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Letter from your church

Our income from advertising in 'Contact' is not sufficient for us to produce this magazine every month throughout the year, consequently at some point we must cover two months. So, this edition is for both August and September. Strangely, they bring very different thoughts to mind.

I first looked at the poem by Sara Coleridge that we learned at school that starts January brings the snow..... then goes on to



August brings the sheaves of corn, Then the harvest home is borne.

Warm September brings the fruit, Sportsmen then begin to shoot

Then I remembered the Flanders and Swan version that made fun of the English weather ...



August, cold and dank and wet, Brings more rain than any yet.

Bleak September's mist and mud, Is enough to chill the blood..

Neither of these resonated with me but there was definitely a contrast.

My August memories are of family times on the beach or in the hills or by the river – OK the weather was not always bright and sunny but it did not spoil the feeling of freedom, togetherness and relaxation.

And then, September meant new beginnings, a new term or change of focus or just back to routine. But in all, a sense of renewed energy.

As we think of all the contrasts of life it is good to remember that God is with us wherever we are and however we feel. We may not always remember his presence but he is always there with us enfolding us with his love.

John Pritchard (our Bishop of Oxford until his retirement in 2014) has written a book 'Something More' subtitled Encountering the Beyond in the everyday. In the past many of us have found his writing relevant and easy to read. In his introductory chapter, he acknowledges that for many 'the language of the church that sustained and shaped Western culture for well over a thousand years has more or less hit the buffers'. He believes that 'God' keeps leaking into our lives but that we have difficulty finding language to describe the experience. I have plans to start a group later in the year when we can meet together, possibly in an afternoon, to share each others company with tea and cake, discuss chapters of the book and pray together. Watch this space.



With very best wishes for some relaxation in August and happy plans for September.

Every blessing,
Veronica,



Orla's Baptism at St Pauls, WW

From the Registers Baptism

Orla Bruce
St Paul's, West Wycombe

Funeral

Stephen George Brooks
St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

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News from St Paul's Church

After our disappointment that Revd Penny Nash was unable to join us, our representatives have moved quickly and advertisements for a new Rector are already in the Church Times and by the time that you read this we will know if we have applicants. Please continue to pray for Penny as she faces an unexpected difficult future and for our future as a benefice. We pray that someone will hear God's call to join us and work together with us in finding the right way forward for our parishes.

While we have had this extended time of vacancy we have been blessed by the help of others especially Revd Ivor Cornish and Revd Andi Chapman. Ivor took a lovely baptism for us in June and baby Felicity

was exceptionally good throughout, just surprised when she was splashed with water. In July we will also have had help from Revd Philip Smith who preached for us when we had swap over services with Stokenchurch and Lane End – an initiative that we hope to repeat at the end of September. Our August service is to be taken by our friend Revd Lucy Green from Radnage who has been working with Downley parish. In September Ivor will be back with us again.

Meanwhile best wishes to everyone in the hope that you will all have the opportunity to have some rest and relaxation during the summer.



Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12th August 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

The Parish Council met on Monday 8th July 2024 at Bledlow Village Hall - draft minutes of the meeting can be found on our website.

- Planning applications were discussed, and comments approved
- A grant application from Bledlow Ridge School Association for an all-weather running track was discussed and the Parish Council resolved to approve the grant for £2,000.

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 Parish

24/06411/FUL Higher Croft The City Bledlow Ridge

alterations

Householder application for change of use of remaining part of existing outbuilding for use as an annexe ancillary to the main property, with associated fenestration

PC Comment: Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council object to this application as it does not appear to be a conversion but a potential new dwelling and therefore would require a full planning permission

Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

23/08067/ADRC Former Site Of Molins Haw Lane

22/08264/FUL Land Adjacent Juniper Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 8 (contamination verification report) pursuant to planning approval: 22/06872/VCDN

Demolition of the existing building and blocking up of existing field access, creating of new field access, erection of new 1x agricultural/equestrian storage building and 1x stable/storage building, erection of menage and associated works and hardstanding

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Village Breakfast @ The Hall
3rd August
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Record Breaking Village Breakfast

The village breakfast in July was the busiest we've ever seen! It was wonderful to see so many people from our community come together, engage in lively conversation, and get to know one another better. We love these opportunities to strengthen our village bonds and create lasting memories.

Join us for the next village Breakfast

Mark your calendars for the next village breakfast on 3rd August 9.30 to 11 am

Whether you're a regular attendee or a newcomer, everyone is welcome.

Come and enjoy a £4 breakfast, catch up with friends and may be make new ones.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Friendship Club

Instead of meeting in the Village Hall in June we went to the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People for a cream tea which we all very much enjoyed. We were very lucky as it was one of the few warm sunny days.

We do not have a meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 25th September at 2pm in the Village Hall when someone from Bucks County Council will

be coming to talk to us and get our views on what they do/should be doing for older people. Visitors always welcome.

The Ridge Evening WI

Our July meeting was a last-minute rearrangement because, sadly, Margareth was unable to host the planned garden party due to illness. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

We met in the village hall where two dozen chairs were arranged in a large circle; we all enthusiastically shared a plentiful supply of cakes that had miraculously appeared and quickly adapted to drinking wine (or soft drinks) instead of our usual tea! Buoyed up by refreshments and a great buzz of conversations, certain members took it in turns to 'show and tell' something that held a special meaning for them.

There was a notebook filled with quotations and sayings written over years by someone's mother... such as 'the tide turns at low water as well as at high' or 'the hardest thing in life to learn is which bridge to cross and which to burn' or 'if you don't know where you are going, you will probably end up somewhere else'. Then there was a beautiful pair of silk embroidered shoes shown along with photographs of a son's very special wedding in South Korea, attended by the whole family and remembered with great joy. The most amazing very old letters and photographs unexpectedly discovered, led to years of learning about genealogy and producing an intriguing family history. An unexpectedly diverted plane journey, led to the discovery of a new place, the purchase of an old cottage and 40 years of joy and family memories in Corsica. There was a teeny tiny koala bear mascot that has ensured success in every exam, interview or challenge by the fond owner. There was jewellery given as gifts when working teaching English to three Spanish children, with the crowning article being a pendant of beryl. No prizes for guessing that one!

It was then that stories began to pour out virtually unprompted; Of midwifery in an overcrowded Arabic hospital in Israel where even though space was tight, whole families camped out on or by the bed of the new mother to welcome the baby. Then newly qualified, our member judged she delivered more babies in ten months than most midwives do in a lifetime! Then a heart-warming tale of living in Baghdad when it was overrun with feral cats. When returning to the UK for a break, our member visited a vet and bought a supply of animal contraceptives to take to the hordes of moggies, thus controlling the population. Our member eventually returned permanently to the UK bringing

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with her the three (neutered) pet cats she had adopted. Yet another member lived for some years in India and came home with an extra daughter, one up from the cats! I think we could have gone on all night with each story surpassing the last. Everyone has a story to tell and this impromptu evening proved it.

At our meeting on 7th August, Mike Dewey will be telling us about the "Ordinary People of High Wycombe who Did Extraordinary Things" and on September 4th we will be

hearing from Joe Laurie about travelling as a wartime nurse "From Charing Cross to China".

We are always keen to welcome new members to our friendly group, so if you would like to know more about us, please come as a visitor (£3) donation, and you will be sure of a warm welcome. Enquiries for more details may be made to theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com

Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

On Saturday 7 Sept at 2.30pm, we have our Annual Show in the Village Hall, before returning to the monthly speaker events in October

It's an Open Show which means that whoever you are, whether a BRHS member or not, you are very welcome to enter an exhibit and/or come and have a browse around the Show..... it's all free.

The Show Schedule detailing the 70 exhibit classes and how to enter, plus the Entry Form, are now on our website www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk..... Just click "Download schedule" in the Annual Show box. You'll see that are classes for flowers, vegetables, shrubs, fruit, flower arranging, photography and domestic, so there's a class for everyone. There are a couple of easy recipes for cakes in the domestic classes, plus two where you use your own recipe, so why not have a go and do some "trial runs" now and savour the results.

At the Show itself, you won't go hungry because, as usual, there will be the opportunity to sit down and enjoy a cuppa and a piece or two of homemade cake after

viewing the exhibits and choosing your "Best in Show"

Last year was the first time that Entry Forms were submitted electronically, and it made it much simpler and easier, especially for those who live outside the Village. Completed forms for all classes 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. We had some new exhibitors last year who we hope enjoyed the experience and will take part again this year, but we could always do with more, so how about it ?

In October we return to regular meetings in the Village Hall..... On 17 Oct we have Gill Ferguson, a new speaker to us, with "Photographing Flowers and Gardens" and on 17 Nov, we have our brief AGM followed by another new speaker, Carolyn Foster, showing us. "Gardens to visit – Near and Far".



Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

Midway through the season and our 1st team has started to inch up the league table after improved results while the 2nd XI sits comfortably in their division. Young players continue to feature in both sides with 14 year-old Nevin Korala taking four wickets

on his 1st XI debut and another 14 year-old Akain Gunawardana helping to save a match for the 2nds.

Ben Hillary has restored regular Sunday cricket and Jonah Pedrette made a maiden century against Holmer Green while Harley Vye took three wickets on debut.

By the time you have read this we will have run the newly-restored and ever-popular Junior Tournament featuring three matches on the go at any one time and Rik 'ShakEy' Dryden at the mic, trying to keep tabs on it all.

You may have noticed the new additional signs at the entrance to the club, sponsored

by Savills. They feature details of the following week's cricket and tennis matches. And talking of matches, once the Junior Friday night practices come to an end there will be a T20 match every Friday night against local opposition or involving Junior players and their dads. The bar, BBQ and café will be open as usual on these nights all the way through to the first week of September.

All other information about the club can as always, be found on the website www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk.



Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

Our singles and mixed doubles tournaments were fun and friendly affairs but with a healthy dose of competition thrown in as well! We were very lucky and dodged the rain in July, having lovely weather on both occasions.

As we have quite a wide range of abilities and we wanted everybody to have fun, the group stages of both tournaments were played with a handicap format for the first time. Going a game up meant starting the next game 0-15 down, two games up or more meant starting the next game 0-30 down. This was well received by all and surprisingly effective, meaning that most of the matches were closely fought.

The men's singles tournament was won by Ben Stoolman with Charlie Lawrence

as runner-up, and the women's singles tournament was won by Sara Evans with Debs Digby as a very close runner-up. The mixed doubles tournament was won by Charlie Lawrence and Debs Digby, with husband-and-wife pair Clare and Ivan Rogers as runners-up. Congratulations to them all!

The winners received trophies, medals, prizes kindly donated by JWT Coaching, and a set of balls. We then finished off the delicious sandwiches and cake made by the wonderful Jane Lawrence and rewarded



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ourselves with strawberries and cream and Pimms and Lemonade.

We're sad to report that the wonderful Sam Frost from JWT Coaching, who has been our main coach for several years, is leaving to locate to a tennis club nearer to where he now lives in Oxfordshire. Sam has been a hugely positive influence on our club and has provided fantastic high energy and fun coaching for both adults and juniors alike on Saturday mornings. Sam has also increased the skills of both the teams with focussed match play coaching, and individuals with private coaching. We wish Sam well for the next chapter in his coaching career.

We are also delighted to welcome our new coach James Smith from JWT Coaching. James is an experienced LTA Level 2 coach who is

working on his Level 3. Previously James was Head of History at an independent school where he was also in charge of the Tennis and Racket Sports programme. He worked for Mark Warner for three summer seasons in Greece coaching children and adults. He says that he aims to keep his coaching fresh, fun and exciting and looks to create a positive learning environment where players of all ages and abilities can make progress.

Our next events are the men's and women's doubles tournaments on the 8th September, and our Annual Dinner on the 20th September. If you'd like to get back into tennis, or want to start, or already play and would enjoy an inclusive and friendly club, please visit www.bledlowridgetennis.co.uk for more information.

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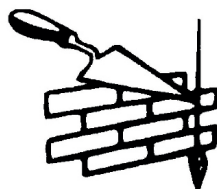
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Bledlow Ridge Athletic Club

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BRAC has been largely dormant for the past few years, but has an important role in taking care of land management, cost sharing between the clubs and liability insurance. We are also bringing the Cricket and Tennis clubs closer together to work on joint projects such as improving the car park, resiting the defibrillator so it is more accessible, and the entrance signs that now advise visitors what matches are coming up.

Graham Grose has kindly agreed to be the Chairman of BRAC, and Dave Wells (BRCC Chairman), Ben Lawrence (BRTC Chairman), Humphrey Grimmett and Dirmuid Jennings make up the remainder of the management committee. Ollie White is leading the project to improve the car park - more on this soon.

You can find out more at our website www.brac.uk.

Country Notes

Summer weather arrived briefly and for a while the air was filled with the scent of freshly cut hay and lime tree flowers.

Marbled white butterflies and six-spot burnet moths flitted about knapweed flowers. Squirrels tore strips of bark from the base of tree trunks to get at the sap, it is damaging so let's hope they turn their attention to nuts soon. With fewer butterflies around this year it's a chance to admire moths which have delicately beautiful markings on their wings. They are

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News from St Botolph's Church

The village is fortunate to have St. Botolph's available for use for events, not necessarily associated with religion. With generous support from local residents we are managing to keep the church in good order. The clock has been repaired and is keeping good time now. We are keeping on top of the repairs, etc. identified as being required by the latest quinquennial inspection. Like the Manor, the church fabric has to be maintained to a high standard. These elderly buildings are required to be maintained in particular ways because of their historic value. Self help is often required and we are fortunate to have church wardens who give their skills and time freely. We are taking pride in our building and doing our utmost to keep it as we should. Self help is the order of the day! Visitors are careful how the building is used, and generous with donations to its upkeep. We are just about keeping our heads above water (quite an achievement in our 2024 summer!)

I have extracted some of the recent entries from our visitors' book. They are the result of the efforts made by our volunteers who regularly top up milk, tea, biscuits and wash up dirty cups for our church and provide plants and craft items to raise money for our church.

Hello! I've never seen or experienced this – a church community that is so open, kind and generous! My partner & I passed by and had some coffee and biscuits – how lovely! We made some donation via the QR Code and really hope this wonderful initiative will

continue! Lots of Love.

Dear St Botolph's – this is a lovely, generous idea, refreshments amid such beauty. Thanks – a weary traveller!

Awes me. Czech Republic.

Lovely, interesting church. Kendal, Cumbria.

Let God Be Our Guide. Slovakia.

Beautiful Church. Italy and Lebanon.

I think this church should be nominated as the most welcoming in Britain (possibly the world!). I always look forward to my next visit. Thank You. Gt. Kimble, Bucks.

Thank you for keeping the church and cemetery so beautiful, tidy, and welcoming. Wiltshire

Thank you for this safe place. It's heart warming to feel so welcomed and nurtured by teas and biscuits. Thank you so much. High Wycombe.

Brought comfort on a day I feel stressed and alone. Though the church is empty, I've felt so welcomed. Naphill, Bucks.

I 1th generation of grandfather buried here. Thank you. Idaho, United States

Events continue to be held in the Church of which the biggest, this month, has been ONE SUMMER'S NIGHT, a concert of poetry and music from the boys of John Hampden Grammar School. The concert, attended by parents and villagers, saw poetry in English, Spanish, German, Farsi and Arabic and music as diverse as Vivaldi's Summer concerto to the choir singing Denver's Take Me Home, Country Road.

Bot's Books, the informal book club, continues to thrive with two new members and the next meeting will be on September 17th at 7pm. All welcome...you don't even need to have read the books! Come along for the grub and friendly vibe.

A representative from the National Trust addressed questions from the councillors on the status of the empty Bradenham Manor and the five properties in the village that are currently devoid of tenants. It was reassuring to know that Bradenham Manor and grounds are being maintained in good order ready for future tenants in due course. PGL remains interested and plans are ongoing but the biggest problem remains access from Bradenham Woods Lane. Sadly, given the lack of an existing tenant at the Manor, we will not be able to hold a fete this year, or next; future events are dependent on the approach of new tenants. There were questions too about the empty National Trust owned cottages, including the White House, around the Green. It is not possible

The 5.48 Space for quiet reflections continues every Sunday evening with the church lit with candles and a moment to drop in for however long you wish for silent prayer and reflection. Just turn up and go after 10 minutes if you wish.

News from Parish Council

to bring them back in to use in the short term but the Trust is doing what it can to keep them in good order in readiness for future occupancy. In common with other charities and businesses the Trust is short of funds and personnel at the present time. There was also discussion about the Trust's responsibilities for the track at the side of the Green. (The bridleway up to the cricket club was like a river when we left it after our meeting this month.) The Discussion was also had about the maintenance of pavements and tracks in the area, especially around the RAF Base, and upkeep of the dog bins and bus shelters. We were grateful to villagers who, to save money, have taken on the upgrading of the Parish Noticeboards themselves.

Save the Date

Bradenham Festival Week Monday September 16th to Sunday 22nd September. Events will include displays and sales in the church of local arts and craft work. Church and churchyard tours. Local History talks and book club meeting. Pub Quiz in the cricket pavilion. Look out for posters with detailed timings of all events.

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Piddington

Piddington Village Show

As notified previously, the Village Show will take place on Saturday 31st August in the Village Hall. Despite the unusual weather this year we hope for a full and varied selection of entries.

Now is the time to take stock and decide on what you can exhibit – fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes, jams, handicrafts etc. There will be an exhibition of handmade quilts and other items. Schedules will be distributed mid-August. The Show is open for viewing from 2pm and an auction of produce etc will take place later in the afternoon. There will also be a raffle. Entry to the Show is £2.00 and includes a drink and a cake. All proceeds go towards the Piddington Seniors' New Year Dinner..

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Piddington Village Hall

Well, the Euros have come and gone, and despite bedecking the exterior of the hall with the England flag, there was no final success to celebrate. We'll keep the flags in store for the next time, and dust off the Union flags for the Olympics in the eternal hope of successes to enjoy this summer!

As we enter the summer holiday season, the tempo of village hall activity traditionally slows, but we hosted a "singalong evening" with the Glee Club Choir in mid-July that was enjoyed to the full by all who attended. Our thanks go to Hev of the hall committee for organising yet another successful event and fundraiser.

The next major occasion hosted in the hall is the annual Village Show, as trailed above, and we will then begin a run of events that will take us up to Christmas. So, in addition to the Village Show, the forthcoming programme is as follows:



Forthcoming Functions:

Village Lunches

Lunches will restart after the summer break on Monday 9th September at 12 noon and will continue on the 2nd Monday in the month. Everyone welcome. Come and join us for a bowl of soup + bread, a pudding or cake and tea or coffee. £3.00 per person.

Race Night: 14th September

Join us on the evening of Saturday 14th September for a traditional Race Night, run on our behalf by members of the team at Badgers Auctions, which is based in the village. The event will start at 7 pm and run until around 11 pm. Tickets will be on sale prior to the event from mid-August at £6 per head and the cost includes hot food, there will also be a raffle. Please bring your own drink along with you. Tickets bought on the door will be £8 per head, so book early! Tickets will be available from: Tracy Pears: 07779583833 Heather (Hev) Willis: 01494 880692

Quiz Night

The Horticultural Society is holding an autumn quiz on FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER in the Village Hall. Entry from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Teams of up to 8 quizzers; cost £7.00 per person. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds from the evening will go towards the Piddington Seniors' New Year Dinner. To register your interest contact Maureen on 01494 268167 or email benandsky@hotmail.co.uk or just turn upon the night.

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."

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Radnage

News From St Mary's Church

Challenges are always good for the soul aren't they? Answers on a postcard please. Well this issue presents us with a challenge to think ahead to September and try and remember what is happening that month. Firstly though, note to self – proof read everything twice before sending.

Challenge number 1 – Remember to tell everyone that the timing for the Open Garden event is 12 noon until 5pm. Not as previously advertised in last months issue. What is it kids say these days 'My bad'!

Date - Saturday 17th August

Time – 12 – 5pm

Venue – Four Acres, Green End Road, Radnage HP14 4BZ

Pimms tent, bouncy castle, swimming, teas cakes, children's drinks, luxury raffle. Games, chat and Garden.

Donations in aid of St. Mary the Virgin Radnage and Radnage Primary School. Please could you have a think about a raffle prize for us and/or making a cake.

If you have children to volunteer we'd love them to help out on the day.

Did I say the timing was 12 – 5pm

A couple of folk are leaving us which we are really sad about. The lovely Rev. Andi Chapman will be leaving for pastures new in January '25. He will be taking up a new posting in RAF Northolt. We are really going to miss you Andi and we will not let you go without marking your amazingly generous help throughout a long period of vacancy. Watch this space for news of Andi's last service on January 26th 2025.

The especially lovely Helen Chadley is

leaving us too. Helen has been awesome as Parish Administrator, can print anything you send her, turns around minutes in minutes, bakes cakes time and time again. What will we do without her. We wish her the very best in life always.

Which means we are on the lookout for a new Parish Administrator, see the advert elsewhere in this issue. It is a paid post and suitable for anyone with great IT skills and who can do the job from home.

Dates to pop in the diary now.

Rural Forum Sunday – this is when we have what's called a pulpit swap with South Chilterns Ministry Team. It will take place on Sunday 29th September – more details later via parish posts.

Autumn Teas – will be on Sunday October 6th from 2 – 4pm

Did I say Open Garden timing was 12 – 5pm

St. Mary's continues its face lift with work strayed on the South Wall, services will not be affected and we are grateful to Dan for his unwavering cooperation always.

St. Mary's is a peaceful church which offers a welcome through the year. Sit and enjoy the countryside – you are invited to come and have a drink from the tea station while you meditate. The first Sunday in the month is a 10am service. All are welcome to join us.

Our summer social meeting, was held in the village hall, rather than outside, in view of the weather. Most of us were wearing our winter woollies! However, we enjoyed prosecco and non-alcoholic punch, with a delicious assortment of substantial nibbles. Always a good opportunity to chat to a fellow member that you haven't met properly before. It was really good to have several guests as well. Hopefully they will consider joining us.

Future Meetings

On AUGUST 7th, our Annual Garden visit will be to Chiltern Sky Flowers. Fiona is a small local flower grower in Bledlow Ridge with a beautiful garden, splendid view and a small commercial growing area. Refreshments and cake will be available, and we shall all receive a small wrapped bunch of her locally grown flowers. If you would like to come, please email Jane Wass, as soon as possible. jane@fouracreslodge.co.uk. We will need to car share as parking is limited. Meet at the village hall at 7pm.

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 entertaining and informative. NOVEMBER is our AGM meeting and looking forward to Christmas, in DECEMBER we shall have an evening of live 70's music.

WI 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@bt internet.

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

Tanzania Charity - PLANT STALL AND TEA - Friday 21st June, 10am to 4pm at Wood Furlong, Bledlow Ridge

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. Please contact Sue Jones via our website if you can make one.

Bring And Buy Table

This raises 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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always a lively discussion after the meeting. If you are new to the village, come along to one of our meetings to see what we are like before you join! There is a nominal charge of £5.00 for non-members. Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month, we meet in Radnage Village Hall. Please aim to arrive at 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

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Planning Applications

All Planning Applications received will be considered by the Parish Council. RPC will assess the merit of an application based on our set criteria before commenting, taking into account valid concerns of local residents.

Residents with views on a particular application are strongly encouraged to respond individually (on Public Access) with their own comments (in addition to any from RPC). You can keep up to date with all local planning cases via Public Access.

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 at 8pm on Wednesday, September 11th 2024.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall.

You can contact the Council at parish.clerk@radnage.net and information can be found via the website at www.radnage.net

Your Parish Council:

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Radnage RBL Vintage Vehicle Day

On the 22nd June 2024, Radnage Royal British Legion hosted a Vintage Vehicle Day. This was a revival of the mid-week Vintage Evenings the RBL previously held. The organisers felt that holding the event on a weekend could encourage more people to take part.

As it was the first in what is hoped to be a regular annual event, it was well attended with several classic cars and motorcycles on display. Motorcycles were parked in the grounds of the RBL and cars were located in the field next door. Among the motorcycles were BSA's, Norton's and Triumphs, along with some classic Japanese bikes. The cars included a vintage Chevrolet, a Series One Land Rover and a World War 2 Jeep.

"petrol heads" swapping tales of biking and motoring adventures. The bar in the branch had a steady flow of customers and the barbeque was also popular. The organisers would like to thank owners who displayed their vehicles and the RBL is looking forward to holding further events in the future.

Greg Burge,
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The weather was kind on the day and the meeting went smoothly with several

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News from St Paul's Church

By the time you read this we shall know whether we have a successful applicant for the post of a 3 year interim as priest in charge, with a view to continuity at the end of that period. The advertisement for which went out on 21st June, for 4 weeks. Interviews for any prospective candidates are scheduled to take place on 9th August. Meanwhile we continue to hope and pray.

Although possibly not noticed, we must have had one whole week of dry weather, because Dan was finally able to complete the reparation work on the church, which now looks smart outside with a fresh white 'skirt'. Hurrah, and many thanks to Dan.

Many of you will have now seen, and possibly sat upon, the lovely, comfortable chairs that have replaced the old ones, many of which were quenching the appetites of greedy wood-worm, the remnants of whom will, by now, be banished to eternity. (I am tempted to say that an alarm will sound at 2 minute intervals during sermons to awaken anyone too comfortable falling asleep. But no, that would be too facetious. No disrespect to our preachers.)

The P.C.C. are now considering what alterations would be most practical and appropriate to make in the chancel, since the removal of the orthodox iconostasis.

At the time of writing a new eye-catching notice board is waiting to be prepared, to replace the previous one, outside the entrance to the church, with all the relevant, up to date information, once we know the outcome of any interviews.

Now that we have a rota of volunteers, the church is open every day, roughly from

school opening time to any time from 4pm onwards, dependant upon volunteers convenience.

Planning permission (with a 3 year time-span) for alterations to the vestry have been submitted by the architect Libby Watts and, once accepted, the P.C.C. can apply for a faculty, although, bearing in mind the time of year by then, winter will most likely delay the process, we shall have to be patient. The first step will be to gut the current vestry, before refurbishment as a kitchen,



community facility and Disability accessible toilet. The flat roof will also be replaced, hoping the new one will outlive us all, with memories of the flood that swamped Alison Rimmer, while unsuspecting performers continued to entertain inside the church! Needless to say, it was all efficiently dealt with by the mistress of all eventualities A.R.!

On 14th September Angie Wright is holding a table-top sale in the Village Hall. Do come along, and bring your friends. There are bound to be things to tempt, together with mouth-watering goodies and beverages, in aid of the church. Thank you, in anticipation.

Then, on 29th September, at 3pm in the church, the West Wycombe Chamber Choir invite you all to 'Hymns and Pimms'! Who

can resist? Free entry, donations gladly welcomed.

That seems to be all for now. We wish you all a healthy, happy remains of Summer (I wish!) and will be in touch again with all the latest in October. Many blessings to one and all.

Beverley Cope

News from West Wycombe Parish Council



Unfortunately this month's report from West Wycombe Parish Council must begin on a disappointing and frustrating note. You may remember that our Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign

(MVAS) was the subject of persistent thefts of the rechargeable batteries used to power it.

Having been with the manufacturers Swarco for some considerable time, whilst they sought to find a way to make the unit more secure, we finally retook possession of the unit at the start of July. It was put back in place on a lamp-post facing traffic entering West Wycombe from the Pedestal roundabout on a Friday evening - on the Sunday it was had stopped working, and that same day we received a report that the solar-powered VAS on Chorley Road opposite the entrance to the allotments had been vandalised. On inspection our worst fears were confirmed - the batteries from both units had been stolen. We will now have to look at further measures to try to make these theft-proof, but this may prove impossible. We know that speeding traffic across the parish is a real bugbear for our residents, and using these VASs had seemed to help mitigate the problem, but the constant risk of their being damaged in this way, and the expense and time required to replace the stolen items, may mean that

we have to give up on using them.

Recent visitors to the churchyard of St Lawrence at the top of West Wycombe Hill will have noticed that it has been looking very overgrown. This was reported to us, and we have been pressing Buckinghamshire Council to address the issue. Residents will be aware that there is a supplementary charge included in their council tax bills specifically for the maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard, so we have insisted that we should see some return on that expenditure. At time of writing we have been told that a cut will take place within the next week (mid-July) so by the time you read this we hope that the churchyard is looking better kept, but please do continue to report any concerns to the Clerk so that these can be passed on to Buckinghamshire Council for a response.

Whilst on the subject of things overgrown, our thanks must go to Peter Towersey of The Chiltern Society who went 'above and

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beyond' and cleared the footpath across the bridge over the railway tracks on the north side of West Wycombe Road, next to RH Automotive. This was a task further complicated by the efforts of (we assume) Network Rail whose team had cut back the larger bushes and trees but not the dense grass, and had simply left the arisings in situ for Peter to work around.

At time of writing the planned walkway closures in West Wycombe have recently begun; whilst we accept that the work being carried out is necessary and to the long-term benefit of the village, we understand and share the frustration that the necessary restrictions on parking and access have created. Buckinghamshire Councillors Darren & Orshi Hayday have been working hard to iron out some of the issues that have arisen from this, but ultimately the Parish Council is in the same situation as

village residents and business owners, of having to 'grin and bear it'. The Parish Council has made the burial ground car park behind St Paul's Church available as alternative parking for residents during the period of the closures, though vehicles will need to be moved for any interments. We sincerely hope that the work is completed to schedule and that by the time the next issue of Contact arrives all will be returned to normal.

Further credit should go to the two Buckinghamshire Councillors Hayday who, after 5 years of persistence managed to get the resurfacing of Beechwood Road onto the schedule of work. Despite some confusion over dates and times - a seeming inevitability when it comes to communications from Buckinghamshire Council's highways team and contractors! - the work was successfully completed at the start of July.

Following the annual inspection of the play equipment at the Pedestal Playing Field, Cllrs Neil Harris and Simon Cope carried out repairs to the rope bridge that were identified as being necessary. The inspection report also highlighted that the bench near the table tennis table should be fixed in place, so this was done at the same time. In order to ensure that we are effectively monitoring the play equipment for signs of wear and tear, the Parish Council has now engaged Acorn Landscaping to carry out regular inspections across the year - weekly during the spring and summer when the equipment is used more heavily, less often in the autumn and winter months.

Finally, it cannot have escaped the notice of readers of this report that there has been a change of government in the UK, and of MP in Wycombe. Whilst West Wycombe Parish Council is staunchly non-party-political, we can express our hope that our new MP will work hard for the benefit of all her constituents, and thank our outgoing MP (and local resident) Steve Baker for his service. Should anyone reading this be in contact with Emma Reynolds they may wish to remind her that Steve often attended our biannual Community Clean-Up litter picks, and point out to her that the next one is scheduled for Saturday 5 October, 9:30am-12:30pm, should she be free to join us - refreshments available to parliamentarians and electors alike!

Parish Council meetings

Please note that from September our meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, in West Wycombe Village Hall, rather than on Thursdays.

Dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings are: 11th September, 9th October, 13th November, and 11th December. All meetings start at 8pm.

West Wycombe Waste Awareness Day

On Saturday 28 September from 11:00am to 3:00pm Waste Busters, an NGO working for Buckinghamshire Council to promote awareness of waste management issues in the community, will be holding an Awareness Day, in collaboration with West Wycombe Parish Council. The event will take place in West Wycombe Village Hall where there will be an exhibition space with four different stalls covering:

- Organic waste (food and garden waste)
- Recycling – tips on recycling
- Waste to energy – display of what happens to residual waste in Bucks
- Repair shops – organised by existing repair shops in Marlow and Beaconsfield

There will also be a panel discussion from 1:00 to 2:00pm where there will be an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas - come and join us!

You can find out more about Waste Busters at www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/wastebusters.

FixMyStreet

The FixMyStreet website and app is there for you to report potholes, damaged kerb stones, broken signs, etc. – please visit fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.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,
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West Wycombe School



On Wednesday 26th June, David St Croix from West Wycombe School won 'Teacher Of The Year' in the Buckinghamshire School Awards. David is a remarkable teacher who has led his Year 6 class to excel in all areas. He has instilled a growth mindset culture in his classroom, where children who were previously

struggling have made rapid progress and caught up with their peers. David hosts before and after school tuition because he knows the children appreciate this help and will thrive with the extra support.

He is not only an effective teacher, but also a caring and kind one who knows his students well; he writes them personal letters at the end of the academic year to celebrate their progress, praise their achievements and thank them for their hard work.

'We've had children from years ago come back to see him and they always mention how they've kept and treasured their letters,' said Ed Tang, Headteacher. 'He is a vital part of our school community, from coaching the football team, serving lunch and covering duties to helping his fellow teachers plan lessons and mark work. He makes everyone feel happy, safe and supported in what is a very challenging job. Many parents have

chosen our school so that he will teach their children'.



Mr St Croix was so humbled by the experience- 'The event was indeed a night



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This award is of particular significance to our small school. It celebrates our achievements and reinforces our commitment to providing our students with the best possible education. It serves as a testament to the dedication and passion of our staff, and it will motivate us to continue our work in shaping the minds of future generations.

I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and cannot thank the Buckinghamshire Schools Awards team enough for the support, encouragement, and recognition. This award holds a special place in my heart and will always be a reminder of the incredible community and team that I am privileged to be a part of.

Ed Tang, Headteacher

to remember – the organization, venue, and atmosphere were all exceptional. I was particularly impressed by the uplifting speeches and inspiring messages shared throughout the evening. It was a heartwarming reminder of teachers' incredible impact on their students and the community as a whole.

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Friends of West Wycombe School

Friends of West Wycombe School (FOWW) is the wider version of a PTA, in that whilst all West Wycombe School staff and parents/carers/guardians of pupils are automatically members, we are open to members within our community joining as well.

The last few months, we have been working on our first ever online auction as well as our summer fete and we would not have been able to do either without the support of our community and volunteers which includes school staff, pupils, parents/carers/guardians, pupils' families, local businesses, local community groups and also businesses from the wider community. For the last few years, we have successfully shared our fete with West Wycombe Preschool and our thanks to them in helping open our fete to the wider community.

Our fete boasted (and I think boast is right as we have been so happy with what we were able to do) 11 FOWW stalls, West Wycombe Brass Band, The Squirrel and Black Lion provided food and bar, Fancy Dress competition, Dog parade competition, Masque Players human fruit machine, martial arts, some external stalls selling gifts and candy floss as well as an ice cream van. As well as preschool's stalls including bouncy castle, nerf gun and tea and cake and preschool organising the Lacey's family tractor and chickens. Our fete would not have been a success without our volunteers and local businesses supporting us so greatly as well as the community coming and spending their money. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and came to our fete, it was very much appreciated and whoever managed to order the good weather that was also appreciated. Our Splat the Rat we were lucky to get made by Gary Brown with supplies donated by Wickes. Wickes is keen to help its local community so please do reach out to them if they can help you as they welcome the opportunity.



Our online auction was also very well received and we were extremely fortunate to have over 60 items to auction all donated from businesses, local people including our head Ed Tang (who literally auctioned himself).

Even our sports day, we were helped by Phil our High Wycombe Tesco community champion who donated 2 melons and 30 oranges for the children's break and our refreshments would not have raised as much without the excellent baking of Steph Dow and help of Georgie and Aparna in getting everything done for refreshments on the day. Also a big thank you to Beth (a good Samaritan), who came to my rescue and helped me carrying items up to the school on sports day morning.



We are still finalising numbers but our 3 fundraisers – online auction, fete and sports day refreshments together have raised around £2k.

These last 4 weeks have been truly incredible and we have appreciated the incredible support we have received from near and far. All the efforts of our volunteers, donors and families have been worth it and valued.

I am sorry I have not named everyone as I think the list would come to over 100 names of businesses and individuals who have supported us in the last month or so, we have been very fortunate and we realise that and are grateful for it. That support has included collecting donated items, donating items, donating money, donating time, donating skills, donating materials, donating prizes, transporting goods as well as people and spending money at fete/auction/sports day, nothing has gone to waste and everything has been appreciated

If you would like to help us in the future, we can be contacted via foww@wwglt.co.uk

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has helped us and we hope you look forward to our future events.

Ellen Carter, Trustee/Treasurer for FOWW

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West Wycombe Preschool

As our academic year comes to the end, it is time for us to sit back and reflect. It has been a fantastic year! I would even say gold!

For those who don't know we started as pack away setting in the old Methodist Church (Chapel House) 50 years ago, before moving a couple years later down the high street to the Village Hall. This was our home until October 2017, when we moved to Old School House, next to the school. Moving to School House has been a game changer for Preschool. We are no longer a pack away setting. We have a large garden for the children to be active in, grow vegetables, large sandpit and more. The children have two floors to explore with different activities. In 2022, OFSTED gave us our second OUTSTANDING rating.

In July we celebrated our 50th Birthday with a garden party. We welcomed families past, present and future, as well as the community. It was so lovely to see so much of your all.

We were blessed to welcome some of our Preschool Founding Ladies, Beverley Cope, Ros Hilbourne, Lyn Prosser and Diane Sutton. It was a real pleasure to show them round Preschool and what has been achieved over the last 50 years. If it wasn't for these caring lovely ladies and all the wonderful staff since then, we would not have been able to achieve what we have and become the OUTSTANDING setting. Thank you.

In June, we held our joint Fete with West Wycombe School. The sun shined on us. We had the busiest event to date. We raised a fantastic £800. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered and donated to help our event run so smoothly.

In May, we challenged our families to move a mile whether it was walking, cycling, dancing or however they wanted. They managed to raise a huge £500 for Preschool.

This year our Staff team have been growing their knowledge to support our families, with courses in Supporting Speech & Language, School Transitions (with a SEN focus), The Curiosity Approach, Early Years Autism, 10 Strategies for Success, Sensory Challenges & Picky Eaters, Self-Regulation and Attention Autism (bucket time). Our wonderful team are always looking to learn how best support our children and families. I am super proud of them.

Looking forward to September

Susie Chester, Committee Chair



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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
Sunday 1 Sep <i>Trinity 14</i>	Eucharist 10am	St Mary's, Radnage	Deut 4.1-2,6-9 Jas 1.17-27 Mk 7.1-8,14-15, 21-23
Sunday 8 Sep <i>Trinity 15</i>	Eucharist 10.30am	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Isa 35.4-7 Jas 2.1-10(11- 13)14-17 Mk 7.24-37
Sunday 15 Sep <i>Trinity 16</i>	Eucharist 10.00am	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Isa 50.4-9 Jas 3.1-12 Mk 8.27-36
Sunday 22 Sept <i>Trinity 17</i>	Eucharist 11am	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Jer 11.18-20 Jas 3.13-4.3,7-8 Mk 9.30-37
Sunday 29 Sept <i>Michaelmas</i>	Eucharist TBC	TBC	Rev 12.7-12 Heb 1.5-14 Jn 1.47-51

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As the first Christians thought about all this, they concluded that although there was only one God. God was known to them in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We call this the TRINITY. God is three and God is one.

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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