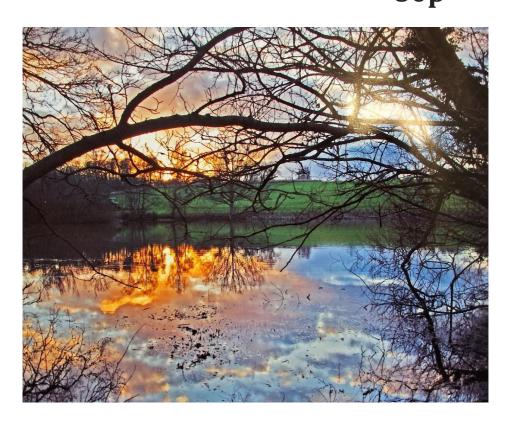
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Dear all,

During the season of harvest, we think of salvation of souls too, which is harvest in the kingdom of God. Jesus came to call many to God by preaching forgiveness of sins. As Christ taught, preached and He healed all kinds of sicknesses, many were saved.

In His ministry on earth, as recorded in the gospel of Matthew 9:36, Jesus one day gazed on the multitudes, harassed and helpless and saw them as sheep without a shepherd. His big heart of compassion went out to them. This makes us think how Jesus yearns for the spiritual welfare of the lost, the dying and how we need to pray. The huge work of spiritual harvest needed to be done, but the labourers were few. The problems seem to have persisted to this day. It seems the need is greater than the workforce. During this season of Harvest when we hold gatherings and celebrations together with the community, it may also be an opportunity to display our faith in love.

The Lord Jesus told the disciples to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out labourers into His Harvest. Notice that the need does not constitute a call. The workers should not go until they are sent. It seems clear that we should pray to Him concerning this matter. However, to be sincere in that request, believers must be willing to go themselves. In Matthew 10, Jesus Himself sends out the disciples. He had previously chosen them, but now he is calling them to a special mission – the nation of Israel. With the call went authority and a specific message too, to harvest souls for eternal life: casting out demons and healing all kinds of diseases. There is something here to be noticed, hallelujah!, other men had performed miracles, but no other man had conferred the power to others.

We look forward to some of our favourite hymns during this season of harvest: We Plough the Fields and Scatter, Come Ye Thankful People Come and Here am I, send me.

The Reverend Theresa Musiwacho

Prayer Share

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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October 2025 Calendar

Sunday 5th October

9.30 Parish Communion ,Essendon 9.30 Family Service **Harvest Service** ,Ponsbourne

11.00 Parish Communion ,Brickendon

Sunday 12th October

9.30 Parish Communion, Bayford 11.00 Family Service ,Little.Berkhamsted * *Pet Service*

Sunday 19th October

9.30 Family Service ,Essendon * *Pet Service* 9.30 Parish Communion Ponsbourne 11.00 Family Service ,Brickendon

Sunday 26th October

9.30 Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted 11.00 Family Service ,Bayford

Sunday 2nd November

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Bible Study

The Bible study group has started again at 7pm at The Rectory in Little Berkhamsted. This year the Nicene Creed has its 1700 anniversary so we will be using this as our theme until Christmas. We try to meet every two to three weeks. Each study is a separate topic so you just attend what you can manage. We are a friendly group trying to make sense of God's word and everyone is welcome.

From the editor....

The family service at Essendon on 19th October will be a pet service, where each pet will receive a special blessing and we celebrate the creation of all the animals we share the planet with.

9.30 am for 30 minutes, bring your pet to be blessed.



Animal Family Service St Andrew's Church Little Berkhamsted Sunday 12th Oct at 11am

If you don't have a pet bring a soft cuddly toy.





All children welcome.

Coffee after the service Sandie Ash 01707875221 churchwarden Friends of St. Mary's Essendon The CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS SUPPER will be held in the church at 7pm for 7.30 Saturday 13 December 2025

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Garden Notes October



As I put together some thoughts towards plans for our Autumn gardening a lovely warm gentle rain is falling which we really did need so where do we start?

We will have to be bold and firm as so many flowers and shrubs are still looking lovely and it is probably a time for carefully cutting back, particularly removing any damaged branches. Over recent months when visiting Garden Centres and other gardens and displays, many of us have probably made notes of new plants etc. that we have found interesting and attractive, (and where did we put those notes we made? So try turning out your 'gardening pockets' to find them!) Follow up these suggestions and, more importantly, try to find some of these interesting plants, try local Nurseries, Garden Centres and friendly neighbours!

It is time to lift your Dahlias, if you haven't already done so, carefully shake off excess soil and cut back the remaining green top growth, just leaving enough for protection. Store them safely in a frost-free, well ventilated place and check them regularly! Continue planting Spring-flowering bulbs in beds and borders, grassy areas near trees where they will be seen and large pots, if you have these available, where they can all enjoy winter sunshine. Tulips are best kept in a cool, dry, ventilated place until towards the end of the month and be sure to plant them where they can be seen easily in the Spring.

If your lawn is being 'ripped-up' in patches by birds, particularly crows or it can also be the work of badgers and even foxes, this is often a sign of a big leatherjacket invasion. Further advice should be taken to sort this out so that the damage does not get worse.

The days will continue to get shorter but use any sunshine to get outside, continue clearing up enjoying the exercise and getting rid safely of accumulated rubbish, even if the weather remains very chilly. There may be some lovely sunsets to enjoy and keep reading gardening articles, taking notes and enjoy reading your gardening books to keep up to date!

Happy Gardening! Germander Speedwell



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Church Cleaners – Gill Finnessey, Sally Cunnane

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings. Please check the web site. The next meeting is 24th November, 8pm in the Memorial Hall. To read the minutes and agendas just Google '*Bayford Parish Council*' and follow the link to '*Minutes*'.

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

Bell's Wood

EHDC are still considering the Certificate of Lawfulness application. Bob Deering and BPC have emailed EHDC to ask why a decision has not yet been made.

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Soft Sticky Gingerbread (Vegan)

As we move into autumn and start thinking about comfort food, inspired by a recipe by Nigella Lawson, this is a great recipe for adults and children alike, while at the same time meeting different dietary requirements and maximizing flavour. You can eat it cold as a cake, or my favourite way, warmed up as a pudding with cream, custard or ice cream (vegan



Makes about 18 squares.

Ingredients:

alternatives available).

150ml vegetable oil or olive oil Pinch of salt
200gr golden syrup 1tsp mixed spice
200gr black treacle 250ml oat milk
125gr dark brown sugar 300gr plain flour
75gr soft pitted prunes, finely chopped 1tbls cocoa powder
30gr stem ginger from a jar (about 2 balls of ginger), finely chopped
2tsps ground ginger 1tsp bicarbonate of soda
2tbls warm water 2tsps cider vinegar

Method: Preheat the oven to 170/150c Fan/Gas 3½. Grease and line a 20cm/8in by 25cm/10in rectangle tin or 23cm/9in square tin with baking paper so that it comes up the sides of the tin. Measure the oil into a jug and pour it into a wide saucepan. Using the same jug (unwashed, it helps to release the sticky syrup), measure out the golden syrup and black treacle and add them to the saucepan. Add to the same saucepan the sugar, chopped prunes, chopped ginger, spices, and salt. Warm it all together over a low heat gently stirring to combine, careful not to let it boil. Once everything is melted together, add the oat milk, whisking gently to incorporate. Now add in the flour and cocoa powder, in 3 or 4 batches whisking to remove any lumps – I find this easier to do with a handheld electric whisk. Dissolve the bicarb in small bowl with the warm water, add the vinegar and tip the fizzing mixture into the saucepan and combine. Pour the gingerbread mixture into the lined tin and bake for 50 to 60 minutes. As it is a very damp cake checking with a skewer won't help, but test it by gently pressing the top with a finger and it should bounce back a bit. Leave to cool in the tin on a wire rack. If possible, wrap it up and leave for a day before cutting it, but it is not essential. Don't be disappointed if it slumps a bit in the centre, it doesn't affect the flavour. It will keep for a week in an airtight tin.

To serve as a pudding, reheat in a moderate oven for about 15 minutes, or until warmed through. You can reheat individual pieces, or the whole thing. If you are not a fan of prunes you could swap them out for soft medjool dates.









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Essendon Nature Notes

When I don't have the dogs with me to chase the grazing horses, I often wander down to an area which constitutes perhaps Essendon's only stretch of wetland, the field which borders the River Lea as it flows under the Letty Green road. Taking a walk there the other day I flushed a snipe who was taking advantage of the banks exposed by the low river levels from our dry summer. It took off in a panic, zig-zagging away in its distinctive manner.

The snipe is a wader with a disproportionately long bill which it uses to probe for insects in the mud. My mother used to say of someone who was very thin or picky with their food that they 'lived on suction like the snipe', a reference to the bird's feeding habits on marshy or boggy areas but also suggestive of a creature once more deeply ingrained in the psyche of country folk. The snipe is not a bird you see every day and, as we might expect, it has suffered severe



declines with the loss of much of its favoured habitat and continues the trend of a natural world more and more difficult for specialist, niche feeders in favour of the generalists.

Nonetheless there are clearly still a few around. Their population is bolstered by migrants in winter and they are a joy to see with their mottled and striped colouring providing camouflage against the reeds and grasses. It has a strange habit of using its stiff tail feathers to make a drumming sound in its display flight which sounds like the whinnying of a horse. If their numbers can recover a bit of ground then we might get to know this bird a little better again and maybe I can start to slip my mother's vernacular into conversation without the risk of being stared at in bemusement by those unfamiliar with either the snipe or the old saw.

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Altar Flowers

Janet Burger 3rd October
Janet Burger 10th October
Diana Abbott 7th October
Diana Abbott 24th October

In September, there is 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.harvott@gmail.com

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Club Secretary Janet 01992 511515

Parish Council Meetings

Next meeting: 22nd November

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne Brickendon Liberty Parish Council PO BOX 81, Knebworth, SG3 6YZ Email clerk@brickendonliberty.org.uk

Mobile 07803 906291

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

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

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

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

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We have had a busy summer and have made 34 Winnie the Pooh comfort toys that have been given to de Havilland School to be distributed to the new intake of children starting school for the first time this month.

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www.essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk and on noticeboards in the village. Meeting minutes are published shortly after each meeting on the website. Members of the public are invited to attend and will have an opportunity to raise any comments, questions or concerns relating to the village, they may have, or they can contact the Clerk by emailing: clerk@essendonparishcouncil.co.uk

ESSENDON W.I October 15th



Essendon WI ladies and 7 guests enjoyed an intriguing talk at the meeting in **September. Mandy Nevel** described her long held desire throughout infancy, youth and into adulthood to become a vet. Following university and college she worked in farm animal medicine and over the years her interest and awareness in food production and, particularly food safety, has greatly increased. An evening of inordinate interest and surprising detail. Everyone went home promising at next supermarket to pay special attention to food labels. Thank you Mandy for spending time out of your busy life to talk to us and at your request a donation has been made to a local charity.

On 15th **October** Essendon WI will be welcoming Sue Day to their October meeting. Sue is a figurative wax, silicone and hair specialist. She has produced figures for Madame Tussauds and commissioned portraits for artists and other worldwide projects. The talk entitled "Insights into the World of Making Waxworks" will showcase projects worked on and demonstration items will also be included in the presentation.

Please call Lyn McCash 07971 909540 if you would like to join the WI. You would be very welcome to come along as our guest in October.

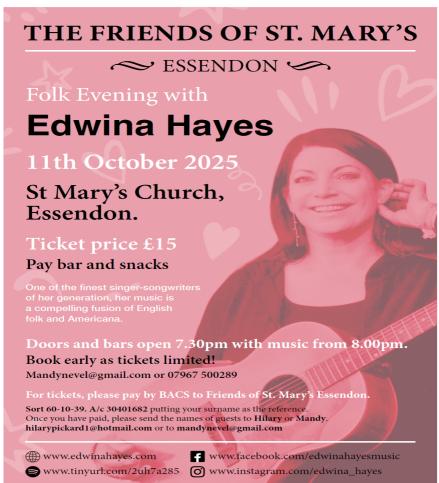
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Photo Right: Local resident Mandy Nevel talked at the September WI meeting







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Contact Cas 07831 341886

Also, you can book table tennis when the hall is not in use

Bats in the Belfry

A recent survey confirmed that there is still a bat colony living in the bell tower of St Marys church in Essendon. There had been a maternity colony there earlier in the year which has moved on, but



the survey spotted soprano pipistrelles, common pipistrelles and a single Leisler's bat—but that was outside and probably a visitor. It is thought that the maternal colony will return next year. Meanwhile it is down to the bell ringers to clean the droppings from the bell tower!.

Historic churches bike n hike.

This year was quite a different experience for our two indominatable optimists in that the weather as we started was really quite chilly. No T-shirts this year! The weather forecast was not brilliant but it was decided to risk the elements, however, as a result, showers became threatening as we travelled to share an invitation to coffee morning by the congregation of High Cross church.

Collecting visits first to churches in Hertford and some homemade sustenance pleading the need for energy, we braved the hill to Bengeo and thanks to electrification, sailed up to take in Bengeo church before heading towards Wadesmill where we took a right to include Thundridge church.

We enjoyed a warm welcome from High Cross staying somewhat longer than we had planned and decided to move on to Sacombe from where there are many choices to turn for home, the weather just starting to look ominous. However, the rain held off long enough for us to take in superb views as we borrowed a couple of benches for a splendid lunch in the churchyard. As we left, we were stopped by a villager who took some time profusely to thank us for visiting as only one other person had been there before us.

A short shower on leaving necessitated finding appropriate tree shelter for a few minutes. Crossing a very busy A602, with very dark clouds looming and deciding to shorten the ride, we took a lane which led back to Bengeo and took the Cole Green Way to Hertingfordbury church where 6 people were on hand with amazing homemade cakes - again, there came a sudden need for energy - the apple cake was from heaven and we had a chat to the chefs and churchwarden who knew us from bell-ringing.

Seeing a gap in the weather, we decided to make haste to Letty Green but sadly, the timing was not good and we found ourselves in the middle of a torrential thunderstorm. We arrived back with water dripping into the shoes from down the legs as well as other ingresses better imagined. The summary would be 'absolutely drowned head to toe'.

As a result we achieved around 30 miles only, but we are still very grateful indeed to all those kind enough to sponsor us both yet again. We will have earned another green certificate for in-excess of £1000 raised, half of which comes back to St Mary's. Thank you all so much. Colin & Paula



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FIRST AID COURSES

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Activities and events are being added to the programme all the time so keep up to date at: https://yourvoice.eastherts.gov.uk/arts-in-east-herts

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE?

Why not come to our next Parish Council meeting on the 10th September? It's a great way to meet our 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.

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- 1. What is the collective name for a group of pheasants?
- 2. What is a scrimshaw?
- 3. What do you call a word that is spelt the same forward and backwards?
- 4. Why are the HQs of Adidas and Puma in the same small town in Germany?
- 5. Is the bolt on a crossbow called a quarrel, a tif or a row?
- 6. What is the capital of the Cayman Islands?
- 7. What is the Uk equivalent of the American Route 66?
- 8. Why is a guinea so—called?
- 9. In IT terms what is the name of a half a byte?
- 10. Which island was originally called Van Diemans Land?

Brain teaser October, answer in November

Another international geography teaser—How many capitals can you name that have only 4 letters in their name? (I found 14)





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Tennis - Tuesday mornings, 9.30-10.30am Village Courts. Term time only. Contact 07710 507 215

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 Pub. 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.

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Answers to October quiz from page 31 and September Brain Teaser

1. Bouquet 2. Carving from (usually) whale bones - traditional pastime of sailors on long journeys . Scrimshaw is scrollwork, engravings, and carvings done in bone or ivory 3. Palindrome 4. Founded 1919 by the Dessler brothers, Adolf (Adi) and Rudolf - had a quarrel 1948 - cause unknown - and split the company and never spoke to each other again - and town divided into Adidas and Puma workers and supporters in Herzogenalltacch, Germany. 5. A bolt or quarrel is a dart-like projectile used with crossbows. The name "quarrel" is derived from the French word carré, meaning square, referring to their typically square heads. Although their lengths vary, bolts are typically shorter and heavier than traditional arrows used by **bows**. 6. Georgetown 7. The A66 is a major road in Northern England, which in part follows the course of the Roman road from Scotch Corner to Penrith. It runs115 miles from east of Middlesbrough in North Yorkshire to Workington in Cumbria 8. The gold it was made from originally came from Guinea 9. A nibble. 4 bits to a nibble, 8 bits to a byte. 10 Tasmania.

Brain Teaser September: Countries starting U or V: 1. Ukraine 2.UAE 3. UK 4. USA 5. Uganda 6. Uruguay 7. Uzbekistan 8. Vanuatu 9. Vatican City 10. Virgin Islands (protectorate) 11. Venezuela 12. Vietnam

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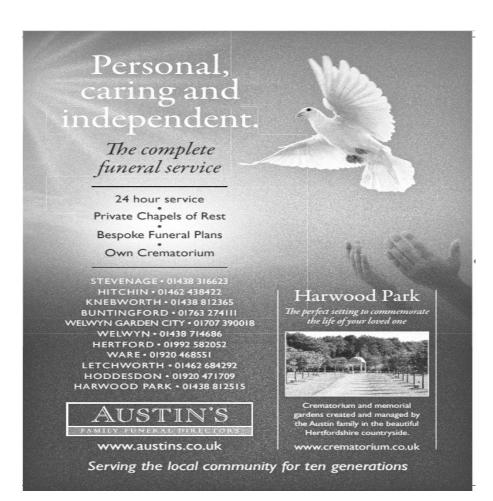
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