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Rector's Article.

Waiting is a general human experience, a common thread woven through the fabric of life. Whether it's waiting for a job offer, school results, a medical result, a relationship to blossom, waiting for a spouse or a child, or simply a bus to arrive, the act of waiting can evoke complex emotions. In the midst of wanting to understand these feelings, we may need to remember that God is in control, surrendering to Him. The initial reaction to waiting is often one of discomfort. I wonder how the disciples in the upper room, in Acts 1, were feeling, as they waited for the gift of the Father which our Lord Jesus Christ had promised them. They did not know how long they would wait for, how the gift would come, what would happen later. They just trusted. (Hebrews 10:23) "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" The verse highlights that God is reliable.

During lockdown; as a community, we were wondering when we were going to move from online services to our Church buildings, whether people will come. It was a period of darkness and despair. We just had to trust God. Many people asked me questions - "what do you think God is saying to us spiritually, how long will lockdown last, has such a thing happened before in the bible?"

Waiting is a time of testing and can be uncomfortable. The discomfort stems from a natural desire for control, a

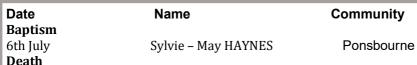
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feeling that is tested when we are forced

to surrender our grasp on the timeline of events. This can manifest as a sense of powerlessness, leading to frustration and a desire to "get things done," Other emotions can also be triggered during the time of waiting: anger, anxiety, and apathy - common responses to the perceived lack of control. Anger can arise as an attempt to re-claim control through rash actions, while anxiety can lead to overthinking and getting mental exhaustion. On the other, hand apathy, can lead to selfprotective response to discontent, a feeling of "I just don't care anymore." This reminds me of the story of Saul, who when Samuel did not turn up at the expected time, had pressure to make the offering, which spiritually was not his role. When Samuel later turned up -- (1 Samuel 13:5-14. I leave you to find out what happened next). The emotional toll of waiting can be significant; However, the experience of waiting is not solely defined by negative emotions. We find strength during waiting, the disciples waited for the Holy Spirit whilst praying. Apart from clinging to God in trust and faith during waiting we have hope, we develop patience and spiritual discipline. Knowledge of all that during waiting helps us to shift our attitude and see waiting as an opportunity to draw closer to God.

Amen

PARISH REGISTER



29th June 2025 Frances CHRISTENSEN Essendon

22nd June 2025 Peggy DUNCKLEY Essendon

August 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday 3rd August

10.15 am Group Parish Communion Essendon

Sunday 10th August

10.15 am Group Parish Communion Bayford

Sunday 17th August

10.15 am Group Parish Communion Ponsbourne

Sunday 24th August

10.15 am Group Parish Communion Little Berkhamsted

Sunday 31 August

10.15 am Group Parish Communion Brickendon

Every Wednesday

9.30 am Mid-week Holy Communion Service Essendon

Prayer Share: God of all hope, may you through your grace strengthen us during times of waiting and favourably answer us. We pray through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Volunteer needed to help with the HHW website administration

We would like to thank John Ford for redesigning and updating our website. We are now looking for a volunteer to help with the website administration. Please contact John 07731 448 529

From the editor....

Peggy Dunckley, who died in June 2025 at the age of 102, was Editor of this magazine from 1982-2000. On her retirement she wrote a farewell article for the magazine "Our parish magazine – a time for reflection" which makes for interesting reading. Even then, the new editor, it seems, had to be persuaded, and Peggy agreed to do it for a trial period of six months – and stayed for 28 years! She envisaged a magazine based on the church, naturally, (but not too "churchy") and including local community events with articles of both church and local interest and, hopefully, with advertising to cover the cost of printing – in other words to bring it into the 20th century. There were nature notes, first appearing in January 1983, and a cookery page from June 1983.

In her words, she "muddled through for the first six months, trying to get to grips with the plan she had in mind, hoping that both the clergy and parishioners would be patient and praying she would not make too many mistakes". I can honestly say I know how she felt.

The magazine was typed on a state of the art typewriter, provided by generous parishioners, with hand drawings- experiments with photographs was not a great success initially - then copied and collated by hand and distributed to the villages, as now, by a team of volunteers. As the years went by she built a good supporting team to help in the production and distribution of the magazine. In December 2000, as she put the cover on her typewriter and her successor turned on her computer, Peggy rightly felt proud of the little magazine as it moved forward into the $21^{\rm st}$ century and the digital age with a bright future. Although the team members may have changed in the last 25 years, the magazine continues to thrive, supported by a great team of volunteers.

Essendon Youth Club alert!

Mums (and Grannies) of Essendon are keen to start up a youth club in Essendon. –An initial comment on WhatsApp led to support and suggestions – the School is also interested in getting involved. However, a youth club needs long term commitment and, most importantly, a committee (let's call it a group of volunteers) to plan, organise and run it.

Lots of ideas have been put forward, for starters- a picnic on the field as a planning meeting, rounders, joining the Kids Cricket group..... sounds like fun. If you can help please join the Essendon Village Youth Club Group on WhatsApp - the link is on the Village WhatsApp page.

Do you know of local activities planned for children or young people in this area? We are still keen to have a page listing such local activities—please get in touch with the editor.

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Garden Notes August

I confess that this is not the usual Church Magazine Monthly Gardening article, but with this unusually hot, dry July/August weather forecast ahead of us these few tips may help with preserving, to the best of our ability, our precious gardens, allotments and pots! For those of you with Allotments, these are a haven for wildlife and do enjoy this and the protection it gives both them and the plants! In a perfect world we would be praying for some pleasant sunshine, not too windy, gentle rain at suitable times and kind relatives/ friends keeping an eye on things if we are away! Also, make time to visit local Gardens that are open and get new ideas!

When you are watering, remember, that if the soil surface is compacted or very dry, much of what you apply will just run off where you have hopefully applied it. So lightly water the area first and once it is damp, then water properly and this does work!

Liquid feed anything you can and you will be surprised how flowers, fruit, vegetables and things in containers will respond. In turn, keep a careful eye and gently remove dead, dying or overgrown leaves and flowers, keeping the 'parent' plant in good shape. If you have a pond, whether large or small, don't forget it and all those that 'use' it. Keep a firm eye on its water levels, which may well have dropped for all its users and, if necessary, top it up so that the wild life can access it too. Once garlic and onions are definitely ready to be lifted, chose a good dry day and put the 'bulbs' in a well-ventilated spot to dry off completely before you store them.

As a priority, if conditions continue very hot and dry, one should regularly water vegetables such as beans, lettuces and peas, as without enough moisture they will just stop cropping. One could consider applying a good bulky damp mulch to the soil - funnily enough it works just as well in the vegetable plot as it does in the flower beds!

Prune rambler roses as soon as they have finished flowering using sharp secateurs to cut back side-shoots which bore flowers, taking each back to one or two buds from the main stem. Also, remove any dead, diseased or spindly growths and dispose of them so that the shape can be kept.

Happy August Gardening! Germander Speedwell





Bayford

St. Mary's Church

Church Cleaners – August Charli Caleb

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

To read the minutes and agendas just Google 'Bayford Parish Council' and follow the link to 'Minutes'. For meetings , please check the web site.

The next meeting is **15**th **September**, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

Michael Wainwright, Chairman. 01707 875970. www.begesford.co.uk mikewainwright@bayfordparishcouncil.org.uk

Bell's Wood

The Certificate of Lawfulness, has been submitted and is being considered by EHDC. Meanwhile Bayford and LittleB PCs have joined together to get a legal opinion on the matter. A preliminary report should be received any day now. If this is favourable, a formal letter will be sent to EHDC.

Land Opposite Bayfordbury Park Farm, B158

We are aware that a 'tent, post box and flatbed truck, and now a cart have been left on the site. We are approaching EHDC to enforce removal of these items.

Friends of the Bakers Arms

The planning application has not yet been submitted by McM, or at least it hasnot appeared on the EHDC web site as yet.

New Email Addresses.

As mentioned earlier, I have assigned new BPC emails addresses for all council members, so that PC matters can be kept separate from other business and personal emails.

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Ingredients:

175gr/6oz plain or chocolate digestives, crushed (or you can use gingernut biscuits) 75gr/2.5oz melted butter 450gr/16oz full fat cream cheese 150ml/5fl oz soured cream 125gr/4oz caster sugar Grated zest of one orange and one lemon

3 eggs separated Lemon curd (optional)

For raspberry sauce:

250gr/9oz raspberries 25gr/1oz icing sugar

Method: Note: You will need an 8 inch, 20cm spring release or loose bottomed tin, lined with baking paper. Plus, two bowls. If you can, use a slightly bigger bowl for the first part, as you will need room in this bowl to fold in the egg whites later. Pre heated oven 160C/ gas mark 4.

Mix together the biscuit crumbs with the melted butter and press over the base of the lined tin. Chill in the fridge while you make the filling. Beat together the cream cheese, sour cream, **half** of the sugar, egg yolks and the orange and lemon zest. In a separate bowl, whisk the egg whites until stiff, and then whisk in the **remaining** sugar a little at a time (four or five additions), until you have a thickened meringue like mixture. Using a large spoon, fold the egg whites into the cream cheese mixture, gently folding it through until you can't see any white. This can be done in three or four stages to make sure it is fully incorporated. Transfer into the prepared tin and bake in the oven for 45 minutes until pale golden on top, and just firm to the touch. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin before transferring to a serving plate.

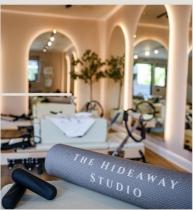
Optional: Once cooled, gently spread about a tablespoon of lemon curd over the top of the cheesecake as a glaze.

For raspberry sauce Blitz the raspberries in a food processor until smooth, then pass through a sieve into a bowl to remove the seeds. Sift in the icing sugar and stir through the mixture (it may form into little clumps but just press with the back of a spoon until smooth). Decorate the cheesecake with any left-over raspberries and drizzle with the sauce.









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Essendon Nature Notes

"Late August, given heavy rain and sun for a full week, the blackberries would ripen." So begins Seamus Heaney's wonderful childhood reminiscence of blackberry picking from his first volume of poetry 'Death of a Naturalist'. This is for most of us our earliest experience of foraging and, perhaps for too many, our last. Even in urban settings, the bramble grows well, thriving on poor soils and making it our most accessible wild food.

In the garden the rabbits have nibbled the soft tips of the long shoots and kept their excess growth in check but after a whole summer of scratches and pricks from the thorns I will finally pass forgiveness when it rewards us with its generous bounty, the dark rich colour of the ripe fruit surprising us anew with its exquisite intensity. When picking, the best ones are always just out of reach, and if you fill your basket without it managing to draw blood, you just haven't been working hard enough.

Given the poet's formula for optimum ripeness, this year it will be interesting to see what effect the exceptionally dry spring and summer has had on this bursting, juicy fruit. The enormous molehills in the neighbouring field are a sure sign of how lacking in moisture the ground is, the moles having to go deeper and deeper for earthworms. However I am still optimistic as the garden's raspberries have been better than ever this year, perhaps the lack of rain intensifying the flavour. The blackberry does have some drought tolerance but we might be worried for future years and if our summers keep on warming, eventually this thirsty plant might start to struggle. At some point the

village children may look back on Heaney's poem as a distant memory of another age as they forage for their olives, figs and almonds.



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Brickendon



Chapel of the Holy Cross & St. Alban

For enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact **Virginia Haryott 01992 511575**

Services: There is one Group Parish Communion Service each Sunday in August, rotating around the churches Sunday 31st August –1015-1115 in Brickendon See page 4 for dates of other services

Altar Flowers

Cathy Gibbens Brenda Lambie lst & 8th August 15th & 22nd August

Church Cleaning

Tessa Whitlow Alison Blakey

In September, there will be a new Flower and Cleaning rota for the next 12 months. Grateful thanks go to so many friends who help to keep our church looking so beautiful. New members would be very welcome, so please consider helping. Phone or message Virginia on 07770 944854 or email virginia.haryott@gmail.com

Tennis Courts. £5 per court per hour. Bookings telephone 07734 715002 or email ony.roberts@brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Pilates Tuesdays 9.15am in Fanshaws Room Contact **Harriet Barton**, **07944 500504 or**

pilateswithharriet@hotmail.com

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

Brickendon Petanque Boules Club

We play at The Farmers Boy
Sunday 10am - 12noon
Tuesday 5.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 10am - 12noon

For further information contact our Club Secretary 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.

Parish Council meetings: 25th September; 22nd November

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne Brickendon Liberty Parish Council PO BOX 81, Knebworth, SG3 6YZ

Email clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk Mobile 07803 906291

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

We are still looking for a Treasurer for Brickenden/Bayford Parochial Church Council (PCC)

PLEASE consider taking on this role. You do not need to be a PCC member or a regular church goer – just a volunteer for a few hours each month.

Please phone Lorna on 07582 538 996 (lorna.fitzjohn@gmail.com) or Virginia Haryott 07770 944854 (virginia.haryott@gmail.com)

The Hartford Hundred Knitting & Crochet Group.

Hartford Hundred Knitting & Crochet Group meet at the Farmers Boy on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8pm

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For details contact Janet 01992 511515

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The Glastonbury Thorn tree

In Brickendon grounds there was a Holy Thorn tree, commonly known as a Glastonbury Thorn. The legend is that The Holy Thorn tree comes from the thornwood staff of St. Joseph of Arimathea. Long ago, when he was in Britain preaching, he visited Glastonbury, where he thrust his staff into the ground as he rested. There it rooted and grew, and every year since then it has blossomed on January 5th. until it was



felled by vandals in December 2010. Cuttings of the original Glastonbury Thorn were fortunately taken and planted elsewhere and some of these are still alive today.

When the Chapel was built, a Holy Thorn was planted in the grounds. Unfortunately this year it has died – probably due to the dry weather of recent years. It has now been cut down, but in the Autumn we have plans to plant another one to carry on the tradition.

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Essendon Parish Council

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www.essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk and on the village noticeboard. You can keep up to date with the issues discussed at the parish council meetings by reading the agendas and minutes which are available on the website. If there is a matter you would like given consideration at a future meeting, you can email the Clerk, Caroline Chapple at clerk@essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk or residents are welcome to attend the meetings in person.

ESSENDON W.I.

In July, Stafford Steed talked about **The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu**, describing his experiences negotiating one of the world's highest and dramatic walks across the Andes to the lost city of Machu Picchu.

Also in July a joint meeting with other local WIs, hosted at Essendon, was entertained by **Fiona Harrison**, soprano and costume artist, **singing songs from the musicals**.

In August we have a four hour cruise on a narrow boat sailing the River Stort

We always a varied and interesting programme of speakers. Visitors (men and women) are welcome to Attend. Please call Lyn McCash 07971 909540 if you would consider joining the WI.







The Essendon Connect coffee mornings are sponsored by the Parish Council, The Village hall and Tescos.

Every Friday morning 9.30-11.30 in the Village Hall.

Free drinks and cake and lots of chat.

Open to all Essendon Residents

Pupils from Essendon Primary School came to sing with the Connect Coffee morning last month - much enjoyed by everyone and the pupils were a credit to their school.





On **August 22nd** we will be holding a"**Care for a cuppa**" event in aid of the Isobel Hospice at |Essendon Connect coffee morning. Do come along to the village hall and support the hospice in their fund raising Campaign.

Essendon Tennis Courts Subscriptions 2025

£50 family, £30 individual, £15 for a junior New members welcome. Contact : *Nicki Whitelaw 07946 300 512*

The Essendon Baby and Toddler Group

meets on Friday mornings 10-11.30 in St Mary's Church Room, Essendon.

Contact: mandynevel@gmail.com

Save the date Folk Evening with Edwina Hayes



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Book early as tickets limited!

Mandynevel@gmail.com or 07967500289

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Essendon Bellringers ring at St Mary's Essendon

The bellringers ring for Sunday services and special occasions. They practise on Tuesday evenings 8-9pm. They would like to welcome new members to learn the intricate art of English bell ringing.

Come to listen and maybe join us. It's skillful and fun! Contact Colin 07540 351530

Essendon Village Hall

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Current regular events at the village hall

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WEDNESDAY AllSorts Dementia Day Group Contact Kelly 07557 145484

WI 3rd Wednesday evening 7.45 Contact Lyn 07971 909 40

THURSDAY Pilates 9.30-10.30 Contact Keti 07718 386195 FRIDAY Essendon Connect Coffee and Chat 9.30-11.30 am

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News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 17th September 2025** 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.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Reminder: The Parish Council is hosting defibrillator training to a limited number of interested candidates. This will be held on the 23rd August in the Village Hall.

If you are interested in taking part, please email Elaine at elaine_hunter@sky.com to find out more. A £10 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place.

EAST HERTS BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

You may have received your new bins ready for the 4th August, if not, you should receive these shortly. Here's a reminder of the changes to your current bins:

- your black-lidded general waste bin will become your mixed recycling bin
- your blue-lidded bin will be used for cardboard and paper
- you will be able to include loose plastic bags and wrapping into your black-lidded mixed recycling bin your non-recyclable waste, mixed recycling and cardboard and paper bins will move to a threeweek collection cycle

Your bin collection days may change, and East Herts Council will confirm if this is the case nearer the time.

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Why not come to our next Parish Council meeting on the 17th August? It's a great way to meet your councillors and to hear the updates and developments on what is happening in our village.

We are also looking to recruit two more councillors. If you would like to find out more, please email clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk for more information and how to apply.

PUB QUIZ IS BACK!

The Five Horseshoes Pop Quiz is now back by popular demand. Think you're the brainiac of the bunch? Or maybe you just like shouting the wrong answers with confidence? Either way, they have the perfect evening lined up.

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Upcoming events at St Andrews in August and September

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A fundraisier for Isabel Hospice

Saturday 9th Aug 10.00 - 12.00am

The marquee will be outside St Andrew's church.

Sponsored Bike 'n Hike

Saturday 13 September 2025 9.00am to 5.00pm

Please join the walk from Little Berkhamsted to

Ponsbourne St Mary's church through some

beautiful countryside and raise money for our churches.

The Village Hall is open in the afternoon for anyone wanting to play <u>Table</u> <u>Tennis</u>, it's a £1 a session <u>Phone 01707875221</u>

Before it was Emmies'.....

Rod Callaby, from Bayford, in a letter to the Editor, noted that in the July edition we referred to the LB village shop as being established in 1998, when the store became Emmie Murphy's. He wrote:

"There was a village shop when I moved to Little Berkhamstead in 1954, This was run by the Moore family and was well used, they also delivered groceries to both my wife's and my parents in Bayford and Brickendon in the late fifties."



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Holiday time –a tourist sightseeing quiz! Get ready for your round the world trip... Answers on page 38

- 1. What is the name of the famous clock tower in London?
- 2. What is the name of the famous palace in France known for its opulent architecture, glass gallery and gardens?
- 3. Which city is home to the Sagrada Familia, a unique and unfinished basilica?
- 4. What famous building in Rome is an ancient amphitheatre?
- 5. In which city is the Parthenon situated?
- 6. What is the name of the mosque in Istanbul known for its large size and intricate decorations
- 7. Which is currently the tallest building in the world and where is it?
- 8 Which city is home to the Petronas twin towers?
- 9. What is the name of the complex of ancient temples and structures in Cambodia?
- 10. Which city in Australia is home to a famous opera house?
- 11.In which Canadian city is the CN Tower and which famous waterfall is nearby?
- 12. The Arlington National Cemetery, where presidents William Taft and
- JF Kennedy are buried, is across the river from which American city?

Brainteaser—answer in September Name a capital city starting with each letter of the alphabet (excluding X for which there isn't one!)

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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.

Post Office.

A small Post Office is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the village hall.

STOP PRESS - A Date For Your Diaries!

The Annual **'BIKE' N HIKE'** Sponsored Event - under the auspices of the Beds. and Herts. Historic Churches Trust takes place on -

Saturday, September 13th

St. Mary Ponsbourne Church in Newgate Street will be open from 9am until 5pm for

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Whether you're grabbing a bite at the Woodland Bistro, spending quality time as a family, or enjoying an atmospheric evening in the village, Celtic Harmony Camp is a place to reconnect with nature, heritage and each other.

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Answers to August quiz from page 31 and July's Brain Teaser

Summer Quiz Answers: 1. Elizabeth Tower (the bell in the clock tower is Big Ben) 2. Palace of Versailles 3.Barcelona, Spain 4. The Colosseum 5.Athens, Greece 6.Hagia Sophia 7.Burj Khalifa, Dubai, UAE 8.Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 9. Angkor Wat 6.Sydney 7.Toronto; Niagara Falls 8.In Virginia, across the River Potomac from Washington DC Brain teaser

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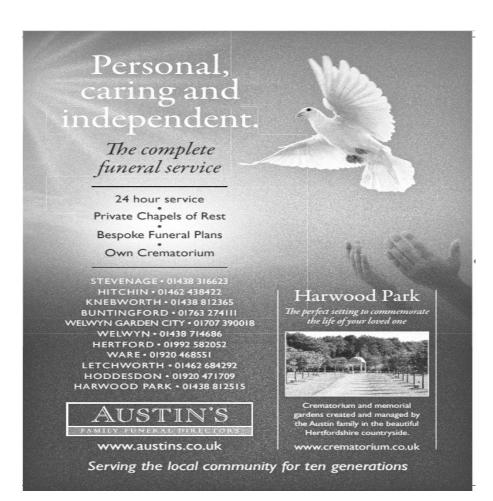
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