

Postmaster retires after more than 50 years' service

Post Office Long Service Award for Peter Jones and a New Outreach Service for the Village

New temporary outreach Post Office service begins at same premises

Braughing Postmaster Peter Jones has retired, after more than 50 years' loyal service providing a village Post Office at the family shop.

Mr Jones was presented with a 50 years' Post Office Long Service Award and a gift by Iain Robertson, Post Office Regional Manager Retail Network.

Iain Robertson, said: "I am delighted to be able to present this Long Service Award to Peter Jones, who has been an incredibly loyal Postmaster, who was committed to serve the community for as long as he could and wish him well in his retirement."

The 87-year-old pillar of the community decided it was time to retire from Braughing Post Office at the end of June, which has been based at the family-owned shop, H & N Jones.

Peter's brother Ian is continuing to run the shop, which their family have owned since 1930, but not the Post Office.

The new Postmaster Mrs Anna Attard-Butler and the team from Standon Post Office is providing the outreach service Wednesdays and Saturdays 9am – noon.

Braughing Post Office has been a big part of Peter Jones' life. Their father, Harold, became the Postmaster in April 1939. In 1942, Harold was called up to serve in the war as his wife was expecting his brother, Ian the family had just one month to find staff to run the shop and Post Office during the war.

Peter Jones, said: "I have always lived in Braughing and I really enjoyed serving the community, but at the age of 87, it was time to call it a day as Postmaster. I am glad that Post Office services will continue from the family shop."

Nicki Furr, Peter's daughter, had assisted in the Post Office, prior to Peter's retirement.

Mrs Furr, said: "When my Dad was 65 we had a big party and we asked him when he was going to retire. He said, maybe in five years' time, when I am 70, but it kept going on like that as he enjoyed his job and he didn't want to let the community down."

Regarding "Development in Colliers End" The Planning Mole, June 2019

To the Editor

I wish to express my indignation at the above article that appeared in your otherwise, useful, informed and informative magazine. This kind of snide, gutter journalism should have no place in your publication.

1. Why can't your "Talpa Europaea" speak his name? What is he afraid of or too cowardly to admit to?
2. Why did he not reference the planning application 3/16/2847/FUL? Thus, readers with an interest could look it up.
3. The application was made in December 2016 not May 2017.
4. Why did he not name the Councillor involved in the decision to favour the application, it is after all Councillor David Andrews, supported by both Councillors Peter Ruffles and Councillor R Brunton, who seconded the motion in favour. The motion was put to a vote and carried by a majority of the Committee. <http://democracy.eastherts.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=18364&J=5>
5. Your "mole" clearly did not look at the public correspondence which shows 17 supported and 1 objected. Clearly it demonstrates that local people were aware and making their voices heard.
6. The role of the Planning Officers is to make recommendations. It is the role of democratically elected councillors to make decisions and

they have every right to do what they believe is in the public interest. It's what we, who bother, elect them for!

7. Finally, I don't think it respectful to align "Fat Cat developers" with Religious Practitioners, in fact there is something that smacks of intolerance, an altogether too common a trait these days.
8. Shame on you - mole!

And No, I have no interest in the development but I do have an interest in truth and decency.

Yours sincerely
Simon Marlow, Dane End

Editor's note: The only contact details I had for 'The Planning Mole' was his email address which no longer works. I no longer have a way to contact him and therefore can't ask him for a response to this article.

Village Lunches

Next lunch: Tuesday 24 September at Standon Village Hall.

Our latest Village Lunch was very much enjoyed by all who attended in our new venue, Standon Village Hall. In June, 50 local residents enjoyed Mediterranean Chicken followed by a delicious trifle - all the plates were left very clean! These regular lunches happen thanks to the great team of cooks and helpers, and we are most grateful for their fantastic work before, during and after the lunch. Despite the clean plates there's a lot of washing up to be done!

Afterwards, firefighters from Bishops Stortford Fire Service talked to us about safety in the home, especially the importance of smoke alarms: number needed (one per floor), siting them correctly and regularly checking the

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batteries. They also told us about the service they offer to fit smoke alarms free-of-charge. So we had both an enjoyable and useful time.

Since the last lunch, Standon May Day Committee have given us a grant for new pudding bowls. We'll hope next time's pudding will taste even nicer as a result and would like to record our thanks to the committee.

At the next lunch, our local ukulele band will be entertaining us which should be fun and noisy. We will also running a raffle for the local branch of Riding for the Disabled - if you'd like to donate any prizes, we can collect them from you, or bring them along on the day.

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

Church Teenagers Going to Build Homes in Mexico!

The United Benefice of Standon and The Munden with Sacombe

Six teenagers from our churches will be travelling to Mexico in the summer of 2020 to help build houses for those who could not ordinarily expect them.

The trip is being organised by Red Balloon Foundation, our professional youth work partners, in collaboration with Urban Saints and Amor Ministries, a Christian charity in the US.

Our six young people will fly with other

RBF groups to LA and travel by bus to San Diego for their first overnight. From there, they will cross the border into Mexico and travel to a secure campsite which will be home for the next 7 days. For five of those days, the young people will work on site, building a house. It's hard physical work, their first job being to mix several elephants' weight equivalent in concrete for the base - by hand, with trowels and wheelbarrows.

Once the base is laid, the wooden structure is assembled, erected, and wired together with guitar wire, tightened to the correct tension, tested by the note it makes when plucked. How often do you get to play a house like a musical instrument? It's then covered with a sort of strong chicken wire and rendered with yet more concrete, before the roof is fastened onto it. At the end of the five days, a weatherproof, single roomed home with a door that locks (luxury indeed for the recipient) is handed over to a family nominated by the local priest.

The young people's time there isn't all work. At the end of each working day, there will be activities on the camp site; camp fires and songs, games and discussion. On the Sunday in the middle of the trip, they will worship at a local church, and run a Kids' Club for local children. Amor Ministries is well known in this area and highly valued for the work it does to ease the living conditions of people who have very little.

This project changes lives. It changes the lives of those who receive the house.

In almost all cases, if it were not for this project, that family would have no option other than to move away from family, friends and community and try to make a life elsewhere. The level of poverty is unimaginable, and owning a home beyond the wildest dreams of most local residents. It changes the lives of those who take part in the building. Living amongst people who have so little in material terms and yet so much in love, joy and enjoyment of life, even for a week, provides a perspective on our Western culture that can never be taught but can only be experienced.

In order to fund the trip, our young people are organising events and raising money. Several events have already taken place, and more are planned.

Have breakfast at Dane End Memorial Hall!

There'll be the opportunity to buy a full English breakfast at Dane End Memorial Hall on Sunday 8 September, between 9 and 11 am. Plans are in hand for a Greek food evening at The Boot in October (look out for posters nearer the time). At the time of writing this, the total raised so far is £3,627, with another £6,683 to go. The youngsters have a Just Giving page, which can be found at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mexico2020. Follow their progress and, if that would be appropriate, join in the fund raising.

If you'd like to know more about the project, please ask our Rector, John Chitham, or Caroline Franks.

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Ralphie Reporter Runner Up in a National competition!

The Ralphie Reporter has been entered into a national competition run by the First News newspaper.

The categories we have entered are for best primary newspaper and for best editorial team.

We think that we have a fabulous paper and are really excited to enter. You never know, we may win something – fingers crossed!!!! We find out in June.

Ralphie Reporting team.

First News
NEWS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING

STOP PRESS!!!! – We have just heard from that we have been awarded the runner up prize in the competition for best primary newspaper!!!!

WOW!!!! Well done to all of our reporters and contributors, and to Miss Gilbert who puts the paper together. There was a special mention from the judging panel for the wonderful illustrations from Ewan S in year 7. The panel believed it gave The Ralphie Reporter a unique edge and was a great example of interpretation of topical stories.

This is not just fabulous news for the Newspaper Club, but for the whole school!!!!

Looking Forward to MayDay 2020

MayDay 2020 will be held on Bank Holiday Friday 8 May to fall on the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

We are intending to have all the usual attractions but if any of the local organisations like Cadets, Scouts, Brownies wish to do anything 'extra special' to mark this occasion at May Day, please email us and we can incorporate it within the timetable.

Could you help?

As always, we desperately need volunteers to help plan and run the event. We have around 5000 visitors and the current committee consists of a mere SIX people (not including our wonderful helpers on the day of course!) We meet about 8 times a year, evenings only (and in the pub!) Try something new and make a difference in the village, it'll make you feel warm and fuzzy when you see so many people having fun on the day.

Have you got a car park???

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

info@standonmayday.co.uk

Sue Spalding
Standon MayDay

John wins a Rosette

From our special correspondent Bob, the wire fox terrier

In July I took my human, John, to the Clergy show held annually at Standon Green End Farm courtesy of Tony and Joyce Spackman.



Unfortunately there hadn't been time to have him properly groomed for the Best Show Rector category but I was delighted that he won third place in the Best Pet Rector (male) section.

Unfortunately we had to leave early so John was unable to show his prowess in the Slowest Sausage Scoffer competition. There's always next year.

Woof, woof.

Memories, Memories, Memories

After the Tea Time Talk in February on Standon Parish, we have arranged an informal 'Reminiscences' meeting 3pm, 19 October in Standon Village Hall.

We shall show a few of Mike Jackson's old pictures of Standon and Puckeridge and would like to hear some of your memories of living in the villages.

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1st Standon & Puckeridge Rainbows

WOW! What fun we have been having. The 1st Standon & Puckeridge Rainbows have been learning how to look after our pets, clay modelling (thank you Hobby Craft Stevenage), painting, science experiments, performance skills, outdoor games, picnics and a fantastic Tennis taster session delivered by Cliff Devonshire at www.standon-ltc.co.uk. Some of our Unit spent an afternoon at the Brownies and Guides Summer Camp and as an extra summer treat, we took some of the Rainbows to the Cinema to Watch Mary Poppins and earn another super badge!

This term we are super excited for more fun, games and learning. We will also be participating in the Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's Church in November.

We have a public Facebook page @1stStandonandPuckeridgeRainbows where you can catch up with what we are doing. We anticipate our unit will be full until September 2020 however if you would like to sign up your daughter please go www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/rainbows-5-7 to register your interest and join our waiting list.



usual)

- 2 October - Charity Cafe supporting Macmillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning - stalls and raffle
- 6 November
- 4 December

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

Parents and carers, why not drop your young ones at school/nursery and pop in for a cuppa!!

For more information contact Alison on 10920 822872

Ware & District Photographic Society

We recommence on 4 September at our new location of

Thundridge Village Hall, Old Cambridge Road, Thundridge, SG12 0TU 8pm - 10pm. New members and visitors are always welcome. The first 3 weeks are free for prospective new members. For further information visit www.wareps.org.uk

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- 11 September (a week later than



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Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club

Autumn Update



We have had a busy summer of league; friendly and internal club competitions keeping all our members busy.

The hard work we put in to ensure our green was in good condition for this season really paid off and we have ensured a great surface for all our matches

We have also welcomed a few new members this year – but we are always looking for more – so if you see us playing, stop and check out this great sport – or just get in touch and we will tell you all about it

Don't worry if you haven't got any

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

Check out what we have been doing – sign up to our Facebook page Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club or visit our website at <https://standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com/> it is fully up-to date and full of pictures of us winning (and losing) matches!!

All about us:

- We are a small and friendly club that encourages all ages and abilities to get involved in the sport of Lawn Bowls
- Our competitive side is focussed around participation in the East Herts Bowls League plus a number of friendly competitions with other clubs across the area.
- In addition, our Club Tournaments are always a highlight of the season and our Finals Day is a great end to a very busy season.
- Lawn Bowls is a sport which is open to everyone and it is one of the only sports where age is no barrier and anyone (male or female) can contribute to the success of the team.

- Our club house and ground set in the Station Road Playing Fields, close to the Community Centre is a great place to play with 4 rinks that see a lot of healthy competition over the summer months.

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

If you are interested in playing bowls, we would love to hear from you – and we can always set up a taster session – just contact us through our website <https://standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com/>, Facebook Page - Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club or email standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com

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- Preparation and distribution of

supporting documents, including planning applications

- Raising of cheques and payment of services (inc Village litter picking, village green maintenance, etc)
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Reporting to:- Chairman, WPC. Working relationship with all WPC Councillors

Anyone interested please contact our

present clerk
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- Tuesday 1 October
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- Tuesday 3 December
- Tuesday 4 February
- Tuesday 3 March

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- take part in voting and respect decisions made by the majority of those present and voting to ensure, with other councillors, that the council is properly managed

By-Pass Update

The bypass team held two sessions in the Village Hall to update the community on

the upcoming works. It was very productive to link in with existing members of the bypass team and the newer faces – i.e. the Stakeholder and communications manager for Graham (Gary Burt).

The Chair also spoke with the chap from the design company who is happy to give the Parish Council site visits nearer the time. Copies of the information shared on the evenings has been made available to the Parish Council Chair.

In addition we have been asked to decide the location of 3 new notice boards, which will be used to show regular posters giving the communications update. One will be the Village Hall's sign. One in the A120 area.

More information can be found on the project's website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a120bypass. If you have any questions you can contact the project team at: a120bypass@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Dog Poo Spray - St. Celia's churchyard

During the wet weather there was a definite reduction in the amount of dog waste left in our village. Now we are experiencing the warm weather, the incidents of dog waste being left has increased dramatically. Can dog owners please make the effort to clear up after your pet. Also, if you don't have a dog, and see someone not picking up after their pet – they may have missed it and would welcome the reminder.

Braughing Society

13 September at 8pm at the Church Hall, Talk by Joan Munden "Special Operations Executive - Nadine's story". Contact Marion Saunders 01920 821530.

26 September. Outing by car to Stanstedbury. Contact Sandra Lynch 01920 823500.

4 October. In conjunction with the Buntingford Film Club, in Braughing Church Hall we will screen the amusing and highly acclaimed film, 'Fisherman's Friends'. The film is based on a true story about a group of Cornish fishermen who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 chart hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties. Tickets from early September will be at Braughing Village Store or via e-mail: marionjsaunders@gmail.com or patdonoghue@me.com. A limited number of tickets may also be available at the door subject to prior sales. Tickets are priced at £7.50 which includes a welcome glass of wine or soft drink. Doors open at 7pm for the film at 7.30pm.

11 October A.G.M at 7.30pm at the Church Hall followed by a talk by Brian Carline "An amusing account of life in our schools".

8 November at 8pm at the Church Hall, Talk by Paula Moore "Namibia". Contact Marion Saunders 01920 821530.

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

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

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

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

Meet the Chiropractors...



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Louise owns attend2health and is a chiropractor. She qualified from the University of South Wales in 2004 and is a Fellow of the British Chiropractic Association. Last year Louise wrote a book on low back pain which can be bought from the clinic or on Amazon. www.low-back-pain.co.uk.

Adrian qualified from the University of Surrey in 2003 and has a Masters in Chiropractic. He has a special interest in how chiropractic can help headaches. He always considers a health problem or symptom within the context of a patients whole lifestyle.

Rhiannon qualified from the University of South Wales in 2013 with a Masters degree in Chiropractic. She has a special interest in pregnancy and after receiving chiropractic herself when she was a child she knew she wanted to help deliver the same high standard and quality of care to others.

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Buntingford Caged Bird Society.

Last year's show in Benson Hall, Buntingford, attracted almost 150 entries. This years show will be on Saturday 26 October. The canary and budgerigar entries were slightly down on recent years, this was more than compensated for by a substantial increase in the number of British native birds. Zebras, Bengalese and foreign bird remained strong. Last years best canary was benched by Brian Leggett, while Colin Pegrum staged a tidy dark green cock to take the best budgerigar prize. In the foreign section, a pair of black-headed Gouldian finches finally emerged victorious for Steve Studd. Best zebras and best Bengalese went to Dennis Webster's pairs of penguin zebras and self fawn Bengalese, while Maurice Cosbey benched the best novice zebras.

In a strong British section, judge Larry Mann had a difficult task, but eventually chose a beautiful bullfinch cock exhibited by Steve Wallis as the best British bird in show. The best junior exhibit was a well-presented and steady pair of quail benched by Leia Robinson.

In the afternoon the show attracted a

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number of members of the public as well as exhibitors. In presenting the trophies, local councillor John Bull, himself the son of one of the founder members of the society, said that he was very pleased that the show was still running, as he had many happy memories of it in years past. We look forward to another successful year.

Elizabeth Lodge
betylodge1937@gmail.com

Climate Change: Deeds must now match words

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has strongly welcomed the resolution by Uttlesford District Council (UDC) to declare a climate and ecological emergency and to commit to achieving net zero carbon status by 2030.

The challenge now is for the Council to convert words into deeds, and the biggest challenge is Stansted Airport's insatiable appetite for expansion.

SSE Chairman Peter Sanders has called upon all UDC councillors to demonstrate their commitment to tackling climate change, saying: "It is now time to convert words into actions. The Council's declaration of a climate emergency would be a hollow gesture if it were now to approve the expansion of the airport to 43 million passengers per annum, almost equivalent to today's Gatwick."

Aviation is the fastest growing

contributor to global climate change and Stansted Airport is the largest single source of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the East of England. This year Stansted will produce an estimated 2.1 million tonnes of CO₂.

If the current planning application for 43mppa were to be approved, Stansted would be responsible for the equivalent of 2.7 million tonnes of CO₂— the same amount as produced annually by around two million average family cars.

Concerns are growing about aviation's increasing contribution to climate change, particularly at a time when other sectors of the economy are taking decisive steps to reduce their carbon footprint.

The Tide is Turning

In July Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), which has historically been a strong supporter of airport growth, declared a climate emergency, by a unanimous vote of the Council. This led to serious concerns being expressed regarding the proposed expansion of Luton Airport.

In July eight Conservative MPs representing constituencies around Gatwick issued a public statement and wrote to the Secretary of State opposing further airport expansion, as follows:

"At a time of increasing concern about the environmental impact of global aviation growth, the proposed expansion plans would see a marked increase in

carbon emissions, with clearer environmental consequences for us all. We should not be looking at unchecked expansion at our local airports but seeking managed growth that is proportionate to our other national priorities."

Finally, Marseilles Airport has been forced to revisit expansion plans after France's Environment Authority questioned how they can be reconciled with France's net zero emissions target. The airport was judged to have underestimated the environmental impacts and overestimated the economic benefits of proposed facilities to handle up to 7.5 million extra passengers a year. It sent developers back to the drawing board, asking them to "demonstrate the compatibility of the project with France's commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050".

Much Hadham Drama Group

Much Hadham Drama Group's next production will be an performance of Alan Ayckbourn's hilarious masterpiece of tragic comedy, "Things we do for love", to be directed by Margaret Stainton on Thursday-Saturday 14-16 November, 8pm at Much Hadham Village Hall. Tickets available from mid-October from Box Office 01279 842822 or nclarke167@aol.com, Londis, Much Hadham High Street and www.ticketsource.co.uk/much-hadham-drama.group (booking fee applies).

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Isabel Hospice News Ware Group Fundraising News

The May Jumble Sale raised £417 after expenses. In addition Gill Klinkert sold items on Ebay, sorted from the jumble, which realised £382, making the total amount £764. Once again this was an excellent amount, which has now been surpassed by the July Jumble Sale, when the amount raised on the day was £372.40, Gill contributing a staggering £705 from sales on Ebay, making the total raised £1,077.40.

Another volunteer, Teresa, took donated handbags to a car-boot sale and made £253.

On her second visit she sold all the bags left and raised an additional £168.

We are very fortunate to have our team of over 20 volunteers who contribute so much individually and at jumble sales.

The generosity spreads to the customers who donated at Highways Cycles, The Albion and Spread Eagle Pubs in Ware, The White Hart Puckeridge and Asda Ware, totalling £665.96p, with the children, parents and staff at Puller Memorial School adding a total of £400 from non-uniform days and other events. Our thanks to everyone who contributed.

The next Jumble Sale is on Saturday 14 September at Thundridge Hall. 2pm. Admission 50p. no charge for children, and the last one this year is on Saturday 2 November at 2pm.

Thank you to all supporters and friends of Isabel for your continuing support in our efforts to raise money for this very local and deserving charity.

Ann Davey 01920 462992

9 September - Ladies Open Golf Day

Brocket Hall, Wewlyn, AL8 7XG – 8.30am

Join us at Brocket Hall for the a 23rd anniversary Ladies' Open Golf Day, held in support of Isabel Hospice.

There will be tea/coffee and light refreshments on arrival, a two course lunch, a goody bag, a prize presentation and a 4 Ball Better Ball Stapleford competition! The Golf Academy will be available for players before their round and there will be a 2 Tee start on the Melbourne Course from 8.30am. Entry cost is £150 per pair or £300 for 4Ball

For more information, or if you have any enquires please contact Jan Leggetter on 01438 716079.

14 September - Jumble Sale

Thundridge Hall, Ermine Street, Thundridge, SG12 0SU – 2pm

Come along and find some treasures at the Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale!

16 September - Isabel Hospice Autumn Golf Day

Brocket Hall, Wewlyn, AL8 7XG – 8.30am

The Annual Isabel Hospice Autumn Golf day is being held on the Melbourne Course at the prestigious Brocket Hall Golf Club.

Set within the opulent surroundings of the Estate the championship standard golf course sits beautifully into the 18th Century parkland and it is considered one of the finest golf courses in England.

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.

Sign up now for £600 for a four ball. Contact Linda Cudmore on 01707 382500.

18 September - A Musical Evening of Fun and Variety

Living Well with Isabel Community Hub, Hall Grove, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4PH

Parkinson's UK and Isabel Hospice present a Musical Evening of Fun and Variety Sit back and relax whilst listening to:

- ★ Jazz Band
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Tickets cost £5 and donations are welcomed. There will be light refreshments and Raffle on the night. Call 01707 382536 to book!

19– 23 September - Mont Blanc Challenge – 3 countries in 3 days

In September 2019, Team Isabel will embark on a challenge like no other visiting 3 countries in 3 days! The Tour Du Mont Blanc is a 180km circular walking trail through France, Italy and Switzerland. The route encircles the Mont Blanc Massif and is considered one of the world classic long distance walking trails. Team Isabel will be taking on approximately 45km of this stunning scenic route. The valleys of the

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For an information pack, registration form and further information, please contact Megan by email megan.sparrey@isabelhospice.org.uk or call 01707 382544.

22 September - Walk, explore and remember!

Hidden London 10 - Sunday 22 September

We invite you to "lace up the walking shoes" and join us for our brand new Hidden London 10 sponsored walk! Know that every step you take and every pound you raise will enable us to continue helping care for terminally ill local people, right here in your community. As you walk the 10 mile route along the Regents Canal you will discover 10 of London's Hidden attractions. We start from Paddington

Basin and follow the Regent's Canal path to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. You will explore London and its wonderful variety of culture, history and iconic landmarks. Taking in stunning architecture, beautiful canal boats, famous pubs and restaurants, unique street art, markets and a whole variety of city life along the way!

Margaret was a keen walker but sadly now, living with a chronic lung condition, she struggles to get from the bedroom to the bathroom.

I'd have been the first to sign up for the Hidden London 10 walk, but that is no longer something I am able to do.

The weekly "Living Well" sessions Isabel provide and fund help me so much. Without them, I'd have no confidence to leave the house! Not being able to breathe properly is extremely frightening...

The "Living Well" sessions have taught me to control my fear, and given me my life back. You really can make a difference to lives in your community by taking part and raising sponsorship today!

This is a fundraising event to enable Isabel Hospice to continue its vital work

in your community. We ask you to try and raise as much sponsorship as you can, and for every £123 of sponsorship you do raise you could pay for a "Living Well with Isabel" session for someone like Margaret.

To set up your Just Giving page and enable us to continue our vital care for more people in your community, please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/isabelhospice>

Registration is now open! To sign up, please visit: www.isabelhospice.org.uk/hiddenlondon10

28 September - Black Tie Charity Evening

The View, Panshanger Golf Complex, Old Hems Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL7 2ED - 7.30pm

Come along to this Black Tie Charity Evening at The View in Welwyn Garden City! With live entertainment from the amazing singer Kevin Leo and DJ AK, a finger buffet, charity auction and raffle!

Smart dress is essential. All profits to Isabel Hospice. This is a ticket only event. Tickets cost £30 per person (limited spaces!). Please contact Aidan on 07904 947203 to get yours!

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5 October - Choir Festival

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Tickets and more information contact
chrishumph01@gmail.com

19 October - Save the date! Jazz Evening

North Mymms Memorial Hall, Welham Green, AL9 7PG – 7pm

Join us for a Jazz evening at North Mymms Memorial Hall in aid of Isabel Hospice! More details to be announced soon!

13 November - Christmas at the Manor

Manor of Groves, High Wych, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 0JU – 10:30am

Join us for the return of the famous Christmas Fair in aid of Isabel Hospice!

Tickets cost £40 each and include a coffee on arrival and a buffet lunch! Tables of 10/12 or join a mixed table.

Any enquires please contact:

Suzanne Coleman on 01438 798869 or
rdsjcoleman@gmail.com

Barbara Doherty on 01279 842140 or
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What is Food Optimising?

Food Optimising® is the name given to Slimming World's super-flexible healthy eating programme. The programme is based on the science of satiety and energy density, showing slimmers that they can easily satisfy their appetite with healthy, filling foods that are naturally low in calories, while still being able to enjoy their favourite treats in moderation without feeling guilty. Members who follow the plan banish hunger and deprivation, the two most common reasons that restrictive diets fail.

The 'Extra Easy' plan is the most flexible and practical weight loss plan in the world. It fits in with the whole family, is in line with recognised healthy eating guidelines and can be adapted to fit all lifestyles, cultures and tastes. The plan encourages slimmers to fill up on Free Foods like fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice, potatoes, pulses, eggs, lean meat, fish and poultry. These foods are filling and lower in calories and so can be eaten freely without weighing or measuring.

To encourage an overall healthy, balanced diet, the plan also includes daily measured portions of Healthy Extras, foods that provide calcium like dairy products, fibre-rich foods like wholemeal bread or cereal and foods providing other important nutrients like nuts and seeds. At the same time nothing is banned, so slimmers can still enjoy limited amounts of foods that are higher in calories, such as chocolate, wine or certain sauces.

Called Syns, which is short for Synergy it represents how all aspects of Slimming World's Food Optimising eating

plan work together to provide a healthy eating framework, Syns can be enjoyed daily in limited amounts so members never need feel deprived.

Since joining Slimming World:

- 75% buy more fresh fruit and vegetables and eat less fatty food
- 66% eat less sugary foods
- 50% buy more low-fat dairy products
- 60% eat fewer takeaways and ready meals
- 75% have influenced their family and friends to make healthier food choices because of Food Optimising
- 90% of Food Optimisers say they are healthier now
- 63% reported eating more healthily as a family
- 10% have cut down on medication for high blood pressure, asthma, diabetes etc
- More than 25% said they had been following Food Optimising for longer than a year, suggesting that it had become a way of life.

If this inspires you to make some healthier choices, then please pop along to my group at the Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre, at 7.30pm, every Tuesday, and be motivated by our members who have made the genius decision to change their lives for the better.

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Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 October

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Museums at Night!

Saturday 2 November 7.30 - 10.30pm

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Its Free, donations welcome!

Christmas Extravaganza

Friday 22 November 4 - 8pm

Drop in for carol singing, Christmassy crafts storytelling and of course Father Christmas in his grotto! Its Free! Small charge to visit Father Christmas includes a quality gift.

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Booking Essential. Please book your place at the museum on 01992 582686

* Free spaces available for children of low income families. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Proof of low income in the form of a benefits letter or tax credits aware letter must be shown at the time of booking sessions or upon arrival at drop in sessions

Letting Fees Banned

In June the Tenants Fees Act came into force and bans most letting fees and caps tenancy deposits paid by tenants in the private rented sector in England. This means that landlords and lettings agents cannot charge upfront fees, or attempt to charge them in the first month's rental on new tenancies.

The ban applies to new or renewed tenancy agreements signed on or after 1 June 2019. From June the only payments that landlords or letting agents can charge to tenants for new contracts are;

- rent
- a refundable tenancy deposit capped at no more than 5 weeks' rent where the total annual rent is less than £50,000, or 6 weeks' rent where the total annual rent is £50,000 or above
- a refundable holding deposit (to reserve a property) capped at no more than 1 week's rent
- payments associated with early termination of the tenancy, when requested by the tenant
- payments in respect of utilities, communication services, TV licence and Council Tax
- a default fee for late payment of rent and replacement of a lost key/security device giving access to the housing, where required under a tenancy agreement.

Local enforcement authorities have primary responsibility for enforcing this legislation. If you are charged other fees for example for references, administration charges, inventory charges, tenancy agreement renewals etc for a new or renewed agreement signed after 1 June 2019, please email trading_standards@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Recent Motor Vehicle Thefts in Hertfordshire

There has been an increase in opportunist thefts from motor vehicles across Hertfordshire. Due to the recent hot weather, we would like to remind you to take extra precaution when leaving your vehicles parked either at home or in a public place.

You are encouraged to check unattended vehicles are locked and secure and make sure that no items are left on display. This extends to the more mundane items such as sunglasses, items of clothing and paperwork.

Vehicle index plates may also be removed from your vehicle, likely to be transferred to another vehicle for unscrupulous behaviour such as to commit crime or avoid congestion charges.

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SPINS Pre-School

SPINS Pre-School, based at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre hope you have enjoyed the summer break! We are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things and welcome all our new and existing children to the nursery.

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

We work with all surrounding schools and Wasps breakfast/after school club for families requiring wrap around care.

SPINS Toddler Group (from birth to school age) runs every Monday term time only from 9.30am – 11.00am. We offer a very warm and friendly welcome to all parents and carers and their little ones. SPINS Toddler Group allows you to meet new friends whilst giving your child the first experience of personal, social and emotional development. This group is aimed at encouraging your child

to make a smooth transition into SPINS Pre-School, however everyone is welcome.

Two year funding is available for families falling under the criteria. Three/ four year funding is available for every child the term after they are three years old. We are also registered on the 30 hour scheme should you meet criteria. Childcare vouchers are welcomed.

We still have availability (limited) for the coming school year. Please feel free to telephone Paula/Sam or email us for more information. Visits are welcome by appointment.

Tel: 07881 533339.

Email: spins.nursery@outlook.com

The Hundred Parishes Society

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The buildings of the Hundred Parishes display a range of traditional construction methods and materials. A notable feature, rarely found outside East Anglia, is pargeting. Pargeting is decorative render applied to the face of a building, either “incised”, where a pattern has been cut or pressed into plasterwork, or “raised”, where an image has been attached to the wall.

Either type may have been crafted by hand in situ or created first using a mould or template.



The incised forms were basic and not expensive, unlike the elaborate raised forms. There are several fine and varied examples across the Hundred Parishes.

A fine example of incised patterns can be seen in Braughing (above), where panels of different patterns cover the face of The Old Forge.

The art of creating and conserving pargeting is now pursued by only a few craftsmen. An example of imaginative modern design can be seen in Newport, opposite the village store, and also in Radwinter on a relatively new house called Bourne Side. Radwinter also has pargeting on its almshouses and parish hall which were built in 1874 after a disastrous village fire.

I have mentioned just a few specimens, many other parishes have examples of pargeting.

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1st Standon & Puckeridge Guides and Brownies Outdoor Badge Weekend



Sixty Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders from the four units in Standon and Puckeridge, joined together for an Outdoor Badge Weekend at the Guide Centre in Coterred in July.

The Guides had camped over the night before, with many girls experiencing their first Guide residential. They worked together in patrols to gain a fun challenge badge.

The Brownies arrived on the Saturday morning, and the Brownies and Guides travelled around the campsite and building, undertaking the activities for the Camp Skills Builder badges, as well as a few activities that we find difficult to run in our unit meeting places. The girls worked in small and large groups as well as joining the two Brownie Packs together for some of the games.

Lunch was enjoyed together so that the Brownies could experience some of the Guide camping traditions. The older Guides held a bake sale that they'd planned last term and raised £32.50 for the Teens Unite Cancer Charity. The Rainbows arrived in the afternoon, and everyone continued ticking off their badge requirements, until we all joined together for a campfire sing along.

As well as presenting all the Rainbows and Brownies with our special event badge and their Skills Builder badges, we presented Maddie from our Lunch Club Brownie Pack with her Brownie Gold Award - the highest award a Brownie can get.



Maddie with her Gold Award

We also had a visit from the Middlesex East County Commissioner who came to present our newly christened Fire Owl with a County Award of Thanks and Appreciation for his work on their website and IT.

Four of the older Brownies camped overnight with the Guides and earned another fun Campfire challenge badge.

Each Guide was presented with a Camper Badge, and one Guide earned her Advanced Camper badge, with the Brownies getting their Brownie Camper badges. The Guides received their event and Skills Builder badges, all the first timers got their First Guide Camp/First Brownie Sleepover badges, and numerous Anglia Nights Away badges were handed out. In total, around 250 badges were earned in one weekend. The highlight for most of the girls was definitely fire lighting and cooking s'mores, as well as going home with badges to add to uniforms and badge blankets

Baden-Powell Award and Brownie Gold Award

Two members of the 1st Standon & Puckeridge Guides celebrated after receiving the highest accolade for Guides – the Baden-Powell Challenge Award.

Grace and Amy chose to complete a range of exciting activities to achieve the award, including attending the Girlguiding Big Gig concert at Wembley and a weekend in London following

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mystery challenges. They had to work to a strict deadline as the award was being phased out to be replaced by the new Guide Gold Award.



Grace and Amy - Baden Powell Award winners

The challenge is divided into five sections, including healthy lifestyles and global awareness. Girls can choose which activities they want to do within each section, from making a camp cookery book, to giving a presentation on a world issue of their choice. To complete the award, Guides also take part in an adventure weekend, during which they face various set challenges, trying new things and pushing themselves outside their comfort zone.

The awards were presented on a special evening attended by our District Commissioner., also Barn Owl from evening Brownies presented the District's first Brownie Gold Award, the new highest award for Brownies, to Hannah.

Buntingford Twinning Association

This year we visited Ólvega in August to join in with the Fiesta de Juventud which is intended for the town's youngsters.

The celebrations began in the Plaza de España with a "Masterchef" at which the children produced an appetising dessert using bread and chocolate.

The fiesta was officially opened on Saturday evening with everyone, young and old, following the Charanga around the town. This is a band that people follow and dance to in the streets as they progress around the town and the puppet, La Bulinga, was held aloft.

The Orquesta struck up in the main square at 8pm. This is nothing like an orchestra in this country. It is a lively performance on a massive stage which takes up one side of the square and is built high and includes a light show and

a variety of dance music. They also did a collection of children's songs eg Baby Shark. The whole town turned out to dance until 10.30 when there was a well earned break to eat.

The proceedings recommenced at 1am until 5am when the Charanga took over until 7.30 when wine and cake was served. Needless to say there were no Brits present for this although some of us have enjoyed this gathering in the past.

There were lots of children's activities on the Sunday afternoon but unfortunately our homeward flights were booked for that day. When we left there was trampolining going on in the social centre. We missed seeing the closing ceremony which involved burning La Bulinga: quite what the younger children thought of that I don't know.

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

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Climate change what we can do ?

There are millions of people on this planet and just about everyone one of us has an effect on the climate. As individuals we may be able to influence other people but can only ultimately be responsible for ourselves.

Climate breakdown is now officially an emergency, in emergency situations everyone has to get stuck in and help out, so what can we all do? Well quite a lot actually, some big and dramatic others quite insignificant but when multiplied still have an important effect.

Where to start big or small, expensive or cost effective?

Intermediate then: switch to a renewable energy supplier its easy, green energy sometimes costs very slightly more but comes with the satisfaction of knowing your carbon footprint has been reduced, every unit of electricity you take from the grid has been generated by

the sun, for free, no complicated fuel supply chain.

Very small change, when boiling an egg bring the water to the boil, put in your egg turn off the cooker it will cook in the residual heat in the normal 4 minutes. When using your oven cook two or three things at once.

Big change, for some people; stop flying, question why you need to keep going away to sit on a beach, why is life so boring at home, there are places within 10 miles of your home you have never been to, get out there and experience England.

Medium range change; stop washing every bit of clothing every day, they aren't dirty, how can they be unless you happen to work in a dirty environment, and wash them in a cool or cold wash when you do, that again saves energy and reduces water consumption as well.

Whilst on the subject of washing, something many people will find a step

too far; stop washing your body with soap and or shampoo. Soap dissolves all the natural oils on your skin along with loads of helpful bacteria, these bacteria remove sweat smells, if you wash them off you have to rub in a

cocktail of chemicals to stop b.o., again your body is not dirty, why would it be in the environments most people work in today. Just shower with clean water it takes half the time keeps the shower cleaner and reduces water consumption (how many whammies is that?).

Don't throw out your clothes until they're worn out or at least you have worn them 30 times, clothes don't make you a person: your character does that.

On the subject of clothes try to buy natural materials, cotton, hemp, wool, etc preferably organic.

Turn off your phone and look around you at (and listen to) the real green world that surrounds you it may not give much carbon saving but it will make you feel a whole lot better.

Try to improve the efficiency of your home, again it means spending a bit but you will reduce your bills to compensate.

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invention of the devil and massively pollute which does have carbon implications even if not directly.

Whilst on the subject of plastic, don't buy anything in a plastic bottle. You do not need it for a healthy lifestyle, take your own bottle of water and fill from the tap, our water is safe, run it through a carbon filter first if you must. Take your own cup rather than buy coffee/tea 'to go', there are no recyclable cups out there. The real world should have no plastic bottles or aluminium cans, the contents are usually rubbish anyway.

Thinking of replacing your car? Go electric if at all possible, it will change your attitude to driving, it will calm you, you will drive slower not because you have to but because you want to - and you save loads of money, £6 to travel 150 miles carbon free, when a gallon of fossil fuel will cost you £6.50 to take you 30-40 miles, and of course no tax and virtually no maintenance. Most trips are local so range is not a particular issue, longer trips need a bit of planning, try it and be amazed.

Agriculture has a great effect on climate, good farming practices create carbon rich soil which increases yields and the soils tolerance to drought and flooding which will increase as we experience more climate devastation. This is out of the common persons hands but we can send a message by only buying organic food.

Buy local food: shipping or flying food around the world adds prodigious

amounts of CO2 to our atmosphere and also makes us reliant on the climate in other countries where drought may be more prevalent.

Grow your own food, it's easy and wonderfully satisfying.

Don't use peat based compost, the peat bogs are under threat and are essential for capturing and storing CO2.

While talking nature, plant trees everywhere you can, collect acorns, conkers, nuts and throw them around everywhere, some of them will grow, many will be eaten by little furry things.

Bishops Stortford is not the best place to ride your bike at present, in fact it is positively dangerous, so get in touch with your counsellors and join the fight to get our infrastructure improved so that we can all get on our bikes and leave our cars on the driveway. Electric bikes are amazing now and can be regarded as a proper means of transport to replace the car.

If we all engage and act, we stand some sort of a chance of reducing the risks we face, the harm we have already done will have a continuing effect for some time yet which makes it even more important to do everything we can now.

This is by no means an exhaustive set of actions we can take; they are just a first step in ensuring mankind has a future, it is that serious.

Pat Wilkinson

New Houses are an environmental Disaster

From an environmental point of view all the new houses now being built in Puckeridge are a disaster.

The three new housing estates which are nearly finished along Ermine Street near the petrol station have robbed us of:

- Grassland/farmland which is now concreted over
- Trees and hedges
- Wildlife habitats - All lost for ever.

None of the houses that have been built are fit for the 21st century. They should be very low energy housing with high levels of insulation, each has its own gas boiler instead of a combined boiler for each site, and not a solar panel in sight!

Add together the total of all the houses on the three sites and it's all going to happen again on the new site behind the petrol station adjacent to the A120. More land/trees/hedges/wildlife gone.

Then there's the dreaded roadworks on the A120 designed to slow the traffic down. We will have more cars from the above, more idling of car engines causing more air pollution and noise.

We are living in a climate crisis. Sometimes I wonder if we have learnt anything after 40 years of campaigning for a cleaner greener future.

We all need to be more vigilant when it comes to our local community.

End of rant! Best wishes, Rob Street

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Hertfordshire Holly

The dancing season has now finished for this summer. In June and July we performed at the Leigh-on-sea festival, a day of dance in Bedford, the Bramfield village fete and several local pubs. The weather was kind for most of the time being not too hot this year.

It was in September 1979 that Hertfordshire Holly first got together and at the end of August we will be having, (or have had), a celebration in Ware with many of our past members. The day will begin with us dancing in the town in the morning; tea, cake and reminiscing in the afternoon and a ceilidh in the evening.

We have no more performances now until our Christmas charity dance out in December so this is the best time to teach dances to both new and more experienced dancers. Hertfordshire Holly have turned down eleven invitations this year because of a lack of available people to dance and really do need more members to be able to keep up the tradition.

We are a mixed side so both men and women are encouraged to join. Everyone was apprehensive the first time they turned up but that soon wears off when you realise that we are all very friendly and remember just what it was like being a new member of the side.

We practice on Thursday evenings in High Cross village hall so if you fancy

giving clog morris a try then come along but please let us know beforehand.

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And also have a look at our web site www.hertfordshireholly.org.uk for information including future events.

Puckeridge Karate Club News

As well as the regular junior kyu gradings there have been a couple of black belt gradings.

Gary Simmonds took and passed his 4th Dan, and was graded by Sensei Mike Billman 9th Dan.

Joanne Butterfield took and passed her 1st Dan and was graded by Sensei Clive Bowen 5th Dan.

Congratulations to both of them, their new grades reflect the dedication and hard work that they've put in.

There were also quite a few successful junior gradings, with up to four students now having the potential to attempt their 1st Dan black belt grading later this year.

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

We do have spaces available for both Junior and Adult beginners so if you've ever thought about starting, now is the

time to give it a go. If you're interested, please get in touch.

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

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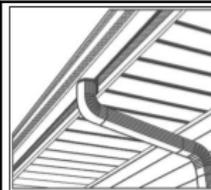
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1. What is the title of the second Harry Potter book?
2. Who was Henry VIII's second wife?
3. Which team came second when England won the world cup in 1966?
4. What is the second highest mountain in the world?
5. What is the second book of the Bible?
6. Who was the second serving British Prime Minister in the 21st century?
7. What is the second stage of the four stroke internal combustion engine cycle?
8. Who was the second man to walk on the moon?
9. What is the second element in the periodic table?
10. Who was second in command in Dad's Army?
11. What is the second planet from the sun in our solar system?
12. What is generally known as the second colour of the rainbow?
13. What is the second letter of the Greek alphabet?
14. Which letter is used for the second key in each piano octave?
15. What was the name of the second postage stamp ever issued?
16. Who was usually Thomas The Tank Engine's second coach?
17. What was given on the second day of Christmas?
18. Who was the second man to run a four minute mile?
19. What is the second longest river in the UK?
20. Who was the second Briton to win the Eurovision contest?

If you give up the answers are on page 38!

Royston Choral Society **Open Rehearsal Tuesday 10** **September 7.45p.m. Royston** **Methodist Church**

Following the disastrous fire in Royston Parish Church last December, we are grateful for the use of Royston

Methodist Church for weekly rehearsals. Our next 'Open Rehearsal' 10 September, is an opportunity for aspiring new members to come along and sing with us. No obligation, and you will not be asked to sing on your own! New members are always welcome – particularly Tenors!!

High Sherriff of Hertfordshire's **Charity Concert, 28 September** **7.30pm Haileybury College**

Royston Choral Society is delighted to have been invited to be part of this massed choirs event helping to raise funds for Hertfordshire Community Foundation to help varied local charities in the county.

Elgar – Dream of Gerontius Sunday **3 November 7.30 pm Haileybury** **College**

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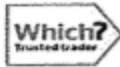

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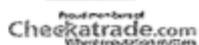










1st Braughing Scout Group update

Easter to Summer 2019

We are a scout group based in Braughing and Puckeridge made up of Beavers (aged 6 to 8yr olds, Tuesdays 5.30pm), Cubs (8 to 10½yr old, Tuesday and Wednesday 6.30pm) and Scouts (10½ to 14yr old, Wednesday 6.15pm). All sections are made up of boys and girls and in total we have 90+ young people enjoying fun and exciting activities every week.

This last term (Easter to Summer 2019) the Cubs and Scouts have been busy with mainly outdoor activities to take advantage of the great weather. Here are just some of the activities they've done:

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined other groups from around Ware District (including many Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) in the annual St Georges Day parade

Cubs joined many other cub packs from around the country for a weekend camp at Tolmers Scout Camp in Cuffley

At the Standon May Day, our Scouts built an amazing rope bridge for people to have a go on

Cubs learned/reviewed map reading and compass skills, knots, pioneering (building with ropes and wood) and tent pitching

Scouts have been out and about on some evening walks, learned to chop and cut wood safely, fire lighting and camp fire building.

Cubs had a fun day of activities with other cub (and Brownie) packs from around the country at the annual Gilwell Cubs Fun Day (Gilwell is Scouting's Worldwide Headquarters)

Scouts helped to run the climbing wall at the Braughing Wheelbarrow Race and car parking at Standon May Day

The Scout and Guide Band lead the St George's Day parade and opened the festivities at the Standon May Day fair for the final time this year. Unfortunately, due to dwindling numbers of players the band had to close.

First aid and camp kit/rucksack packing revision for the Scouts and outdoor cooking

Raft building with barrels, rope and wood was a favourite for Cubs and some of the Scouts

The Scouts took part in a weekend camping and scouting skills competition with other Ware District Scout Troops

Fun swim at the Ware Lido for Cubs and Scouts

Scouts went wobble boarding (a bit like stand up paddle boarding)

Cubs fire lighting and marshmallow roasting was another favourite

And the term was finished off with an outdoor games and BBQ evening in Puckeridge for the Cubs

If you have a boy or girl who likes the sound of these activities then please contact us for more information on joining by email

(contactbraughingscouts@gmail.com) or add their details directly to our waiting list at <http://bit.ly/joininglist> and if you're on Facebook or Twitter – look us up.



**Could you help?
We are in urgent
need of helpers!**
Speaking of the waiting list, lots of young people are on waiting list wanting to join in the fun and adventure. We



hate turning young people away, but one of the main limitations we have is the number of adult Leaders. We have an urgent need for adult help with Beavers (Tuesday 5.30-6.30 in Puckeridge). Can you help by volunteering for roles in our Group?

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popular as ever. We are experiencing this trend and we need more volunteers in all types of roles within our Group. Adult (18+yr old) and Young Leader (14-18yr old) Volunteers are essential to the continuing success and day to day running of the Group.

I know what you are thinking.....I haven't got the time! Volunteering in Scouting can be flexible, committing only the spare time you can afford around a possible busy family and working life. That doesn't have to be the same week to week either. Any time that you might be able to afford our Group would be very much appreciated and welcomed.

We have roles currently available in the Group that you might like to get involved with, in whatever flexible capacity you can give, including: Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders or Occasional Helpers.

Buntingford Railway & Local History Society

The society has had to change two of our speakers at our monthly meetings.

20 September: our advertised speaker Mrs Jean Cook is unavailable and will be replaced by Mr Stephen Ruff with a talk called "A Mixed Bag"

20 December the speaker will be Richard Thomas with the rearranged talk on "The Manchester Ship Canal"

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As I reported in the last edition, the Conservatives lost their majority on the North Herts District Council. Since then the Labour and Co-operative Group have agreed a joint administration with the Liberal Democrats and one of our most experienced councillors has become the leader of the Council. The joint administration's first act was to pass a climate change emergency motion, which calls for the government to grant more powers to local authorities to take action to tackle climate change and for a speedy review of what the council can do within its current powers.

A similar motion was proposed by the ruling Conservative Group at the County Council, in spite of the fact that they had originally rejected a Labour proposal to declare a climate change emergency only a few months previously. This was passed unanimously. Whilst we do not understand why the Conservatives did this, Labour is very pleased that they did so.

The two new Labour councillors on our East Herts District Council co-operated with the Green and Liberal Democrat councillors to put a motion on climate change to that Council. In this case, the Conservatives amended the motion to make it much less urgent and the motion was passed in this form. Labour was disappointed that a different view from the County Council's was taken in East Herts, but at least there seems to be some intention for the Council to work on improving on the actions that they are already taking.

David Bell

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

As I am writing, the summer is still upon us, but I am already beginning to think about the autumn. It is always a busy for everyone: school is back and the holidays are over. It is just as busy in church life: we will be celebrating harvest, remembering those who died for their country and beginning to prepare for Christmas. The days of garden parties, barbeques and cream teas are drawing to an end and the nights will be drawing in.

However, this autumn we are preparing for something else as well: a major Alpha course for anyone in our area. Some of you may have heard of the Alpha course, no doubt for others it is an unknown quantity. The purpose is to be an introduction to the Christian faith.

We will be holding it over 12 weeks, for children, youths and adults (and therefore families) on Sunday afternoons at 4.30 pm for 12 weeks beginning on 29 September in Standon Community centre. An important part of the course is the time to discuss: to agree, disagree, put your point of view, or simply eat the cake! Each Sunday will include afternoon tea and I am delighted to say I have already found that our churches are famous for their cakes! This will be free for anyone who would like to come.

Why should anyone wish to know more about the Christian faith?

I have discovered in recent years that there has been an increasing desire to be spiritual; not to be bound by rules and dogma but explore what it means to be spiritual. As human beings we all have a spiritual side that needs to be

developed, just as we have physical and mental sides. Without it we feel incomplete somehow. It might or might not include a belief in God, but there is a need to understand that not everything is understood by what we see touch, see, smell or taste.

The Christian faith is one great way to do this (I would say the greatest!). Of course, Christianity does have rules (e.g. the 10 Commandments) but rather than rules, at its heart is a relationship with God, whom we know as a God of love. When that relationship begins the rules simply become the house rules of any family, rather than a new kind of slavery. Jesus said he came to set us free! It is a way to a new life in the Spirit of God.

So if you are interested in any of this, please feel free to join us. Look for the publicity in our villages. Give me or our administrator a ring or send an email (alpha@ubsms.org.uk) so that you are booked in.

In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Local scams taking place at present in Hertfordshire

You owe tax: A person calls you from a 'spoofed' number - the number displayed is a legitimate HMRC phone number. The call often starts with a recorded message saying that a warrant has been issued for your arrest if you do not pay outstanding tax. An option to speak to someone is given. They will ask you to visit a local shop or Post Office to buy vouchers for iTunes or Google Play or similar. The person then asks for the code on the voucher and tells you that you have now paid the tax

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BT telephone line problems: Many people have received calls from people claiming to be "BT" saying that there is a fault on their telephone line or a problem with their internet. This is the start of a scam. BT would not phone you about your line, they would wait for you to report any issues to them. Please do not give ANY personal details to these callers and simply terminate the call. If they call back, just end the call again.

Police fraud investigation: You are called by someone claiming to be a police officer who is investigating a fraud involving your account. They either ask you to move your money from your bank account or they ask you to assist an investigation by purchasing an expensive item. This is a scam. A police officer would never tell you to move or spend your money. If you think there is a problem with your bank account, it is best to visit your bank or call them on their published number.

These scam calls can be reported directly to Action Fraud - www.actionfraud.police.uk or 03001232040 - please note any phone numbers the scammers ask you to call, as this may assist an investigation.

If you do become a victim and a caller

arranges to attend your address to collect vouchers or cash, please call police on 101, or 999 if the crime is in progress.

Hundred Parishes Society

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Almost every parish within the Hundred Parishes has a church of great antiquity. Each one is different. The most notable external feature is often the tower, erected originally to house a bell or set of bells, raised high so their sound would travel above the surrounding rooftops to summon parishioners to prayer or for a special occasion. Almost all our church towers are square with just two being round: Bardfield Saling and Bartlow.

Some churches have a spire, usually extending upwards from the square tower base and tapering to a point. The combination of tower and spire may be

called a steeple. The shapes of spires vary greatly; tall and thin styles are often referred to as 'Hertfordshire spikes' although they are not confined to Hertfordshire. The tallest local steeples are at Saffron Walden (193 feet) and Thaxted (181 feet).

A few churches have a bellcote, where one or two bells hang in a small frame above one end of the roof. Several of these were erected to replace a collapsed bell tower. Wimbish seems to be our only parish church with no tower, spire or bellcote, following the demolition of its tower in 1883.

A few churches have unusual towers or spires including Little Dunmow's separate thin turret, Wareside's octagonal bell tower and High Wych's thin circular spire. The spires of two churches in adjacent parishes, Ickleton and Hinxton, each have a 'sanctus' bell, high up on the outside of the spire - an uncommon design feature.

Next time you are out and about, please keep an eye open for the rich variety of local church architecture. A picture of each parish church appears amongst the thousand photos in the Society's book, *The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction*, available in tourist information centres and libraries

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God's Benefits

God is faithful. He is full of compassion. His mercies are new every morning. And He is a God who provides benefits to everyone who knows and trusts their life to Him.

Those benefits are spelled out in Psalm 103:

1. He forgives all your sins.
2. He heals all your diseases.
3. He redeems your life from destruction.
4. He crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies.
5. He satisfies your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6. He executes righteousness and judgment for you against oppression. He sets you free.
7. He makes known His ways to you.
8. He gives you His grace and mercy in times of need.

Think about those statements for a few minutes. God has given His Word and God is faithful to all who believe. If we commit our life to God through faith in Jesus Christ, we could make it a point to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness every morning and remind ourselves of the benefits that become ours through Jesus Christ - and God has committed Himself to faithfully meet our needs, whatever they might be.

Revs Colin & Teresa Marks
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You have low back pain, so you have a massage and it feels better. The pain returns, so you Google it and try some exercises from the internet. This helps a bit but doesn't make the pain go away. At what point do you try and find the hole in the fuel tank?

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You would also need to **either**:

- be a constant risk to yourself or other people in traffic or car parks
- severely struggle to plan or follow a journey
- find it difficult to control your actions and lack awareness of the impact you could have on others
- regularly have intense, overwhelming responses to situations causing temporary loss of behavioural control
- frequently become extremely anxious or fearful of public/open spaces.

If you receive Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

You are automatically entitled to a badge if you scored 10 points on the PIP criteria:

If you didn't score 10 points on these criteria, you can still apply.

Keep Children Safe

Hertfordshire Trading Standards is raising awareness of the potential hazards in family life and offering simple solutions to help keep children safe. Items that make family life more convenient can present a danger, particularly to children. The Child Accident Prevention Trust have highlighted the following products presenting dangers to be aware of:

Button batteries, particularly lithium coin cell batteries, can be deadly if they are swallowed and get stuck in the throat. The reaction in the child's throat can kill in less than two hours. Button batteries power so many essential products in the home like car key fobs, slim remotes, kitchen and bathroom scales, children's thermometers and more. But spare and old batteries are often the culprits too. The simplest way to reduce the risk is to store them out of children's reach. Check the compartment of appliances with lithium coin cell batteries to make sure they are secure and don't let children play with them.

Cot bumpers can cause suffocation if a baby's head becomes trapped between them and the mattress – the safest way for your baby to sleep is on a plain mattress free of toys, bumpers or bedding.

Nappy sacks are particularly dangerous for babies as their flimsy nature means they can easily cause suffocation. If a

small baby gets one in their hand and puts their hand to their mouth, they are not able to pull it away. Never store them under the cot mattress.

Bath seats are not safety devices. They are not intended for babies to be left in, even for a moment, due to the risk of toppling forwards and causing drowning.

Blind cords can act as a noose and cause strangulation in less than a minute. Fit blinds with safety breakers or make sure a cleat hook is fitted so that the cord can be tied safely away every time.

Hair straighteners can burn babies' and toddlers' mouths, hands or bottoms when they have been left on the floor or over a door handle to cool. They get as hot as an iron and take time to cool down. They also pose a fire risk. So make sure they are stored in a heat-proof pouch out of reach of small children.

Washing capsules make our lives much easier but the powerful chemicals can damage children's eyes and throats. Store them on a high shelf or in a cupboard with a safety lock and put them away as soon as you've used them.

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You can also report crime, road traffic collisions, anti-social driving and other matters online or speak to a control room operator via our webchat facility, both at www.herts.police.uk

Alternatively you can call 101* from your own phone or use the yellow phone outside police stations. In an emergency, where a crime is in progress or there is threat to life, always call 999.

There are also front counter services at Hatfield (Comet Way, AL10 9SJ); Stevenage (Lytton Way, SG1 1HF) and Watford (Shady Lane, WD17 1DD) where you can drop in without any appointment during opening hours (Monday to Thursday from 8am to 11pm; Friday and Saturday 8am to 12 midnight and Sunday from 10am to 8pm).

Police and Crime Commissioner David Lloyd said: "I am pleased to see an increase in the numbers of people using these new internet based systems to contact the police. It has become the norm for people in so many areas of life to communicate electronically, it is often easier, more convenient and quicker for them.

"I have also ensured that people who still want to contact police by traditional means by phone or person are still able to do so. We have operational police stations in every part of the county to serve their local area, where residents can see an officer by appointment."

In the year ending May 2019, police received 527,782 calls into the Force Communications Room (FCR) and, of these, 170,343 calls came via the 999 emergency number.

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but in fact, the money has gone straight to the fraudster.

Please exercise caution when purchasing vehicles or machinery online. We recommend that you:

- Never transfer money for a vehicle you haven't seen in person.
- Avoid paying for the vehicle by bank transfer as it offers you little protection if you become a victim of fraud. Remember, credit card payments offer the most protection in terms of fraud.
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Decking, Landscaping/Patios > Having this fitted in summer is often double what it would be when carried out in winter. Plan for next year.

Boilers > Get the boiler serviced now and it can help with energy consumption when you really need it. Engineers are busy in winter on call-outs so may charge you a lot more as they are in demand at a peak time. Example report from Direct Line – A summer service can be scheduled easily and should cost around £80. In winter when demand is high this can be a £360 charge for the same job.

Roof > Bad weather (storms, snow, high-winds, long frost periods) can result in extensive roof/guttering repairs. Prices for work increase dramatically due to working conditions /risk and scaffolding prices rise too.

If possible use binoculars to inspect your roof or even a Drone Survey.

Chimney > Have it swept now whilst sweeps are quiet and ideally programme in this time each year. Include a smoke test from the reputable sweeps and an online certificate to prove it was swept for home insurance purposes. A camera inspection can also be requested to check chimney health (tar deposits can cause fires)

Installing a Wood-burner > Becoming increasingly popular these really are a feature in a home. Now is a good time to look for deals. Try to ensure the package includes a chimney liner which is much easier to keep clean.

Logs > Also out of season, so a good time to shop around for best prices ideally from local farmers to reflect local economy and carbon footprint. Also try to arrange a deal for regular deliveries of wood bricks if you

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Plumbing > Book a plumber or reputable handyman to install Isolation Valves. This are so vital when it comes to leaks and a functioning home. It allows you to turn of the water supply at that location really easily whilst allowing the rest of the household to function.

Insulation > Make sure all loft pipes are foam lagged including bends/joints. This costs about £1.50 metre at DIY centres.

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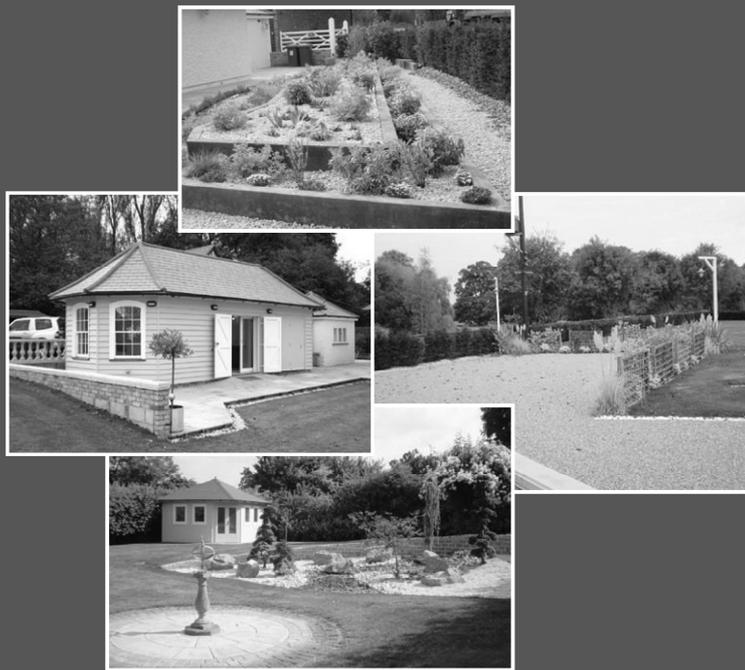
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Village Diary

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

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

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

Every Weekday

- 7.45-8.30am WASPS Breakfast Club at Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre (term time only). Trained staff currently take children to Roger de Clare, Ralph Sadleir and St Thomas of Canterbury Schools for registration. For further details please contact Nicola on 07904391133 or email on nicola.re@virgin.net.
- 9.30- 12.15 or 2.15 (lunch club). Term Time only SPINS Pre-School Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Fun and friendly atmosphere with qualified staff. Visits welcome. Details 07881 533339.
- 3.15-6.15pm WASPS After School Club based at Standon and Puckeridge

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Monday

- 9.30- 11.00 SPINS Toddler Group at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Term time only. Details 07881 533339
- 10.00am - 11.30am Iyengar Yoga at Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon, SG11 1LE. Contact Sarah on 07427 596961 or visit www.TowardYoga.com for info.
- 10am – 4pm CAB North Entrance, Manor House, 21 High Street, Buntingford. Tel: 0844 848 9700.
- 1.45 Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sue 07854 316628
- 2pm Second Monday of the month - Buntingford & District U3A, 2pm at the Seth Ward Community Centre, Buntingford.
- 4.30-8.30 Rib Valley Gymnastics and Trampoline Buntingford. Monday Trampoline Freman College: Details Andrea Allen 07989 980038

email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
 website: www.ribvalleytc.co.uk

- Starlight Stars:
 Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
 3.45 Twinkling Stars 4-6yrs
 4.45 Shooting Stars 7-10yrs
 5.45 Bright Stars 11-13yrs
 6.45 Drama Stars (Group acting) 10-14yrs
 Call Alex 01763 287691
- 6.35 Zumba Fitness at Standon Village Hall. Details 07578 994221
- 7 Braughing Bridge Club, Old Boy's School, Braughing. Details Sue 01920 823692
- 7.15 4th Monday of the month: 7.15pm Ware District Trefoil Guild, St Mary's Church Hall, Ware. Guiding for adults. Details Alex Chapman 01920 465726
- 7.30 Braughing Bridge Club in the Old Boys School, Braughing. Details Sue 01920 823692
- 7.30 Dance JAM Academy – Standon Village Hall , Adult Tap (all levels) julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk Julie 07971 699615

Tuesday

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

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Details Suzanne Anderson 07896
699844
10.45 Nifty@fifty+ exercise classes -
11.15am Chair-Aside exercise.
Puckeridge & Standon Community
Centre. Details Denise Sallows
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11.30 Punchline Boxing (adults) at
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Centre. Details Adam Davidson
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1.30-3pm Little Fishes Mother &
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only. Parish Administrator 01920
823832
Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club
5pm Mini Orange/Green (8-10 yrs)
6pm Junior Club night
7pm Senior Club night
Details Tracy Llewellyn 07985
183796
Starlight Stars at Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre
4pm Hip Hop 7-11 yrs
4.30 Advance Street Dance (UDO)

12+yrs
Call Alex 01763 287691
4.30 - 7.45 Ballet at Braughing Church
Hall: Karen Howarth - 01279
651535
5.30 Beavers (6-8yrs Scouts) Standon &
Puckeridge Community Centre,
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01763 849902
6pm Tap, Modern & Jazz at Braughing
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07969 362224
6pm 2nd Buntingford Brownies. Term
time in Buntingford. Email for
details jill228374@hotmail.co.uk
6.15 1st Standon & Puckeridge
Brownies. Term time in Standon.
Details Naomi Divall 01920
822169
6.30 Cubs - Puma Pack (8-10½ years,
Scouts), term-time only. Standon &
Puckeridge Community Centre.
Details Jackie Andrews 01763
247675
6.30 Tennis Club evening (continues
under floodlights throughout the
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031430
7.30 Bell Ringing Practice, St Mary's
Church Tower, Standon. Interested?
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Chapman 01920 821341.
7.30 Embroidery Group. Second

Tuesday in the month, Sargeant
Room, Standon Village Hall.
Details Barbara Norris 01920
822104
8 Puckeridge WI, 1st Tuesday of the
month, Sargeant Room, Standon
Village Hall. Details Louise 07971
800443 or info@puckeridgewi.org
8.30 Puckeridge Karate Club meets at
Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre. Details Clive Bowen 01763
231132

Wednesday

8.30 Under 1's Childrens' Group,
Standon Village Hall. Details Kelly
Brightman 01920 463949
9.15 Service of Communion at St Mary's
Standon, followed by
refreshments (No service in
August)
9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre. Details Clare
07966 213880
9.30 (term time) Little Hadham Parents
& Toddlers group. Held Little
Hadham Village Hall
10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis
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6th November

4th December

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- 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
- DanceJAM Academy – Standon Village Hall
4pm Baby Ballet (3+ Years)
4.30pm Prep/Primary Ballet (5-8 years)
5pm Grade 1 Ballet (8+ years)
5pm Prep/Primary Tap (5-8 years)
6pm Prep/Primary Freestyle (5-8 years)
julie@dancejamacademy.co.uk
- 4.15-6.15 Gymnastics Edwinstree Middle School. Details Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- Starlight Stars:
Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre
3.30 Mini Movers Street Dance 4-6yrs
4pm and 4.45pm Street Stars 7-14yrs
Call Alex 01763 287691
- 6.15 Punchline Boxing (juniors) at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Adam Davidson 07903 657146
- 6.30 Cubs - Cheetah Pack (8-10½ yrs, Scouts), term-time only. Braughing Church Hall. Details Derek Goodall 01763 273149.
- 6:30 Scouts (10½ - 14½ years old), term-time only. Braughing Old Boys School. Details Simon Smith 07773 016567
- 6.30 Braughing Aviation Society meetings. First Wednesday of the month at the Axe and Compasses, Braughing. Details Ray Hankin 01920 832191
- 7pm Braughing Tennis Club night. Details Karen Gore 07860 484878
- 7pm Zumba classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Diana 01920 822667
- 7pm Guides during term time in Braughing. Details Louise 07971 800443
- 7.15 till 8.45pm Ranger Girl Guides (14+ years), Cottered Guide Centre, SG9 9QP. Details Rosanne Kenealy 01920 821304
- 7.30 Explorer Scouts (14-18 yrs) Bowling Green Lane, Buntingford. Meets throughout the year Details Christine Pestle 07711 506281
- 7.45 Third Wednesday Ware and District 41 Club, The Robin Hood & Little John, Tonwell/The Axe & Compasses, Braughing. Book in with Peter Warren 01920 824099
- 8pm Kettleball Exercise Classes, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sue 07854 316628
- 8pm Ware Photographic Society meets at Thundridge Village Hall, September to May. Details: Barbara Norris 01920 822104
www.wareps.org.uk
- 8pm First Wednesday of the month, East Herts Aviation Society meets at the The Sword Inn Hand, Westmill, Buntingford. Details Ray Hankin (rayhankin@hotmail.co.uk) or Vic Flintham (vf@flintham.org)

Thursday

Starlight Stars:

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

5pm Sing Up! (Group Singin) 7-16yrs
5.30 Rising Stars (Musical Theatre) 14-18yrs

Call Alex 01763 287691

4.45pm 1st Standon & Puckeridge Rainbows. Term time in Standon. Details

sandprainbows1@outlook.com

Puckeridge Karate Club

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

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

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

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- 8 Prayer and Life Group, A10 Christian Mission. Details 01920 821684.
- 8.30 Standon Morris practice nights, Standon Village Hall, Oct to Apr. Meet in The Star from 8pm - new male & female dancers & musicians welcome (aged 12 and over) Tel: 07808 969379

Friday

- 2pm Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Details Keith Bradshaw 01920 821152
- 4.15-6.15pm Rib Valley Gymnastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford. Contact Andrea Allen 07989980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- 6.30 Scout & Guide Band, Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Term times only. Details Garry Edwards 01920 823163
- 7:30 Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 years old), Christ Church, Ware. Meet throughout the year. Details Jim Campbell 01920 461134.
- 8 Ware Swimming Club Trials evening. All welcome. Training evenings are Monday and Friday. Details Mr Vanner 01920 464439.

Saturday

- DanceJAM 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 Vinyasa Flow with RedYoga at Standon Village Hall. Details Saskia 07590 964016
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Clare 07966 213880
- 12.30-2pm Contessa Vaulting Group training sessions and competition practice. All welcome. Details Tina Layton 01920 821792
- 6pm Evening Mass at Puckeridge Roman Catholic Church. Details 01763 271471.

Sunday

- 9.30 Vinyasa Flow with RedYoga at Standon Village Hall. Details Saskia 07590 964016
- Braughing, St Mary the Virgin Services:*
- 1st Sunday: 11:15am All Age Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday: 9.30am Morning Worship & 5:45 Refresh - informal service
- 3rd Sunday: 11:15am Holy Communion
- 4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday no service in Braughing - shared Holy Communion service 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Stocking Pelham.
- St. Mary's Church Standon: Please see the church notice board or service cards or the monthly church

- newsletter for up-to-date information. Details: Michael Smith (Churchwarden) 01920 821281
- 11.15 Mass at Old Hall Green Roman Catholic Church. Details 01763 271471.
- 11am Main service at The Methodist Church, Braughing. Details Revd David Mullins 01279 654475.
- 2.45 -5pm Braughing Sunday Teas. Every Sunday May - 14 October (excluding 3 June). Home-made cakes and teas in the Church Rooms, plus homemade jams.
- 4.45-6pm St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church), at Roger de Clare School during term time. 4th Sundays 10.45am at St Mary's Church. Details Marion Smith - email: benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk website: www.ubsms.org.uk

September

- 3 Charity Crafting with Puckeridge WI at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 4 Ware & district Photographic Society season starts 8pm at Thundridge Village Hall, Old Cambridge Road, Thundrisge SG12 0TU.
- 7 Kitchen@St Mary's, Standon. 10-12noon. All welcome. Details thekitchen@ubsms.org.uk
- 7 Stay & Play at Hertford Museum, 10-4.30pm. Details Hertford Museum 01992 582686
- 8 Full English Breakfast at Dane End Village Hall in aid of building homes in Mexico! 9-11am.

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- 11 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 12 Knit & Natter at Hertford Museum, 1.30-3.30pm. Details Hertford Museum 01992 582686
- 13 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale at Thundridge Village Hall, 2pm. Details Ann Davey anndavey33@gmail.com
- 13 Braughing Society talk: Special Operations Executive - Nadine's Story. Details Marion Saunders 01920 821530.
- 14 Hertford Museum Stores Open Day 11am-3pm. Details 01992 582686.
- 14 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU. Details Ann Davey 01920 462992.
- 19 Millinery. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 20 A Mixed Bag talk for Buntingford Railway and Local History Society. The Crown, Buntingford, 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 24 Village Lunch at Standon Village Hall. Details Helena 01920 822177 or Brenda 01920 822293.
- 25 Arts & Crafts for Adults: Pattern Printmaking Workshop, 10am-12.30pm. Details 01992 582686.
- 26 Braughing Society outing to Stanstedbury. Details Sandra Lynch 01920 823500.
- 28 High Sherriff of Hertfordshire's Charity Concert, Haileybury College, 7.30. Details Huw Jenkins 07855 311192 or chair@roystonchoralsoc.org.uk
- 29 Alpha Course starts 4.30pm at Standon Community Centre. Details alpha@ubsms.org.uk
- 2 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 4 Braughing Society Film: Fisherman's Friends at Braughing Church Hall. 7pm. Tickets from Braughing Village Store or marionjsaunders@gmail.com.
- 5 Stay & Play at Hertford Museum, 10-4.30pm. Details Hertford Museum 01992 582686
- 5 Lunchtime concert at St Mary's Church, Standon. 12.30pm. Details Michael Smith 01920 821281
- 8 Soup lunch with Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 10 Knit & Natter at Hertford Museum, 1.30-3.30pm. Details Hertford Museum 01992 582686
- 10 Royston Choral Society Open Rehearsal, 7.45 pm at Royston Methodist Church. Details Huw Jenkins 07855 311192 or chair@roystonchoralsoc.org.uk
- 11 Braughing society AGM followed by a talk 'An amusing account of life in our schools'. Details Marion Saunders 01920 821530.
- 12 Lunchtime concert at St Mary's Church, Standon. 12.30pm. Details Michael Smith 01920 821281
- 12 Hertford during the Boer War, 3pm at Hertford Museum. Tickets 01992 582686.
- 17 Hootie Tootie, Silver Jewellery. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 18 London Area Stations talk for Buntingford Railway and Local History Society. The Crown, Buntingford, 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 19 Lunchtime concert at St Mary's Church, Standon. 12.30pm. Details Michael Smith 01920 821281
- 19 Reminiscences Afternoon, 3pm in Standon Village Hall. Details Trish Street 01920 821069.
- 26 Buntingford Caged Bird Society's annual show at Benson Hall, Buntingford. Details Elizabeth Lodge, bettylodge1937@gmail.com
- 29-31 Half-term activities at Hertford Museum. Details 01992 582686.

November

- 2 Isabel Hospice Jumble Sale, 2pm at Thundridge Village Hall SG12 0TU. Details Ann Davey 01920 462992.
- 2 Museum at Night! 7.30-10.30, music and bar. Details 01992 582686.
- 3 Dream of Gerontius by Royston Choral Society, Haileybury College, 7.30. Details Huw Jenkins 07855 311192 or chair@roystonchoralsoc.org.uk
- 5 Quiz with Puckeridge WI Christmas Meal. Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 6 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 8 Braughing Society talk 'Namibia'. Details Marion Saunders 01920 821530.

October

- 1 Talk for Puckeridge WI at Sargent Room, Standon Village Hall at 8pm. Details info@puckeridgewi.org



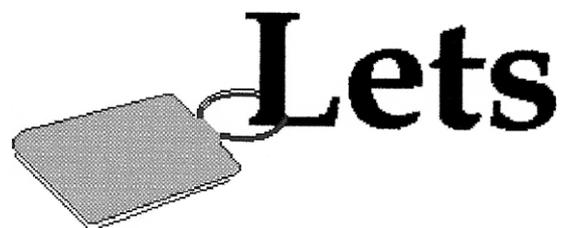
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- 15 Transport Miscellany talk for Buntingford Railway and Local History Society. The Crown, Buntingford, 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 21 Days of Dolly Blue and Izal. Talk for Braughing Women's Institute. 7.30pm Braughing Church Hall. Details Kate Fish 01920 822397
- 22 Christmas Shopping in Victorian Hertford, talk at Hertford Museum. Booking essential! Details 01992 582686.

December

- 3 Puckeridge WI Christmas Meal Details info@puckeridgewi.org
- 4 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 8.45-11.30am. Details Alison 01920 822872.
- 10 Teeny, Tiny, Toddler Christmas at Hertford Museum. Details 01992 582686.
- 20 Manchester Ship Canal talk for Buntingford Railway and Local

History Society. The Crown, Buntingford, 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.

January 2020

- 21 Buntingford Railway and Local History Society AGM. The Crown, Buntingford, 8pm. Details Stephen Ruff 01763 289516.
- 25 Where the Wild Things Are, A Tea Time Talk at Standon Village Hall. 3pm Details Trish 01920 821069.

February

- 22 Herts Gardens in the Tudor & Stuart Period, A Tea Time Talk at Standon Village Hall. 3pm Details Trish 01920 821069.

March

- 21 The Buntingford Line, A Tea Time Talk at Standon Village Hall. 3pm Details Trish 01920 821069.

May

- 8 Mayday on a Sunday this year - 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Seconds Quiz Answers

1. Chamber of Secrets
2. Anne Boleyn
3. West Germany
4. K2 in the Himalayas
5. Exodus
6. Gordon Brown
7. Ignition
8. Buzz Aldrin
9. Helium
10. Sgt Wilson
11. Venus
12. Orange
13. Beta
14. D
15. Twopenny blue
16. Clarabelle
17. Turtle doves
18. John Landy
19. Thames
20. Lulu

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Sunday 1st September		Sunday 20th October	
8.00am Holy Communion	Standon	8.00am Holy Communion	Little Munden
10.45am United Worship	Little Munden	10.45am United Worship	Standon
4.45pm St Mary's at the School	RdeC School	4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre
Sunday 8th September		Sunday 27th October	
10.45am United Holy Communion	Standon	10.45am Family Worship	Standon
4.45pm St Mary's at the School	RdeC School	9.15am Holy Communion	Little Munden
Sunday 15th September		Sunday 3rd November	
8.00am Holy Communion	Little Munden	8.00am Holy Communion	Standon
10.45am United Worship	Standon	10.45am United Worship	Little Munden
4.45pm St Mary's at the School	RdeC School	4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre
Sunday 22nd September		Saturday 2nd November	
9.15am Holy Communion	Little Munden	3.00pm Service of Memories	Standon
10.45am Family Worship	Standon	Sunday 3rd November	
6.00pm Choral Evensong	Standon	8.00am Holy Communion	Standon
Sunday 29th September		10.45am United Worship	Little Munden
8.00am Holy Communion	Standon	4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre
10.45am Harvest Praise	Sacombe	Sunday 10th November (Remembrance)	
4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre	9.15am Service of Remembrance	Little Munden
Sunday 6th October		10.45am Service of Remembrance	Standon
8.00am Holy Communion	Standon	4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre
10.45am United Worship (Harvest)	Little Munden	Sunday 17th November	
4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre	8.00am Holy Communion	Little Munden
Sunday 13th October		10.45am United Worship	Standon
10.45am Holy Communion (Harvest)	Standon	4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre
4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre	Sunday 24th November	
Sunday 20th September		9.15am Holy Communion	Little Munden
8.00am Holy Communion	Standon	10.45am Family Worship	Standon
10.45am United Worship	Little Munden	4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre
4.30pm St Mary's at the School	Community Centre	6.30pm Choral Evensong	Standon

A short service of Holy Communion will take place on Tuesdays, 9.30am at Sacombe; Wednesdays, 9.15am at Standon On 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th Sept., this will be a service of Morning Prayer For up to date information see our website: www.ubsms.org.uk

September at St. Mary's, Braughing

1st 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 1st 11.15am All age Worship at St Mary's Braughing
 4th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 8th 10.00am All Age Gathering at St Mary's Braughing
 8th 11.15am Holy Communion at Furneux Pelham
 11th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 15th 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 15th 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 18th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 22nd 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 22nd 11.15am Morning Worship, Harvest, at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 25th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 29th 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's Stocking Pelham
 29th 6.00pm Renewal of Wedding Vows Service (all welcome) at St Mary's Braughing

October
 2nd 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 6th 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 6th 11.15am All age Worship, Harvest, at St Mary's Braughing
 6th 4.00pm Harvest songs of praise at St Mary's Stocking Pelham
 7th 9.30am Jenyns School Harvest at St Mary's Braughing
 9th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 13th 10.00am All age Gathering at St Mary's Braughing
 13th 11.15am Holy Communion at Furneux Pelham
 13th 5.45pm Refresh (informal service) at St Mary's Braughing
 16th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at

St Mary's Braughing
 20th 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 20th 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 27th 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 27th 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 30th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing

November
 2nd 7.00pm All Souls Service, St Mary's Braughing
 3rd 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 3rd 11.15am All age Worship at St Mary's Braughing
 6th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 10th 10.55am Remembrance Service at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 10th 12.15pm Remembrance Service at St Mary's Stocking Pelham
 10th 3.00pm Remembrance Service at St Mary's Braughing
 13th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 17th 9.30am Café Church at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 17th 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 20th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
 24th 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Braughing
 24th 11.15am Morning Worship at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 27th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing

December
 1st 9.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Furneux Pelham
 1st 11.15am All age Worship at St Mary's Braughing
 4th 9.30am Holy Communion (said) at St Mary's Braughing
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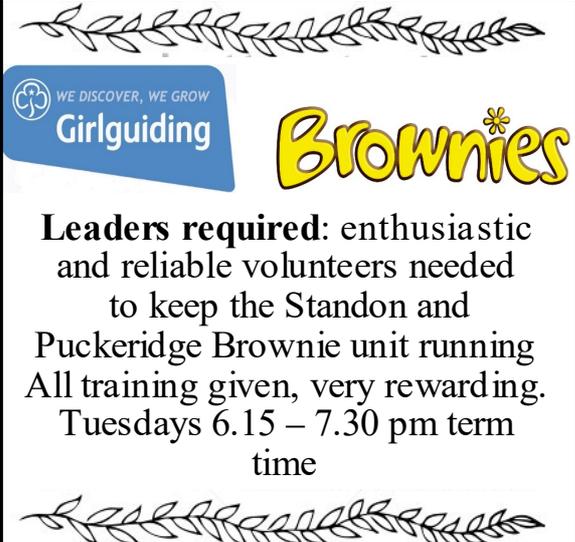
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www.eastherts.gov.uk.

Herts County Council**Contact details:**

Adult Care Services	0300 123 4042
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Meetings/Parties/Regular Bookings.

Call Sally on 07854 916404

Email: communitycentre@tesco.net

www.standonandpuckeridgecc.co.uk

GRANTS AVAILABLE

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

(which includes Colliers End and Wadesmill).

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

Halls for hire

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

Local Churches:

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

Braughing Bridge Club



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

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

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

Braughing Sing Choir

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

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

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

Shotokan Karate

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www.hummingbirdcancersupport.org

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Standon

Clr David Andrew 01920 823836
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Parish Council Meetings

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

Braughing

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

Little Hadham

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

Standon

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

Parish Councils

Braughing

Clerk:
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clerk@braughing.org.uk

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Web site: www.braughing.org.uk

Lt Hadham

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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 YOUR HELP!

- More volunteers are needed to work with a friendly group helping young children with special needs to enjoy the pleasure of riding.
- No experience with riding or horses is required.
- Sessions held at Contessa Riding School, Colliers End, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during term time
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For more details contact Gill Roberts on 01279 844032 or gillian.roberts6@btinternet.com Charity Number 1074385

LOCAL DIRECTORY

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

- Albury Seedlings Preschool & Albury Primary School: 01279 771253
- Allotments:
Braughing:
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rfleetwood@braughing.org.uk
Puckeridge: Brian Durrant 822331
- Aviation Society:
Vic Flintham 01763 289636
- Baby-sitting Circle:
Sylvia Pinnington 822216
- Bat Helpline 01992 581442
- Beavers: 6-8 years old,
Angie Adamson 01763 849902
- Bell Ringing:
Braughing: Peter Glazebrook 821554, Standon: Stephen Coley 823886.
- Bishop's Stortford Railway Society:
Barry Bridges 438586
- Bowls Club: Andy Mansfield 07976 237050 -
standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com
- Braughing Cricket Club: Peter Hobson 01920 438361
- Braughing Cricket Club Colts: 438361 07774 961829
- Braughing Local History Society:
Mary Cockburn
mary.cockburn@btopenworld.com
- Braughing Playing Field Association Trust: Graham Frary 07855 834862
grahamfrary@tiscali.co.uk
- Braughing Society:
Sandra Lynch 823500
- Braughing WI: Kate Fish 822397
- Bridge Clubs:
Sue Dailly 823692
- Brownies: Register your daughter's interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - general enquiries to: (Roger de Clare lunch club): Louise 07971 800443. (evening unit): firstsandpbrownies@gmail.com
- Budding Babes: Tracy 01920 824041
- Buntingford Bird Club: Tim Robinson, 01763 243143
- Buntingford Choir:
Mandy or Gareth 0781 491 2595
- Buntingford Heritage Centre:
Jenny Dingley 01763 273002
- Carols Round the Tree (Standon):
Caroline Franks 822723
- Carpet Bowls:
Mike Bennett
Mikebennett12@aol.com
- Church Choir Braughing: Church office 823832
- Church Choir, Standon with the Mundens and Sacombe: Michael Smith 821281
- Conservative Assn:
David Andrews 823836
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Tuesday Puma Pack: Jackie Andrews 01763 247675
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- Dance JAM Academy:
Julie McPartland
01920 822488 or 07971699615
- Dog Training: Jan Mann 823475
- Dominoes: Axe & Compasses,
Braughing - Graham Frary 821715
- East Herts Aviation Society: Ray Hankin (rayhankin@hotmail.co.uk) or Vic Flintham (vf@flintham.org)
- East Herts Geology Club: Diana Perkins 463755.
- Folk Music Club:
Stortford 01279 656664
- 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 - general enquiries to Louise 07971 800443.
- Hares Football Club:
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- Health Centre: 823860
- Hertford & Ware Railway Society:
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Wendy Smith 07922 519174
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- Liberal Democrats:
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- Mayday Committee:
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Rachel Law
rachellaw79@yahoo.co.uk
- Mercury Correspondent: Braughing:
Clive Marshall 822167
- NSPCC: Alex Lang 822209
- Pantomime Group, Braughing: Peter Walsingham 823265
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www.standoncharities.org.uk

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There are six flatlets consisting of bed/sitting room, kitchen and bathroom, suitable for single tenancy.

Enquiries can be made by emailing:
braughinghousingassociation@gmail.com

- Petanque: Brown Bear, Braughing - Steve Banfield landlord@brownbearbraughing.co.uk
- Pets TLC: 822705
- Photographic Society (Ware): Barbara Norris 822104
- Puckeridge WI: Louise 07971 800 443 info@puckeridgewi.org
- Railway & Local History Society (Buntingford): Stephen Ruff 01763 289516, (Bishop's Stortford) Barry Bridges 438586, (Hertford & Ware) Stuart Moye 467132
- Rainbows: Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk - enquiries to sandprainbows1@outlook.com
- Ramblers (Royston & Dist): David Allard 01763 242677
- Red Yoga: 07590 964016
- 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
- Scout Troop: 10½-14 years old, Simon Smith 07773 016567
- 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
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- Three Villages Eco Group: Trish Street 01920 821069
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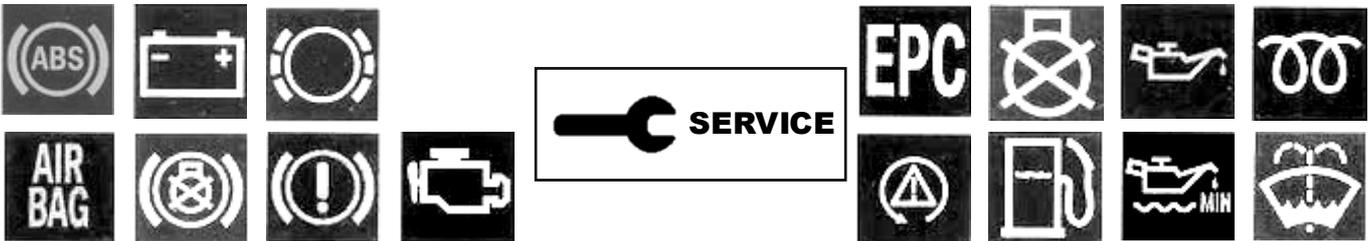


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