertford Trefoil Guild held an open evening for new members in July. Because so many people are apparently unaware of what we are and what we do.

So, what are we?

Trefoil Guild, as a branch of the Girlguiding UK, offers personal and social opportunities whilst supporting Guiding (and Scouting where appropriate). Many of us ran, or still run Brownie and Guide units, but there is no need to do so.

What do we do?

We have a monthly meeting in the hall at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Ware, SG12 9EH, when we generally have a speaker or enjoy doing a craft together on the 4th Monday of the month. Our programme for the rest of this year includes a talk from "Mudlarks" a local horticultural charity, a talk on The Tudors of Hatfield House, a craft evening, and we will finish our year with the Ware Ukelele Group.

During the summer months we try to get out of the hall. This year we visited a nursery in Roydon, have been bird watching and had a lovely day out at the Henry Moore Studios. Sometimes we go for a walk in the countryside, nearly always ending at a local hostelry. You will see from our programme that events are very varied and we are always open to new suggestions. Our plans for next year include putting at the Ware Bowls Club, a day out to Jordans Mill, and a meal out at a restaurant in December, as well as interesting speakers here in the hall.

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What else?

In 2010, six of us went to Oberammergau in Austria to see the Passion Play – a most wonderful experience. Some of us go to the National Trefoil AGM. In the past a group have been to Switzerland staying in Our Chalet and also Northern Ireland staying at Lorne – which are Guiding centres. We also spent an interesting day at Pax Lodge in London.

There are approximately 1100 Guilds in the UK with over 20,000 members. We don't have a uniform as such, but some of us like to wear the polo shirt with a scarf or necker, similar to those that Brownies, Guides and Rangers wear.

We try to support charities and currently we are knitting hats and small bags for Operation Christmas Child, collecting used stamps for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and postcards for the Medical Aviation Fellowship. Next year we will try to support Riding for the Disabled in some way.

If you would like to find out more, details are in the directory at the back of PS.

Alex Chapman

Puckeridge WI

We have had a great few months with a talk by volunteers from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, including two gorgeous dogs who stole the show, and a garden party (again with a puppy who also stole our hearts!).

Several members went to the Hertfordshire Federation event, Wine and Wigwags, in Standon Green End. One member camped for the weekend with others from across the County, whilst others visited for the day to enjoy workshops and talks including organza flowers, a cake competition, Thai foot massage classes, poetry writing, festival bracelet making, meditation sessions, chicken scratch embroidery, hedge laying, watercolours class and a talk by Joel Brown who created the innovative psychedelic slides for Pink Floyd in the 1960s.

We are a diverse group with different ages, jobs and interests, but a shared wish to experience new things and build new skills, and play a role in our community.

- 12 September Charity Crafting for Battersea Dogs Home and the Dog's Trust

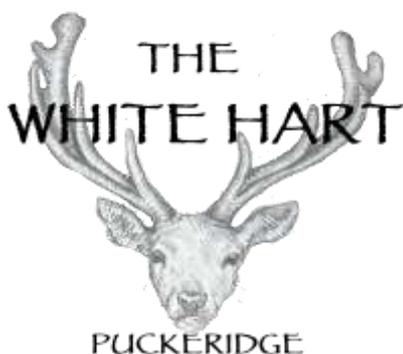
- 10 October Wood and Walters - Funny Ladies
- 14 November Card making
- 3 December Handmade Christmas Fair 11-3 at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
- 12 December Christmas Meal

New members are welcome and your first meeting is free. For more information, please look at our website www.puckeridgewi.org, email us at info@puckeridgewi.org or contact us on Twitter or via our Facebook page.

WI Handmade Christmas Fair

Our Handmade Christmas Fair is on Sunday 3 December from 11am-3pm at Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge. We will be showcasing local designers, makers, crafters and food producers so you can do your Christmas shopping and get some unique Christmas presents. Entry is free and there will be a raffle for a local charity.

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SPINS Pre-School

We have enjoyed an eventful half term.

The wonderful weather meant that the children were able to challenge themselves through the moving and handling strand of Physical Development using a variety of ride-ons from balance bikes to those with pedals. The wooden apparatus were explored and the children practised movements of their choice and self regulation was evident.

This area of learning, was SPINS Pre-School's focus as evidence was presented by Herts for Learning team which shows that this Physical Development has plateaued over the last two years in East Hertfordshire.

Children also learnt the importance of sun safety and children made relevant contributions to related discussions.

Our transition role play area allowed children to explore independence. Children were given the opportunity to try on school uniforms and share related reading material and literature. Children worked together to dress one another and "have a go" at zipping and buttoning clothing up for themselves.

Our staff have also been extra busy attending training to ensure SPINS Pre-School continually improve good practice.

SPINS Pre-School are delighted to offer 30 hours funding for working parents, details available on request.

Finally, at the end of term we said goodbye to some of our children who are about to continue their education at surrounding schools. We would like to wish them Good Luck.

We welcome new families starting

SPINS Pre-School during September 2017. We return for the Autumn term on Tuesday 5 September 2017.

For all enquiries or to register your child on our waiting list please contact Sam Christie/Paula Smith Tel: 07881 533339 or email: spins.nursery@tesco.net

Hertfordshire Libraries Reminiscence Collection

The Reminiscence Collection was set up for customers with dementia and was used in care homes and centres. Now the collection is much larger and can be borrowed by all library customers. The stock aims to help those with dementia to remember the past and to share their experiences and memories with their families and carers.

We now offer almost 100 themed Reminiscence boxes, with a wide range of stock for all age groups to enjoy. Topics include childhood memories, life across the decades (1950s to 1980s), transport, royalty, sport and hobbies and they contain books, artefacts, toys and sensory items. The collection also consists of other individual stock items such as books, DVDs, CDs, talking books and jigsaws.

The Reminiscence Collection is based in our Central Stocks Unit in Welwyn Garden City, but can be reserved for collection from any Hertfordshire library. For more information contact your local library

on 0300 123 4049 or email the Community Services team at libraries.communityservices@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Or, you can search our library catalogue and reserve the items that you would like to borrow. Please visit the collection online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries Go to Books and Online Reference>Reminiscence Collections>Search Reminiscence Collection.

Events at St Mary's Church,

Standon

Harvest Family Worship Service

Please join us at St Mary's Church on Sunday 24 September at 10.45am for our Harvest Family Worship Service.

Service of Memories

On Sunday 5 November at 3pm for all those who have lost loved ones, whether recently or a while ago.

Service of Remembrance

On Sunday 12 November at St Mary's Church at 10.45am, there will be the traditional Service of Remembrance.

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News from Isabel Hospice Ware Group Fundraising News

Jumble Sales: The May Jumble Sale raised a total of £630 and the July Jumble made £624.50. Our thanks to all the donors of items and to the team of 22 helpers who worked so hard on the day. The next sale is Saturday 16 September, 2pm at Thundridge Hall. Admission 20p.

We were invited back to The Maltings Ware to accept a cheque for £1,000 from the results of the Weekly Friday Night Meat Raffle, organised by the landlord, Terry and Heather, his wife. The generous customers of this small and friendly pub have raised £6,000 for Isabel Hospice in 4 years. This is an amazing commitment by everyone at The Maltings and we congratulate and thank them for their efforts.

Can collections from businesses in the Ware area have contributed over £200 recently and a street collection raised £400.

Finally, we had 2 stalls at the Ware Festivities which raised a total of £317. Our volunteer, Teresa, who, single-handedly, designed and ran the Quality Gifts stall was the runner-up in the competition for the best decorated stall. Well done Teresa.

Ann Davey Contact 01920 462992

Grand Draw – Win £1,000 with Isabel Hospice

Books of tickets are available in all our shops. Each book costs £10 and each ticket is £1. We would welcome you to buy a ticket or a book and you will be in with the chance of winning £1,000 which will be drawn at our In-Patient Unit on Friday 8th September. Ring 01707 382500 if you would like to be sent a book.

Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale.

16 September,

2pm at Thundridge Hall. Admission: Adult 20p.

Etape D'Amwell for Isabel Hospice

17 September

The 3rd year of this exciting charity bike ride in aid of Isabel Hospice. Starting at Allenbury's Sports Club in Ware at 7.30am. You can choose between three distances - 50k £20, 100k - £25 and 150k - £30. Visit the website for information and to register www.amwellsports.org.uk. Hosted by Amwell Rotary.

Hospice 100

17 September

A brand new cycling event run by SportiveUK in aid of Isabel Hospice. Starting at Freeman

College, Bowling Green Lane, Buntingford, SG9 9BT, Don't miss out and sign up today to a brand new cycling event run by SportiveUK in aid of Isabel Hospice. This scenic ride starting in Buntingford has a 21 mile, 42 mile, 75 mile and 100 mile ride on offer. With a choice of 4 distances, you'll definitely be able to find something that suites your ability, and possibly surpass any previous 'longest ride' achieved once you get caught up in the preparation and buzz on the day! The ride includes feed stations, energy drinks and snacks, online published results, fully signed route, mechanic and chip timing. All cyclists are encouraged to raise as much sponsorship as possible on top of their entry fee so you can help us continue to provide vital end of life of care to patients and families across East Hertfordshire. Sign up at www.isabelhospice.org.uk

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1 October

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Isabel Hospice Autumn Golf Day – Welwyn Garden City Golf Club
19 October

Our Autumn Golf Day is being held this year at the popular Welwyn Garden City Golf Club. A team of 4 is £350, and you can pay online by clicking the link above. Tea, coffee and bacon rolls will be provided upon

arrival for all Isabel Hospice golfers, setting you up for a full day of great golf. On your return to the Clubhouse you will enjoy a two course lunch, followed by prize giving, a raffle and auction. We would love you to join us, so get your team of four together to take on the challenges this fantastic course has to offer. For more information, please contact Beth Hardy on 01707 382500.

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21 October

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Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale.

4 November

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Isabel Hospice Lights of Love Remembrance Ceremonies

18 November

Sawbridgeworth – Bakers Walk, Bell Street. 4pm

Isabel Hospice Lights of Love Remembrance Ceremony Ware – Van Hage, Great Amwell 5.30pm

Remembrance

Ceremony Hatfield – The Galleria, 4pm

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Buntingford – The Manor House

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Isabel Hospice Lights of Love Remembrance Ceremony

25 November. 4pm

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Speed cameras I think should be erected to save any possible deaths and also stop a lot of nuisance to the people who are living alongside that part of the A120 which goes through the village. Hardly any driver keeps to the speed limit.

T Fannin

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Friday 10 November 8.00 pm

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Prisoners of War in Braughing

Recent evidence has come to light that Prisoners of War were held in Braughing during the end stages of World War One.

Documents now held at the Imperial War Museum in London reveal that during the Great War, the Government set up an organisation named the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, which collected information on all prisoners of war across the British Empire.

The Bureau printed an alphabetical list of POW camps for internal (Government) use in December 1917, May 1918, October 1918 and April 1919. The list includes the larger, parent camps and their satellite working camps.

Braughing was an off-shoot of Bishop's Stortford Working Camp, itself a satellite of Pattishall, situated between Northampton and Towcester. The fact that Braughing was an off-shoot of a somewhat larger satellite camp suggests that it accommodated

between around 20 to 35 men.

Braughing appears only on the lists printed in October 1918 and April 1919, which indicates (but is not completely definitive) that Braughing was not opened until the late Summer of 1918 and was closed in the Spring of 1919. The fact that it was probably used during the Winter of 1918/1919 suggests it was not tented but some building in the locality was used to accommodate the POWs while they were working in the immediate area, probably on local farms.

We would very much like to try and identify where these Prisoners of War were housed towards the end of the war. Does anyone out there have any stories they have heard from their older relatives about this, or even any photographs, which might prove the whereabouts of this camp.

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Ralph Sadleir School Report

It's the end of another academic year where pupils should be very proud of their achievements and the new skills that they have learned. We end the term as always with our celebratory presentation assembly where staff congratulate pupils on their accomplishments. Individual pupils across the school were selected by teaching staff for excellent progress and achievement within their tutor groups and some Year 8 pupils also received awards for progress and achievement in specific curriculum areas. To help Mr Spong hand out these awards we welcomed Alison Saunders who is Headteacher at Simon Balle School.

The most prestigious of the accolades handed out is The David Jones Award. This award is voted for by everyone in the entire school, not just the teachers and is presented to two Year 8 pupils who have shown full commitment to the Ralph Sadleir School community – well done to Faye C and Alfie L. We wish our Year 8's all the best for the start of their time at Freman College. We hope Ralph Sadleir has given you

all a good head start with your education and know you will all go from strength to strength.

When we return in September, our school will experience a long term goal. We will be officially over subscribed in our Year 5 and will have four Year 5 tutor groups instead of three. We enjoyed meeting all of our new pupils during the transition day and hope that everyone joining us in September is excited to become a Ralphiie.

As Headteacher, Mr Spong's philosophy of education is clear to see throughout the school: "We should be teaching children skills that can be transferred across the curriculum and beyond. Inspiring them to become lifelong learners, with a growth mindset, by ensuring lessons are challenging and fun. I firmly believe that we are preparing children today for the learning of tomorrow and, as such, support the use of e-learning to supplement the curriculum. I believe in providing a holistic education that provides opportunities for children to experience and excel in a range of situations."

Despite there not being many middle

schools in the country, the National Middle Schools Forum says that "middle schools occupy the formative central ground in the education process. They are uniquely placed with their opportunities for creative flexibility of organisation to meet the needs of pupils through a time of considerable and wide ranging intellectual, physical and emotional development." Ralph Sadleir School offers a school environment that is big enough to gain secondary skills, education and experience, but small enough for everyone to be known personally, and enables the young adolescent to be nurtured and supported at a time when they need it most. We see pupils enter the school at Year 5 as wide eyed, anxious children and have the privilege to watch them grow into confident, young people by Year 8.

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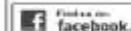


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form of Mr Verderame, our Science department welcomes Mrs Chapman and Mrs McClean to replace Mrs Bingham and Miss Chandler and the Year 6 team welcomes Dr Collins who replaces Mr Creasy as Year 6 tutor. We send good wishes to the staff who are leaving us and we are sure they will all be successful in their new roles.

Mrs McIver will also be leaving us shortly after the start of the Autumn Term but only temporarily (we hope) as she prepares for the birth of her first baby. Miss Hampshire is now a very proud Mum to a little boy called Noah and we congratulate her and her partner on his safe arrival.

Whilst we prepare for the start of what will be an exciting new school year with fresh challenges, the Autumn Term is also a time to look ahead and open our doors to prospective parents for the following academic year. Our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 28 September at 5.45pm to 8pm. Mr Spong will give his Headteacher's Talk at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you at this event where refreshments will be provided, an opportunity to tour the school and meet the staff. If you are unable to make this event, we are also having Open Mornings on 11 October, 29 November and 10 January all at 10.30am to 12noon.

We have places for new pupils across the school.

Puckeridge Karate Club – Grading News



Congratulations to Conor Matthews and Thomas Marshall for passing their 1st and 2nd Dan gradings on the 18th July, pictured here with Chief Instructor / Examiner Sensei Michael Billman 8th Dan.

In July, Conor's father and club instructor Nick Matthews took and passed his 4th Dan grading, this is a very different grading as it focuses more heavily on the technical aspects of karate rather than the physical.

Also in July all five of the kyu grades that graded were successful. Lara Bowen gained her 1st Kyu, so hopefully next year it will be a crack at her black belt.

Charlotte Tredgett, Annabelle Humphries, Xanthe Constantiou and

Chloe Ellis all attained the grade of 2nd kyu, they are also closing in on their black belts in the next couple of years.

Well done to everyone who graded.

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

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Normal service is resumed?

Rain lashing down in early August is hardly normal; nor an England football team reaching the semi-finals of a major competition (go on the girls); but normal service will soon resume. Yes, the kids will be back at school once again, Chelsea will be top of the Premier League (I hope) and, you've got it, St. Mary's Church, Standon will re-open again. Nearly four months have passed since the church closed for re-ordering works, but our builders, architect and very own client team have worked tirelessly to deliver the wishes of St. Mary's PCC, to breathe up to date life into a healthy but expectant church family.

If you're reading this piece before 10 September, then let me invite you to our Celebration Service to mark this re-opening. At 10.45am on the 10th the organ will make a glorious sound and the worship of God will once again fill our beautiful Grade 1 Listed Church. If history was the test, then St. Mary's would win every competition, but the

future for all churches will not be determined by their history. Normal service will not be resumed as I see it!

If I sound at all pessimistic, don't you believe it. The Church at its best has always been about people rather than buildings, people finding God and being changed for good. Of course, there are many in our communities who do great things without reference to God, but the church will always have that something indescribable. When you see it, you know it. On 4 November, former professional footballer Linvoy Primus, recently made MBE, is coming to Standon/Puckeridge. Linvoy will speak of his football career under Harry Redknapp at Portsmouth, his family, his charity work and his faith in God.

The venue is Roger de Clare School, it starts at 8.30am, includes breakfast and children with parents are very welcome. (The event is free but please let us know you are coming alancomfort11@gmail.com) Why Linvoy? His life changed when his wife persuaded him to go to church with her, a change that has affected not

only him but many others since.

Proof of the Christian faith is not solely rooted in a theological argument, although questions deserve answers, but the proof of a person's faith should be visible for all to see. When my professional football career ended suddenly through injury, I was devastated. Jill and I were living in Durham and attending the main Anglican Church in the city. The Vicar was an amazing academic and musician who knew absolutely nothing about football. Despite this, he took me for afternoon tea to Richmond in North Yorkshire for several months, to console me and help me believe in the future God still had planned for me. I will never forget his care of me. A person's faith is visible for all to see.

St. Mary's Church, All Saints Little Munden and St. Catherine's Sacombe, (the three churches of which I am Rector) are all determined to show that faith in God through Jesus is life changing and life giving. Come and see for yourself, come to hear Linvoy speak, or look at those who come to church. Can you see it?

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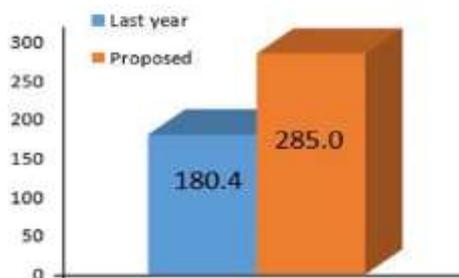
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Since my last report, we have had a General Election. And what an amazing election! However, before considering the extraordinary shift in voting patterns, I should start with an apology.

A great many people in the PS News area did not receive the Labour candidate Doug Swanney's election address. It may even be that most of you did not receive it. I explained in my last report that the short timescale meant that we could not use the facility of free postage of addressed election addresses to voters, because we were not able to have our candidate officially confirmed in time. We, therefore, had to rely on the Royal Mail, which should have gone to every household in the constituency.

We still do not yet know exactly what went wrong, but a great many areas, apparently all in East Herts, did not receive the leaflet. On the other hand, some – we do not know how many – were delivered in the wrong constituency!

Nevertheless, only five weeks after the

disappointing results in the county council elections – in this constituency we lost Letchworth North, our target seat, by only 107 votes, having won it on slightly different boundaries four years earlier – the Labour vote in the General Election increased by 9.5 percentage points since 2015 and the Conservative majority was cut. Nevertheless, there is still a great hill to climb in North East Hertfordshire, because, with the collapse of the other parties, in particular UKIP, Sir Oliver Heald also increased his share of the vote by 3.3 percentage points.

You will have read various theories about how this rapid shift in voting patterns happened. I cannot do better than give you the view of Kelvin Hopkins, Labour MP for Luton North, who increased his own majority markedly, that there were three main factors: Jeremy Corbyn's campaign, when he started to get better coverage in the media, was seen as very positive; the manifesto, with its clear analysis of how to pay for the commitments in it, was seen as tackling the problems before the country; and there was a feeling of hope promoted by the Party

after so long a period of cut-backs in services and in the very ambitions of what the country can achieve.

Since the election, the branch and the constituency parties have both held their AGMs. The branch officers are unchanged, but I am glad to report that the constituency now has a number of new members in important posts. Doug Swanney has taken over the chair from Clyde Millard and I am sure that he will drive the Labour campaign forward

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We are now enrolling for our classes, with a start date after the October half term. Classes take place across the week at Standon Village Hall, Ralph Sadleir School and Leaside Church Hall, Ware. Children of all ages are catered for in Tap, Freestyle, Ballet, Singing and Musical Theatre, we even have a choreography class for those that want to use the space and guidance for their own dance ideas and current pupils are showing some outstanding



Dance Jam Academy's Primary Ballet Class

work. Don't forget it's not just about the children there are adult classes too! Adult Tap takes place on a Monday at Standon Village Hall (new starters welcome after the show) and Adult Pop Choir is on a Thursday in Ware (now recruiting!). The adult classes are £5 pay weekly, so there is no commitment. If you or your child is interested you can contact me to arrange a Week's Class Pass during term time at any of our classes. Why not come along and see the show at Hertford Theatre to see if it is something your child would like to be part of? The cost of the child's ticket would be refunded if they were to enrol at the school for classes.

This summer's workshops were a great

success with some 53 students across 2 days enjoying our "Mamma Mia" and "Pop Star for the Day" courses. These took place at Ralph Sadlier School at the beginning of the Summer Holidays and we have our Princess and Super Hero workshop for little ones on 15th August.

Anyone wishing to find out more about classes/courses/theatre trips can view the website at www.dancejamacademy.co.uk /email julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk or call 07971 699615 – class time details are also available for viewing in the Village Diary section of PS News.

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Our September 10 week Course starts on Wednesday 20 September starting at 10.30am at the Community Centre, Luynes Drive, Buntingford.

Subject is 'Current Affairs'.

Tutor is the popular Virginia Brisco.

Do you ever wonder what's going on in Ukraine, or Syria and Iraq? Should we leave the EU? Why is immigration such a contentious issue? Is there a witch-hunt against celebrities over accusations of abuse?

We shall look at these issues, and many more, such as the NHS and the forthcoming Brexit. The topics are structured but we will welcome contributions from members of the class. So do come along and have your say

We serve coffee from 10.00am. If you

have any questions or would like any more information on the Course or on BALFF. Please phone Julia on 01763-272584

Funding round for grants is open

East Herts Council is pleased to announce that its Community Grants Programme 17/18 is now open. We are accepting applications for grants up to £8,000 to help community/voluntary groups and not-for-profit organisations deliver projects or activities that will improve residents' health and wellbeing. The funding could be used to pay for building works, green space improvements and sports or play equipment as well as operational costs associated with running an activity (e.g. hire costs, publicity materials, training for volunteers etc)

Young people between the ages of 11 to 18 can apply to a themed fund around

performance to excellence in sport.

The application process and criteria has changed, so

please go to www.eastherts.gov.uk/grants for details. The deadline for applications is Monday, 2 October.

Village Walks in Braughing

Braughing Parish Paths Group will continue to lead walks on the first Sunday of the month which last approximately 2 hours. Meet in the Village Square, Braughing, ready to depart at 2.00pm (1.30 in December and January because of the fading light)

Everyone is welcome to join us. We choose varied routes and try to walk all the footpaths in the parish at least once a year. Paths will get muddy as we move into autumn so please make sure you wear suitable footwear.

Everyone is welcome to join us including well-behaved dogs and children who can manage the distance.

Autumn dates:-

- Sunday 3 September 2.00pm
- Sunday 1 October 2.00pm
- Sunday 5 November 2.00pm
- Sunday 3 December 1.30pm

For more information please contact Paula or Paul: 01920 822748 paulaandpaul@btinternet.com



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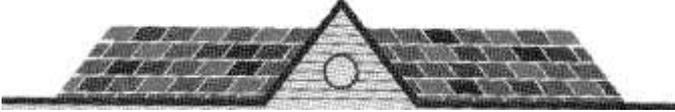
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Buntingford Twinning Association

By the time you read this we will have returned from Olvega in Spain and will have visited Nurencia, Veruela, Soria and to the nearby town of Tarazona during their fiesta. Tkaen part in several meals, a wine tasting, informal gatherings and the obligatory get together on the Saturday (entitled "a wild party"!)

Most of us have been to the fiesta in Olvega in the past so we are ready for whatever comes our way.

2018 is the 40th anniversary of the Buntingford Twinning Association and the first link with Luynes in France. We are making plans being for everyone involved to celebrate this milestone.

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

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Royston & Buntingford Children's Centre Group

The Group is made up of Bramble Hill Children's Centre based in Buntingford and Royston & Villages Children's Centre based in Royston. Both centres offer access to services for children under five years old and their families.

Our Autumn 'What's on Guide' includes details of all the sessions we run. Let us know if you would like one sent to you by email or post.

We are running two level 1 courses for adults from September. They are An Introduction to Early Years and Health & Social Care. We are also running the 4 week Parenting Puzzle Nurturing programme in September and again in November. This course is designed to help parents build a toolkit of strategies including the topics of boundaries, time out to calm down, choices and consequences and handling anger, aimed at children under 5.

Are you in a difficult relationship?

The Children's Centres can offer support to women who are or have been in difficult relationships and can help them to recognise and address abuse within the home. Please call us confidentially for more information.

Could you help?

We are currently looking for volunteers to help at our sessions. If this is something you may be interested in then please give us a call.

There are loads of ways you can keep up to date with what's happening at the centres - search for us on Facebook and 'like' the pages, call us on 01763 273008 (Bramble Hill) or 01763 243338 (Royston & Villages) or email us at roystonbuntingford.cc@oneymca.org to be included on our mailing list.

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Temporary Workers and Holiday Pay

I've just been hired by a cafe as a temp covering the busy summer months. My boss says that because I'm a temp, I'm not allowed to take any holiday. Is this right?

Your boss is wrong - as an employee, you're entitled to take paid holiday regardless of the contract you're on.

Sometimes an employer will try to get around paying holiday pay by telling you that you're self-employed, when actually you're not. This is common for casual workers. It's important to know your employment status.

While they can refuse to give you leave at specific times, they can't refuse you holiday pay altogether. If you can't take time off during your contract, you should receive your holiday pay in a lump sum at the end.

How much holiday you're allowed depends on the length of your contract, and how many hours you work.

First, check how many hours you're entitled to by using gov.uk's calculator at <https://www.gov.uk/calculate-your-holiday-entitlement>. Save a copy of the calculation to refer to.

Then speak with your boss and explain that you are entitled to either annual leave or pay in lieu of your holiday - you can refer to your employment



Have you seen the Standon Crocodile in Papermill Lane?

rights on the Citizens Advice website. Give them a copy of your holiday calculation too.

If your boss refuses to give you time off or holiday pay, put your complaint in writing to them. Check if your employer has a formal grievance procedure you can use. Even if they haven't, you can still raise a grievance - for example by writing a letter.

Explain why you think you're entitled to holiday pay, and why you think you haven't been paid enough. Include copies of any evidence

Should your boss still not give way get in touch with ACAS, the free dispute

resolution service that specialises in employment. ACAS is an organisation that provides independent support to help sort out employment disputes. They'll see if your employer will agree to a process called 'early conciliation' - a way to resolve disputes without going to a tribunal.

The quickest way to start is to fill in the early conciliation form on the Acas website. Or you can call the Acas early conciliation team on 0300 123 1122.

For help understanding your rights, approaching the discussion with your boss or taking things further, contact your nearest Citizens Advice.

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1st Standon and Puckeridge Brownies

Another energetic year has passed for the 1st Standon and Puckeridge Brownies with the girls gaining badges including Toymaker, Disability Awareness and Discovering Faith.

It started way back in September 2016 with a Willie Wonka evening. This was soon followed by an Olympic Brownie Revels with the other Brownie units in our District; a visit from Kards and Krafts (Ware); completing the Christmas Tree festival at St Marys Church; and a Christmas Cracker event at Cottered filled with crafts, treats and magic. We even managed to squeeze in a Pirate pack holiday involving lots of excitement but not a lot of sleep!

The new year included learning how to be friends to bees, and adventures outdoors. A very successful display of talents evening revealed boxers, magicians, scientists, musicians, cooks, gymnasts, footballers, horse riders and lots of artists in our Brownie unit! Plenty of games and songs were enjoyed as well as a fantastic trip to

Church Farm, Ardeley, where the Brownies were able to bottle feed lambs, collect freshly laid eggs, and have a tractor trailer ride (see picture).

We are extremely pleased and lucky to have a strong group of young helpers in our unit.

We look forward to another year of Brownies in September starting with achieving the Brownie writers badge which will see a local celebrity writer visit the unit, alongside the Remembrance Day service at St Marys Church, and the traditional pantomime.

In 2018, we will be joining up with all the Brownie units in our District again, this time at National Trusts Hatfield Forest, and we look forward to the launch of a re-vamped Girlguiding programme.



Could you help?

However, in order for the Brownies to continue reaping the benefits of the programme, it is vital to have leaders and unit helpers which could be YOU! Not only do you inspire our next generation but also develop lots of skills whilst having ample fun. Please get in touch at firstsandpbrownies@gmail.com or visit the Girlguiding website to find out more.



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We would like to share the pleasure of card and board games with other like-minded people.

Tea Time Talks has booked Standon Village Hall on these two days, Friday 20 October and Friday 17 November from 10 am until 1 pm to see if anyone wants to play a game. Entrance free.

Please pop in at any stage for as long or short a stay as you like. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

For further information please phone Helena on 01920 822177 or Trish on 01920 821069

Standon & Puckeridge Hand Embroidery Group

The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Standon Village Hall 7.30 pm - 9.30pm. Our Tutor is the very experienced Julie Walsby who is City & Guilds trained and teaches at the WI College at Denman. We now have space for 2 more members so if you are interested in this type of work (beginners are most welcome) then come along for free on the first night to see what we do. The cost of belonging to the group is quite reasonable. Our work will be on display at Ware Arts Centre on 18/19 November along with lacemaking and photography. For further information telephone Barbara Norris on 01920 822104 or email: robertnorris591@btinternet.com

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Ware & District Photographic Society

Our new season starts on Wednesday 6 September at Ware Arts Centre, Kibes Lane, Ware, SG12 7ED, commencing at 8.00pm. The Society has 3 excellent lectures at the beginning of the season - Viveca Koh with her lecture "Urban Exploration to Fine Art"; Kathryn Scora with "Changing Perspectives" and Andy Beel who is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society. The Society welcomes anyone interested in any form of photography and further details can be found on the website www.wareps.org.uk or telephone the Secretary on 01920 822104

The Annual 2 day exhibition will be held on 18/19 November at Ware Arts Centre, Kibes Lane, Ware, SG12 7ED. (Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm and Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm) On display will be a number of prints and digital images, many of which are award winners or commended from a number of competitions. There will also be a display of the Young Photographers Print Competition. In addition there will be a display of hand embroidery by 2 local groups and lace by the Ware Lacemaking Group. Admission is free and refreshments will be available throughout the 2 days. Further details visit www.wareps.org.uk or telephone the Secretary on 01920 822104.

Race Night at Hornead Village Hall 23rd September

I am organising a Race Night at Hornead Village Hall on Sat 23 September. Tickets are very reasonable at £5 each to include food. There will also be a cash bar.

For those who haven't been to a Race Night before they are great fun and involve the screening of video footage of 8 horse races during the evening. Each race has eight horses and the idea is that you bet a small sum on the outcome of the race and those who have bet on the winning horse in each race share the prize money.

There is also the option to buy a horse for £10 before the event and have your horse's name in the programme.

If your horse wins the race then you collect £40 prize money as the winning owner. Even if you cannot come along on the night you can still be a horse owner with your name in the programme and the chance to be a winner!

The profits from the evening will be donated to the village.

I do hope you will come along and have some fun on the night! But even if you can't come please consider becoming a horse owner for the evening!

Immediate fines

Drop a piece of litter and face an increased chance of an £80 on-the-spot fine.

East Herts has introduced the new fines to try and prevent the unsightly mess caused by littering. Patrol officers employed by East Herts Council are issuing immediate Fixed Penalty Notices to anyone caught dropping litter, such as chewing gum, drinks bottles and food wrappers. Even dropping a cigarette butt down a drain is considered littering, so think carefully when disposing of your rubbish.

The officers from environmental enforcement firm, Kingdom Services Group, are also patrolling dog fouling problem areas and issuing those who fail to clear up after their dogs with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100 during a six-month pilot.

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In June, Society members visited Thaxted, one of the jewels amongst the Hundred Parishes. Local historian Bruce Munro showed us around the guildhall and the church, whilst Len Farren guided us through the windmill, which also houses a museum of local artefacts. It was most enjoyable and even those who thought they knew Thaxted learned much more. We encourage you to visit this small, historic Essex town. They welcome visitors with a free car park close to the centre and several places to eat.

Bruce encouraged us to view a short pre-war film that is now available online from the East Anglian Film Archive at <http://www.eafa.org.uk/catalogue/957>. This is a wonderful look back at life in a rural community before

most of us were born. The film shows the labour-intensive harvesting process, with a brief look at a harvest festival service conducted by Thaxted's famous vicar, Conrad Noel.

You can, of course, read about Thaxted and Conrad Noel on our website www.hundredparishes.org.uk where you will find introductions to all our one hundred administrative parishes and several local people of note. Opening times for the windmill are shown on the What's On page.

The Hundred Parishes Society is a registered charity whose aims are to promote knowledge of the area and to encourage conservation. Through PS News, we are pleased to promote a fund-raising appeal to assist the restoration



of another windmill, the post mill at Great Chishill (see photo above). Great Chishill Windmill Trust is seeking full or part sponsorship for 150 new boards to be used for external cladding. Each board costs approximately £120. If you would like to help, please visit www.greatchishillwindmill.com/sponsor-a-board.html

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CPRE: How it began

Even before the end of the Victorian era there were calls to protect England's beautiful countryside. After the First World War concern grew that the land so many had died for was being desecrated. By the mid 1920s the National Trust was expanding the area in its protective ownership, but this did little to abate the rapid spread of urban sprawl. Town planning was in its infancy and limited in scope.

Hertfordshire was in the frontline of the battle against sprawl, with what became known as ribbon development a particular problem along the many arterial roads running out from London across the county. Another problem was the spread of unregulated housing developments dotted about the countryside, the result of growing car ownership and the availability of electricity in rural areas. The county's population was just over 258,000 in the 1901 census. In the next ten years it grew by a staggering 20%, only slowing due to the impact of the war. In 1926 a group convened by Hertford solicitor Elton Longmore were so disturbed by ribbon development that they agreed not to sell land for housing,

In 1926 the president of the Town Planning Institute, Patrick Abercrombie, published a pamphlet which promoted development and economic prosperity without destroying valued countryside, which he called 'the most essential thing which is England'. Abercrombie's vision was for a planning system which gave some areas protected status while permitting development elsewhere. He also called for a new body uniting single-issue groups into a strong campaigning force.

Later that year Abercrombie, together with Guy Dawber, president of the Institute of British Architects, brought together 22 organisations all involved in attempts to save rural England from the threat of what Dawber called 'imminent destruction'. In December 1926 they met for the first time and agreed to form the Council for the Preservation of Rural England. The Spectator said the number of participating bodies was a good omen, since 22 'is quite the most English of all the numbers', being the length of a cricket pitch (22 yards or a chain) and the basis of the acre (10 square chains).

Legislation in 1925 had promoted the concept of regional planning, whereby local authorities formed committees to advise on (but not control) development in a 'region'. In Hertfordshire this was the county area. At a conference on regional planning in the county held in November 1928 it was decided that a rural preservation committee should be formed for the county, and at its inaugural meeting the committee agreed to become the Hertfordshire branch of CPRE.

Sir Theodore Chambers, Chairman of the Welwyn Garden City Company, was the first chairman, and in 1930 the branch produced the first of its own newsletters, the 'Quarterly Communication'. Early matters addressed by the branch would be familiar to readers today, and included building design, location of petrol filling stations, advertising hoardings, litter, roads and a new planning bill.

CPRE nationally and locally has played a huge role in protecting the 80% of Hertfordshire which is still countryside today. How that came about is a

fascinating story, involving persuasion and persistence rather than power, with many unsung heroes and campaigns lost as well as won. Throughout CPRE Hertfordshire's 90th anniversary year, in 2018, we plan to publish a series of articles about our history on our website www.cpreherts.org.uk. Do take a look.

Elizabeth Hamilton for CPRE Hertfordshire

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The callers have tried several methods of obtaining monies from their victims, including asking them to make the payment by i-Tunes vouchers or money transfers.

The tax office would not contact people in this manner and would never request payments by these methods.

Please be aware of this scam and we would encourage you to alert friends and neighbours, particularly those who may be at home in the daytime.

As always, if you receive a telephone call from someone you do not know, please be sceptical, as they may not be who they claim. Don't allow yourself to be rushed into a decision and never send money to someone who has only contacted you by phone, as you cannot

be sure they are who they say.

If you have received an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from the tax office, it is unlikely to be genuine. However, if you are unsure, Action Fraud will be able to assist. Their telephone number is 0300 123 2040.

And from 'Microsoft'

Action Fraud has alerted us to a wave of reports of scammers claiming to be from Microsoft Technical Support who are trying to take advantage of the recent global ransomware attacks.

One victim fell for the scam after calling a 'help' number given on a pop up window. The window, which wouldn't close, said the victim had been affected by ransomware. The victim granted the fraudster remote access to their PC after being convinced it had insufficient anti-virus protection. The fraudster then installed a malicious software removal tool, which is actually free, and took £320 payment.

Every month in Hertfordshire, we receive reports from people who have been called by persons claiming to be from Microsoft or other technology companies, who were looking to gain remote access, talk the person through a process, or install software on their computer. In some cases, the caller persuaded them to give personal or banking details; in others, the caller managed to remotely access their online banking facility.

It is important to remember that error or warning

messages from Microsoft will never include a phone number. Also, Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide PC or technical support. Any direct contact Microsoft will have with you must first be initiated by you contacting them. Therefore, any unexpected caller claiming to represent Microsoft is likely to be a scam.

- Protect yourself:
- Don't call numbers from pop-up messages.
- Never allow remote access to your computer.
- Never divulge passwords or pin numbers.
- Microsoft would never call you.
- Always be wary of unsolicited callers, whoever they claim to be. If you're unsure of a caller's identity, hang up.

If you believe you have been a victim.

- Contact your bank to stop further payments being taken.
- Get your computer checked for software that may have been installed.

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Puckeridge Congregational Church

There is an old song by Bob Dylan, at the end of each verse he sang: "For the times they are a-changin'". Well, in the case of Puckeridge Congregational Church they certainly are. From 10 September the plan is to start a morning service. We intend starting at 10:30 each Sunday. The afternoon meeting will be cancelled for the time being. Then from the beginning of October there will be a once-a-month Friday evening meeting. This will mainly be praise and worship. The date and time will be on the notice board, website and our Facebook page.

On 9 September at 3pm we are holding a "meet and greet" BBQ, with sandwiches, cakes, and drinks. We are hoping to have a bouncy castle and games for children. There will also be a wet weather programme. Please come along and meet us. If you intend coming and have allergies or special dietary requirements, please let us know in advance.

We are intending to start coffee mornings with the promise of a good cup of coffee or tea. It will run from 10:00 to 12:00, commencing Monday 2 October and then the first Monday of each month. Once again the date and time will be on the notice board and on the website and our Facebook page.

We would also like to launch the 'Stitch

and Natter' time. If you are a keen on sewing, knitting or crafts or wanting to learn, please contact me.

When the nights draw it is our intention to show some thought provoking films.

Finally, on the changing times, if there are any ex-forces personnel in the area I would love to hear from you. We are part of a network that aims to help ex-military in times of need.

Well, not quite finally. We live in a time where things change and not always for the best. Sorry to say I don't like the underground. Looking down the carriage it became obvious that every person was thumbing phones. Not one person was looking up or talking with anyone. We seem to be losing the ability to converse, look each other in the eye and speak. Human beings were made to communicate with each other in a personal way; we miss so much when we don't.

Church is all about communication; it is not the building, in any shape or form. Church is the people that meet together and hopefully meet God. We communicate with God in a number of ways: in prayer, songs and hymns, reading His word and seeking His guidance. The way you get to know someone is to spend time with them; God is no different. You cannot get to know God unless you meet with him. In fact you cannot say there is no God unless you look.

Right from the beginning God communicated with man: he walked and talked with Adam, instructed Noah, made a promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He sent prophets to speak to the people and warn them of their wayward ways. Finally, He sent His Son, the Word - Jesus Christ. Then Jesus sent out disciples into the whole world to saying "Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.

The Church meets and communicates, with each talking and listening to the other. We share needs, encouraging and blessing each other or at least we should do. No Church has it all one hundred percent right; we are human, we make mistakes, we are fallible. We all have needs. Jesus says in four words what proves to be the single greatest need of every soul: "Have faith in God." There is no situation He cannot handle, there is no problem He cannot solve, there is no challenge He cannot overcome. Got problems? Come and meet him - He always listens.

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There is a story about how the news of Wellington's defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815 was received in London. It goes that the series of semaphore signals conveying the message "Wellington defeated Napoleon" became disrupted by fog; the ship passing on the message across the Channel to England had sent the words "Wellington defeated..." when swirling fog prevented the rest of the message being seen. So, all that was received in London was news of the Duke of Wellington's apparent defeat, and the city sank into despair at the British tragedy. It was only some hours later when more information came through that the mistake was realised and the despondency was turned into jubilation, hopelessness to joyfulness; the apparent defeat was in fact a great victory!

A similar thing happened at when Jesus died on the cross. On the day of the crucifixion, the fog of hell seemed to roll in with its message, "Christ defeated." That day ended with a dead Saviour and scattered, weeping, defeated disciples. Then, three days later, the fog cleared and the true message was understood. Angels from heaven descended to earth and rolled back the stone from the empty tomb so that a waiting world could read the entire message, "Christ defeated Satan." The apparent defeat was revealed as an eternal victory that has released the river of God's grace, mercy and love for us all.

Many years ago, Frank Morison wrote a book called *Who Moved the Stone?* He was convinced that the miracles recorded in the Bible didn't actually happen and set out to explain away the most fanciful miracle of all: Jesus' resurrection from the dead. However, what happened was that as he sifted

the evidence and applied pure logic and reason to the argument, he eventually arrived at a totally unexpected and undesired conclusion: that the biblical accounts of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are incontrovertibly true.

But irrespective of our opinions, it's what God says about an issue that really matters. And concerning Jesus being raised back to life on the third day and what that means for you and me, the bible says a lot. In Luke 24:39, Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, and said, "Look at my hands and my feet (where the nails were); it's really me! Come on and touch me, because a ghost hasn't got flesh and bones like I have!" It was the rock-hard fact that Jesus was alive again that was the undeniable foundation of the disciples' Christian faith.

Years later Peter, who was there that day, wrote, "We weren't telling clever stories that someone had made up, but with our own eyes we saw it..." (2 Peter 1:16), and on the day of Pentecost, six weeks after Jesus was crucified, Peter preached to the crowd, "You killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross, but God raised him to life again..." (Acts 5:30).

Why is the resurrection so important to Christians? Well, Jesus himself said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even though he dies, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26). The Christian's belief in eternal life is based on Jesus' own resurrection.

In his letter to the Romans (4:25), the apostle Paul wrote "God gave Jesus to die for our sins, and he raised him to life so that we would be

made acceptable to God." A few pages later he said, "You will be saved if you honestly say, 'Jesus is Lord', and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. God will accept you and save you if you truly believe this and tell it to others." (Rom 10:9-10).

A comforting reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 15 is often used at funerals. In verse 14, Paul says that "If Christ wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your faith". In verse 17 he continues, "Unless Christ was raised to life, your faith is useless and you are completely lost and are worse off than anyone else." However, in verses 20 and 22 Paul concludes, "But now Christ has risen from the dead and... even so in Christ all shall be made alive." In verses 17-19 Paul says, "If Christ is not risen, and our hope is only in this life, we Christians are of all men most miserable". Why? Because our Christian faith would be in vain and would then be based on only a myth.

But the reason that we have Easter - which Christians actually celebrate throughout the year - is that Jesus is risen and therefore our faith is not in vain! And therefore, Jesus' promise is literally true when he said in Matthew 28:20, "I will be with you always, right up to the end of the world."

God bless you all, and may you know the peace of God's abiding presence in your life through Jesus Christ the Lord.

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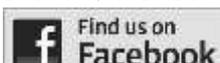
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Are the heights correct (tiered planting) or are some of the lower plants being smothered by taller ones? All too often we plant out proud new purchase only to find the height and spread swamps other plants

Is there enough Winter colour in the garden? Now is the time to plant Hebe/ Euonymus /Heuchera of all colours / lots of tulip and daffodil bulbs.

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Trees and hedges need to be cut back hard now to open up the garden ready for spring. This helps to prevent moss on Patios, Sheds, lawns and even your Roof.

Don't dead-head old variety Rosa Rugosa roses as the hips make a nice display.

Don't cut back Dogwood (Cornus) until the Spring.

Now is a great time to put in Patios, Paths, Driveways or raised beds and that all important new fencing rather than it blow over in the Winter

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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.

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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:

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

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

Tuesday

10am Nifty-Fifties Exercise Class for the over 50's. Standon Village Hall. Details Denise Sallows 01920 823072

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

Third Tuesday Colliers End Village Walks followed by refreshments. Details Suzanne Anderson 07896 699844

11.15am Chair-Aside exercise. Standon Village Hall. Details Denise Sallows 01920 823072

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

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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

6.30 Cubs - Puma Pack (8-10 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, Roundhay, Puckeridge. 2nd Tuesday of the month. Details 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.15 - 4.30pm Little Munden Cafe at All Saints Church, Little Munden. April - October.

3pm Friendly club bowls game. New members and interested people welcome. Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club, Station Road, Puckeridge. Details John Simmons 821282

Dance JAM Academy - Standon Village Hall

4pm Baby Ballet (3+ Years)

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3:30 Mini Street Dance 4-6 yrs

4pm Junior Street Dance 7-11 yrs

5pm Private Acting Lessons

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

6.30 Cubs - Cheetah Pack (8-10 yrs, Scouts), term-time only. Braughing Church Hall. Details Derek Goodall 01763 273149.

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

7.15 till 8.45pm Ranger Girl Guides (14+ years), Cotted 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

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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 at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

3:45 Performing Arts Class 4-6yrs

4:45 Performing Arts Class 7-9yrs

5:45 Singing Class 7-9yrs

5:45 Musical Theatre Class 10-14 yrs

6:45 Youth Theatre Class 14-18 yrs

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4.45pm 1st Standon & Puckeridge Rainbows. Term time in Standon. Details Ros French 07717 857389

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 Prayer and Life Group, A10 Christian Mission.

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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

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

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- 7:30 Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 years old), Christ Church, Ware. Meet throughout the year. Details Jim Campbell 01920 461134.
- 8 Ware Swimming Club Trials evening. All welcome. Training evenings are Monday and Friday. Details Mr Vanner 01920 464439.

Saturday

- Dance JAM Academy – Ralph Sadlier School
- 8.45am Grade 3 Tap
9.15am Grade 4 Freestyle
10.00am Grade 2 Tap
10.30am Grade 2 Freestyle
11.00am Choreography
11.30am Musical Theatre
julie@dancejamacademy.co.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 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

Braughing, St Mary the Virgin Services:

- 1st Sunday: 11am Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday: 9.30am Family Service
- 3rd Sunday: 11am Holy Communion
- 4th Sunday 9.30am Family Communion with Junior Church
- 5th Sunday no service in Braughing - shared Holy Communion service 10.30am in 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: Rev Alan Comfort 01920 318864
- 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 Rev Alan Comfort 01920 318864 and on our website: www.ubsms.org.uk

September

- 2 Stay & Play Saturday at Hertford Museum, 10.30 - 4.30pm. Details 01992 582686
- 3 Braughing Guided Walk, meet opposite the Axe & Compasses, Braughing. 2pm. Details Paula or Paul 01920 822748.
- 3 Hertfordshire Holly, High Cross Village Hall. New members welcome. Details Mary Deeks 01920 822905
- 6 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre,



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- 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 6 Ware & District Photographic Society season starts at Ware Arts Centre, Kibes Lane, Ware SG12 7ED. 8PM. Details 01920 822104.
- 9 Stores Open Day at Hertford Museum, 11-3pm. Details 01992 582686
- 9 "meet and greet" BBQ , 3pm at Puckeridge Congregational Church, The Manse, 81, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF . Details: 01920 822192
- 10 Morning Service, 10.30am at Puckeridge Congregational Church, The Manse, 81, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF . Details: 01920 822192
- 10 Celebration Service to mark the re-opening of St Mary's Church, Standon. 10.45am.
- 10 Alswick Hall, Buntingford open garden for British Red Cross, 2-5pm.
- 11 Susannah Charlton talk for Buntingford U3A. Details www.u3asites.org.uk/buntingford
- 12 Charity Crafting with Puckeridge WI. Details www.puckeridgewi.org
- 14 Bridge Drive at The Standon Lordship. Tickets Inc. Cream Tea) £15 from Diana Dale 01920 821691.
- 15 Saffron Walden Railway Company, talk for Buntingford Railway & Local History Society at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516
- 16 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale at Thundridge Village Hall. 2pm.
- 18/19 Ware & District Photographic Society Annual Exhibition at Ware Arts Centre, Kibes Lane, Ware SG12 7ED. Details 01920 822104
- 20 BALFF course 'Current Affairs' starts. Details page 17.
- 21 Humorous Police Career talk for Braughing WI. 7:30pm at Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 22 Games Morning at Standon Village Hall, 10-1pm. Details Trish Street 01920 821069.
- 23 Sponsored Dog Walk for the RDA. Details Caroline 01920 821931..
- 24 Harvest Family Worship at St Mary's Church, Standon 10.45am.
- 30 Autumn Lunchtime Concert at St Mary's, Standon 12.30pm. Details Michael Smith 01920 821281,
- October*
- 1 Braughing Guided Walk, meet opposite the Axe & Compasses, Braughing. 2pm. Details Paula or Paul 01920 822748.
- 1 Mustard Seed Singers Harvestime Concert at St Mary's Church, Aspenden. Tickets 01763 272217.
- 1 Isabel Hospice Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at The Memorial Hall, Bishop's Stortford College, 10 Maze Green, CM23 2PJ. Details on page 7.
- 2 Coffee morning, 10am-12 at Puckeridge Congregational Church, The Manse, 81, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF . Details: 01920 822192
- 4 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 7 Autumn Lunchtime Concert at St Mary's, Standon 12.30pm. Details Michael Smith 01920 821281,
- 10 Wood & Walters: Funny Ladies, talk for Puckeridge WI. Details www.puckeridgewi.org
- 10 AGM for Buntingford U3A. Details www.u3asites.org.uk/buntingford
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- 19 Tripe and Trotters talk for Braughing WI. 7:30pm at Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 20 Board Games Morning at Standon Village Hall, 10am-1pm. Details Trish 01920 821069.
- 20 Mixed Bag, talk for Buntingford Railway & Local History Society at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516
- 21 Voices for Hospices at The Chapel, Haileybury College, Hertford, SG13 7NU. 7PM. Details Barbara@thedohertys.info
- 21 Dance JAM Academy presents "Centre Stage". Our bi-annual show takes place at Hertford Theatre, tickets available at www.hertfordtheatre.com
- 26 Braughing Local History Society Film Night: A Country at War—Life on the Home Front Hertfordshire (WW1). 8.15 at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing SG11 2QA.
- 27 Games Morning at Standon Village Hall, 10-1pm. Details Trish Street 01920 821069.

November

- 1 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 4 Linvoy Primus talk at Roger de Clare School. 8.30am. Details on back page.
- 4 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale at Thundridge Village Hall. 2pm.
- 5 Braughing Guided Walk, meet opposite the Axe & Compasses, Braughing. 2pm. Details Paula or Paul 01920 822748.
- 5 Service of Memories at St Mary's Church, Standon at 3pm.
- 5 Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church, Standon at 10.45am.
- 10 Braughing Local History Society Talk: May Savage who shifted her house from Ware to Wells-next-the-Sea.. 8pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Braughing SG11 2QA.
- 13 From Barter to Barclaycard, a talk for Buntingford U3A. Details www.u3asites.org.uk/buntingford
- 14 Christmas card making with Puckeridge WI. Details www.puckeridgewi.org
- 16 Bingo Night with Braughing WI. 7:30pm at Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 16-18 Much Hadham Drama Group production of 'Great Expectations' at St Andrews Church, Much Hadham. Tickets from nclarke167@aol.com
- 17 Board Games Morning at Standon Village Hall, 10am-1pm. Details Trish 01920 821069.
- 17 Furneux Pelham talk for Buntingford Railway & Local History Society at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516
- 18/19 Ware & District Photographic Society Exhibition at Ware Arts Centre. Details 01920 822104.
- 18 Isabel Hospice Lights of Love Remembrance Ceremonies at Sawbridgeworth, Van Hage's and Hatfield. Details on page 7.
- 24 Isabel Hospice Lights of Love Remembrance Ceremonies at The Manor House, Buntingford 6pm.. Details on page 7.



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- 25 Isabel Hospice Lights of Love Remembrance Ceremonies at The Green by Campus West, Welwyn Garden City at 4pm.. Details on page 7.
- 28-2 Dec Sadleir Drama Club Production, Neighbourhood Watch by Alan Ackbourn. Tickets from Standon Post Office from late October.

December

- 2 Christmas Wreath Making. Details: Diana Dale 01920 821691.
- 3 Puckeridge WI Handmade Christmas Fair. 11-3pm at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details www.puckeridge.org
- 3 Braughing Guided Walk, meet opposite the Axe & Compasses, Braughing. 1.30pm. Details Paula or Paul 01920 822748.
- 6 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 7 Christmas Party with Braughing WI. 7:30pm at Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397

- 11 Tudor Christmas, a talk for Buntingford U3A. Details www.u3asites.org.uk/buntingford
- 12 Christmas meal with Puckeridge WI. Details www.puckeridge.org
- 15 The Cambridge to Bedford Line, talk for Buntingford Railway & Local History Society at The Crown, Market Hill, Buntingford. 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516

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



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

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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

"We learn, love, respect and accept our responsibilities through our faith in Jesus Christ"

- "An outstanding, caring school offering an excellent education and outstanding opportunities for pupils' personal development" Ofsted 2007
- Welcomes girls and boys from Nursery to Year 6
- Achieved Herts Quality Standards Award for excellent Early Years practice
- Experienced and dedicated staff and governors
- Promotes strong values and discipline offering a secure and stimulating learning environment
- Extensive fields and playground area

Visits warmly welcome – please contact the office on: 01920 821450 and visit our website

SPINS PRE-SCHOOL

(Community Centre, Puckeridge, SG11 1TF)
SPINS is a safe and caring environment where your child can learn, grow and develop.
Open Mon – Fri Term Time, 9.15am- 12.15pm (or 2.15pm lunch club)

Visits Welcome. Tel: 07881 533339



Would You like the best possible education for your child?

Village School - Excellent Nursery Facility
Smaller Classes - High academic achievement
Good results (SATS)

A caring, friendly, stimulating environment - Good parental support
The ethos of a church school

Puller Memorial C of E Primary School
High Cross, Ware, Hertfordshire, SG11 1AZ

Phone 01920 463178 for further information
www.puller.herts.sch.uk

Waste Disposal

For further information, call WasteAware on 0300 1234 051
All Household Waste sites are closed on 25 & 26 Dec and 1 Jan.
Aspenden Road, Buntingford.
Open: Mon - Fri 5pm - 8pm,
Sat & Sun 10am - 1pm.
Westmill Road, Ware
Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Saturday, Sunday
Oct 1 - Mar 31: 8am - 4pm,
Apr 1 - Sep 30: 10am - 6pm
Closed: Thursday and Friday

Stop junk mail, phone calls and faxes

Register and junk mail and phone calls will miraculously reduce!

Mailing Preference Service

0207 291 3310

www.mpsonline.org.uk/mpsr/

Telephone Preference Service

0845 070 0707

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

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

Do you need help paying your council tax bill?

If you are on a low income and currently pay Council Tax, you may be eligible for Council Tax Benefit. Even if you receive other benefits, you may still be entitled to help. For an application form or advice, contact East Herts District Council's Benefits Service on 01279 655261 or <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/article/34928/Council-Tax-Support>


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SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER 2017
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL BRAUGHING

Barry Palser and his fantastic *Savoy Jazz* have entertained us in the past to rapturous applause. We are very pleased to have him and his merry band back for us all to enjoy with a two course dinner and pay bar. Please check out their website here >>>
<http://savoyjazzmen.yolasite.com>

TICKET PRICE £20.00 including a two course dinner
TICKET SALES email: fosmtickets@braughing.org.uk
 phone: 01920 821981 or 01920 822364

Proceeds from this event will go towards the replacement of St Mary's South Aisle Roof
 Raising funds to maintain the fabric of the church building

Private Tutor 11+, KS1/KS2

1:1 tuition for Key Stage 2 SATs, 11+ and/or extra help for children aged 4 - 11 from a qualified Primary Teacher.

Collette Olive 01920 823128 or 07709 431404

Email colletteolive@btinternet.com



Much Hadham Pre-School



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

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

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

Westmill Nursery

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

ALBURY SEEDLINGS

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

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

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

One to One Tutor

(I come to you)

Friendly, patient, very experienced and local.

Help & support for Key Stage 1 to G.C.S.E.

Ages 6 to 16

(SATs, 11+, 13+, Entrance Exams & GCSE, etc)

References, Enhanced CRB

07835 193854



Hares Youth fc

formerly Hormead Hares
Registered Charity no. 1122647



Now permanently relocated to Ralph Sadleir & Roger de Clare Schools, Puckeridge & Braughing Playing Fields.

Providing football for boys & girls of all abilities.

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

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Isabel Hospice Shop

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

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

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

Do you feel needed and valued?

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

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

Hospital Transport Scheme needs Volunteer Drivers

- Do you drive your own car?
- Can you spare one morning/ afternoon a month?
- Do you live in the area bounded by High Cross, Dane End, Dassels and Little Hadham?

Then please consider being a volunteer driver for the local Hospital Transport Scheme. (You are paid a mileage allowance)

Details: Robin Chalkley 01920 822156

Riding for the Disabled **We need help now!**

Sessions held weekly, term-time only, at The Contessa Riding Centre, Colliers End.

- Mondays 2pm – 3pm
- Tuesdays 9.45am – 10.45am
- Tuesdays 10.45am – 11.45am
- Fridays 10am – 11.30am

For more information contact: Boo Williams – 01279 842805

Registered as a Charity No 244108

Age UK Volunteers needed

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

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

Talking Newspaper for the Visually Impaired

Hear all about it!

Do you know someone who would like to keep in touch with local events?

www.bstalkingnewspaper.co.uk
01279 651270 or 651313

Do you want to play chess?

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

Contact Alan 01920 463698 or www.hertfordchessclub.com

Westmill Village Hall

Available to rent for functions

To enquire about costs and availability please contact:

Mike McRae on 01763 272147

or email mjismcrae@aol.com

Organising a Party?

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

Why not hire the lovely

Standon Village Hall for the event?

Very reasonable rates! (Maximum 80 persons)

Ring Denis on 01279-842625

For further details!

Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon SG11 1LE

www.standonvillagehall.org

*Police Contacts:***Number for NON 999 calls: 101****Crimestoppers:** 0800 555111.Please remember: ALWAYS DIAL 999
IN AN EMERGENCY.

www.herts.police.uk

Hertfordshire Police Authority, Freepost
ANG 6281, Hertford SG13 8YS.
Telephone: 01992 556600.*Puckeridge Health Centre*Drs. Partington, Foster and Nicolson.
The Surgery, Station Road, Puckeridge
SG11 1TFTel: 01920 823860 (*inc out of hours*).

Surgery is open:

Mon – Fri 8.30am – 6pm

*Minor Injuries Unit*Herts and Essex Hospital, Haymeads
Lane, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5JHStaffed Mon - Fri, 9am - 4.30pm. Ring
01279 655191 ext. 4298 to ensure that
the unit can help.*NHS Non-emergency**Number*If it is not a 999 emergency but you
need medical help fast, Call 111.*Domestic Violence/Abuse**Help Line*

08 088 088 088 (Freephone)

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

0871 200 2233

www.traveline.co.uk

Victim support

0300 303 0165

Abandoned Vehicles

01992 655261

*Herts Society for the Blind**Sight Line*

The Sight Line telephone number is:

01707 324680, Monday to Friday
between 9:00am and 4:00pm*Age UK Hertfordshire**Information Line*Offers you information on a wide range
of issues that are relevant to older
people. Our trained Information Workers
provide information you can trust that
will enable you to make the right choices
and decisions for you. We can also put
you in touch with other organisations
that can help you.

Information Line: 0300 345 3446

*CABx***Citizens Advice East Herts**

www.ehcas.org.uk

03444 111 444

Free, confidential, impartial, and
independent advice available at:**Bishops Stortford:** 74 South Street**Buntingford:** The Manor House, 21
High Street**Ware:** Library Car Park, 85 High
Street

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline:

03454 04 05 06

www.adviceguide.org.uk

*Trading Standards*03454 040506, 9am - 5pm Monday to
Friday .*Post Office Times***Braughing**

Mon - Fri 9.00 – 5.30

Thursday early closing 1.00pm.

Saturday closing 12.30pm

Standon

Monday - Friday 9.00 - 5.30

Saturday 9.00 - 1.00

*Local Library Times***Home Library Service:**If you can't reach your local library
because you are housebound, have a
disability or care for someone at home
this service will deliver books free of
charge. Details 0300 123 4049**Bishop's Stortford Library:**

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| Monday | 10.00 - 19.00 |
| Tuesday | 10.00 - 18.00 |
| Wednesday | 10.00 - 18.00 |
| Thursday | 10.00 - 18.00 |
| Friday | 10.00 - 18.00 |
| Saturday | 10.00 - 17.00 |
| Sunday | 12.00 - 16.00 |

Buntingford Library:

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| Monday | 10.00 - 17.30 |
| Tuesday | 10.00 - 17.30 |
| Wednesday: | Closed |
| Thursday | 10.00 - 17.30 |
| Friday: | 14.00 - 17.30 |
| Saturday: | 09.00-13.00 |

Ware Library:

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|------------|---------------|
| Monday: | 10.00 - 17.30 |
| Tuesday: | 10.00 - 17.30 |
| Wednesday: | 14.00 - 17.30 |
| Thursday: | Closed |
| Friday: | 10.00 - 17.30 |
| Saturday: | 10.00 - 17.00 |

Aircraft noise

Stansted Airport Noise Unit.

0800 243 788 email:

stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com

*Animal Warden*To report incidents re: dog faeces, stray
dogs and an identichipping service.

01279 655261

*East Herts District Council*The Causeway, Bishop's Stortford or
Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford. Both are
open 9.00am - 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Tel: 01279 655261.

www.eastherts.gov.uk.

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

is now available for hire.

Meetings/Parties/Regular Bookings.

Call Sally on 07854 916404

Email: communitycentre@tesco.net

www.standonandpuckeridgecc.co.uk

GRANTS AVAILABLEStandon Charities can offer grants (typically £50-100
for school trips, special equipment for a disabled
person, etc) to meet the needs of individuals or groups
in the ancient parish of Standon

(which includes Colliers End and Wadesmill).

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

Herts County Council

Contact details:

Adult Care Services 0300 123 4042
 Children, Schools & Families 0300 123 4043
 Fire Safety 0300 123 4046
 Highways Fault Reporting 0300 123 4047
 www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults
 Trading Standards 0345 404 0506
 Waste Aware 0300 123 4051
 General Enquiries 0300 123 4040
 Textphone Users: 0300 123 4041

Halls for hire

- Braughing Church Hall and Old Boys School, (up to 120 with kitchen facilities) – contact Phil Firmin 01920 823120, email phil.firmin@outlook.com
- Braughing Playing Field Association Community Hall - Contact Sue Fox - suefox1@hotmail.co.uk
- Colliers End Village Hall (40 people

comfortably, with kitchen) - Contact Sandra Chadwick 07976 254379

- Dane End Memorial Hall
 Johanna Wheeler 01920 438875
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 mjmcrae@aol.com

Power cut helpline

Text POWER and your postcode to 80876

ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut

0800 31 63 105

0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)

Local Churches:

- A10 Christian Mission: Contact Revs Colin & Teresa Marks 01920 821684
- Methodist Church, Braughing: Minister The Revd. David Mullins 01279 654475
- Old Hall Green & Puckeridge Roman Catholic Churches: Fr. John White 01763 271471
- Puckeridge Chapel, Century Hall, Station Road. Pastor Bill Harrow 01920 821366
pastorbill@puckeridgecc.co.uk
www.puckeridgecc.co.uk/index.html
- St Mary's Church Standon: Rev Alan Comfort 01920 318864
alancomfort11@googlemail.com
www.ubsms.org.uk/
- St Mary's Church, Braughing: Rev. Julie Gawthrop 01920 823531
vicar@braughing.org.uk
www.achurchnearyou.com/braughing-st-mary-the-virgin/

 New members needed for "Braughing Sing" - a community choir for all ages and abilities covering a range of musical styles.

Come along in **September** and join our fun-filled Tuesday Evenings at the Jenyns School, Braughing 7.30-9.00 pm. *No audition required!*
www.braughingsing.com

Contact Elaine:
 07501 495940 ~ 01763 289 738

Shotokan Karate

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

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

Information: Mr P Deacon 01462 642922

New Bellringers Welcome

COME ALONG
 AND LEARN THIS
 ANCIENT TRADITION

Phone Trevor Chapman
 on 01920 821341



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Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

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Helen on 01920 823977

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LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

MEP's

Patrick O'Flynn (UKIP) email:
patrick.oflynn@europarl.europa.eu
00 322 284 5337

Vicky Ford (Conservative)
office@vickyford.org
01954 211 722 www.vickyford.org

Alex Mayer (Labour)
01353 644045 email:
contact@alexmayer.eu
www.alexmayer.eu

MP

Sir Oliver Heald QC MP, House of
Commons,
London SW1A 0AA
Phone 01462 486074
E-mail:
oliver.heald.mp@parliament.uk
www.oliverhealdmp.com

County Councillors

Braughing, including Puckeridge and Standon up to the A120

Rose Cheswright 823742
rose.cheswright@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Ware North (Standon from the A120 into Ware))

David Andrews 823836
Fax: 821194
david.andrews@hertfordshire.gov.uk

District Councillors

Braughing

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

Little Hadham

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

Puckeridge

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

Standon

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

Parish Council Meetings

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

Braughing

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

Little Hadham

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

Standon

Meetings: Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre, fourth Thursday of

the month (except August &
December). Meetings start at 8pm.

Parish Councils

Braughing

Clerk:
Belinda Irons, 14 Crawley End,
Chrishall, Royston, SG8 8QL Tel:
01763-838732 email:
chrishall@uwclub.net

Chairman:

Peter Boylan 01920 822026
pboylan@braughing.org.uk
Web site: www.braughing.org.uk

Lt Hadham

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

Standon

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

Chairman:

Richard Boxall 01920 822335
Web site: standonparishcouncil.co.uk

Westmill

Clerk:
Marty Kilby 01763 289191
marty@martykilby.co.uk

Chairman:

Mike McRae 01763 272147
mjismcrae@aol.com



Your Scout Group needs You

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

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

We need help now!

Sessions held weekly, term-time only, at
The Contessa Riding Centre,
Colliers End.

Mondays 2pm – 3pm, Tuesdays 9.45am – 10.45am
Tuesdays 10.45am – 11.45am, Fridays 10am – 11.30am

For more information contact:
Boo Williams – 01279 842805

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LOCAL DIRECTORY

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

- Albury Acorns Preschool:
Sue/Kim on 07826 303560
- Allotments:
Braughing:
Tricia Lilley 01920 821700
Puckeridge: Brian Durrant 822331
- Art Club: Joan 822758
- Aviation Society:
Vic Flintham 01763 289636
- Baby-sitting Circle:
Sylvia Pinnington 822216
- Bat Helpline 01992 581442
- Beavers: 6-8 years old,
Angie Adamson 01763 849902
- Bell Ringing:
Braughing: Peter Glazebrook
821554, Standon: Stephen Coley
823886.
- Bishop's Stortford Railway Society:
Barry Bridges 438586
- Bowls Club: Jean Maslin, 01920 423273
or Fred Barnard, 01920 821214
- Braughing Cricket Club: Peter Hobson
01920 438361
- Braughing Local History Society:
Mary Cockburn
mary.cockburn@btpopenworld.com
- Braughing Cricket Club Colts: 438361
07774 961829
- Braughing Playing Field Association
Trust: Sue Fox -
suefox1@hotmail.co.uk
- Braughing Society:
Sandra Lynch 823500
- Braughing WI: Kate Fish 822397
- Bridge Clubs:
Sue Dailly 823692,
Brownies: Register your daughter's
interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk -
general enquiries to Naomi Divall
01920 822169
- Budding Babes: Tracy 01920 824041
- Buntingford Bird Club: Tim Robinson,
01763 243143
- Buntingford Choir:
Mandy or Gareth 0781 491 2595
- Buntingford Heritage Centre:
Jenny Dingley 01763 273002
- Carols Round the Tree (Standon):
Caroline Franks 822723
- Carpet Bowls:
Mick Brown 01763 274114
- Church Choir Braughing: Church office
823832
- Conservative Assn:
David Andrews 823836
- Cubs: Wednesday Cheetah pack Derek
Goodall 01763 273149,
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:
Julie McPartland
01920 822488 or 07971699615
- Dog Training: Jan Mann 823475
- Dominoes: Brown Bear, Braughing -
Graham Fray 821715
Barbara Norris 822104
- Folk Music Club:
Stortfolk 01279 656664
- Veterans Football Club (Braughing):
Keith Mardell 822133,
- 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 - enquiries
to Ros French 07717 857389
sandprainbows1@outlook.com
- Health Centre: 823860
- Hertford & Ware Railway Society:
Stuart Moye 467132
- Hertfordshire Holly: Mixed Clog
- Morris: Mary Deeks 822905
- Herts & Essex Architectural Research
society:
Kath Pollard 01708 473646
- Hormead Hares Football Club:
01763 848449
- Horticulture Society (Braughing):
Marion Saunders 821700
- Hospital Transport for the Elderly:
Robin Chalkley 822156
- Jenyns First School & Nursery: 821461
- Karate Club: Clive 01763 231132
- Kettlebell Exercise Classes: Sue Prior
07854 316628
- Labour Party:
Frederick Perkins 822454
- Liberal Democrats:
David Albinson 822640
- Lipreading classes:
Louise Reed 821401
- Little Hadham Primary School: 01279
771285
- Mayday Committee:
Sue Spalding 821624 or
Rachel Law
rachelaw79@yahoo.co.uk
- Mercury Correspondent: Braughing:
Clive Marshall 822167
- NSPCC: Alex Lang 822209
- Pantomime Group, Braughing: Peter
Walsingham 823265
- Parish Paths Partnership: Braughing -
Christine Flintham 01763 289636,
Standon - John Harris 822887
- Pet Care: Mrs Harvey 822814
- Petanque: Brown Bear, Braughing -
Graham Winter 821373
- Pets TLC: 822705
- Photographic Society (Ware): Barbara
Norris 822104
- Puckeridge WI: info@puckeridgewi.org
- Railway & Local History Society
(Buntingford): Stephen Ruff 01763
289516, (Bishop's Stortford) Barry
Bridges 438586, (Hertford & Ware)

Low Cost, One Bedroomed, Centrally Heated Almshouses for Local People.

Almshouses become available from time to time for people with a connection to the Parishes of Standon and Thundridge. Each almshouse is a self contained unit with it's own kitchen, bathroom and living room.

Write for details and an application form to:
John Harris, Clerk to Standon Charities,
4 South Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TH.
www.standoncharities.org.uk

Braughing Housing Association

The Braughing Housing Association is responsible for seven flatlets at Orchard House, The Street, Braughing. Each property consists of kitchen, hallway, bathroom and bed/sitting room, suitable for singles tenancy only.

Enquiries concerning possible vacancies and tenancy should be directed, in writing, to The Chairman, Braughing Housing Association, East View, Hay Street, Braughing, Ware SG11 2RG

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

- Stuart Moye 467132
- Rainbows: Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - enquiries to Karen Evans 07425 134 363
- Ramblers (Royston & Dist):
David Allard 01763 242677
- R.N.L.I.: Paul Howitt 822342
- Royal British Legion:
Standon: Ron Edwards 464218
- Ralph Sadleir Assn:
sandie@sandibevents.co.uk
- Ranger Girl Guides (14+ years),
Wednesday, Rosanne Kenealy
01920 821304
- Rib Valley Trampoline Club: Andrea
Allen 07989 980038
- Roger de Clare School Association:
Sarah Gillingwater 823129 or Sam
Risley 823477
- Sadleir Drama Club:
Liz Pickup 01763 289446
- Explorer Scouts: 14-18 year olds,
Wednesday Buntingford Unit
Christine Pestle 07711 506381,
Friday Ware Unit: Jim Campbell
01920 461134
- Scout & Guide Band:
Garry Edwards 01920 823163
- Scouts: 11-14 years old, Panther Troop
Karl Adamson 01763 849902,
Jaguar Troop Jackie Andrews 01763
247675
- SPNDP (Standon and Puckeridge
Neighbourhood Development Plan)
Belinda Irons 01763 838732
- 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
- Standon & Puckeridge Health Centre:
823860
- Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre:
Sally Sperring 07854 916404
- Swimming Club (Buntingford): David
Carr 07966 508156
- Tai Chi: Mrs A Manwaring 822041
- Tennis Club:
Braughing:
Karen Gore 07860 484878
Standon:
Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152
- Three Villages Eco Group:
Trish Street 01920 821069
- Trefoil Guild: Guiding for adults - Alex
- Chapman 01920 465 726
- Twinning Assn (Buntingford):
Mary Deeks 822905
- University of the 3rd Age:
Barbara Norris 822104
- Veterans Football Club:
Paul Mayne 822615
Craig Gardner 823805
- Ware and District 41 Club:
Melvyn Cousins 01920 420197
- Ware Swimming Club:
Chris Buck 07947 322808
- Ware U3A:
Chris Beeton, Membership
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