

Carols Round the Christmas Tree

**Wednesday 17 December, 6.30pm
High Street, Standon**

Join or community choir, Standon Sing, to sing carols and Christmas songs around the Christmas tree.

A Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

**St Mary's Church, Standon
Sunday 21 December at 6pm**

Come and enjoy carols old and new, some sung by the choir and others for all to join in. Listen again to the story and message of Christmas told through traditional bible readings.

Details from Michael Smith 821281

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Retirement of The Rector, Standon

With John and Basma leaving us following John's retirement at the beginning of October, the obvious question on everyone's lips is "When are we going to get a new vicar?" This being the Church of England, frustratingly, the answer is 'Not any time soon'.

There is a set of protocols each benefice has to undergo when a post becomes vacant, all set out by the church 'powers that be'. The first hurdle is that nothing could begin until the current incumbent, John, had actually left.

The benefice has three patrons who are almost like non- executive directors. These are Ralph Abel Smith, the Church Pastoral Aid Society and King's College Cambridge. They particularly take an interest when a living goes into vacancy.

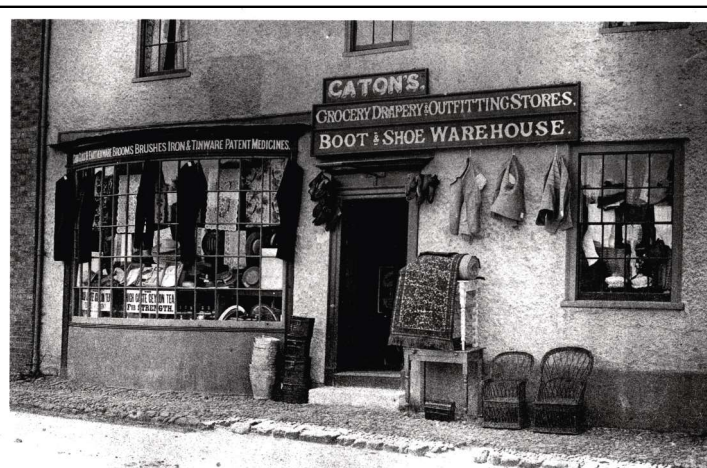
Our PCCs from the three churches met with the patrons and the Archdeacon in mid-October to start the process. We have prepared a Benefice Profile which effectively is a brochure of what the three churches can offer a new Rector, and what in

turn we expect from any candidate. Now that is agreed, we can look to advertise. Given the proximity to Christmas when clergy are pre-occupied with the busiest time of their year, there will be no point in advertising until January 2026.

The process then depends on how appealing our benefice is to potential applicants, and how quickly we can arrange interviews and appoint. If I tell you that the Bishop of Hertford has already agreed to take important services during Easter next year, if needed, you can judge for yourself how soon we might expect the post to be filled. It could be a year, or longer, that we have to function without a Rector.

In the meantime, all the members of the three PCCs, and those who will be involved in the vacancy and the appointment of a new Rector, are determined to keep everything running as normally as possible. I am sure that you'll be pleased to know that our schedule of services continues as usual, including those held in the week at Sacombe and Standon.

Christmas services are being planned and cover arranged as required. We are also busy finding clerical cover for our communion services, which is a big job. When we are not be able to fill all these, then we intend use 'communion by extension' subject to the permission of the Bishop, where



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The premises has served as a Chemists shop ever since and also as the Post Office from 1930 to 1947. The northern end of the house also served as the Doctors surgery from 1948 until the present Health Centre was opened and then housed a Delicatessen (The Pantry), later a Hairdresser (The Mop Shop) and now the front window is used as additional display space by Oliver Minton, estate agent.

the sacraments are consecrated in advance. This would then allow Caroline, our Reader, to officiate.

There are no planned weddings on the immediate horizon, and funerals will of course be dealt with in the normal way. God's loving care for us never ends, and any one in need at this time can be assured that we are still here to help and pray for you.

A vacancy is the time for us all to share the responsibility of the work of the benefice, and to try to keep things as normal as possible. Anyone with any questions, or anyone who feels minded to involve themselves more or can offer any additional help during this period of vacancy, will be warmly welcomed.

Derek Wheeler

Churchwarden of St Catherine's
Sacombe, on behalf of the benefice
vacancy team

Hertfordshire Holly



Etcetera Morris organised a day of dancing in and around Enfield recently which was enjoyed by all and rounded off the summer dancing season perfectly.

Now our attention is turning towards preparing for the Christmas performances, and practising and expanding our repertoire.

Our seasonal bookings range from doing a workshop with a Beaver pack in Welwyn to performing at Ware Dickensian evening and "Hoddesdon loves Christmas".

Of course, we will be entertaining the residents as usual at the care home in Enfield who really seem to enjoy our visits.

New Year's Day will see us at The Wonder in Enfield as guests of Etcetera Morris Men, so we have plenty to look forward to over the next few weeks

In the New Year we will start looking ahead to the summer so if

anyone knows of an event that might welcome us then please get in touch. We will be looking for some welcoming local pubs for the lovely warm evenings that are but a distant memory just at the moment.

Before then though we will have the Holly feast when we gather together for a meal, together with some past members. Out come the photo albums and memories are shared, some more embarrassing than others.

Pictured are some of us in High Cross village hall, learning our new dance called "Lancaster Fours".

We meet on a Thursday evening from 8 to 10pm and always welcome new members.

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

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

St Mary's Church, Braughing

We are delighted that our new vicar, Rev'd Lynn Hayler, has been licensed as the Priest-in-Charge for our 3 parishes. Lynn's working days will be Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Our service pattern will continue for now:

- 10.30 am service at Braughing on 1st and 2nd Sundays

- 9.30 Café Church at Furneux Pelham on 3rd Sunday
- 10.30am Service at Furneux Pelham on 4th Sunday
- 10.30am Service at Stocking Pelham on 5th Sunday

Please see Church noticeboard, our facebook page (St Mary the Virgin – Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham) or ACNY (A Church near You) for information.

We are looking forward to the Christmas season. Once again we will have a pop-up choir to sing at the Carol Service (21 December). Members of the choir will also be invited to sing at the Carol Services in Furneux and Stocking Pelham if they wish. We are delighted that Miles Knapman has agreed to be our choirmaster again.

Christmas Services will be as follows (Braughing unless stated)

- Carol Service 7pm 21 December (followed by mulled wine & mince pies)
- Nativity Service 3pm 24 December
- Midnight Communion 11.30pm 24th December
- Christmas Morning Family Service 10.30am Stocking Pelham
- 12th Night Carols 7.30 Monday 5 January

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Puckeridge Karate Club -

Puckeridge KC is very pleased to announce that Mayah Cole recently took and passed her 1st Dan black belt grading, Mayah has been training with the club since 2019 and all of her hard work and dedication has paid off.



Mayah, pictured here with Sensei Clive Bowen 6th Dan and Sensei Alex Matthews 5th Dan & Sensei Lewis Matthews 5th Dan

During October, we also had a visit from Sensei Odysseas Christou 8th Dan, who taught both the junior and senior lessons with his colleague Iain. A lot of fun was had by everyone who attended, and we look forward to inviting him back in the future.

The Puckeridge club was started in 1994 by the late Hanshi Mike Billman 9th Dan when he was a resident of Puckeridge and has continued to grow in strength and experience ever since.

Sensei Clive Bowen 6th Dan now looks after the running of the club and will strive to maintain the high

standards that Hanshi Mike instilled in the club.

Puckeridge Karate Club has a great instructor: student ratio and a huge depth of knowledge that the black belts are keen to pass on to the other students. If you would like to try something different and get fit at the same time, contact us to see if we have any spaces available.

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

Clive is supported at the club by:

Alex Matthews 5th Dan
Lewis Matthews 5th Dan
Tracy Gardner 4th Dan
Dana Bowen 3rd Dan

Training times are:

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email: puckeridge.karate@ntlworld.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PuckeridgeKC

For further information contact Clive Bowen on: 07395 404396

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

Dates for your Diary!

11 December 7.00pm Christmas
Crackers Concert St Mary's Standon

14 December 6.00pm Carol Service
All Saints Little Munden

21 December 6.00pm Nine Lessons
and Carols St Mary's Standon

24 December 7.30pm Carols by
Candlelight St Catherine's Sacombe

25 December 10.30am Christmas
Morning Service All Saints Little
Munden

25 December 10.30am Christmas
Morning Worship St Mary's
Standon

2026

24 January 7.30pm FOSM Quiz
Night Community Centre

Keep an eye out for our Easter
Services in April.

Wednesdays in term time 3.15pm
Café and Lions All Saints Little
Munden

Fridays in term time 9.30am Little
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St Elizabeth's



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The past few months at St Elizabeth's have been marked by joy, gratitude and exciting new developments.

A particularly special highlight was the visit of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who joined us for a celebration Mass of thanksgiving for the Daughters of the Cross. It was a deeply moving occasion, where we were able to reflect on the remarkable legacy of this congregation within our community. During the Mass, we gave heartfelt thanks for Sister Veronica, Sister Pat and Sister Annette, who recently stepped down

from their roles as trustees. Their decades of service, wisdom and care will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

AppleFest once again proved to be a wonderful success. With stalls laden with seasonal treats and a spirit of togetherness, it was both a joyful community gathering and an important fundraiser for us. Over 420kg of apples were picked so we can make our popular apple juice again, and a further 300kg was purchased, raising us £750!

St Elizabeth's School has entered an exciting new chapter with the launch of its Sixth Form. This means that our young people can now continue their studies here in a nurturing, faith-centred environment, supported by a broadened curriculum.

Our organic farm, Ashvale, also continues to grow from strength to strength. Alongside providing fresh produce, it is home to free-range chickens, which always prove a hit with students and visitors alike while supporting our commitment to sustainability and hands-on learning.

Jo Sydes

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Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon

Thank you to all who support this popular community event in St Mary's Church, Standon, on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

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

At 12.30 there is a short concert to enjoy, given by local musicians and school students. We have had a huge variety of genres and performers all of whom give freely of their time.

There is no charge, but donations towards the work of all three churches are welcome: St Mary's Standon, All Saints Little Munden and St Catherine's Sacombe.

Do come and join us, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

There is no concert in December.

Forthcoming dates for 2026 are:
28 January; 25 February; 25 March and 22 April.

For more information or if you would be interested in performing in one of the concerts, please email: music@ubsms.org.uk

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Standon & Puckeridge Community Cafe

It has been great to see everyone at the Community Cafe over the past months, and we look forward to seeing you into the New Year.

We are open 9.30am to 11.30am on the first Wednesday of every month, in the Lankester Lounge at the Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre: 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November and 2 December.

If you haven't been along before please pop in for a cuppa and a chat. All ages are welcome, from pre-schoolers to pensioners. We have a box of toys to keep toddlers amused!

As those who come along to the Community Cafe regularly will know, we hold a number of Cafes each year in support of various charities.

In October our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised a phenomenal £400. A big thank you to Helena and Jenny for their hard work in organising the Plant Stall, which contributed over £170.

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

Our December Cafe will be supporting Alzheimer's UK, with drinks, cakes and a raffle. And in February we will be supporting World Cancer Day, with proceeds going to Cancer Research UK. So please do come along and support these fundraisers.

There will be a 'Recycling for Good Causes' Box at each Cafe, for old jewellery; coins & currency and stamps; mobile phones; cameras and gadgets. Proceeds will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

BUT PLEASE, PLEASE, NO CABLES OR PLUGS, CASES OR BOXES, AND PLEASE, NO USED BATTERIES. THANK YOU

We also have a separate box for recycling your old printer cartridges, so please bring those along too.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming months and we'd like to thank the volunteers who lend a hand when any member of the team is unable to attend.

For more details contact Alison on 07813 702375.

Best wishes for the festive season
Alison, Helena, Jenny and Lorraine

Festive Finds at Westmill Garden Centre This Christmas

Nothing says Christmas quite like a real tree, and this year's selection will not disappoint. The Norway Spruce remains a traditional favourite, loved for its rich green colour and classic pine scent. A perfect tree for those who enjoy the nostalgic charm of a real tree. If you are a family looking for a longer-lasting option, the Nordman Fir is the top choice. This tree is known as the "non-drop tree, the Nordman has soft, glossy needles that stay fresher for longer, making it ideal for warmer homes.

Our garden centre will be bursting with festive indoor plants that bring colour to your home. Our selection will include Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti, Cyclamen, Amaryllis and Azaleas.

Beyond plants and trees, we will also have some seasonal decorations.

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Standon Parish Council

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Contact with Standon Parish Council should only be via the Clerk Belinda Irons. She is available on 01763 838732, mobile 07854 916404, email clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Website

The website <https://www.standonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> is the official Parish Council information distribution point.

Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council really needs more Councillors to serve the community as it cannot provide all the services the community wants. This is your

parish and your Parish Council. Please do come along to a meeting so that you can become involved and help. Please contact the clerk, for more information.

clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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communities harm. The more residents that register, the better informed and safer our communities will be. Please share the link below in any parish communications, and especially on social media, to encourage as many local residents as possible to sign up. <https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk/>

Anti-social behaviour:

This comes in many forms but must be reported to the Police to enable them to take action. Reporting things on social media will not result in action. Anti-social behaviour which takes place in public places and on Parish Council land also needs to be reported to the Police.

Burrs Meadow: Horse Chestnut Tree

The Parish Council has received an arborist report which states that the Horse Chestnut has rot in more than one place. It is therefore with deep regret that the Parish Council advises that it will need to be removed for



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Multi-Use Games Area

The MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) installation has yet again been delayed due to planning application issues. It is anticipated installation will take place next spring if we can get permission. It will be open to all to play football, netball, basketball etc. Commercial use is restricted and will only be permitted by licence at specific times. This is a community facility only.

Do you have something you want to raise?

If so, please contact the Clerk, Belinda Irons
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or Tel: 07854 916404 and it will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Time flies when you are having fun!

Autumn is a busy time in any school and for us in Roger de Clare C. of E. First School and Nursery, it is no exception. Just as it seems the

children have settled into school, we are suddenly celebrating Christmas!

Whilst we love the glitter, decorations and general excitement of the season (as well as a visit from Santa!), the highlight comes from our focus on the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus. In our Worship leading up to the Christmas, we examine the story from the different perspectives of Joseph, Mary, the Shepherds and the three Kings. All Key Stages prepare their version of the Nativity, which they perform in St. Mary's Church to parents and carers. These performances truly mark the start of the festive season for all of us.

Wider learning continues with topics such as The Romans, Ancient Egyptians, Poetry, Judaism, Iceland, New Zealand, Materials, Computing and Hockey! We will also be hosting a Speed Stacking Festival for KS1 and Hertford Museum to lead workshops in Year 4 and Year 1.

Whilst all of this is happening, it is our continued pleasure to welcome prospective parents and carers for tours of the school with our Headteacher, Mrs Woods. Along with our popular stay and play

sessions, this gives new families the opportunity to see the school in action and little ones to explore and play.

If you have not been able to attend the Stay and Play sessions, our first Christmas themed craft session will take place on Monday 8 December from 4.30-5.30pm. Why not come along and let your child create something festive for home?

The admissions window for Nursery and Reception places is now open and will remain open until 15 January. If you are looking for a Nursery place, please download the application form on our website www.rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk which can be found on the admissions page.

If you are looking for a Reception place, please make your application through Hertfordshire Admissions <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>. If you need any help with the admission process, please do not hesitate to contact our School Office on 01920 821363.

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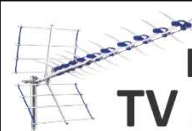
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Standon Mayday 2026

Standon MayDay will take place on Monday 4 May 2026 on Standon High Street.

Our planning has already started and we would love to hear from anyone who feels they can help us in any way, and we hope that all those invaluable people that volunteered and have come forward since, will again be up to the task. Our special thanks go to programme sellers, stallholders and our early morning teams, which are a mainstay and really set us up for the day. Our team is small but extremely enthusiastic and efficient with a solid wish to see Standon MayDay continue.

We hope to have the usual attractions including the Fun Dog Show, Mr Marvel and children's displays in the Arena. Stalls will be available for booking from February 2026 and we would love to recruit some new groups to display in the arena, please get in touch via our email or Facebook Page @Standon MayDay.

The Committee have approved a small donation to Standon Village Hall Lunches.

We are avidly looking for land close to the High Street to hire for the day for car parking and would supply security to manage it, litter pick etc. even small areas would help so much.

We will be recruiting specifically for a team to clear up the High Street from 4.30 to 6.30 pm please get in touch if you could help us. Many thanks.

Sue Spalding
standonmayday@outlook.com

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

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Christmas services in the Benefice Sunday 30 November

6.00pm Advent Carols St Mary's
Standon

Sunday 14 December

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's
Standon
6.00pm Carol Service All Saints Little
Munden

Tuesday 16 December

9.30am Holy Communion St
Catherine's Sacombe

Sunday 21 December

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's
Standon
10.30am Holy Communion All Saints
Little Munden
6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols St
Mary's Standon

Wednesday 24 December

(Christmas Eve) 3.00pm Crib Service
All Saints Little Munden
5.00pm Crib Service St Mary's
Standon
7.30pm Carols by Candlelight St
Catherine's Sacombe
11.30pm Midnight Communion St
Mary's Standon

Thursday 25 December

(Christmas Day) 10.30am Christmas
Worship & Communion All Saints
Little Munden
10.30am Christmas Worship St
Mary's Standon

Sunday 28 December

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Sunday 4 January

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Braughing Parish Paths Group

As we move into winter and the days get shorter, the countryside looks bleaker but no less beautiful. Our walks continue throughout the winter but we start at the earlier time of 1.30 in December and January because of the shorter days. Why not join us for our monthly Village walk?

We meet in The Square (opp the Axe) on the 1st Sunday of the month. Our walks last approx. 2 hours and cover 5-7 miles at a reasonable walking pace. We try to ensure we walk all the Public Rights of Way in the Parish every year. Well-behaved dogs are welcome on our walks.

Please note that the paths are likely to become slippery and muddy as winter approaches so please make sure you wear walking boots or wellies.

Most of our walks are followed by tea and cake in Marion's Green Shed.

Everyone is most welcome to join us. Next walks:-

- Sun 7 Dec 1.30pm
- Sun 4 Jan 1.30pm
- Sun 1 Feb 2.00pm

For more information, please contact Paula or Paul (paulaandpaul@btinternet.com)

The Village Lunch

Looking back over this year, we're pleased to report that 50+ happy villagers from Standon and Puckeridge have continued to enjoy both lunch and company in Standon Village Hall every month, apart from one when a Covid outbreak amongst the helpers suddenly stopped us. And we have enjoyed serving it!

We'd like to mark the year-end by thanking our many willing helpers who have prepared and cooked food, arranged the flowers for the tables, laid the tables, served the food and drinks, washed up, cleaned and packed up the Village Hall and many other jobs. You know who you are - a very warm thank you from us to you all. Thank you too to our friends at Standon May Day for their support, and The Steam Team, our local laundry service for their generous help.

The lunch dates for the start of 2026 will be Wednesdays 21 January, 18 February and 18 March. If you are not on the list of people who come regularly and would like to come along, please do contact us - there's always room for more!

We wish all our guests and helpers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Helena 07974 583832 and Brenda 01920 822293

The Big Give Christmas Challenge

Save the Date: The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2 – 9 December – Help Us Double the Support for Local Families!

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A New Academic Year at Jenyns

Our pupils have made a fantastic start to the new school year. From the very first day, there has been a wonderful sense of energy and enthusiasm throughout the school. It has been a pleasure to see pupils settling into their new classes, reconnecting with friends, and embracing new routines with confidence and curiosity.

Our new school tagline was launched at the start of the year: "Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition" which fully encapsulates what Jenyns provides for all of our children. Our new House Captains are also in the process of selecting new House names, which reflect an aspect of Braughing. Last summer, I met with the Local Braughing History Society to come up with some ideas to share with the children. They have been very enthusiastic in learning about the various features and historical people of Braughing. I'll be sure to share these new House names with you in the next edition of PS News.

Our School Council have chosen the final design for our new climbing

frame. The money raised from the Braughing Wheelbarrow Race bar and raffle will be used to purchase this and a soft 'wet pour' surface for our playground. School Council shared that the pupils wanted a colourful frame with monkey bars and climbing ladders. We can't wait to share pictures of the frame with you which is due to be installed in December.

You may have seen our pupils out and about since starting back in September. We had lots of fun walking to St Mary's Church for our Harvest Festival; taking part in Old Man's Day; and visiting Mr Page's allotment by the community centre. We are also looking forward to walking some of the children to the war memorial to share our work on Remembrance after half term.

Upcoming Events:

FOJ Christmas Fair – Monday
15 December from 3:30pm

Prospective Parent Tours

For Nursery (3-4 year olds) and Reception Prospective Parents with children starting in September 2026, we will be holding a range of parent tours throughout the Autumn term including an open morning on



Saturday 6 December, 10:00am-12:00pm.

We are also holding private tours. Please use the contact details below to book a private tour.

To attend, please contact the school office via telephone (01920 821461) or email (admin@jenyns.herts.sch.uk)

Smashing Pots Until 1 March

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The children's expressed interests and preferences also play a huge part as indicators of what is being taught.

Special attention is paid to considering additional key factors such as different ages, stages and needs of the children.

Each day is set up differently to ensure an element of surprise awaits the children which motivates their learning.

We know that play based activities are essential to support the best possible start for children's learning and development.

Our private Facebook page for parents only details the enjoyment of exploring, highlighting their children's motivation and confidence as they try new things. During these colder months this has included making homemade (Spinsmade) vegetable soups and purées to promote healthy eating. The group were pleased to help cut and prepare the food and proud of their achievement in making a wholesome meal.

We are humbled to see so many of our cohort from 20+ years ago, returning to register their own children.

We offer visits to prospective parents by appointment only. Please call 07881 533339, email: spins.nursery@outlook.com or message us on our public Facebook page to be added to our waiting list.

Local Company sponsors Ware Choral Society

Ware Choral Society musical director, Rosie Howarth, visiting the showrooms of Wood Bros (Furniture) Ltd recently was genuinely surprised by how responsive inanimate furniture could be to her persuasion! The visit was to seal the sponsorship agreement between WCS and Wood Bros made last month.

The benefit to the choir is fairly obvious. Putting on concerts with professional soloists and orchestras is an expensive business, and in balancing the books there is only so much that can be asked of audiences and members in ticket prices and subscriptions. The financial contribution that a commercial family company is able to make can make the difference between performances that get by and those so good they can change lives.

For Wood Bros, this collaboration promotes their large and inspirational Ware showroom as well as raising the company profile. Wood Bros has been creating furniture and upholstery of the highest quality since 1924, using skilled craftsmanship to create a life enhancing product. By showing they want to be associated with the local choral society, Wood Bros are emphasising their wish to be part of that community, and the difference that beautiful furniture can make to the lives of people using it.

So there we have it: Wood Bros and Ware Choral Society – bringing life to furniture, and furniture to life!

Ware Choral Society Advance Notice - Spring Concert

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Canasta

We are a group of Canasta players who meet weekly each Tuesday in Braughing for 2 hours (or thereabouts) for an afternoon of playing cards in a very relaxed, friendly, informal and fun way.

The group has grown in popularity over the last year, which prompted us to move from fortnightly to weekly. It doesn't matter whether you are a seasoned Canasta player or whether you are an absolute beginner – everyone is welcome and if you have never played before, you will soon pick it up! It also doesn't matter if you can't come every week.

Each session is £3 pp which covers the cost of coffee and biscuits and hopefully a Christmas lunch around the festive season!

If you are interested in finding out more and would like to join a really fun and enjoyable social group, please contact me on 07506 066080 or email me on

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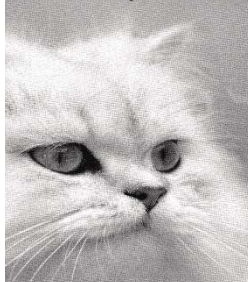
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Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club

What a season that was!!!



We took full advantage of the great summer – we only played in the rain a couple of times!!!

Friendly matches were played with clubs around Herts and Essex; League matches were a weekly occurrence (we came 7th – half way up the table) and a really hard fought series of inter-club competitions culminated in a fantastic Finals Day that saw all the trophies evenly distributed.

OPEN DAY 2026 - SATURDAY 25 APRIL– check out the website closer to the date for more information. Or just get in touch (see the information below)

We really are a great place to play – if you are new to the area or new to bowls you will be welcomed, and our

social activities carry on throughout the winter as well.

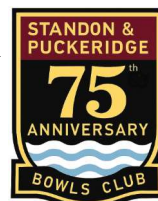
We were founded in 1951 so next year is our 75th Anniversary – there will be a number of activities to celebrate this milestone.

What do you get in your membership? We have regular roll up for club members (Wednesday afternoon and Monday nights). We play friendly fixtures (mostly at weekends) against other clubs, and we take part in the East Herts Bowls League. We are also members of the East Herts Bowls Association and the East Herts Ladies Bowls Association. This allows our members access to a range of other competitions. Later in the summer we run our popular knock out competitions leading up to our Finals weekend in September.

We are also very active in the clubhouse – regular crib nights have extended to crib competitions against other bowls clubs, and the Wednesday social nights are continuing with a variety of activities such as darts, table tennis and carpet bowls being played. So, if you want an introduction to the club – search for Standon & Puckeridge Bowls or email standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com for more information

To find out more about us visit: <https://standonpuckeridgebowlsclub.wordpress.com/>.

We are a small and friendly club with room for all of you who want to enjoy everything that Lawn Bowls has to offer.



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/> or email standonandpuckeridgebowlsclub@gmail.com or why not write to us at Standon and Puckeridge Bowls Club, The Playing Field, Station Road, Standon Herts SG11 1TF

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Braughing Parish Council

Work has been completed at Pentlows Meadow for the creation of a wetland area and improvement of The Quin with large amounts of gravel added to the riverbed. This did cause the river to look a bit cloudy for a few days but the long-term benefit is huge. The wetland area in the Meadow has been dug and planted up. We were delighted to see water in the new pond area straight away. (It will also fill with rain and directly from the River when it is running full). It will take a few months before all the work starts to naturalise but hopefully by next summer we will have the beginnings of a beautiful water meadow to enjoy.

Parking along the Street continues to be a huge issue. When cars are parked outside the Bear, where the road is so narrow, it makes it almost impossible for large vehicles (many of them agricultural vehicles) to get through resulting in damage to the buildings and the cars themselves. We are working with Highways and have been supported by Terry Smith, our County Councillor, in trying to seek a solution. Meanwhile it would really help if residents could avoid parking cars along that narrow stretch of the Street by the Brown Bear.

Unfortunately the 4 street lamps along church end were stolen in September. The Police think they

have identified the subject. The claim is with our insurers but we will endeavour to get the lights replaced asap.

BPC has a number of allotments available for rent. If you would be interested in taking over one of these please contact the Clerk

Carols Round the Tree

Will take place on Wednesday 17 December at 7pm. Meet in the Square at 7pm and join in some traditional Carols led by Braughing Pop-up Choir. Mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and Father Christmas will all be there too!

Next meetings: 8.00pm Old Boys School (no meeting in December), Thurs 8 January, Thurs 12 February

All correspondence to clerk@braughing.org.uk

Braughing Get Together Diary Dates

In October, there was a very successful, light-hearted Bingo evening, where we welcomed some newcomers.

In November, BGT held a highly successful, sold out, "Gunpowder Plot" evening.

Friday 5 December is our annual WINTER SUPPER, where we can Get Together with good friends, have a lovely meal and just chat.

Gill will once again will be tempting our palettes with her culinary expertise.

The price is held at £27.50 for yet another year and early booking is advised, as it is an extremely popular event.

Friday 9 January will see the return of our ever-popular BEETLE DRIVE. Lots of fun where no prior knowledge of the game is needed. Please register your interest with Cynthia.

Friday 13 February is MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT for all the sleuths amongst you. Poirot, Holmes, Kojak, Drebin and Clouseau are mere amateurs compared to the detective skills of our audiences, so come along and try to solve the latest murder. With a Fish and Chip supper, entrance is £15.00. Due to its popularity, early booking is essential.

Braughing Get Together events are held in the Braughing Church Hall and doors open at 7pm.

Our events are open to all, including those from outside of Braughing, to enjoy each other's company and make new friends.

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Tuesday 9 am to 2.30pm

Wednesday 12.00 to 2.30 pm

Thursday 9 am to 6 pm

Friday 9 am to 12.45 pm

Saturday 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday 12.00 to 6 pm

Please note Saturday and Sunday are only available if there is not a match.

COACHING: our Head Coach is Cliff Devonshire, who is an LTA level 4 performance coach. Cliff has introduced programs for all types of players from junior to experienced club members, these are run term time only. For more information

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

ADULT TENNIS: Wednesday morning 10 – 12 and Friday afternoon from 1.45pm. Contact Sally Bradshaw on 01920 821152. These sessions usually attract around 8 players of varying ability. We play doubles and change round regularly which gives an opportunity to play with different people.

CLUB NIGHT: Tuesday 6pm also Sunday morning from 10am. All members are welcome. There is a WhatsApp group to ensure there will be players there.

TEAMS: In the winter we have two Men's Team and a Ladies Team in the Essex Small Clubs League. There is a Mixed Team in the East Herts League and an over 60's Ladies Team in the Hertfordshire League.

Contact Cliff Devonshire, 07709 355655, for information on the Men's teams and Diana Foster, 07778 031430, for the Mixed and Ladies teams.

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Ware & District Photographic Society

Three members of Ware DPS had images selected for the Hertford Town Council's 2026 Calendar. Rob Turnbull's image entitled Hertford Basin was chosen for September, Kathy Sharman had two images selected: one entitled Santa and the McMullen's Brewery Horse & Dray for December, and the front cover photo of Hertford Brewery.

There are six Mayor's Commendations one of which is of County Hall by Barbara Norris. The calendar will be on sale in the Town & Tourist Information Centre, 10-12 The Wash, Hertford.

The Club closes for Christmas on 3 December and reopens on 7 January.

Further details of the programme are on the website wareps.org.uk.

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Tickets are £5 for adults, children free. They can be bought online at www.theharmonaireschoir.com or on the door.

There will be a retiring collection for CRISIS, particularly known for their Crisis at Christmas campaign but also a charity committed to helping people out of homelessness all year round.

Your generous contributions will help provide vital services and support for those in need.

Friends of St Marys

FOSM is the local charity that raises funds for preservation and restoration of the fabric of St Mary's our ancient parish church in Standon.

You may have seen the tower swathed in scaffolding. Major repair and restoration work is underway funded partly by FOSM.

Thank you to all who attend our fundraising activities, the work could not continue without the funds raised at events you support.

The September Candlelit Supper held in the church was a success. Thank you the diners and helpers who produced a memorable evening.

Our next two events are: - Saturday 6 December in the am.

Christmas Fair – In St. Mary's Church, Standon. Enjoy coffee or mulled wine and a mince pie whilst buying Christmas gifts from the lovely stalls in the church.

Saturday 31 January 7pm Quiz Night - Always popular and a close fought contest. At the Puckeridge Community Centre. Please come at 7:00 for a 7:30 pm start. Cost is £15 per person to include a delicious ploughman's supper. Teams of no

more than eight people. There will be a bar and raffle. Tickets from **Caroline Franks on 01920 822723.**

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Community Not Division Local Green Councillors Are Working Hard To Bring People Together

As residents become more and more likely to ditch the two big parties when voting nationally, local councillors have been working hard to bring people together and to offer hope for those seeking change.

In Ware, Green Councillors on Ware Town Council have launched 'Ware Shares', a community service enabling people from the local area (including Puckeridge and Standon) to borrow DIY, garden and leisure equipment rather than buying them. This helps everyone save money by borrowing a tool for a small fee rather than buying it. It also helps save space by freeing up peoples' cupboards and sheds with tools collecting dust. And, it helps fight climate change by reducing waste and emissions from the manufacture and disposal of tools that can instead be borrowed.

Green County Councillor for Ware North, including Standon, Kirsty Taylor-Moran has been instrumental in setting up Ware Shares. She said: "As a Green Party councillor it is so important that we help local

residents fight climate change. Ware Shares will help residents do just this while also saving money."

In Buntingford, Green Councillors Sue Nicholls and Phil Ricketts and local resident Madela Baddock founded The Buntingford Community Project earlier this year which has already launched two initiatives for the local community - a Repair Café and a weekly Men's Shed. Both are available for Puckeridge and Standon residents.

Green Councillor Sue Nicholls, who has been involved in both initiatives, said: "It's been brilliant to see so many residents at the Repair Café and the Men's Shed, supporting each other and coming together in such a positive way. I want to say a massive thank you to all of the volunteers who've got involved and to Buntingford Town Council for funding support."

Green Councillor Phil Ricketts, Buntingford Men's Shed project leader, said: "We're now working to raise enough funds to secure a permanent home for the Men's Shed. This will enable us to make, repair, re-purpose and support projects for and provide a social space where shed members can come together and connect with other people."

The date for the next Repair Café is 24 January.

Big Step For Local Swimming Pool's Future

Exciting news! A major step forward for Ward Freman Community Pool!

Standon's Green County Councillor Kirsty Taylor-Moran is thrilled that Hertfordshire County Council has offered the freehold for Ward Freman pool to the Community Pool Group. This exciting development - supported and championed by local Green councillors who played a significant role in progressing discussions with the County Council - represents a major milestone toward securing the pool's long-term future for the community.

"This could mean the pool is wholly owned by the local community, securing its future. We've championed this approach from the start and worked hard as a Green team to secure a commitment of more than £100,000 from our Green-led District Council too.

Buntingford's Green Town Councillor Phil Ricketts and Green District Councillor Sue Nicholls have played an instrumental role to secure the future of the pool.

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"Both Cllr Ricketts and I have been really keen to support the pool group in whatever way we can in order to help them realise their ambition to reopen the pool" says Sue.

Owning the freehold will bring exciting opportunities — but also greater up-front costs. That's why continued support and fundraising efforts are vital.

The community group have already organised a tabletop sale, a Christmas jumper swap and a Christmas late night shopping event.

Could you help?

Plus they're looking for volunteers to help create and deliver leaflets or donate cakes and raffle prizes for their events.

For more information about the events and the Ward Freman Community Group check out their website (<https://wardfremanpool.org/>).

Buntingford School of Dance

The Autumn term has seen us welcome lots of new pupils to classes, the introduction of our Acro classes, many of our ballet pupils take exams and our regular dress up to fund raise for BBC Children In Need.

If you would like more information about our classes or want to book for the half term dance course (suitable from Age 5), then please see the details below.

To register for classes please do so via the QR code or visit our website *contact, join US or Holiday Course & Workshops* pages. We take pupils from toddlers upwards and have classes for all ages. Our two-week trial period for £15 gives pupils the opportunity to try a variety of suitable classes to see what they like.

Our classes include **Acro, Baby Boppers, Ballet, Contemporary,**

Commercial/Street, Modern/Jazz & Tap classes, with classes suitable for all ages from toddlers to adults. Contact us if you want more information.

Pay As You Go Classes – the classes below are available on Pay As You Go – book & pay online via the website contact page any time before the class start time:

Baby Boppers: A class for toddlers to 3-year-olds and their parents: Saturdays 9.00 - 9.30am URC Hall

Adult Ballet & Tap Classes: These are non-syllabus classes for adults of all ages with the emphasis on fun and fitness while learning to dance. Classes are suitable for all ages & abilities evenings.

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Citizens Advice East Herts is on a mission to rebuild and expand our face-to-face advice service, which has been significantly reduced since the pandemic. We know that our phone and email service suits many of our clients, particularly those who can't get into towns during the working day or people in rural locations with poor transport. However, we also know, because you tell us, that many of you miss the face-to-face interaction with an adviser, and for some this is an essential service for many different reasons, such as a hearing impairment, or a language barrier.

So, since May we have doubled the opening hours of our outreach sessions at the Methodist Church in Bishop's Stortford, open on Tuesdays from 10 to 2pm, and in September we opened a new outreach at Hertford Library on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. We have also extended our hours at Ware Priory, on Tuesdays from 10 to 1pm and at the Manor House, Buntingford on Mondays from 10 to 12.30.

All this means that we need more trained volunteers to guide people through online information and deliver advice in these outreaches. If you're passionate about making a difference in your community, are

looking for a challenging and fulfilling volunteer role, and can offer us a day a week, please do consider lending your time and skills to support this work. Volunteering with us can bring huge benefits to you too, gaining skills and confidence, as well as joining our friendly team.

We have spaces available on our adviser-training programme starting 14 January at the Manor House in Buntingford. You don't need any previous experience, just an appetite for learning and competent IT skills. You'll attend classroom sessions in Buntingford, one day a week, for 12 weeks, followed by shadowing experienced advisers until you are ready to go solo advising clients on the phone or in person.

Trainees will learn how to advise clients on housing, employment, benefits, consumer issues, debt and more.

Please contact us on training@citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk before the end of December if you would like to join the course or phone 01920 454892.

Citizens Advice East Herts is here to help you; if you need advice, call our Message Line 01920 459944 or visit citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk for our advice options. Or you can come and see us on Mondays between 10 am and 1230 pm at the Manor House, High Street, Buntingford – we will find out more about your problem and help you find a way forward.

Thinking About Coming Back To Your Slimming World Group?

Stepping back through the doors can feel daunting, but please know this: there's never any judgement here. Just empathy, understanding, and a whole lot of support, friendly faces willing you on, understanding your worries, learning from each other and ultimately succeeding together.

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No pressure. No guilt. Just a warm smile, a comfy seat, and a fresh start whenever you are ready. And you know that there never seems to be the right time, always something in the way, but the moment you step back in, it'll be the right time.

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Sometimes a house/cottage/flat just needs a deep clean/declutter and a lick of professionally applied paint. Remember, you loved your home before, now it maybe just a real 'falling-in-love again' approach, new lighting, flooring, paint and bingo!

Outside

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Patios

So many people let slip the all-important repairs of pointing patio joints. Soon as this starts to crumble, then the freeze/thaw action keeps breaking more and then slabs become unstable. Nip it in the bud. We can fix this and accommodate old mortar joint issues.

Painting

So you now know you are having family and guests staying for Christmas and having a good look round you realise that a number of rooms need painting. To help keep the finish looking fresher for longer buy a good quality paint but not the high-end mineral paints as they are really hard to scrub clean and absorb stains. The most important thing to remember is that the 'Prep' is between 70/75% of the actual work. The painting is the easy bit. The painting finish reflects the time spent on preparation.-yes really.

Heat Loss

I have a very old cottage which is a blessing and a curse. Having been a recent convert to removable magnetic secondary glazing panels to my old but charming wooden windows, I cannot even begin to tell you the huge difference it has made. No more cold sneaking in via rattling windows. It is amazing. For you to really appreciate this, have a free visit /measure up and we'll get back to you with costings, then it's up to you. Great thing is, it is easy to take down in Spring and store in bubble wrap. (Under the bed /behind wardrobe)

On top of this, add in some loft insulation panels, but NOT all the loft. Old houses must breathe. But just enough, between the rafters to make a real difference to heat loss.

Roof/Gutter/Fascia

Be sure to get these repaired / renewed now as the rain and frost actions will ruin rendering and brickwork. Its amazing how an ongoing gutter leak can really invade the soffits/fascias and seep into the building, then suddenly you have serious damp/mould issues

Summary

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The Grape Harvest has been a DISASTER

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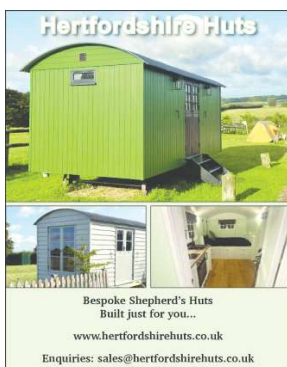
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The shops have had decorations up since the beginning of November and many of us are busy buying gifts for family and friends. The stress of gift buying and what to get for whom is in full swing. Some families really struggle to buy gifts for their children and make extraordinary sacrifices in order to do that.

The biggest sacrifice though was from God when he sent his son Jesus as a free gift to us. Because of that present to us, when we die, instead of it being the end, we can have eternal life with him in a perfect world. A world where love reigns, where there is no disease, no pain and God wipes away all our tears.

It doesn't matter where we've come from or what we've done, God will forgive us if believe in Jesus, say sorry and try to follow his way of doing things.

That's a gift worth having - and it won't wear out or need replacing and it lasts forever.

When we're opening presents this year and enjoying our celebrations, let's just spend a few minutes thanking God for this mind-blowing gift that is ours for the taking - and

let's remember that God didn't send Jesus to judge us, but to save us from death.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17

The United Benefice of Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe wishes you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Marion Smith
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The Hundred Parishes Society

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The Hundred Parishes Society is not a church or religious organisation but we encourage visits to churches because they are often the oldest and most interesting building in any community. Most of our churches are open regularly and welcome visitors.

Our website www.hundredparishes.org.uk has many short articles, including some about various aspects of churches including bells, clocks, memorials, poppyheads, spires, towers and windows. We recently added an article about church fonts, some of which appears below.

Fonts hold holy water, which is used to 'baptise' people, an initiation into the Christian faith. They are often situated near the church entrance.

Our local churches have a great variety of fonts, usually made of stone. For example:

St. George's church in Anstey has an 11th-century font that is rare in that it is decorated with mermen (the male equivalent of mythical mermaids) holding their tails.

Thorley church has a 12th-century font. It was removed from the church and for many years was used as a drinking trough on a nearby farm before being reintroduced into the church in 1855. Its ornate cover was designed by George Gilbert Scott, a prolific architect known mainly for his work designing and renovating churches and cathedrals.

Chickney church has a carved stone font from the 14th century. The bowl is lavishly decorated including shields bearing the coats of arms of local Braybrook and Fitzwalter families.

Debden's 18th-century font is made of Coade stone and is richly decorated with roses and heraldry.

Over the last couple of years, I have been giving a talk entitled "A peek inside some Hundred Parishes churches" to local groups. The talk is a PowerPoint presentation with many photos. If your group might be interested, please contact me on hundredparishes@btinternet.com.

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- Downplayed risk of losing your money.
- Promised returns that sound too

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What can you do if you have been a victim of pension fraud?

Report pension scams: if you're worried about a potential pension scam or you think you may have been contacted by a criminal, report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

If you have made a payment: inform your bank or pension provider as soon as possible, they can help you prevent any further losses. Monitor your bank and pension statements regularly for any unusual activity.

Herts residents have been targeted by fraudsters posing as police officers. The fraudsters called victims in St Albans, Watford and Kings Langley, who lost around £150,000 in total.

Your bank and the police will NEVER ring and ask you to verify your PIN, withdraw cash or purchase high-value goods. They'll also never come to your home to collect your card, cash or purchased

items. If you get a call like this, end the call.

If you get a call from your bank or the police, make sure you know who the person is before handing over any personal details. You can do this by calling your bank (the number on the back of your card) or the police (101) on a different phone line.

For more info on scams visit: www.herts.police.uk/cyber-fraud.

To report fraud call 0300 123 2040 or visit: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>.

Mobile Phone Theft

It is reported that a mobile phone is stolen every hour in some areas of the UK. With this in mind, we have put together some top tips to help keep your mobile safer. Our mobile phone's value is more than just monetary, they contain our personal data, our social account, our banking details and our treasured photos of our loved ones. Priceless.

1. Stay aware in public spaces. Thieves often target people who are distracted (e.g. texting while walking or standing by bus/train stops). Keep your phone out of sight in crowded areas like high streets,



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public transport, or outside bars/clubs.

2. Use secure carrying methods
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3. Enable security features Set up a strong PIN, password, fingerprint, or facial recognition. Register your device's IMEI number (by dialling *#06#) with your network provider; this makes it easier to block if stolen.

4. Be cautious at hotspots for theft
Phone theft is common near transport hubs, tourist attractions, and busy nightlife areas in UK cities like London, Manchester, and Birmingham. Avoid displaying your phone when standing near open train doors, escalators, or while cycling.

5. Use tracking and backup services
Activate "Find My iPhone" (Apple) or "Find My Device" (Android). Regularly back up important data, so if your phone is stolen, you won't lose personal information.

Action Fraud, warning about quishing, a form of phishing where a fraudulent QR code is scanned

The warning encourages people to stay vigilant and double check QR

codes to see if they are malicious, or have been tampered with, before scanning them online or in public spaces.

Claire Webb, Acting Director of Action Fraud, said:

"We're urging people to stop and check before scanning QR codes, to avoid becoming a victim of quishing. Look out for QR codes that may have been tampered with in open spaces, or emails and texts that might include rogue codes. If you're in doubt, contact the organisation directly. You can follow our advice on quishing, on our website at www.actionfraud.police.uk to help protect yourself."

Action Fraud can reveal that quishing happens most frequently in car parks, with criminals using stickers to tamper with QR codes on parking machines. Quishing also occurred on online shopping platforms, where sellers received a QR code via email to either verify accounts or to receive payment for sold items.

Reports also showed phishing attacks were taking place impersonating HMRC, or other UK government schemes, targeting people with QR

codes designed to steal personal and financial details.

What can you do avoid being a victim of quishing?

- QR codes used in pubs or restaurants are usually safe to scan.
- Scanning QR codes in open spaces (like stations and car parks) might pose a greater risk. Check for signs that codes may have been tampered with (usually by a sticker placed over the legitimate QR code). If in doubt, do not scan them: use a search engine to find the official website or app for the organisation you need to make a payment to.
- If you receive an email with a QR code in it, and you're asked to scan it, you should be cautious.
- Finally, we recommend that you use the QR-scanner that comes with your phone, rather than using an app downloaded from an app store.

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The Hundred Parishes Society

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

On a fine September day, I caught an early train to Ware before tackling the longest walk on the Society's website. Station Walk number 18 covers 17 miles (28 kilometres) between Ware Station and Stansted Mountfitchet Station. Although I walk regularly, it was some years since I last covered that distance in a day so I carried a mobile phone just in case.

An advantage of this route is that it heads north for several miles and then turns east, so for much of the way the sun is behind to give the best views.

After leaving Ware, the route is all in lovely countryside, passing through eight of our hundred parishes: Wareside, Standon, Thundridge, Braughing and Albury in Hertfordshire and then Farnham, Manuden and Stansted Mountfitchet in Essex. Through these parishes, only Standon and Stansted contributed much more than the occasional farmhouse. They, along with Gravesend in Albury, also



offered opportunities for refreshment.

The route follows a series of good paths and tracks, rising and falling between river valleys. It passes over the River Lea just after the start, spends several miles along the Rib valley, and crosses the Ash and the Stort.

The journey crosses the Greenwich Meridian, the original route of Roman Stane Street and the former Buntingford railway line. It passes beside Barwick Ford, Standon Lordship, Patmore Heath and Stansted Windmill and there are sightings of distant churches, water towers and much more. But the best views are of unspoilt, rolling countryside and occasional wildlife.

I completed the walk, accompanied for the last 6 miles by my wife Janice after lunch in Gravesend. Altogether, a most enjoyable day – and the legs only ached a bit for the next few days! Having completed this challenge, I can return to the many shorter routes on our website.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Are you in touch with what your kids do online?

Today children are growing up in a connected world—but that doesn't mean they always know how to stay safe in it. As a parent or guardian, your guidance can make a huge difference.

Here are some practical ways to help your child explore the internet with confidence and care:

- Start the conversation early—and keep it going
- Ask your child to walk you through the games they play, the sites they visit, or the videos they love. Talk openly about common online risks like oversharing, inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and interacting with strangers. Stay informed about the latest trends and lead by example with your own digital habits.
- Point them in a safer direction
- Encourage the use of child-friendly apps and platforms, such as YouTube Kids. Check in regularly on what they're watching and sharing, especially on sites like YouTube and TikTok.
- Keep up with digital trends—especially the risky ones
- Some games and social platforms have raised concerns for promoting violence, gambling, or unmoderated messaging. Get to know which ones your child is using and how they work.
- Don't underestimate the emotional impact



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- Social media and messaging apps can be powerful—sometimes overwhelmingly so. Help your child understand how online experiences can influence emotions, self-esteem, and mental health.
- Respect age restrictions—they exist for a reason
- Most platforms have age limits to help protect children. Stick to them and talk to your child about why they matter.
- Set clear rules from the beginning
- Agree on boundaries together: what's OK to do online, how long to spend on devices, and how to treat others with respect. Kids need structure and support to make smart choices online.
- Make the most of built-in tools
- Use parental controls on devices, games, browsers, and social platforms. Enable privacy settings, safe search features, and family filters from your internet provider. These tools add an extra layer of protection.
- Be cautious with video calls
- Always update apps to their latest version and adjust settings to ensure calls are private and secure. Allow communication only with trusted contacts.
- Talk about online gaming
- Gaming can help kids with creativity and problem solving – but it can also expose them to strangers, pressure to spend money, or risky behaviours. Make time to chat about the games they play and how they use them.
- Teach critical thinking about online content
- Help your child spot misinformation, fake news, and AI-generated content. Encourage them to question what they see and avoid sharing unverified content.
- Remind them to think before they share:

Personal details, photos, videos—once they're online, they can be hard to take back. Talk to your child about what's appropriate to post and how to protect their and others' privacy.

Stick to trusted sources for apps

Download apps only from official stores like Google Play or the App Store. Where possible, use your own email address when creating accounts for your child.

Stay observant, not overbearing

Keep an eye on your child's online behaviour and watch for warning signs. Sadly, some young people have been targeted for serious online threats—from scams and grooming to involvement in criminal activity.

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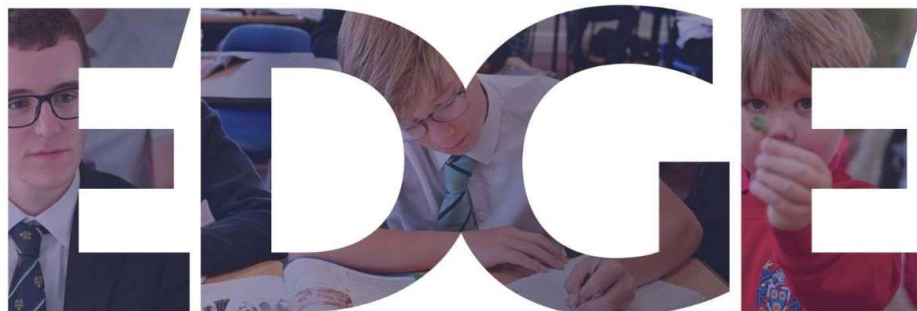
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Club Secretaries: Please keep us up to date with any changes to your regular meeting days and events.

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

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

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10am - 11.30am Iyengar Yoga at Standon Village Hall, Road, Standon, SG11 1LE. Contact Sarah on 07427 596961 or www.TowardYoga.com.

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

1.30 - 2.30 Movement to Music for Over 60s, Standon Village Hall, Imagination Dance 07394 934911

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

Starlight Stars:

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8.00 First Monday of the month, East Herts Aviation Society meets at the Sword Inn Hand, Westmill, Buntingford (optional special pre-talk pub dinner menu from 6.30pm). Steve Morgan 07712 145146.

8.00 Puckeridge Karate Club meets at Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre. Clive Bowen 01763 231132

Tuesday

9am Traditional Flowing Ashtanga Yoga, Puckeridge Community Centre. Ian 07553 285453.

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Catherine's Sacombe.

10am -Noon The Listening Place (a drop in centre for bereavement advice and support). Tuesdays at Leaside Church and Community

Centre, High Street, Ware SG12 9BT. Alison 01763 232673.

10:00-11:00am Vinyasa Flow Yoga (for all) - Braughing Community Centre 11:15-12:15pm Postnatal Yoga - Braughing Community Centre

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

11 Accessible Yoga. Standon and Puckeridge community Centre. Penny Constantinou 07944 416572

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12-2pm Citizens Advice Contact Centre at Bishops Stortford Methodist Church. Messageline 0192 0 459944

1.30 - 3pm Little Blossoms Stay & Play group 07508707153

2-4pm Second Tuesday of the month, Standon Hand Embroidery Group in Standon Village Hall. Barbara Norris 01920 822104.

4.30 -7.45 Ballet at Braughing Church Hall: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535

5.30 Beavers (6-8yrs Scouts) Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Term time only, contact.braughingscouts@gmail.com

6pm Tap, Modern & Jazz at Braughing Community Centre: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224

6pm 2nd Buntingford Brownies. Term time in Buntingford. Email jill228374@hotmail.co.uk

6.15 1st Standon & Puckeridge Brownies. Term time in Standon. Sarah Howitt 01920 822342

6.30 Cubs - (8-10½ years, Scouts), term-time only. Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. contact.braughingscouts@gmail.com

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

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR PARTNER?

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7.30 Bell Ringing Practice, St Mary's Church Tower, Standon.

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

Wednesday

8.30 Under 1's Childrens' Group, Standon Village Hall. Kelly Brightman 01920 463949

9.30 Worship and Bible Study at St Mary's Standon, followed by refreshments (No service in August)

9.30 Gentle Therapeutic Hatha Yoga, Braughing St Mary's Church Hall. Ian 07553 285453.

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

9:30-10:30am Vinyasa Flow Yoga (for all) - Furneux Pelham Village Hall

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

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

11-1pm Citizens Advice Contact Centre at Hertford Sele Community Hub. Messageline 01920 459944

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

12 Noon Braughing Shed Club at Brook cottage Farm Riding school, Barleycroft End, Furneux Pelham Buntingford. 07547966526 or email jacquithorne664@gmail.com

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

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

3.15 - 4.30pm Little Munden Cafe at All Saints Church, Little Munden. April - October.

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Starlight Stars:

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

2pm Dance Fit (18yrs). Ali Latchford 01279 966 466

5.45-6.15pm Scout and Guide Band, Braughing Church Half-term time only. braughingscouts@gmail.com

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

6:30 Scouts (10½ - 14½ years old), term-time only. Braughing Church Hall [contact](mailto:braughingscouts@gmail.com).

braughingscouts@gmail.com

6.30 pm Third Wednesday. Ware and District 41Club meet alternately at the Star, Standon and The Golden Fleece. Braughing. Contact: david.tomlin419@btinternet.com

7pm Braughing Tennis Club night. Karen Gore 07860 484878

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

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North East Herts**

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I'm gathering feedback from residents to make sure improvements meet real community needs. Take the survey today—share your experience.

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

We have spaces in some year groups!

Please contact the school office for a tour with our Headteacher, Mrs Woods.

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

Contact Information:

Station Road
Puckeridge
Hertfordshire
SG11 1TF
01920 821363

admin@rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk

Website:
www.rogerdeclare.herts.sch.uk

Roger de Clare C. of E. First School and Nursery are delighted to announce that we still have spaces in some year groups.

We are a first school and Nursery with an excellent reputation. We cater for children from 3-9 years old. Our vision and values centre around 'maximum achievement for all in a happy, caring and Christian environment.' Our Early Years creates a strong foundation for active and lively play-based learning that is continued throughout the school. We enjoy strong links and partnerships with our Middle and Upper Schools as well as with all schools within the Rib Valley.

7 Much Hadham Table Tennis Club
details andyfurze@aol.com or
01279 842358.

7.15 till 8.45pm Ranger Girl Guides
(14+ years), Cotted Guide
Centre, SG9 9QP. Rosanne
Kenealy 01920 821304

7.30 Explorer Scouts (14-18 yrs)
Bowling Green Lane,
Buntingford. Meets throughout
the year Christine Pestle 07711
506281

7.30 Standon & Puckeridge
Community Choir, details from
ranfordd@gmail.com

8pm Ware Photographic Society
meets at Thundridge Village Hall,
September to May. Barbara Norris
01920 822104 www.wareps.org.
uk

8pm First Wednesday of the month,
East Herts Aviation Society meets
at the The Sword Inn Hand,
Westmill. Steve Morgan 07712
145146.

9pm Braughing Tennis Club Night at
Braughing Community Hall.
www.braughtingtennisclub.
co.uk/contact-us/

Thursday

2 Carpet Bowls at Braughing
Community Centre
Mikebennett12@aol.com

2 Mind & Music - Songs to Aid
Memory at Northfields. David
Ranford ranfordd@gmail.com

2 Standon & Puckeridge Tennis
Club Ladies Tennis. Claudia
01920 821272

Starlight Stars:

Standon & Puckeridge Community
Centre

3.45 Mini Movers (4-6 yrs)

4.15 Street Jazz Dance (7-11 yrs)

5 Freestyle Dance (11-14 yrs)

Ali Latchford 01279 966 466

6 Junior Table Tennis at
Thundridge Details
imrothg@talktalk.net

6.30 Standon & Puckeridge Tennis
Club - Club night 6.30pm. Diana
Foster 07778 031430.

Puckeridge Karate Club

Juniors: 7-8pm, Adults 8-9.30pm,
Standon & Puckeridge
Community Centre. 01763 231132.

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

7 Table Tennis at Thundridge
Details imrothg@talktalk.net

7 Keogafit at Braughing
Community Hall. Details 07950
934024 .

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

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

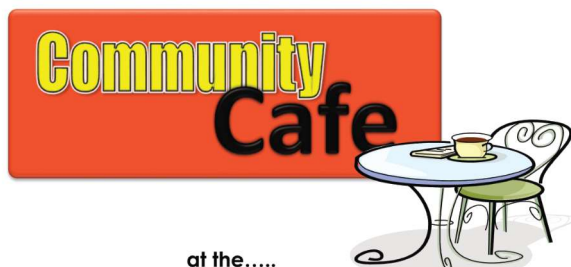
8 Hertfordshire Holly, Mixed Clog
Morris Dance Side. High Cross
Village Hall. New dancers and
musicians welcome. Mary Deeks
01920 822905

8.30 Standon Morris practice nights,
Standon Village Hall, Oct to Apr.
Meet in The Star from 8pm - new
male & female dancers &
musicians welcome (aged 12 and
over) 07808 969379

Friday

9.30 - 11am Little Angels Baby and
Toddler Group at St Mary's
Standon in term time

11 Traditional Flowing Ashtanga
Yoga, Puckeridge Community
Centre. Ian 07553 285453.



at the.....

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre

Join us for a drink and a chat on the following

Wednesdays
9.30am to 11.30am

3rd December

Charity Café supporting
Alzheimer's UK, with raffle



7th January

4th February

Charity Café supporting

World Cancer Day, Cancer Research UK, with
raffle



4th March

For more details contact Alison on 07813 702375



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14 Amber Business Village
Amington
Tamworth
B77 4RP

call 0800 633 5323
email info@recyclingforgoodcauses.org
visit www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org

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including damaged items
Costume jewellery
Watches



Coins & Currency

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of any age/unchangeable
currency



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Old Film Cameras . Digital
Cameras . Sat Navs
Game Consoles . Games &
Accessories . iPods
MP3 Players . Tablet Computers



Stamps

Loose / Single Stamps
First Day Covers
Presentation Packs



Please place your items in the sack provided
at your designated drop off point:
Community Café @ The Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre
First Wednesday of each month
9.30am to 11.30am

- 2pm Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club Adult Tennis. Sally Bradshaw 01920 821152
- 3.30 Accessible Yoga at home (via Zoom) 3.30pm. Penny 07944 416572.
- 4.15-6.15pm Rib Valley Gymnastics @ Edwinstree School, Buntingford. Andrea Allen 07989 980038 email: ribvalleytc@live.co.uk
- 7:30 Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 years old), Christ Church, Ware. Meet throughout the year. Jim Campbell 01920 461134.
- 7.30 Tai Chi and Qi Gong at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Details Sarah Baker 07740 701102
- 8 Ware Swimming Club Trials evening. All welcome. Training evenings are Monday and Friday. Mr Vanner 01920 464439.
- 8 The Braughing Get Together meets most months in the village hall on the second or third Friday. Marion Saunders 01920 821530.

Saturday

- 9am - 1pm at Jenyns School
Braughing: Ballet: Karen Howarth - 01279 651535 & Tap, Modern & Jazz: Kate Dutton - 07969 362224
- 9.30 First Saturday of the month - help with work in Standon Churchyard.
- 9.30 HIIT with Jacqui Smith at Braughing Community Hall. 07956 647806
- 9.30 Pilates at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Clare 07966 213880
- 12.30-2pm Contessa Vaulting Group training sessions and competition practice. All welcome. Tina Layton 01920 821792
- 6pm Evening Mass at Puckeridge Roman Catholic Church. 01763 271471.

Sunday

- 10am Standon & Puckeridge Tennis Club - Club morning . Diana Foster 07778 031430.
- Braughing, St Mary the Virgin

- Services:
1st and 2nd Sunday at 10.30am.
- St. Mary's Church Standon: The United Benefice of St Mary's Standon, All Saints Little Munden and St Catherine's Sacombe:
1st Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's Standon; 10.30am Morning Worship, All Saints Little Munden.
2nd Sunday: 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary's Standon.
3rd Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's Standon; 10.30am Holy Communion, All Saints Little Munden.
4th Sunday: 10.30am All Age Worship, St Mary's Standon; 6pm Choral Evensong, St Mary's, Standon..
5th Sunday: 10.30am Morning Worship, St Catherine's Sacombe. Please see the benefice website, www.ubsms.org.uk for up-to-date information or contact Revd. John Chitham on 07945 504433.
- 11.15 Mass at Old Hall Green Roman Catholic Church. 01763 271471.

September

- 3 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 9.30, details Alison 07813 702375
- 5 General Knowledge Quiz, Friday 5 September, 7.30 at the Riverside Hall, Priory Street, Ware. info@easthertfordshire.greenparty.org.uk
- 10 Mid Morning Mingle, 10.30-12.30 at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Helena 07974 583832
- 10 Buntingford Adult Learning for Fun course 'Collapse of USSR through witness eyes. Details Julia Peacock 01763 272584
- 13-14 Parndon Mill Open Studios, 11-5pm. Harlow CM20 2HP
- 17 Buntingford Adult Learning for Fun Collapse of the USSR course

- starts. Details Julia 01763 272584
- 20-21 Braughing Railway and Local History Society exhibition, Manor House, Buntingford, 10-4pm
- 24 Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon. 11.30am. Details music@ubsms.org.uk
- 26 Candlelit Supper at St Mary's, Standon. Tickets Diana Dale 07718 734897

October

- 1 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 9.30, details Alison 07813 702375
- 8 Mid Morning Mingle, 10.30-12.30 at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Helena 07974 583832
- 11 Ware & District Photographic Society Exhibition, Thundridge Village Hall, 10am - 4pm
- 11 Autumn Leaves Choral Concert at St Mary's Church, Standon, Details ranfordd@gmail.com
- 22 Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon. 11.30am. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

November

- 1 Music at St Mary's Church, Standon. Details music@ubsms.org.uk
- 5 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 9.30, details Alison 07813 702375
- 19 Mid Morning Mingle, 10.30-12.30 at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Helena 07974 583832
- 26 Midweek Music at St Mary's, Standon. 11.30am. Details music@ubsms.org.uk

December

- 3 Community Café at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, 9.30, details Alison 07813 702375
- 5 Braughing Get Together Winter Supper Details 01920 822230 or 07933 202547
- 6 Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church, Standon

Defibrillators in the PS News area

Automated External Defibrillators are located at:

Furze Cottage, **Barwick**.

Phone box opp The Axe & Compasses, **Braughing**
The Golden Fleece, Green End, **Braughing**
Community Centre. Playing Fields, **Braughing**
KB Tyres, High Street, **Puckeridge**
Outside St Thomas School High Street, **Puckeridge**

Standon Village Hall,

Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre
Soon at the former telephone box at **Colliers End**
Village Hall Entrance, **Little Hadham**
In the former BT phone box just off the Village Green,
Westmill

- 6 Ware Choral Society Christmas Concert at Ware Drill Hall
- 10 Mid Morning Mingle, 10.30-12.30 at Puckeridge & Standon Community Centre. Details Helena 07974 583832
- 15 Friends of Jenyns Christmas Fair from 3.30pm
- 17 Carols Round the Tree 7pm in The Square, Braughing.
- 18 Buntingford Festival Choir Candlelit Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Aspenden, 7pm.

January 2026

- 17 Braughing Get Together Beetle Drive Details 01920 822230 or 07933 202547
- 24 Braughing Repair Cafe

February

- 13 Braughing Get Together Murder Mystery Night Details 01920 822230 or 07933 202547

April

- 11 Ware Choral Society Spring Concert, Drill Hall, Ware
- 25 Standon & Puckeridge Bowls Club open day

May

- 4 Mayday

July

- 11 Braughing Wheelbarrow Race

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



Email: benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk

Christmas services in the Benefice 2025

Sunday 30th November		
6.00pm Advent Carols		St Mary's Standon
Sunday 14th December		
10.30am Holy Communion		St Mary's Standon
6.00pm Carol Service		All Saints Little Munden
Tuesday 16th December		
9.30am Holy Communion		St Catherine's Sacombe
Sunday 21st December		
8.00am Holy Communion		St Mary's Standon
10.30am Holy Communion		All Saints Little Munden
6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols		St Mary's Standon
Wednesday 24th December		
(Christmas Eve) 3.00pm Crib Service		All Saints Little Munden
5.00pm Crib Service		St Mary's Standon
7.30pm Carols by Candlelight		St Catherine's Sacombe
11.30pm Midnight Communion		St Mary's Standon
Thursday 25th December		
(Christmas Day) 10.30am Christmas Worship & Communion		All Saints Little Munden
10.30am Christmas Worship		St Mary's Standon
Sunday 28th December		
10.30am Morning Worship		St Catherine's Sacombe
Sunday 4th January		
8.00am Holy Communion		St Mary's Standon
10.30am Morning Worship		All Saints Little Munden

Let us deliver your leaflets for you!

3,100 copies are distributed to Puckeridge, Standon, Braughing, The Mundens and Westmill and many outlying houses

For just £170 have your information delivered with PS News

Contact John Harris on 07740 306189 or john@walkinginengland.co.uk

**HOME
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NEEDS YOU!!

Royston, Buntingford
& South Cambridgeshire

Are you a parent, grandparent, carer or have experience of caring for children and wondering what to do with your free time? We need local people with your experience to become a Volunteer for our scheme.

Our volunteers get involved in all aspects of our work, from being alongside parents in their own homes, helping them to cope with the stresses and strains of life to being part of the Trustee Board working on strategy and planning.

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course starts in **February 2026**. This training course will provide you with all the knowledge you'll need to support a family, and you will become part of the fantastic Home-Start team. For other volunteering opportunities get in touch now!

You could be part of the team that delivers vital support to families, helping to change their life, and while you're doing it, it might just change yours!

For more info visit www.hsrc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer or email admin@hsrc.org.uk

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To Find out more, please contact Age UK

07772 173659

visiting.eh@ageukherts.org.uk



Hospital Transport Scheme needs Volunteer Drivers

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

Details from 07922 519174

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

Regular services in our Benefice**First Sunday each month**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary's Standon
 10.30am Morning Worship All Saints Little Munden

Second Sunday each month

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's Standon

Third Sunday each month

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary's Standon
 10.30am Holy Communion All Saints Little Munden

Fourth Sunday each month

10.30am All Age Morning Worship St Mary's Standon
 6.00pm Choral Evensong St Mary's Standon

Any Fifth Sundays

10.30am Morning Worship St Catherine's Sacombe

Every Tuesday

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) St Catherine's Sacombe

Every Wednesday

9.30am Worship and Bible study St Mary's Standon



For more details of services and activities please
 see our website: www.ubsms.org.uk



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 United
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CHRIST CHURCH

Baldock Road, Buntingford SG9 9AA
www.buntingfordurc.org.uk
 Fb URCbuntingford

Minister Rev Sue Fenderrevsuefender@gmail.com

01223 375588

Secretary Peter Goddardbuntingfordurc@talktalk.net

01763 281 359

SERVICES at 11am / JUNIOR CHURCH IN THE HALL at 11am

December

7	Children's Service	Rev Sue Fender
14	Holy Communion	Rev David Tatum
21	Carol Service	Rev Allen Morton
25	Christmas Day Service	Rev Sue Fender At 10.00am
28	Morning Worship	Peter Godbert

January

4	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
1	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Janet Tollington
18	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton
25	Morning Worship	Rev Sue Fender

February

1	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
8	Morning Worship	Peter Godbert
15	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton
22	Morning Worship	Penny Flynn

March

1	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender
8	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Janet Tollington
15	Mothering Sunday	Rev Allen Morton
22	Morning Worship	Rev Dr Robert Pope
29	Palm Sunday	Graham Watson

April

3	Good Friday	Rev Sue Fender
5	Easter Day	Rev Sue Fender

Advent Bible Study

We are holding an Ecumenical Advent Bible Study course on 10 & 17 December. We meet for lunch from 12.30. Bring your own lunch. Tea & coffee will be provided and our bible study will run from 1-2 pm.

*All are welcome***Regular Event**

Coffee and Company meets every Thursday, 10.30am to 12.30pm, in the Church Hall. If you're elderly, living alone, new to the area, perhaps working from home, and would like some company, come along to share Coffee, Cake, Company and Chat. All are welcome. Just turn up and give a small donation for the refreshments.

If you or
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 close to you
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Mind & Music - Songs to
 aid memory and
 wellbeing

NORTHFIELDS, Puckeridge SG11
 1TJ

EACH Thursday 2 - 3pm

Bringing people together to sing a variety of well-known and loved songs, in a fun and friendly environment.

Mind & Music welcomes everyone, especially those affected by dementia and their carers, as well as those concerned about their memory.

For information contact David Ranford
ranfordd@gmail.com 01992 976762

Bulky Waste, abandoned vehicles & Flytipping

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

Bulky waste details: One household item - £58.90 (for up to 3 items.)

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

Report abandoned vehicles:

www.mysociety.org/wehelpyou/report-abandoned-vehicles-to-your-local-council

Car batteries, engine oil, Fridges and Freezers

All are recycled at:

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

Ware Household Waste Site, Westmill Road.

Knitting wool

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

Cameras & Photography Books

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

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

Foreign Coins

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

Ink & toner cartridges

Local Recycling Centres.

Computers

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

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

Postcards

Please save your postcards and take them to St Mary's Church, Standon or All Saints Church, Little Munden. They are collected for Church work in Sudan.

Furniture

Furniture Recycling Scheme for Hertfordshire): <http://www.fresch.org.uk/> or 01707 395635.

Stamps

- Puller Memorial School in High Cross collects used stamps to 'Save the Albatross'. Drop them into school or 32 Batchelors, Puckeridge.
- Standon Post Office collects stamps for Against Breast Cancer.
- Isabel Hospice collects used stamps, drop them in to their Charity Shop in Ware High Street or post them to the Hospice at Great Birmingham Lane, Luton LU3 3NT.

Mobile phones

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

Sunglasses & Spectacles

The large chains of opticians, e.g. Specsavers will recycle old glasses for the developing world. Drop them in to any branch.

Report a Water Leak

www.affinitywater.co.uk/report-a-leak.aspx

Environment Agency

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

Potholes & Faulty Traffic Lights

Go to Hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4047

Trading Standards

Citizensadvice.org.uk or call 0808 223 1133

Stop junk mail, phone calls and faxes

Register and junk mail and phone calls will miraculously reduce!

Mailing Preference Service

0207 291 3310

www.mpsonline.org.uk/mpsr/

Telephone Preference Service

0845 070 0707

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

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

Waste Disposal

For further information, call WasteAware on 0300 1234 051

All Household Waste sites are closed on 25 & 26 Dec and 1 Jan.

Westmill Road, Ware SG12 0EL

Open: Every day: 10am - 6pm

Woodside Industrial Estate

off Dunmow Road (A1250)

Bishop's Stortford CM23 5RG

Open: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8am - 4pm.

Police Contacts:

Number for NON 999 calls: 101

Crimestoppers: crimestoppers-uk.org or call 0800 555111.

Please remember: ALWAYS DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

www.herts.police.uk

Hertfordshire Police Authority, Freepost ANG 6281, Hertford SG13 8YS. Telephone: 01992 556600.

Puckeridge Health Centre

The Surgery, Station Road, Puckeridge SG11 1TF

Tel: 01920 823860 (inc out of hours).

Surgery is open:

Mon – Fri 8.30am – 6pm

Minor Injuries Unit

Herts and Essex Hospital, Haymeads Lane, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5JH

Staffed Mon - Fri, 9am - 4.30pm. Ring 01279 655191 ext. 4298 to ensure that the unit can help.

NHS Non-emergency Number

If it is not a 999 emergency but you need medical help fast, Call 111.

Domestic Violence/Abuse Help Line

08 088 088 088 (Freephone)

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

Victim support

0300 303 0165

Age UK Hertfordshire Information Line

Offers you information on a wide range of issues that are relevant to older people. We can also put you in touch with other organisations that can help you.

Information Line: 0300 345 3446

We listen...

InTouch is a team of 5 working within Age UK Hertfordshire.

We can support you emotionally and practically through whatever challenging situation you are facing. We don't judge or tell you what to do, we help by listening to your worries, pain, concerns and support you through it.

Call us on 01992 629358 and 01992 630623

Abandoned Vehicles

01992 655261

Herts Society for the Blind Sight Line

The Sight Line telephone number is: 01707 324680, Monday to Thursday between 10 - 1pm.

Power cut helpline

Text POWER and your postcode to 80876
ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut
 0800 31 63 105
 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)

Animal Warden

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

Trading Standards

03454 040506, 9am - 5pm Mon to Fri.

Traveline

0871 200 2233 www.traveline.co.uk

Post Office Times

Braughing, at The Golden Fleece.
Wednesday and Saturday mornings.
Dane End

Mon - Sat 9.00 - 7.00
 Sunday 9.00 - 8.00

Standon

Monday - Friday 9.00 - 5.30
 Saturday 9.00 - 1.00

Aircraft noise

Stansted Airport Noise Unit.
 0800 243 788 email:
stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com

Local Library Times

Home Library Service:

If you can't reach your local library because you are housebound, have a disability or care for someone at home this service will deliver books free of charge. Details 0300 123 4049

Bishop's Stortford Library:

Monday 10 - 7pm
 Tuesday - Friday 10-6pm
 Saturday 10-5pm

Sunday 12-4pm

Buntingford Library:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 - 5.30pm

Friday 2 - 5.30pm, Saturday 9-1pm

Ware Library:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 10-5.30pm,
 Wednesday 2-5.30pm.

Saturday 10-5pm

Parish Council Contacts:

Braughing

clerk@braughing.org.uk

Little Munden

Clerk: Geraldine Ward 01920 438145
clerk@littlemundenpc.org.uk

Standon

Clerk: Belinda Irons 01763 838732

clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk

East Herts District Council

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

Herts County Council

Contact details:

Highways Fault Reporting

www.hertsdirect.org/highway-faults

Home Safety and Security Checks
 0300 123 4046

lhss@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Trading Standards

0345 404 0506

report.

fraud@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Waste Aware

0300 123 4051

General Enquiries

0300 123 4040

Textphone Users:

0300 123 4041

Other help and support hertshelp.net or

0300 123 4044

Halls for hire

- Braughing Church Hall and Old Boys School, (up to 120 with kitchen facilities) – contact sallyannehow@gmail.com 07824 446531
- Braughing Playing Field Association Community Hall - Contact Graham Frary grahamfrary@tiscali.co.uk

- Colliers End Village Hall (40 people comfortably, with kitchen) - Contact Sandra Chadwick 07976 254379
- Dane End Memorial Hall David Hart 01920 438976 dane-endhallbookings@Outlook.com
- High Cross Christine Bosson 01920 467996 hxvillagehall@gmail.com
- Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre - Contact clerk@standonparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Standon Village Hall, Hadham Road, Standon – Contact Denis or Beverly Olliver on 01279 842625
- Thundridge bookings@thundridge.org

Local Churches:

- The United Benefice of St Mary's Standon and All Saints Little Munden with St Catherine's Sacombe: Please see the benefice website, www.ubsms.org.uk for up-to-date information or contact Revd. John Chitham on 01920 739483
- St Mary's Church, Braughing: Mr Don Varley, Churchwarden, Church Office - 01920 823832 www.achurchnearyou.com/braughing-st-mary-the-virgin/

MUCH HADHAM ART SOCIETY

Why not join us for...

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

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

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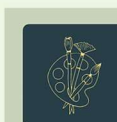
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www.muchhadhamartsociety.co.uk

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All numbers are 01920 unless otherwise shown

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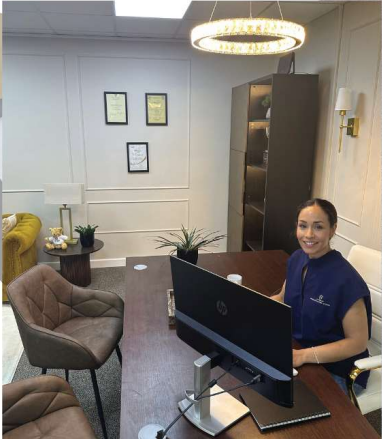
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