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Letter from your church

Phil Smith you may remember came to Bledlow Ridge in a pulpit swop between Stokenchurch and West Wycombe Benefices last year. He writes a blog which will interest you about the election fever and how we might rise to the challenge of voting with a God given conscience.

We seem to be galloping towards July 4th and whether anything will change for the better is uppermost in people's minds. As we move through July and into August, hold fast to some of the things that Phil mentions about Jesus' viewpoint. It's a good way to move through life at the best and the most difficult of times. Whatever happens enjoy time with family and friends and make the most of loved ones.

Those may be words that make you switch off. I don't know, you go away for a few days and the first thing that happens is a General Election is announced for Thursday July 4th. Still never understood why they are always on a Thursday and not over a weekend. The whole of this blog may be a bit like that, but keep reading. Nor why we haven't had Proportional Representation for the last 80 years. Told ya!

All of us, 18 and over who are registered to vote (excluding peers of the realm and a few others) get another chance once in a blue moon, well about five years to put a kiss or a cross against someone's name. So, for next few weeks it will be wall to wall campaigning, TV coverage, slip ups, mics not turned off, fridges and how each candidate eats a sandwich. We may even have someone knocking on our door. I love it when that happens. They usually wish they hadn't.

But how do we choose. We may have long standing loyalties, belong to a tribe, have strident views on this and that. We will all have our own red lines as well. Well for starters we won't all think the same or vote or not, for the same party or things. Never fear a difference of opinion. I may not think

the way you do, the reason's simple, I am not you. To be honest I feel politically homeless at the moment.

The toughest question for Christians to ask is HWJV. How would Jesus, vote?

I've no idea though he does give us a few clues if we're prepared to look. I believe Jesus always votes for others not himself. The Apostle Paul writes 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves' Philippians 2:3

I believe Jesus also votes for peace and justice. He is the Prince of peace after all.

Though some like to think God is on their side, it's more important that we are on God's side. 'Choose this day, whom you will serve ... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.' Joshua 24:15

It is a civic duty and privilege to vote, well at least turn up at a polling booth near you even if we spoil our paper. Often the most disappointing statistics on the day after is the low turnout, especially when still so many are not registered. Someone once said '80% of life is turning up'. It's not, it's 100%. Don't forget your correct photo ID.

From the Registers

Baptism

Felicity Watkins
St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Funeral

Ethal Brooks
St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge



If you are looking to get in contact for a Baptism or Wedding within the Benefice churches please contact our Benefice administrator by emailing admin@westwycombbenefice.org.uk

In the case of funerals, if the funeral director is unsure of who to contact please pass on the details above.

To all in the West Wycombe Benefice

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Revd Penny Nash has, on medical grounds, had to withdraw her acceptance of our offer to be Rector of the West Wycombe Benefice. A medical diagnosis has meant that she is seeking immediate medical retirement. She writes:

"I am writing to formally retire from full time ministry in the Church of England on the grounds of ill health. As you have been aware I received a diagnosis at the beginning of this year and have been under the care of several medical professionals. Over the past few months, I have been coming to terms with the nature of my diagnosis being life long and progressive. My hope is that the right treatment will be found in due course to enable some relief from the symptoms. In light of this I am seeking medical retirement and very sadly need to withdraw my acceptance of the post in the Benefice of West Wycombe. I am extremely grateful to

you and all who have supported me through this process."

This is clearly a very difficult time for Penny and Rob and we hold them in our prayers. And it is also a difficult time for us in the West Wycombe Benefice as we now face a further delay in a new Appointment. It is important we continue to pray for the appointment process and we will engage quickly in seeking a new Rector.

Revd Canon Chris Bull

Associate Archdeacon of Buckingham

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News from St Paul's Church



Just over a year ago we were able to host a group of arts and crafts people to St Paul's to exhibit and sell the remarkable selection of items they had produced. I got talking to two talented ladies and shared with them my hopes to produce a new modern altar frontal. They showed interest so I asked my granddaughter to produce a design based on the view from Chorley road of Loxborough Hill leading to the Ridge. A year and many hours work later we have received our new frontal.

summer while we keep the season of Trinity which is our green season or ordinary time.

We are all very sorry that Rev Penny Nash will not be joining us as our new Rector and we hold her in our prayers as she retires from the ministry on medical grounds. The team are already working on re-advertising the post, now with a newly refurbished rectory to offer.

I, Veronica, am having mobility problems but with or without me there will be services on the third Sundays of July 21st and August 18th at 10.00am as usual.



We are extremely grateful to Gaynor and Carol who did far more than was originally anticipated and even produced a small version that goes in front of the pulpit. The new frontal can stay all



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Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News

The next meeting will take place on Monday 8th July 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Bledlow Village Hall.

The Parish Council met on Monday 10th June 2024 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall - draft minutes of the meeting can be found on our website:.

- The Parish Council has been asked to highlight issues with Ash Dieback in the

Parish. Guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-ash-dieback-in-england>

- Quotes were approved for tree surveys in the Parish, replacement of damaged equipment at Meadow Styles Playground and repairs to the Church Wall in Bledlow.

Meeting Minutes and Agendas • Local Information • Club information
Visit our website for www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk

If you have any comments, queries or questions then please contact our
Parish Clerk: Tracey Martin clerk@bcspc.org.uk or 07843 975097.
Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.

Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

24/05560/FUL Morlands Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Installation of ground mounted solar array panels and air source heat pumps

Application Permitted

24/05465/CLP Deanfield House Deanfield

Application for approval of siting, design and external appearance in the form of details of the siting of the building in relation to the adjacent tree belt and ground levels and details of the design and appearance of the building in relation to the topography, including the finished floor levels for the building in relation to surrounding ground levels for construction of agricultural building for use to store hay and straw bales, farming machinery, tractors and trailers granted under

planning reference: 24/05295/PNP6A

Details Approved

24/05458/FUL Land North East of Oakleigh Chapel Lane Bledlow Ridge

Erection of a single storey building to house 2 stables, tack room and hay and feed store

Application Permitted

24/05165/CLP Rose Cottage the City Bledlow Ridge

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey detached outbuilding for use as gym/studio

Grant Certificate - Proposed Development

24/05832/ADRC Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Application for approval of details subject to Condition 15 (Tree Protection Plan) of Planning approval

24/05164/CLP Rose Cottage the City Bledlow Ridge

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey detached outbuilding for use as garage/garden store/home office

Grant Certificate - Proposed Development

23/06547/CLE Higher Croft the City Bledlow Ridge

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of building in breach of condition 3 of planning application WVR/951/72

Grant Certificate of Lawful Use

Planning Applications with Parish

24/06023/FUL Morlands Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Householder application for provision of new access to existing dwelling from public road, including new length of drive inside site, closure of existing access and removal of some existing hard surfacing within the site

PC Comment: No objection

24/06133/FUL Ashridge House Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Householder application for demolition of single storey utility room and addition of two dormer windows together with internal alterations and changes to windows and doors (part retrospective)

PC Comment: No objection

24/06178/FUL Dunvegan Wycombe Road Saunderton

Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, first floor front extension, new porch canopy, and changes to fenestration

24/05292/FUL Coppelstone Chinnor Road

Householder application for proposed construction of single storey front extension and amendments to fenestration's

Application Permitted

24/05522/VCDN Windrush Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Variation of condition 3 (plan numbers) attached to 23/07192/FUL (construction of replacement 4-bed detached dwelling) to allow substitution of plans to allow design changes

Application Permitted

PC Comment: Comment to be submitted under delegated authority

24/06235/ADRC Fowlers Dene Chinnor Road

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 2 (Schedule of Materials) and 10 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) pursuant to planning approval: 23/05878/FUL

No comment required, for information only

24/06221/VCDN Routs Green Farm Routs Green Bledlow Ridge

Removal of condition 3 (agricultural occupancy) attached to pp W/737/75 (Erection of two new agricultural workers cottages plus garages)

PC Comment: Comment to be submitted under delegated authority

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Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

How wonderful it was to see so many visitors to the Hall for the recent Bucks art week exhibition! The vibrant display of local talent drew art enthusiasts from near and far, filling our beloved hall with creativity and community spirit. We hope this successful event will become an annual tradition.

In other exciting news, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand -new website: bledlowridgevillagehall.co.uk The site is packed with information about our regular and special events, booking availability and fees. It's easier than ever to stay informed and get involved with what's happening at the village hall.

Don't forget about our Village Breakfast Club, held on the first Saturday of each month. It's the perfect way to kick off your weekend, offering delicious food and great



company. We look forward to seeing you there.



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INSPIRING WOMEN We were pleased to welcome two visitors to our June meeting. Our talk was presented by John Seaman, John Bates and Freckle from the Search Dogs, Bucks team. They are an active and extremely valuable part of the Search and Rescue National Association that includes the police, foot search teams, specialist river bank teams, swift water teams, boats, bikes and, more recently, drones. There are 34 teams with about 50 dogs in the UK, an entirely volunteer team consisting of the dog, its handler and an associate. Each dog is trained to very specific national standards over a period of two years before becoming qualified but training is continuous throughout the working life of each dog to ensure standards are maintained.

We were informed that dogs noses are remarkable in that they have a capability 30 to 100 thousand times more acute than humans and that their nostrils work independently, one breathing in and out while the other retains and processes the scent giving the dog maximum opportunity

for locating and recovering a missing person. Freckle was dressed up in his search gear of a bell harness and tracker while Norma went and hid outside so we had a swift and impressive search and safe recovery demonstration as Norma was swiftly located by an eager seeker.

We were then given some very useful advice on how NOT to become a missing person – ‘anyone whose whereabouts cannot be established’ :Always carry your phone with you; preferably don’t walk alone; have the ‘Find my phone’ app; use the ‘what three words’ app; always tell someone where you are going.

It is very poignant that the breaking news on the morning after our meeting was that Michael Mosley had gone missing, sadly without taking any of the above precautions and with a truly tragic outcome.

We are very lucky that our July 3rd meeting,

Friendship Club

May Meeting: Shelagh welcomed everyone, and we discussed where to go for tea for our meeting in June.

We then welcomed Colin Oakes back for another of his amusing talks, this time entitled ‘A career in Ruins. He told us how as a child he loved to read about history, one day he asked his mother to get him a history book from the Library but she brought him a book on Archaeology – both about old things as far as she was concerned. This changed his life as he became fascinated with the subject and went on to get a degree in

will be held at the home of Margareth Mitchell at the earlier time of 6.30pm where we will enjoy her lovely garden and a summer evening supper with lots of time to socialise.

We are always keen to welcome new members and enquiries may be made to theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com or just come as a visitor (£3 donation) to our August 7th meeting in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall at 7.30pm where Mike Dewey will be telling us about “Ordinary People of High Wycombe who did Extraordinary Things”.

Archaeology and work as an Archaeologist. He went on to tell us about sites he had worked on and some things he had found.

July Meeting: Wednesday 24th July at 2pm in the Village Hall when we will have a talk about the services Age UK Bucks offer. If you would like to hear about their work do come and join us, visitors are always welcome.

We do not have a meeting in August.

Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

By the time you read this note, our full day visit to Broughton Grange and Coton Manor will have been and gone. However, we’ve still got another garden visit before taking a break in August.....and what a garden it is !

The RHS garden at Wisley is deservedly world renowned and our members will get in free on Tuesday 16 July. That’s because we are affiliated to the RHS and consequently allowed one group visit

to any of their gardens once a year. It’s a “drive yourself” visit, arriving at 10.45am to collect your tickets. Once you’ve entered, the day is yours. It’s £10 annual membership for our Horticultural Society



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and it's at least £18pp for entry to Wisley, so it's another benefit of being a member. You can always contact us on our website www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk.

There's a break in August, then it's on to our Annual Show on Saturday 7 Sept at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Whether you are a member or not, it is free to visit and to enter exhibits. The Show Schedule and Entry Form are in the "Annual Show" box on the "What's On" page of our website. Entry forms must be received by 9pm on Thursday 5 Sept and the Village Hall will be open from 8.30 am to 10.30 am on the day

of the Show for staging the entries. There are classes for flowers, vegetables, shrubs, fruit, floral art, photography and domestics including some mouth-watering recipes detailed in the Schedule. So have a look now and see what you might be able to enter.

Then for Oct and Nov we are back to meetings in the Village Hall with two new speakers...17 Oct "Photographing Flowers and Gardens" with Gill Ferguson and 21 Nov AGM with seasonal refreshments, followed by Carolyn Foster on "Gardens to visit – Near and Far".



Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

Our league season is well under way. Although our teams are finding it tough, better availability should be helping the 1st XI since writing this and our 2nd XI is just celebrating a fine victory over Haddenham largely due to three teenagers, Nevin Korala (13), Freddie Grimmett (15) and eternal teenager Charlie Carter.

Talking of whom, Charlie is largely responsible for the excellent state of our ground which we just managed to get under control for the annual Six-a-Side on 9th June despite the failure of both our mowers in the preceding week.

As always the event was great fun and a

success thanks to the huge efforts of many volunteers (thank you all again). BirdDogs won the main competition for the second year running while the Plate final was won in a thriller on the last ball by – ahem – The Six Offenders (!) thanks to Jacob Reddington (14). The Junior Six-a-Side is being revived this year and will take place on Sunday

21st July. Both events of course feature the irrepressible ShakEy Dryden on the all-day mic, who ensures that no participant goes unnoticed and that every dropped catch or other catastrophe is broadcast to everyone within about two miles!

The issue with the mowers makes it an appropriate time to mention three major projects the club is beginning to address: firstly the need to replace and upgrade our cutting equipment, secondly new replacement state-of- the art outdoor nets and thirdly (as part of BR Athletic Club) improvements to the car park. All three are in the very early stages and will require considerable fundraising support. If anyone in the village with expertise in grants and loans would like to offer advice, this would be welcomed.

This is all part of continual improvement. You may have noticed the new and improved signage at the entrance featuring forthcoming events and match details, as well as new BRCC branded gazebos.



There has been one more small but important improvement. The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed the arrival of a new bench at the club as shown in the photograph (and to which a plaque will be added in due course). This bench is in memory of Kathryn Barrington (wife of

Phil Barrington and Mother to Emily and Alice). Kathryn was an active member of the village community initially volunteering at the primary school and fundraising as part of their PTA. In 2005 Kathryn became a teaching assistant at the school before she decided to follow Alice to Princes Risborough School in 2009. In September 2019 Kathryn returned as a volunteer at the school supporting in Year 3. Many of the villagers will have seen Kathryn out and about on her various walks, including circuits of the cricket grounds. These walks could last for hours due to her ability to chat to anyone about anything and everything. Kathryn was also an active part of the Bledlow Ridge Ladies group. Phil, Emily and Alice would like to thank Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club for allowing them to have this memorial bench on their grounds.

Finally as always, please support the 200 Club and other vital fundraising initiatives. These are all open to everyone in the village and beyond.

For more about the club, please visit www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk or contact John Rolfe (Club Captain): 07873 516568 - j.rolfe444@btinternet.com

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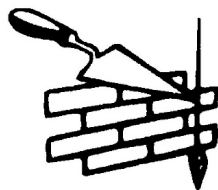
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Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club



We held our Open Day earlier in June and were pleased to welcome many prospective members. They were able to participate in free group coaching from Sam Frost from JWT Coaching, and we had the mini-court set up as a Pickleball court for people to try.

For those who haven't heard of Pickleball before, it's a fun sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net, two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, over the net.

We also held our singles tournament in June, which was very well attended. We played a handicap round robin event to encourage players of all abilities. The results were not available before going to press – but you can see them on our website at www.bledlowridgetennis.co.uk/winners.

Both men's and women's teams have recently drawn their league matches – the women away against Cheddington, and the men away at Lacey Green and Loosely Row. Both were close and hard-fought matches.

Our Sunday morning social sessions are extremely popular and regularly over-subscribed. This is no doubt only due to the great tennis and company, and nothing to do with the great cakes that our members bake and bring for afterwards!

Our next events are the mixed doubles and men's and women's doubles tournaments on Sunday 14th July and Sunday 8th September respectively.

If you'd like to get back into tennis, are a beginner and would like to get started, or are an experienced player who would like to join a friendly, inclusive and sociable club, please get in touch with Ben at 07909 976 725 or benalawrence@hotmail.com.

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Nature Notes

It has been a good year for orchids, popping up in churchyards and gardens, and always admired by visitors to Yoesden. Many felt that it has been a bad year for butterflies so far, sightings in single figures rather than fluttering clouds, and also fewer swallows and swifts. Scientific studies will report later if the weather, lower sunshine hours than average and frequent winds from the north, has affected wildlife in the UK this year. But there is something to see in all seasons. Opportunistic red kites circle above fields being cut for haylage and hay. Brooks are still flowing after the wet spring so you may spot the aptly named "beautiful demoiselle" damselfly, dark blue with iridescent turquoise highlights. Happy nature watching over the next few months.



Bledlow Ridge Primary School

Before half term the children took part "Power of Kindness week" this week involved the children really thinking all the different ways they can be kind and show people they are appreciated. It was a wonderful week and the children really built on the wonderful kindness they already show.

Sports day is fast approaching and once again parents will be invited to come to watch and support the children and stay for a picnic afterwards so let's hope the sun is shining.

In very exciting news the school has reached the finals of "THE Big Science Event" well done to all the students involved.

The term will finish with the graduation of the Year 6 pupils and on behalf of the school and local community we wish you the best of luck for September at your new schools.

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Bradenham

News from St Botolph's Church

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on April 28th, after morning service.

The Vestry Meeting was very brief. Pete Baldwin and Richard Langridge were re-elected as Church Wardens for 2024/25.

News from Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on April 28th, after morning service.

The Council met on May 20th, slightly later than intended because we had to move from the cricket pavilion due to a flood from a faulty tap.. Fortunately we were able to move across to the church, put the heaters on, and forget we were nearly

In June!!!! We had three meetings to deal with and the change of venue proved fortuitous as we managed them all.

The Annual Parish Council meeting (APCM) was first.

Present :- Cllr Tief Jones, Cllr Peggy Ewart, Cllr Richard Langridge, Cllr Paul Oborn, Cllr Paul Wooster. Cllr Trevor Hunt and Cllr Andrew Stubbings sent apologies.

There were no County Councillors present as a general election had been called and they were in purdah until the election had taken place. No members of the public were present.

Cllr Tief Jones was elected chairman, and Cllr Paul Oborn Vice Chairman.

Cllr Oborn agreed to be planning lead for the year..A pond warden was not appointed

but Cllr Stubbings would continue his work around the pond as and when required.

In his report, the Chairman thanked the clerk for another year of sterling service. The Council had hosted a picnic for the King's Coronation but inclement weather kept numbers down.

The clerk presented the accounts; details are on the website. The auditor was appointed for another year.

The Annual Parish Meeting took place followed by the usual by-monthly meeting. Several decisions were taken:- A new noticeboard has been ordered, replacing the dilapidated present one. A third dog bin had been purchased. The Bradenham Blast would take place on September 8th. The litter pick at the end of April had cleared much rubbish. The track up Bradenham Hill is in very poor order; it is hoped this can be dealt with as soon as the weather improves. There are several empty cottages in the village; the clerk was asked to seek clarification about their future.

The next meeting of the parish council will take place on July 15th in a dry cricket pavilion. All are welcome to attend.

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Piddington

Piddington Horticultural Society

A reminder that the Piddington Village Show will be taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday 31st August. Exhibits from those living in the parish of Piddington & Wheeler End and West Wycombe are invited. The weather, so far, has not been good for growing vegetables and flowers, but let's hope that the green-fingered gardeners can provide a super display of produce. There will, of course, be the usual cookery and handicraft sections too.

Schedules will be distributed nearer the time and copies will be available from the Post Office in West Wycombe. Any proceeds from the auction of produce will go towards the Piddington Seniors' New Year meal.

Piddington Village Hall

The Village Hall looked splendid in its D-Day colours, and it was good to see so many locals for the early evening event, which included an informative and fascinating presentation from local historian Simon Cains, who talked about life in Piddington in World War 2 and of those from the village who served in the Armed Forces and the Home Guard. He also told the stories of those who fought in the Normandy campaign and beyond, some of whom sadly lost their lives during the conflict.



In addition to his presentation, Simon provided an extensive display of articles and books to add further colour and insight into life in the village in the early and mid-1940s. We are very grateful for all of the hard work that Simon put into his preparation for the event, which was such a key part of its success. We were

delighted to be joined from West London by the son of one of the villagers who had served during the war, who shared some interesting insights into his father's war service. He touched on a common theme with so many of the veterans of that time; namely, their reluctance to talk freely about all that they had experienced and their humility when they eventually did. It was most fitting that we took the opportunity to mark the sacrifice of all who served during the war and to appreciate the freedoms that were earned on behalf of succeeding generations. After the presentation and the consumption of a goodly number of cream teas, we retired to the Dashwood Roadhouse where a beacon was lit by local Councillor Orshi Hayday. *Continues. pg 26*

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Village Show: Saturday 31st
August

The traditional annual village event, organised by Horticultural Society. Timings to be confirmed nearer the event.

Race Night: 14th September –

Organised with help from members of the team at Badgers Auctions, the date of this event has slipped a week, and timings will be confirmed closer to the date.

**Functions In the Planning Stages
for Later in the Year**

October: Painting Party: date tbc

Sat/Sun 2/3 November:
Possible joint Halloween/Bonfire
night event.

Friday 29th November :
Wreath Making

Sunday 1st December –
Christmas family event.

Sunday 15th December -
The Annual Carol Concert with the
West Wycombe Brass Band.

We are most grateful to Dom and Jo at the Dashwood for supporting our event. We are also grateful for the generous donations given by those who attended.

Monday lunches have now stopped for the summer. It has been decided that in future the lunches will take place on the second Monday in the month. The next lunch will be on Monday 9th September at 12 noon in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Village Hall funds have dipped below our target level of reserves over the past 12 months as we have had to fund some £3000 of essential electrical upgrades. We are actively seeking to increase fundraising through holding more events and private functions in the hall. However, in doing so, we are very mindful of the occasional risk to the tranquillity of the village during the warmer evenings, when the users of the hall are tempted to open windows and share

their enjoyment with the village more than they perhaps should. Our conditions of hire require users to adhere to start and end times for their events and to be considerate of our neighbours, and the committee will continue to reinforce those requirements, but we apologise for any recent events that were noisier than they should have been. We are always open to suggestions for other fundraising activities for the hall, including sponsorship, so if you have any good ideas, please let us know.

An updated programme of activities for the remainder of the year is in hand and whilst the precise dates and timings for some of the later events have still yet to be confirmed, the current schedule is set out below. These remain over and above the routine group activities and private functions that take place in the hall, which can be seen on our website.

News from Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council

Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2024

The Parish Council Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month (unless stated) at 7.30pm in Piddington Village Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

9th July	8th	October
No meeting in August	12th	November
10th September	10th	December (Precept will be set).

Litter picking

Our Parish Councillors are doing regular litter picks along with volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to litter picking please contact the Parish Clerk.

Do you want to know what topics are discussed at Parish Council Meetings but unable to attend the meetings?

Attending Parish Council Meetings are a great way to find out what's going on in the Parish and ask questions and make comments (we love compliments the most). We are a friendly bunch, making decisions to best serve the community. But we realise that people have busy lives and can't always come along to a meeting. To find out what's

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Radnage

News From St Mary's Church

Dear Friends of St. Mary's Radnage and the wider Benefice, the Church-wardens received news that Rev. Penny Nash has withdrawn her application for the Benefice post on the grounds of ill health. The official statement you will be able to read elsewhere in Contact.

The disappointment is great but the overwhelming feeling is for Rev. Penny and her family to find peace again and health issues addressed. Please re-member her in your prayers and also those who will be starting the recruit-ment process again.

We've just enjoyed the D-Day anniversary celebrations in Radnage with all generations gathering together to remember to whom our country is eternally indebted. The weather held and church members manned the Tombola stall which made a successful £415.80

The Open Garden date is Saturday August 17th. Time 12 – 2pm - Venue is Four Acres, Green End Road, Radnage. HP14 4BZ All are welcome. There will be a Bouncy Castle, a swim in the pool (bring a towel), teas and cakes, a raffle and a name the bear competition. Donations in aid of St. Mary's Church and Radnage Church of England Primary School. Any cakes grateful-ly accepted on or just before the day.

Please save the date for the Autumn Teas event on Sunday October 6th from 2 -4pm. This year there will be a circular walk starting at 1.30 and finishing at the church.

Teas and cakes again on offer for all comers.

Don Timms our organist will be hosting another concert in St. Mary's on Saturday 6th July from 7pm- 9pm "Bring on the Brits". Selections from Waltzes, Oliver, Dambusters and popular medleys.

Tickets £5 on the door or bookings in advance - phone 07711 337243 Cash donations for refreshments – all proceeds to a local charity.

On Sunday July 7th within the 10.00am service we are hoping to book a speaker to talk about children's work in the Benefice. We often display the work of the school children in church – do support this service and come and admire their artwork.

As you know the West wall of the church is now finished. Work will begin on the South wall, the Porch roof and the East window in the coming months.

St Mary's is open to all looking for a quiet place to sit and rest. You will find the tea station set up for use throughout the week. Please take time to come and visit this peaceful church.

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WI News: Village D Day Commemoration Event

We firstly wanted to thank everyone for supporting our Tea & Cake stall on Saturday 8th June – we sold just less than 240 pieces of cake so were very busy....

If you attended we hope you enjoyed the day and our homemade bakes if you managed to have one! We are now fully aware cake and beer/wine is a thing, - there was very little tea sold .

We would like to also thank all the ladies who baked, served, sold and bought our bakes too – your time and efforts are all very appreciated by all (especially Jane). Thank you .

June Meeting

Ann Brown, who lives in Radnage spoke to us about learning to fly (later in life!) it was a very interesting, inspiring and humorous recount of an amazing achievement. We presented her with a bouquet of flowers, locally grown in Bledlow Ridge as thanks.

July Meeting

Our summer social meeting, will be held in the village hall. We shall be enjoy-ing prosecco and non-alcoholic punch, with nibbles. If you would like to come and perhaps bring a guest just let one of the Committee members know, so we can cater appropriately. radnage.wi@outlook.com.

Future Meetings

In AUGUST We are visiting Chiltern Sky Flowers, and in SEPTEMBER there will be a talk by TuTu Chocolate of Watlington, which sounds delicious! In OCTOBER, we welcome back Sarah, to give us a talk about the secrets of ladies of the royal court. Sarah comes in costume, and is extremely enter-taining and informative. NOVEMBER is our AGM meeting and looking forward to Christmas, in DECEMBER we shall have an evening of live 70's music.

Other News:-

Our regular walking group is led by Mavis Towell. 2 Walks a month, one short, one longer, finishing with lunch. Walks start at 10.30 am and should finish around 2.30pm. There is a £2 charge for non-members and everyone is very welcome. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mavis by email, mavis.towell668@btinternet.com. Please check beforehand in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Our informal Supper Club is thriving; we aim to have them every 2 months. This is very popular, and a relaxing evening. If you would like to come, or host, please contact us on radnage.wi@outlook.com.

Notes For Your Diary

FOUR ACRES are having an Open Garden Day on 17th August as a fund raiser for the church Ann Cooper would be very grateful for any support and cakes if you are able to bake one for her.

BRING AND BUY This raises raise additional funds and is always popular. Have a declutter and bring along anything that you no longer have a use for, books, kitchenware, sewing/ knitting odds and ends, or general bric-a-brac. Remember one woman's junk is another woman's treasure!

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A THANK YOU TO RADNAGE PARISH COUNCIL

As a village we'd like to thank RPC for delivering another great village event on 8th June. It was good to mark such a significant occasion in our nation's history. We really appreciate the work and effort you all put in to make it another **great village event** – Thank you from the residents of the best village ever!



Radnage Parish Council

DDAY COMMEMORATION EVENTS THANK YOU's.....

Radnage Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in making the DDAY Beacon Lighting on 6th June such a special occasion. Special thanks to Pat for the reading of the Thankfulness poem, Jaiye for climbing the ladder, Richard for bearing the Standard and Darren and Aidan for wood collecting and tree pruning. Well done All!

And the commemoration event on 8th June so successful for all....

It was a fantastic village team effort again, and would not have happened without everyone below, and you all attending too!

Some specific thank you's are below, but there were so many people in-volved in the end, if we have missed you, apologies....

So, in no particular order...

Thank you to all the members of Radnage Parish Council for all the planning and efforts to deliver a great day, and for funding the inflatables & the face painting, the kids loved them!

Thank you to the Community First Responders for attending and being there for us!

Thank you for the Scouts and Scout Leaders for delivering a fantastic barbecue!

Thank you to the Radnage School team for running the bar all day, with extended hours!

Thank you to Holly at Daws Hill for serving complimentary cocktails!

Thank you to St Marys for the tombola and Charmaine for her beautiful knitted DDAY display!

Thank you to Follyfoot for bringing their beautiful ponies along and their stall also!

Thank you to the Radnage Raiders for the fabulous footie entertainment!

Thank you to Jane and the WI for their delicious cakes and teas.

Thank you to Simon Watts for lending us his huge marquee and the volunteers who put it up and took it down!

Thank you for Phil & Elizabeth for buying and moving the straw bales on and off site for us!

Thank you to Martin Cole for lending us one of his lovely Chiltern Marquees.

Thank you to Maurice and Andrew for the Military vehicles and James for bringing a vintage vehicle along.

Thank you to the British Legion and Radnage Charity for attending - great to see you there !

Thank you to Sue and Jane for ensuring the event was publicised in Contact Magazine and around the village.

Thank you to Anna, Ella and The Barnstormers for the live music and Tony the DJ.

Thank you to everyone else that helped on the day to make the event run so smoothly,

helping us set up and set down and helping with all the other little things that go unnoticed...

And finally thank you to YOU - the residents of Radnage thank you all for coming out on the day to support us all ... without you all being there it would not have been such a great day!

It was a great way for us a community to come together to commemorate such a significant day in history.

New AED Defibrillator at Bennett End

Radnage, Bennett End AED defibrillator is now operational. This is to better serve residents in the NW end of our dispersed village.

Please note, It is a locked cabinet and calling emergency services and stating position will allow access code to be gained.

The 'What 3 words' position is: state. eternally. satellite and it is located at Bennett End Triangle (Green)

We Are Looking For New Councillors To Join Us!

Please do consider joining us to help make a difference to the community and the wonderful place in which we live. If you are interested in applying or finding out more, please contact the Clerk (parish.clerk@radnage.net) with a few details about yourself and your reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Next Meeting of the Parish Council -

Our next meeting, the Ordinary Meeting of The Parish Council will be held at 8pm on Thursday 11th July 2024.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall.



The Royal British Legion

Opening Times

Fri. 6:00 to 11:00pm
Sat. 8:00 to 11:00pm
Sun. 12.30 to 5.30pm

Forthcoming Events at the RBL:-

July 6th Quiz Night – 8:00pm
July 13th Bingo – 8:00pm
July 20th Summer Disco Party – 8:00pm Tickets: £5:00

RADNAGE D-DAY COMMEMORATIONS

As world leaders and other dignitaries gathered in Normandy to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, towns and villages across the United Kingdom also held events on honour of the occasion and Radnage was no exception.

The village held two events, which were organised by Radnage Parish Council. The first was a beacon lighting ceremony. Several members of the Radnage Branch of the Royal British Legion were present on the evening. The last post was sounded, followed by a minutes silence. At 9:15pm, a member of the RBL climbed the ladder and lit the beacon. The chairman of the Radnage Branch, Mr Pat Plumridge then made a speech honouring all of the service personnel who took part in D-Day, whether that was in Normandy or on the home front. Drinks were available on the evening any money raised was donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

The second event took place on the playing field next to the village hall. Several attractions were available for everyone to enjoy. A bouncy castle, face painting and tugs of war kept younger visitors entertained.

Music was provided by Anna Nightingale who sang a selection of wartime favourites and The Barnstormers played later in the day. The Scouts ran the burger and hot dog stand. Dawes Hill Vineyard provided a cocktail bar and there was a bar in the village hall. A couple of World War Two vehicles were also on display.

The Royal British Legion were also in attendance at the event. A plant sale was organised, with any profit donated to the Poppy Appeal.

Both events went smoothly were very successful. The donations from the beacon lighting and the plant sale totalled £190.09 for the Poppy Appeal. On behalf of the Radnage Branch of the Royal British Legion, I would like to thank the people of Radnage for their generosity.

Greg Burge,
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West Wycombe

News from St Paul's Church

Life can be very unpredictable. It was ever thus. We received the news, early in June, that Penny Nash had to withdraw her acceptance to become our Priest-in-charge (Rector), due to a life-changing medical diagnosis. It's fair to say that our first reaction was shock, sadness and disappointment. Most of all great sadness and empathy for Penny and her family. Health, in every sense, is a mainstay of equilibrium and many of us will have experienced ourselves, or of our loved ones, suffering in pain or disablement. It is truly sobering to think of this happening at this stage of Penny's future. Despite her retirement from ministry in the Church of England, it must be our wish that her faith, care and support of family and friends, and God's abiding love, will be with her throughout the years and circumstances ahead, in courage and in hope.

So - what now? Well, once again the process of revising and presenting a profile of the Benefice, and advertising for applicants will go ahead, and hope that someone will be called to come and lead us in worship and fellowship, as we hold firm to our faith.

Our thoughts are also very much with the wonderful clergy who have tirelessly continued to make sure that we have been receiving a service in one of the four churches every week, not to mention baptisms, weddings and funerals, and undertaking pastoral work. We should never take this for granted. And so - a heartfelt thank you to Veronica Beaumont, Anne Cooper, Andi Chapman and Ivor Cornish, together with occasional preachers from the Diocese. And let's not forget the Church Wardens, P.C.C. members, and volunteers who do so much unseen to keep the buildings bright, clean and cared for, providing music and flowers, refreshments, and maintaining the churchyards and burial grounds. Thanks and blessings to one and all.

As for our parish church, the next service will be at 10.30am on Sunday, 14th July, when we look forward to seeing our regular congregation, and friends from the other 3 parishes, which has been a real joy during recent times.



On Saturday, 8th June we had a lovely time at the 'Butterfly Crafts' four hours in the Village Hall, admiring (and buying) the beautiful and skilled works produced

by talented local people, with Beth, Carrie and Ros keeping everyone happy with refreshments throughout. This, together with the hire of tables for the Craft wares, raised a healthy £295.20 for church funds, all grist to the mill.

At the time of writing Dan still needs a full week of dry weather before he can complete the repair work, which cannot be done until the bricks and mortar are completely dry. We do, after all, live in the British Isles! However, hopefully the new chairs will be in

situ by the time you read this.

That leaves little else to report, as the P.C.C. will not meet until after copy will have gone to print. Do you realise that the next Contact will be the August/September issue! Let's hope we can enjoy some 'proper' Summer weather in between.

Meanwhile we continue to wait in faith, hope and prayerfulness for our next incumbent - all in God's time. Blessings to all.

Beverley Cope

Thank You

I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to my retirement gifts, many anonymously. I will spend many happy hours at Davies Brothers in Burnham selecting plants and hanging baskets for my garden using the vouchers purchased and then planting them in the terracotta pot, using my lovely trowel and gardening gloves. My bouquet was beautiful - traditional garden flowers, obviously someone took notice when I said that I was growing flowers for our home on my allotment! With the cash I was given I would like to find something to buy that will be a permanent reminder - probably something silver and I will enjoy putting spring flowers, especially snowdrops in my vase. My final meeting followed by my retirement event was just right and I was so pleased to see so many people there, some family, some friends and many that I had worked with over the last nearly 29 years. My twins were 5 years old when I started as Clerk and they really enjoyed, as adults, seeing for themselves how my role in the community was appreciated by those who were able to join us.

Thank you to all the Parish Councillors who put so much thought behind the event and my gifts - I have worked with many Councillors over the years and they have always been the same - friendly, hard working and dedicated to their community. The team work has always been incredible.

job easier and our community has benefitted with the creation of our own Civil Burial Ground, the Pedestal Playing Field and the Chorley Road allotments - none of these things would have existed without them.

Thank you,

Sharon Henson

Thank you to Sir Edward and Lady Lucinda for coming to my special evening and the beautiful framed print of West Wycombe Park in the 18th Century. The working relationship with Sir Edward and all the West Wycombe Estate staff has made my

News from West Wycombe Parish Council

This year's Annual Parish Meeting, held in the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd May, was very well attended, as it was also a special occasion; after almost 30 years of service our Parish Clerk, Sharon Henson, was retiring.

The meeting itself was opened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Simon Cope, who gave his report on the past 12 months of activity. Cllr Cope began by paying tribute to his fellow Parish Councillors, all of whom are volunteers, for their hard work, dedication and support throughout the year, and of course to Sharon, our outgoing Parish Clerk. His report went on to cover

village had experienced at the start of this year.



Sharon then presented the Parish Council's financial statement for the year. She reminded people that, given the ongoing pressure on household finances we had not increased our precept, the amount of money that we ask Buckinghamshire Council to collect from council tax payers in order to carry out the everyday functions of the parish. Sharon's report covered all of the areas in which this money is spent, and details of these are in the accounts which can be viewed on the Parish Council's website.

The meeting then heard from Sir Edward Dashwood, Bt, with news from West Wycombe Estate. He explained that the Estate is concentrating on biodiversity, especially as the government is paying them to do this, albeit to the detriment of food production. However with the appalling weather it has been extremely difficult to grow the crops as seed has rotted in the fields and the land has been too wet for cultivation. He described the Estate's plans



highways issues that had arisen during the year and the progress made on these by Buckinghamshire Council's new contractors; an update on the project to try and address the issue of pedestrian safety and footway incursion on West Wycombe High Street, on which at the time a consultation was being undertaken by Bucks Council; the Parish Council's attempts to gather volunteers for a Community Speedwatch group; the continued development of the Community Orchard, situated behind St Paul's church and the parish burial ground; litter picking; the Festive Fayre; and the flooding that the

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for improving conditions for wild flora and fauna, including the planting of 150 acres of wildflower corridor from West Wycombe towards Lane End. He also explained the reasons behind the recent forestry activity in the area, most of which was related to tackling the effects of ash dieback.

Following Sir Edward, David Surtees-Dawson from the National Trust detailed their plans for external decoration work on West Wycombe High Street, which he acknowledged were likely to cause short-term disruption but were essential for the long-term preservation of the village. David's colleague Neil Harris, the Trust's Head Ranger (who also serves as Deputy Chairman of the Parish Council) gave his report on local work over the past year - the completion of the new run of steps up the face of West Wycombe Hill; a programme of juniper regeneration on the hill; concerns

around the increasing prevalence of nitrous oxide cylinders amongst the litter that their teams collect; ending with some cheery news of the barn owls who had hatched a brood at Smalldean, and the team's regular bird and butterfly surveys in the area.

There were two written reports submitted to the meeting, which were read out by Cllr Cope and Sharon Henson - these were from the Community Library, who have recently recruited three new volunteers and continue to send out substantial numbers of books to other libraries in the area as their selection is so good; and from West Wycombe Cricket Club, who reported a good season last year but a poor start to this year due to the incessant rain.

Cllr Vicki Smith, BEM, then gave a report from West Wycombe Community Association, the body that manages the Village Hall. She reported that the hall had lost a couple of

regular hirers, but that the grave concerns that they had had regarding the rising costs of electricity had been mitigated by advice to make better use of the infra-red heaters, which appeared to be keeping costs down. Cllr Smith paid tribute to the hard work of the letting secretary, Emma Copley, who had recently secured an important booking for the hall to be used as a polling station following the announcement of the general election!

Buckinghamshire Councillor Darren Hayday addressed the meeting briefly, and on behalf of himself and his wife and fellow councillor Orshi praised the work of the Parish Council and the good working relationship that they enjoyed.

The final report was from West Wycombe Churches, and was given by outgoing churchwarden Alison Rimmer on behalf of the Parochial Church Council. The biggest ongoing issue for the benefice is of course the ongoing vacancy for a priest, but Alison explained that in many ways this has led to a drawing closer of the parishes in the benefice through the necessity of working collectively to maintain services. At the time of the meeting the PCC were very much looking forward to welcoming Revd Penny Nash as the next priest, but since then we have all learned the sad news that she will not now be taking up the role. The sale of the Church Room & Loft was a huge step forward for the PCC as it allowed them to focus more on the needs of parishioners whilst knowing that the building will be well cared for. At St Paul's the sharing arrangement with the Serbian Orthodox Church had come to an end, and maintenance work on the building was ongoing. Alison closed by thanking everyone for their kindness and good wishes for the future as she retires to the West Country, saying that it had been a real privilege and pleasure to be Churchwarden.



Following one or two questions from the audience, Cllr Cope closed the Annual Parish Meeting proper and handed over to Cllr Smith, who gave a speech thanking Sharon for her dedication, service, and hard work on behalf of the Parish Council and the local community. Sharon was presented with gifts of Davies Brothers Plant Nursery vouchers and some additional money, gardening gloves, a trowel, a terracotta pot, a vase, a bouquet, and a fantastic card with photos marking different events, signed by many members of the community. Sir Edward and Lady Lucinda presented Sharon with a framed print of West Wycombe Park in the 18th Century; they had also very kindly provided all the wine for the evening, and all those present raised a glass in toast to Sharon, wishing her a long and happy retirement.

All the reports, along with Cllr Smith's presentation speech, can be found on the Parish Council website at westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Our meetings

Dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings are: 11th July, 8th August (if required), 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, and 12th December. All meetings start at 8pm and the agenda is issued a week before the meeting and is available on the website (see below) and via our Facebook page.

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Please remember, to get the latest information on Parish Council activities; social events; Buckinghamshire Council; Thames Valley Police; government legislation; footpaths; and many other things that may affect our community go to www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The Clerk works part-time for the Parish Council; however, we are always happy to receive emails or messages on the answer machine and these will be replied to as quickly as possible.

Steven Marshall, Clerk to the Parish Council, can be contacted at clerk@westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk or on 01494 448048

West Wycombe Community Library

Our opening times are as follows

Monday - Friday
10am - 12 noon

Saturday & Sunday Closed

Phone number 01494 449389

Our library is very colourful and we're very welcoming. We have all the latest books and can request books from other Libraries. Books, you borrow from other Libraries can be returned to West Wycombe Library. These can be put through the letter box if the Library is closed.

We also have lots of colourful blankets which have been crocheted by Wendy & Ann. These are for sale for £5.

Please visit, have a cup of tea/ coffee and enjoy the ambience of sitting in West Wycombe looking at lovely buildings.

Thank you Ann & Wendy for all your hard work. Thank you also Ann for knitting lovely baby hats for the special care baby unit.

Charmaine Gallaghe



West Wycombe Weather Station

Chorley Road - Eileen Chapman

Week ending	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm	Sunshine hours
May 6 th	2	20	13	32
May 12 th	5	25	6	50
May 19 th	6	24	28	23
May 27 th	6	22	30	21

West Wycombe Village Hall

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Day	Time	Activity
Mon	Morning	Pip - Phonics with Robot Reg • pip@robotreg.co.uk
	Afternoon	Exercise & Mobility class 1pm, • ollyreedfitness@gmail.com
	Evening	West Wycombe Art Group • wwag.secretary@hotmail.com
Tues	Morning	Available
	Afternoon	Available
	Evening	Jennifer Zumba • jennifer.morais.zumba@outlook.com Masque Player • masqueplayers2022@gmail.com
Wed	Morning	WW Toddler Group • wwbabytoddler@gmail.com
	Afternoon	Crochet Club 4.30pm, • ga.watkins@yahoo.co.uk
	Evening	Cycle club (first Wed of every month)
Thur	Morning	Available
	Afternoon	Available
	Evening	Masque Player • masqueplayers2022@gmail.com Happy Hounds Dog Training • www.huntshappyhounds.co.uk/
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	Evening	Yoga with Laila Lailanippress2@gmail.com

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Greetings from a sunny Weymouth, I really hope the weather is sunny for you too, the last few weeks have been so unpredictable!

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a HUGE Thankyou for all the kind messages I received before moving away and for the immense generosity of your gifts. I feel so very grateful every time I look at my cards or visit the local nursery/garden centre and have had such fun choosing plants for my new garden, it's an absolute joy to be out there and hear the sea gulls overhead too. They haven't got too close recently... although when I took the family to the Jailhouse Cafe high up on Portland, one actually swooped down and stole a customer's car keys. The gull flew off with them and dropped them on the Cafe roof, thankfully not over the cliff, and so all was well eventually.



It is really lovely to be living back in Weymouth, some things have changed a lot and some not at all. The town and harbourside are bustling at this time of year, there are so many boats in and out including an active fishing industry (cue seagulls again!) and the road bridge lifts every two hours, quite a feat of engineering. Holy Trinity church which we went to when Anna was a toddler is right by the bridge and very embracing of the visitors and local community. I've been to several services now and it's very friendly, welcoming and supporting residents from the Bibby Stockholm barge ship and cruise ships berthed at Portland. It's a Victorian church, quite high church liturgy, 180 years old and very large, with a splendid organ and small choir, but also with so many fabric and

maintenance issues that come with a large church! The crypt stretches the length of the church and is used for children's groups and some services when the big church is very cold and too expensive to heat, I'm told that there are always plenty of blankets in church in wintertime!

I've also discovered a smaller parish church at Wyke Regis with a nature churchyard, considerably older at 700 years and again very welcoming, and the two churches work closely together. I've met again the young mum who ran the Sunday School when we were here last and a former Air Traffic Controller who was also at HMS Osprey, both still living locally with their families which is lovely.



When not gardening I'm often out walking and re-exploring, swimming at the local pool (haven't ventured in the sea yet but there are some great little beaches), and checking out local pubs! I'm also meeting up with the local WRNS branch soon which will be great. But the garden is an absolute joy and to now have the time to spend out there a blessing. Thankyou again for all your kindness and please do come and visit or stay whenever you'd like to, I miss seeing you all and think of you so often, I have so many happy memories of life in Buckinghamshire to treasure forever.

Alison Rimmer

Church Services

Sunday 7 July <i>Trinity 6</i>	Eucharist 10am <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Ezek 2.1-5 2 Cor 12.2-10 Mk 6.1-13
Sunday 14 July <i>Trinity 7</i>	Eucharist with Baptism 10.30am <i>Reverend Ivor Cornish</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Amos 7.7-15 Eph 1.3-14 Mk.6. 14-29
Sunday 21 July <i>Trinity 8</i>	Eucharist 10.00am <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Jer 23.1-6 Eph 2.11-22 Mk 6.30-34,53-56
Sunday 28 July <i>Trinity 9</i>	Eucharist with Baptism 11am <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	2 Kings 4.42-44 Eph 3.14-21 Jn 6.1-21
Sunday 4 Aug <i>Trinity 10</i>	Eucharist 10am	St Mary's, Radnage	Ex 16.2-4,9-15 Eph 4.1-16 Jn 6.24-35
Sunday 11 Aug <i>Trinity 11</i>	Eucharist 10.30am	St Paul's, West Wycombe	1 Kings 19.4-8 Eph 4.25-5.2
Sunday 18 Aug <i>Trinity 12</i>	Eucharist 10.00am	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Prov 9.1-6 Eph 5.15-20 Jn 6.51-58
Sunday 25 Aug <i>Trinity 13</i>	Eucharist with Baptism 11am	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Josh 24.1-2,14-18 Eph 6.10-20 Jn 6.56-69

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Trinity Sunday was celebrated on 26th May but the date changes each year as it relates to Easter and the phase of the moon. Through the summer each Sunday is known as the number of weeks after Trinity e.g. Trinity 1, etc. During this time we learn about the teachings of Jesus.

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