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PARISH MAGAZINE



*Bayford, Brickendon, Essendon,
Little Berkhamsted & Ponsbourne.*

**April
2023**

- This month we celebrate Easter, the most important feast of the year.
- This month's excellent 'Nature Notes' highlights flowering cherries.
- We explain QR codes. It's just an internet link from a printed page.

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Cherry. *Shogetsu* (p. 26)

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Google 'HHW Parish Magazine'.
For the HHW web site Google 'Hartford Hundred West'.

Rector's Article.

Dear All

Let us reflect on what happened on the cross:

"This is the King of the Jews" was the inscription put over Christ's head on the cross. The words were different somehow in the gospels. (The King of the Jews, This is the king of the Jews and Jesus of Nazareth). We see the chief priest arguing that the inscription / the title should not be a statement of fact but an accusation. In actual fact He was the King indeed.

Of course, as human beings we wonder about our future, what will be, but some of us believe that our lives are already ordered by God. The Son of God was crucified between two robbers. Had Isaiah not predicted that Jesus Christ would be numbered with transgressors (Isaiah 53:12)? Insults were hurled at Jesus on the cross but one robber repented and was saved just in time. Even at His darkest hour Jesus was saving willing souls.

As Jesus was on the cross passers-by paused to jeer at him. "He saved others; he cannot save himself." "He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him." "He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" (Matthew 27:42-43) Does it mean that people would have believed if Jesus had come down from the cross? Jesus had to conquer death. In true sense, we cannot save others while seeking to save ourselves. He overcame, hence we are called to fix our eyes on Him (Hebrews 12:2-3) A good Shepherd who laid down His life

for His sheep.

The three hours of darkness - the suffering and the indignities which Jesus bore at the hands of men were minor compared to what He now faced. From the sixth to the ninth hour darkness covered the land, darkness in His holy soul too. The time had come for Him to bear the indescribable curse of our sins. In those three hours the price was paid. Jesus Christ had no sin of His own but in those three hours He took the guilt of our sins upon Himself hence He cried out loudly. At the time He expired, the heavy woven curtain separating the two main places of the temple was torn by an unseen hand from top to bottom. Now we can enter the holiest place with boldness. The privilege was purchased for us at an incredible cost.

He yielded up His spirit on the cross. Laying down His life so that He may take it again. The cross reveals God's love. On Easter Sunday we remember His resurrection. He is alive. Our hope!

Rev'd Theresa Musiwacho



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Group Announcements

Prayer Share

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. Amen



Weddings, Baptisms and other matters.

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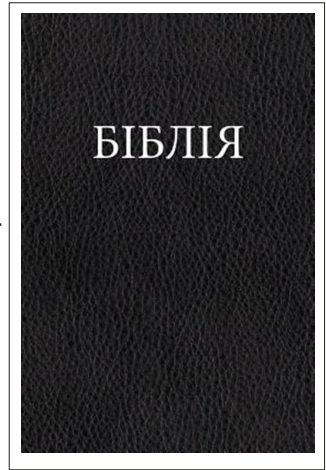
Ukrainian Bibles

We have been fortunate to have obtained a small quantity of bibles which are printed in the Ukrainian language. It is intended that these bibles should be made available to Ukrainian people currently living in our parishes for their use mainly when attending one of our churches but also if needed at their homes here in the UK. One copy will be allocated to each church and they will remain the property of that particular church within the Group. In that way it is hoped the bibles will stay with our churches for use possibly in the future by Ukrainian people who may come into our communities.

We hope the bibles, which include two children's illustrated versions, will be of real help to our Ukrainian friends and families while the terrible war and tragedy in their country continues.

We pray that a peaceful resolution and end to the conflict will soon be found.

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MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

9:30am, Parish Communion, Essendon
9:30am, Family Service, Ponsbourne
11:00 am, Parish Communion, Brickendon

Friday 7th April. Good Friday

10:00 am Online Zoom Service
12:00 noon. One Hour at The Cross, Little Berkhamsted
6:30 pm, Evening Service, Essendon

Saturday 10th April. Holy Saturday

7:30pm, Easter Lights Vigil ,Ponsbourne

Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday

9:30 am Parish Communion, Ponsbourne
9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon
11:15 am, Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted
11:15 am Parish Communion, Bayford

Sunday 16th April Second Sunday of Easter

9:30am, Family Service, Essendon
9:30am Parish Communion, Ponsbourne
11:00 am, Family Service, Brickendon

Sunday 23th April Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted
11:00 am Family Service Bayford
6:30 am, Evensong, Essendon

Sunday 30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:15 am Group Parish Communion, Bayford

Wednesdays

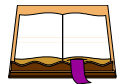
9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon
10:00 am, Telephone Service Free

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PARISH REGISTER

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Sometimes the print quality effects this, so please try the QR Code opposite and let me know! MW



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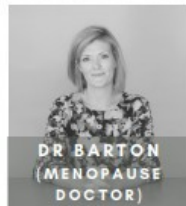


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- Driving licence (including provisional licence)
- Blue Badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

Please note: If you have a form of accepted ID that is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a **Voter Authority Certificate**. You can apply for this at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate



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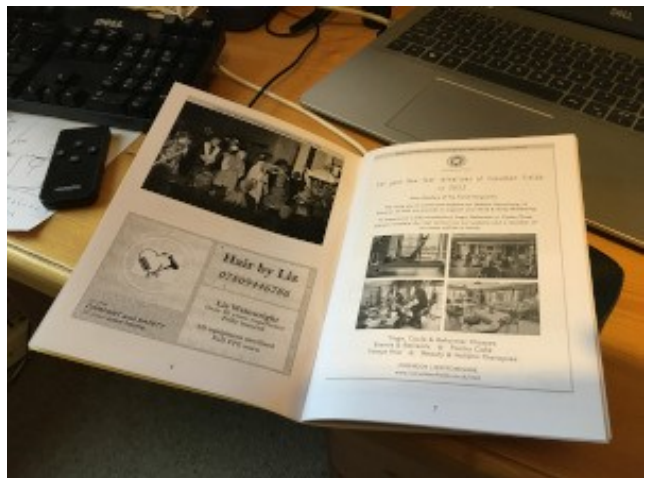
Currently, we have over fifty organisations taking space in our magazine, bringing to your attention a diverse spectrum of offerings that all of us could have need for at any given time. Whether it be planned or emergency services around our homes, assistance in the garden, keeping fit and healthy or meeting the needs of our pets, checking out our advertisers in the magazine in the first instance could provide you with just the answer.

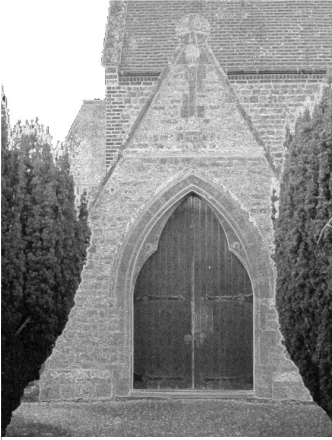
Whilst personal recommendations and positive reviews will always play an important part in the selection process for any given service, we would hope that you would also consider supporting local enterprises, especially during these challenging economic times, in reaching a decision. In return, should you decide to make use of the services being advertised in the magazine, let the provider know that this is where you obtained their details from, so that they are aware that their placement is leading to positive new leads.

Whilst many of our local established businesses have been advertising through the magazine for a considerable number of years, we do not take their support for granted, especially when times are tough for so many of us. Likewise, it is equally as satisfying to support new local start-ups in the hope that we can play a part in the development of their businesses – to this end, we offer concessionary advertising rates to help them on their journey.

So next time the boiler cuts out, the hedge needs trimming or looking for some 'me time', why not reach for the latest edition of the parish magazine as your first option? You may be pleasantly surprised by the range of services on offer.

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Bayford

St. Mary's Church

Bayford Church is open Mondays Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

CHURCH CLEANING

April 9th and 23rd

Sandra Maniez and Andrea Trendler

FLOWERS

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

To read the minutes and agendas just Google 'Bayford Parish Council' and follow the link to 'Minutes'.

Robert Wilson Stephens

It was with great sadness that we learn of Robert's death. He moved to Bayford House in 1970 and was a stalwart supporter of village life and in particular the Parish Council where he was Chairman for many years, He and Sue moved to Benington in 2015 where he loved to tend his beautiful garden and greenhouse. There will be a private cremation with a Service of Thanksgiving at Burnham Parish Church on 24th March, a village in which he had lived since he was five.

Robert had found things a struggle over recent years. Rest in Peace now. He was a highly respected friend to so many, and he and his family are still very much missed in the village.

Joyce Mentern

Litter picking 2nd April.

Please meet at 10am in front of Baker Arms.

Wednesday.

We have decided to change our meeting day to Wednesday.

Meetings.

26th April 2023 – Annual Meeting
(Wednesday)

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Bayford

The Baker Arms.

A huge thank you to those who support our various functions.

Keep looking out on the boards for the dates,

Quiz Night every 3rd Thursday.

How do people feel about a Bingo Evening?

**Kind regards, Martin & Bev
01992 511235**



The Knitting Group has made over 80 hats for premature babies that we will be delivering to Barnet Hospital. Our next project will be Coronation related. If you'd like to join us, we meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8pm in the Baker Arms. All welcome. Call **Caroline Fletcher** on **07919 317212** for more information.



Village WhatsApp

Bayford has a village **WhatsApp** group which is a great way to keep in touch with neighbours and to share community information.

If you'd like to join please get in touch with **Marianina** on **07951 725530** or **Caroline** on **07919 317212**



The Coronation King Charles III

Bayford village will be holding a **Coronation Day Picnic** on the weekend of the Coronation Bank Holiday. This will be held on

Sunday May 7th 2pm -5pm.

This is planned to be on the **Village Green and The Baker Arms**, similar to the great Jubilee Village Day we had last year.

Music, Children's Treasure Hunt with prizes, Children's Coronation Picnic table and Ice Cream! Bayford village Homemade cake stall and Baker Arms BBQ.

We look forward to seeing everyone there on this great day with family and picnics All are welcome to bring a Crown as there maybe a prize for the best one!

Invites will be sent out to everyone in April .



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Nash Davies, Jane Francis, Keeley Grice, George Hofer, Janine Napolitano, Carol Newland, Gillian O’Gorman, Jac Squire and Emma Wood - are planning their first event - a sponsored walk suitable for the whole family.

Taking place on Sunday 21st May, it will follow Welwyn Garden City’s 12.5-mile Centenary Circular Walk, taking in many of the town’s historical points of interest, such as Mill Green Museum, Brocket Hall, Lemsford Mill, Stanborough Lakes and the Digswell viaduct.

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Brickendon

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For your diaries:

Sunday 21st May

The Chapel of the Holy Cross & St. Albans will be 90 years old this year!

The Chapel was consecrated on May 22nd 1933. We hope to celebrate this event at our Sunday service.

Services

Sunday 2nd April - 11.00am Parish Communion
EASTER SUNDAY.

No service at Brickendon - 11.15am Parish Communion at Bayford Church

Sunday 16th April - 11.00am Family Service

Sunday 30th April - 10.15am Group Parish Communion at Bayford

CORONATION Group Service - Sunday 7th May at Essendon Church

For enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact Richard Haryott **01992 511575** or email richard.haryott@gmail.com

Flowers

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April

1st & 8th
15th & 22nd 29th

Cleaning

Virginia Haryott 1st
Janie Corbisiero 15th

Brickendon Clubs:

We have some excellent clubs in Brickendon which are always happy to welcome new members.

Book Club - meets every first Tuesday of the month at 8pm, contact **Andrea Trendler for venue - 01992 511588**

Pilates - Every Tuesday morning in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) at 9.15am, to register contact **Harriet Barton, 07944 500504 or pilateswithharriet@hotmail.com**

Fanshaws Room (the Village Hall)

The Village Hall in Brickendon is a lovely space for meetings, children's parties and other gatherings. More details and photos can be found on the village website www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Hire charge for non-residents is £15 per hour (£10 per hour for residents of Brickendon Liberty parish)

Phone **01992 511551** for further information or to make a booking.

Brickendon Fete & Dog Show 2023
will be held on Sunday 3rd September
11.30am - 3.30pm - Save The Date!!

Brickendon Parish will be holding a **Coronation Social Event** on Sunday 7th May which will be open to all those living in Brickendon Liberty Council Parish (i.e. Brickendon Village and Wormley West End residents).



Brickendon Petanque Boules Club

Play at The Farmer's Boy

Summer Play Times

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Tuesday 5.30pm - 7pm

Thursday 10am - 12 noon

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Contact Janet 01992 511515



Parish Council

Meetings

Meetings are normally held in the Fanshaws Room at 7.30pm and all parishioners are welcome to attend and to raise any issues of concern. Agendas are posted on noticeboards at least 3 days before the meeting.

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Brickendon Liberty Parish Council
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Email clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk
Mobile 07803 906291

Minutes: Brickendon website
www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk for .

Meetings:

25th May

27th July

28th September

23rd November

Tennis Courts.

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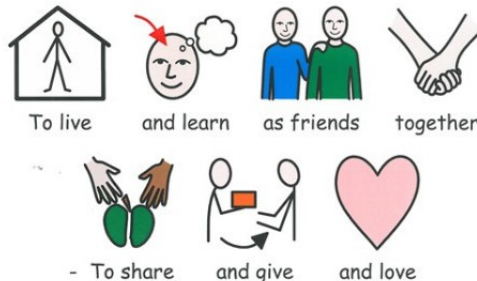


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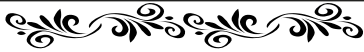
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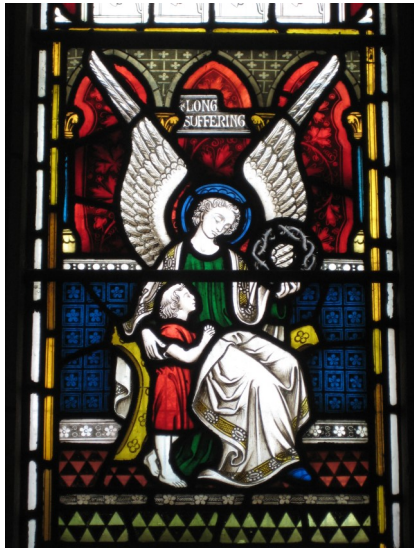
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Essendon Tennis Club Committee

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ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL

REVISED MEETING DATES

Tue. 18TH Apr 2023

ALL MEETINGS AT

ESSENDON VILLAGE HALL, @ 7PM

Agendas will be available on the PC website,

(<https://www.essendonpc.org.uk/>)

and on noticeboards in the village.

Minutes of all meetings are also available on the website.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

ESSENDON - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Essendon W.I. spent a relaxed, enjoyable February evening in the presence of Esther Miltiadous who spoke on the extremely interesting Alexander Technique where practical mind-body self-care skills help with releasing tension. She explained and demonstrated ways of learning to be aware of yourself physically, mentally and emotionally.

The speaker on Wednesday 19th April will be Geoff Bowden who will be recalling the lives and careers of two legends of the 20th Century's entertainment scene, Noel Coward and Ivor Novello. His talk will include audio tracks of theatrical nostalgia.

Essendon WI meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Visitors are always very welcome.

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Meetings are based at our Headquarters in Northaw Village.

To find out more contact Gordon Marshall at gordon.marshall@pbscouts.org.uk

Essendon cricket club

We are looking for a scorer for the coming 2023 season and beyond, ideally Saturday and Sunday, but if someone only wanted to do Saturdays or Sundays that works. Saturday is the day we are struggling with as having your own scorer in a league game is very important. If anyone is interested please contact me.

Ian Venables 07764777343
Essendon cc captain

Thank you to all of you in the Hartford Hundred Group who have so kindly contributed to my wonderful ‘greenhouse’ and particularly to Judy for organising it all so beautifully.

It is now safely erected at 73 Crescent West, Hadley Wood and carefully put together and in place thanks to Jon who came to fix it. I am now so much more mobile, itching to safely get out there on my lovely back terrace.

Armed with my stick I have managed to plant out new small Spring bulbs but I am in danger of being overwhelmed indoors by small plants and cuttings that seem to be filling up my big room! Precious time has not been lost, the recent snow means that at last the garden has had desperately needed moisture and your kind gift will always remind me of you all and so many happy times spent together. I hope too, that in the months ahead, I may be able to contribute plants to some of your outdoor events!

Anne



Gardening

In any year March and April gardening plans are so governed by the weather, how we plan for the summer, keep on top of things, keep ahead but be prepared for anything!

Our Spring flowering bulbs will be fading so apply feed on the ground to the bulbs and liquid foliar feed to the leaves and keep 'dead heading' and don't cut those back for around six weeks.

Greenhouse management is time consuming with varying weather and keep a constant eye open for night frosts, but greenhouses also need careful ventilation. Transplant seedlings before they get too leggy and water them carefully.

Feed shrubs in containers and remove any frost damage and if you have previously taken cuttings see if they need repotting. If you have Blackcurrant bushes carefully remove any branches near the ground. Prune back shrubs such as Forsythia etc. after flowering, to two or three buds from their base and with larger established shrubs carefully cut out up to a third to open them up from the base. Also take softwood cuttings using new shoots of Hydrangeas,

Buddleja and Lavatera which should root in about four weeks when you can carefully re pot them. Also prune hardy Fuchsias back to a good bud and this will not only stop them getting too woody but encourage flowering later in the summer too. If you have a pond or water feature keep an eye open once the weather warms up for blanket weed and duck weed which clogs up everything and the best answer to this is to manually remove it and, tackled early and regularly, you should be able to keep on top of it.

Continue to look after the garden birds keeping bird feeders clean and 'topped up' throughout the Spring using seed and small pieces of food so as not to choke fledglings and always make sure they have accessible clean water. This is always such a busy time, cold frames and greenhouses to be opened and shut but do enjoy the thrill of the lovely surprises that you always have and tend to forget!

Happy and successful gardening!

Germander Speedwell

Essendon Nature Notes

One of the secret glories of our village is the sixth hole of Essendon's new course. It is surrounded by ornamental cherry trees and in the early spring is a spectacular sight, the pink and white blossom erupting into clouds of colour. A public footpath helpfully runs alongside but it can be a rare sight to see it in its full spectacle as, in this country, it needs to weather the frost, the wind, the rain and, this year, the March snow. If it does avoid these perils it is worth the wait.

Golf courses are usually seen as deserts for wildlife with their grassy monoculture providing little habitat for creatures to find a foothold. But away from the greens and fairways, Essendon's course has some wilder spots punctuated with ponds and scrub and through the middle there is a stretch of rougher area that is almost like heathland with gorse and young conifers. It is fairly undisturbed and it is no wonder that it attracts a range of species including warblers and cuckoo in the summer.

The cherry, *prunus shogetsu*, I planted in the garden a couple of years ago will

soon be showing off its party trick and, although still tiny, is able to punch above its weight against the competition of early flowering trees and shrubs. Of course the ornamental cherry is not a native species which diminishes its ecological contribution but it is not invasive and the blossom is a useful source of early pollen and nectar for our wildlife. Whilst we should also plant our own native cherry I think we can keep a small place for this special addition, not least because of the joyous lift to the spirits that its vibrant colour scheme brings.

Annually in Japan the thousand-year-old tradition known as hanami involves a pilgrimage to view the blossom and to picnic underneath, the transient beauty of the petals symbolising the fleeting nature of life. This seems like a perfect way to forget the winter chill and celebrate the coming season but be careful and watch out for the tee shots.

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The competition closes on
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If you're interested, please
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The King's Coronation

This is going to be a wonderful weekend in our church and the village. During the weekend there will be lots for the children to do so come along and see!

The exhibition of Castles and Crowns in the church opens on Friday and in the evening at 7pm there will be music from Ware Local Ukulele to entertain us with a glass of wine. On Sunday 2pm we have afternoon tea with music from the fab, Flute cocktail. Come and join us for a relaxing afternoon.

Easter Services for April

7th April Good Friday 12 noon 1hr at the Cross.

9th April Easter Day Parish
Communion 11.15

23rd April Sunday of Easter Parish
Communion 9.30

Our **FOOD BANK** is in the church please feel free to use it. It is there for everyone.

News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 24th May** at 7.30pm in the village hall. The agenda is published on the website and village noticeboard the week before the meeting and residents are welcome to send questions and comments to the clerk beforehand, clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk or attend the meeting and ask in person.

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 19th April 7.30pm Village Hall

This is a public meeting to which everyone is invited. The PC Chair will present a short report on the year and Councillors will be available to answer questions.

Villagers are then invited to socialise over a glass of wine and some nibbles.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Now in the village by the Bus Shelter

Having a Spring Clean?

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The club is always seeking to engage with our local community and continually looking to recruit new playing and social members. So please do come down and support your local cricket team, soak up the sunshine and have a relaxing drink at our club bar, and if you feel like participating in the sport there will be ample opportunities to get involved for people of all ages and abilities in a fun, friendly and welcoming village atmosphere.

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Book Swap - Pre read books to buy £1 or swap 50p, in the Village Hall Post Office Tuesday & Thursday mornings.

Village Chat - WhatsApp group for people living in the village. To join the group contact 07710 507 215

Village Pub Social - 8pm the second Friday of every month in either The Crown or The Coach & Horses Pubs, come along to meet friends and make new ones. See Village Chat WhatsApp group or Village website for details.

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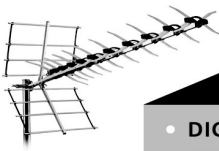


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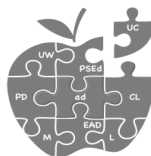
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