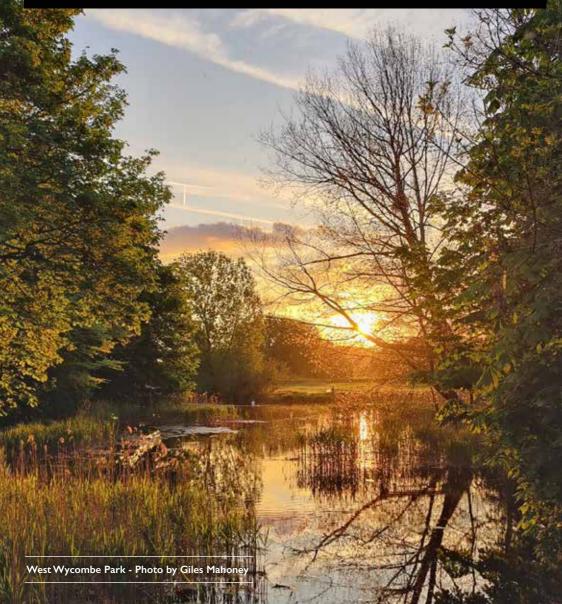
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Letter from your church

Blessings of a kind...

I'm one of those folk who love watching the night sky. You'll find me in August looking out for the Perseids

meteor showers (shooting stars). Crick in the neck the following day. Just as you are about to give up for the night comes that one spectacular moment when you think you may have seen a streak of brilliant white in your peripheral vision. Last month has been a bit of a wash out for star gazers nationwide. Since then the Northern Lights have been seen in Buckinghamshire... this was a photo sent to the BBC from Laceys Farm showing the farmer standing on his tractor gazing at the spectacular display. If like me you haven't seen this cosmic event then don't despair.

I once missed Halley's comet back in 1986 and had a chat/moan with God – and he said, 'it's just a passing event and you have Me all the time'.

November is the month of remembering and its comforting to know that God is with us at all times even though we don't often feel him near us. At times like this we just have to wait quietly and watch for that flash of insight that comes when we realise He has been there all along. I know for many of you, talking to God is not your thing, so here is something that may help — it's a rather lovely poem that is real and speaks into our lives and makes us think that sometimes words might not be enough.

When you cannot think of what to say just give each other the blessing of your quiet breathing, no words, just together breathing. It's a gift and a blessing this November.

Blessings of a certain kind,

Anne

The Blessing You Should Not Tell Me

Do not tell me there will be a blessing In the breaking,

That it will ever be a grace to wake into this life So altered, this world so without.

Do not tell me of the blessing that will come In the absence. Do not tell me That what does not kill me Will make me strong

Or that God will not Send me more than I can bear.

Do not tell me this will make me more compassionate,

More loving, more holy.

Do not tell me this will make me More grateful for what I had. Do not tell me I was lucky. Do not even tell me there will be a blessing.

Give me instead the blessing Of breathing with me. Give me instead the blessing Of sitting with me When you cannot think Of what to say.

Jan Richardson American poet, b. 1967

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From the Registers



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News from St Paul's Church

Remember, remember - not just Guy Fawkes and his gunpowder plot on the 5th - because November is definitely a whole month for remembering.

On the 1st of November the church calls us to remember the saints – those who through the ages, starting with those who knew Jesus during the time that he was on earth up to the present day, who have been faithful and lived lives that witnessed to God's love.

The 2nd of November is traditionally known as All Souls Day and more recently as The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, when we are called to remember all those who have kept the faith and now rejoice on another shore. We will meet at St Paul's on Sunday 3rd to remember all those who have died recently and others who may have died some time ago but who are still sadly missed. Revd Ivor Cornish has kindly agreed to take this for us. Please give the names of those who you would like to be remembered to Eileen Maunder or put them on the list in church.

Remembrance of All Souls Sunday 3rd November, 3.00pm.

Sunday I 0th November will be Remembrance Day and we will hold our traditional service to remember all those from our village who gave their lives in the two world wars and all those who have worked for the freedom that we enjoy. A wreath will be laid at our lectern which is the village's memorial. Our service will begin at 10.15am so that we can conclude with an act of silent remembrance at the traditional time of I 1.00am. Our collection will go to the Briitish Legion



Service of Remembrance 10th November, 10.15am

The following week, 17th November is a third Sunday and so our turn to welcome the rest of the benefice here for the eucharist at 10.00am. As you know, we are trying to work more closely with our neighbours of the South Chiltern group and Reverend Lucy Austin from Stokenchurch has kindly agreed to lead the service for us. Later in the afternoon I will be welcoming the Keen family for the baptism of Oliver, new brother for James and Ava.

As November comes to an end we look forward with great pleasure to welcoming Revd Lance Sharpe as our new Rector and his wife Alison at a service here on Advent Sunday 1st December at 6.00pm. We give thanks to God for sending them to us and pray for them as they move and make preparations.



Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News

The next meeting will take place on Monday I Ith November 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Bledlow Village Hall.

The Parish Council met on Monday 14th October 2024 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall - draft minutes of the meeting can be found on our website.

- We kindly ask that you ensure any boundary hedges adjacent to public pathways, roads, or neighbouring properties are regularly trimmed and maintained. Overgrown hedges can sometimes cause obstructions, reducing visibility for pedestrians and vehicles or encroaching onto footpaths. Keeping them neatly trimmed helps to ensure everyone can move safely and comfortably around the area. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
- Buckinghamshire Council has created a helpful website with a wealth of information on reducing flood risk: www.befloodready.uk. In addition to this valuable resource, we kindly remind all residents and landowners of the importance of maintaining waterways such as ditches, streams, and culverts on their property. Regular upkeep is essential to prevent blockages and ensure that water flows freely, helping to reduce the risk of localised flooding during heavy rainfall. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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.



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3350131 Appeal against refusal permission: 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

24/07190/FUL Wigans Farm Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge

Erection of storage barn following removal of stables

PC Comment: No objection

24/07217/CLP The Jays Chinnor Road **Bledlow Ridge**

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed siting of mobile structure to provide ancillary accommodation

PC Comment: Objection, see planning portal for full details

24/07239/ADRC Morlands Farm Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Application for approval of details subject to Condition 05 (AMS and TPP) of Planning approval 24/05560/FUL

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Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

24/06907/ADRC Crofters Chinnor Road **Bledlow Ridge**

Application for approval of details subject to Conditions 02 (Materials), 10 (Ecological enhancement) and II (Lighting design) of Planning approval 23/06864/FUL

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What's On

at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

We have a fantastic lineup of exciting new events along with beloved regular activities at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall. Make sure to mark these dates in your diary and join us for some festive fun and community spirit!

Saturday 2nd November Breakfast Club | 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Catch up with your neighbours over a delicious £4 breakfast with unlimited tea and coffee. A perfect way to kick off the weekend!

Wednesday 13th November Village Hall AGM | 7:30 PM

Help us shape the future of our treasured hall! We invite you to share your ideas and insights. We're also seeking a Secretary for bi-monthly meetings and new enthusiastic Trustees. Your involvement can make a real difference.

Wednesday 20th November Christmas Wreath Workshop | 7:30PM

Join Toni from Easely Does It for a hands-on evening crafting your own traditional fresh Christmas door wreath. Enjoy festive nibbles and drinks as you create something special!

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We look forward to welcoming you at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall this season! For more details about any event, feel free to contact us. See you there!

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By June Butler

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The Ridge Evening WI

In September we were captivated by the most remarkable story, From Charing Cross to China, of Ida Ramwell (nee Aldridge) who after

six months childhood isolation in hospital with diphtheria, developed an intensely independent spirit and a keen interest in nursing. She trained as a nurse at Charing Cross Hospital and went on to qualify in midwifery in 1932. Very early on in her career she took the very brave step, along with two doctors, to go and work in an Isolation hospital in Shanghai, China. When writing back to her nursing friends in the UK she made mention of isolation in bamboo cages, smallpox, cholera and rabies.

Hostilities between China and Japan 1933 meant that many Manchurian refugees were moving to Shanghai and as the war intensified the isolation hospital with 44 adults and 20 children, had to be evacuated to a facility set up by the Salvation Army in a prison. With a measles outbreak with four in a bed, top to toe, and a very difficult clinical challenge, she still managed to take a rickshaw and visit beautiful gardens and a trip down the Yangtze.. After returning to the UK in 1937, she joined the Health Visitor & Overseas Nursing Association of Africa and in 1938 was on her way to Accra in an 18 ship convoy which was bombed, but where she met her future husband, marrying in Africa in 1939. On her return to the UK post war from South Africa, along with some of her four children, she continued to work and became Superintendent at a Nursing Hospital in Bury, Lancashire. Her nursing

career lasted 40 years and on retirement she moved to Scotland, where she died in 1997 just before her 90th birthday. Our speaker, Jo Laurie, informed us that this amazing woman was her mother!

We all commented that this story, with great photos, and which is recounted here only briefly, should be in a book.

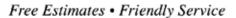
In October, we welcomed Peter Hague who recounted the story of Cliveden - Politics, Power and Scandal!. His talk began with a series of delightful photographs of the impressive facade of Cliveden, the wonderful parterre with its historic flower beds, then the gracious interiors.

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the scandalous and a great deal of rumpty tumpty, not least the infamous Profumo Affair. We heard many good stories, of a fatal duel, two fires, rebuilding and renovations, time as a hospital for Canadian soldiers during the first world war (there is a memorial garden for those who died there) and glory days again with the Astor family until Cliveden was gifted to the National Trust in 1941. So now it is the very upmarket hotel we know

today - and probably still has a great deal of tiptoeing up and down the many corridors in the dead of night! We commend a visit to this National Treasure.

November 6th will be our Annual Meeting, where after formalities, we will be doing a blind food tasting. We welcome visitors (£3 donation) or please enquire at theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com

Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

Our final meeting of 2024 is on Thursday 21st Nov in the Village Hall. We start at 7.30pm for this one as we firstly have a very brief AGM to review this year's activities and a look forward to our events in 2025.

Then it's an enjoyable "social break" for complimentary seasonal refreshments and a glass of warm mulled wine. Understandably, as we are such a friendly lot, that will probably take longer than the AGM itself!

At 8.00pm we can sit back and listen to a new speaker to us, Carolyn Foster, giving us her thoughts on "Gardens to visit – far and wide". A few ideas for 2025 maybe?

Entrance to our meetings are free for members and $\pounds 2$ for non-members, so. If you are new to the area, come along and see what we are about and enjoy the evening you will be very welcome.

The Annual Membership for 2025 of just £10 will be available at the meeting, which

gives free admission to all 5 talks, discounts on both the Supper and our Full day Outing, significant reductions on seed/plants orders from Dobies and for 2025, an Evening Nursery visit.

As an additional "taster" for what is coming in 2025, the 16th January meeting will be Paulo Arrigo with "Franchi's Seeds of Italy" which should be informative given our changing climate, followed by another entertaining visit by Timothy Walker at the 20th Feb meeting.

All the information plus reports and photos of our 2024 events are now on our website www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk together with a "Contact" link if you want to know more.

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Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

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One season ends. Planning for the next begins.

At the time of writing our attempts to find a ground reasonably close where we could start a 3rd XI and play home 3rd XI matches on Saturdays, have proved unsuccessful. There is not a club or ground within miles which we do not know about, so perhaps a longer-term answer would be to develop another ground. We can only dream that someone with some flat land would lend or lease the club a cricket-pitch-sized space... if anyone knows of anyone?!

On a wider front, we hope that our burgeoning reputation as a strong club where players young and older can develop their cricket in a welcoming and safe environment, will continue to attract new players. Our challenge is that we want to be able to offer more players more cricket, despite the ground limitations described above.

In the meantime, Ben Hillary will continue to expand our Sunday fixture list and we are looking at starting a Cricket Week at the beginning of August – maybe a three-match (mid-) week in 2025 to start with. Also, there are plans to strengthen the coaching structure for our U14s and U15s many of whom represented the senior club so well this last season.

When you next visit the club, you will see that the wooden double doors have been replaced with a UPVC-framed pair, with improved locking. Likewise, the old road-facing windows have been replaced. Further improvements to club and ground are planned.

The memorial day for one of our own, James "HairBear" Goodband, who passed away in 2018, was wonderfully supported by his many friends. We are privileged that this annual event takes place at the cricket club he represented. An afternoon of fun and games was followed by a raffle and auction all of which raised a remarkable £3,071 for Access Support. This charity trains, equips and supports community sports clubs, organisations and volunteers to provide inclusive programmes for young people in under-served communities.

Finally, the club is planning some socials for the winter. This started with a highly successful Golf Day in October sponsored and run by Chairman Dave Wells and competed for by the usual bandits of whom the winning team comprised James and Duncan Dow, Dave Wells and Charlie Carter. Simon Bird won the longest drive (even though he only travelled from Rickmansworth!) and Andy Goddard, won 'nearest the pin'. The Club AGM will take place on the first Friday evening in January followed by a club evening and we intend to show some sporting internationals provided we can work out how to do this alongside the café, which Martina and her team will be keeping open through the winter.

Bledlow Ridge Athletics Club

The Bledlow Ridge Athletic Club (BRAC) is pleased to report that the defibrillator that was previously housed inside the Cricket Club pavilion has now been moved to the outside so that it is accessible by anyone. The defibrillator is a device that can start a person's heart beating again if they suffer a cardiac arrest. Did you know that:

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The defibrillator is now located to the left of the front door of the pavilion and is unlocked so that it can be accessed by anybody in need. The defibrillator provides spoken instructions on its use so can be used without training. BRAC is also

looking into providing training to make it even easier to use. Finally, the defibrillator has been registered with the British Heart Foundation's "The Circuit", which is the national defibrillator network, which helps the ambulance service and others find the nearest device.

If you need to get in contact with BRAC, please visit our website at www.brac.uk.

The highlight of September was our Annual Dinner, held at The Boot, and organised beautifully by Sarah Layden. We had nearly fifty of us there, all hosted wonderfully by Davide and Aga and their team. The food was delicious, and everybody had a great time.

Between main course and dessert our Chairman, Ben Lawrence, took the opportunity to give a brief recap on the successes of the year and to thank everyone involved, and commented on the great community spirit that is engendered at the club.

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Dirmuid Jennings, Alastair Light and Ben took the opportunity to present our annual awards, as nominated by our members. The winners and honourable mentions were as follows:

Most Improved - Holly Gage, with an honourable mention for Charlie Lawrence

Lobster - The player who consistently uses the lob to best effect: Jo Lucas

We are Glad You are Here - The most fun, engaged, kind, nice and / or encouraging member: Jo Lucas, with honourable mentions for Sue Vince and Alastair Light

Sportsmanship – the player who is respectful, fair and shows consideration for others: Ben Lawrence, and an honourable mention for Charlie Lawrence for "especially with us older codgers", in the words of one nominator.

Better Late Than Never - This celebrates the player's knack for turning up fashionable late but still giving their best on court: Sue Vince, with an honourable mention for Guy Cunningham

Spin Doctor – The player who uses spin to best effect on the courts: Nick Vince, with an honourable mention for Adam Kelly

Comeback King - For the player who has overcome challenges and/or adversity: Ivan Rogers, with honourable mentions for Harry Oliphant, Wayne Gough, Jane Lawrence, Matt Meehan and Gill Tope

Formula One - For the member who has stood in for other players in league matches at the last moment: Sophie Bettison

Catering Queen - The member who has contributed most with their catering skills: Jane Lawrence, with honourable mentions for Chris and Sarah Layden and Wayne Gough.

League Fiend - The member who has played in the most league matches: Carol Tribe, who just pipped lo Lucas to the post on this one.

Best Dressed - The player who always shows up immaculate on the courts: Shawn White, with Mat Meehan as honourable mention

We're already looking forward to next year's dinner! For more details about the club, please visit www.bledlowridgetennis.co.uk.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you come and support our Macmillan coffee morning on 27th September, especially on such a miserable day.

Thank you to everyone who baked a cake and donated a raffle prize, with special thanks to Martina for hosting us in the café, Lisa Peycke for all her help on the day and Beryl from the WI helping serve all the cakes.

With your support, our coffee morning raised

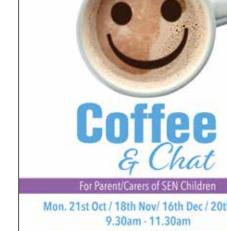
an incredible £828.67. Which takes my fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support to over £10,000!!

I'm always so overwhelmed by the level of support and wanted to thank each and every one of you. These events are only successful with your continued support and generosity.

With Love, Wendy







Mon. 21st Oct / 18th Nov/ 16th Dec / 20th Jan

New venue: The Apple Orchard, West Wycombe Free Parking off Church Lane . What 3 Words: ///model.enjoy.shout



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Country Notes

Plenty of fungi have emerged during this wet season, all manner of puffballs, ink caps, mushrooms and brightest of all the shiny scarlet caps of fly agaric which often grow beneath birch trees. Fluffy old man's beard seed heads sparkle with dewdrops and bryony berries drape across hedges like strings of red beads. Spiders webs are highlighted in silver by the dew, intricate spiral orb webs and a breathtaking number of tiny nets, hammocks and funnels threaded through the grass. Crows peck the ripening apples and blackbirds pinch grapes, protesting fiercely when disturbed. Not much birdsong at this time of year but robins are so territorial that they sing throughout winter, something to enjoy every day until the dawn chorus returns.

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Bradenham

Bradenham Festival

The beginning of September saw a weeklong run of events in the church. For the first time ever, the church played host to a display of local art and people appreciated the variety and high quality involved. Paintings were sold with a promise to hold another display again soon.

At the same time, the week saw other events held in the evening, such as the Bot's Books Club that attracted two new members and

the Film Club where The King's Speech was shown. A particular highlight was on Tuesday and Thursday night when local resident, historian and churchwarden Pete Baldwin, delighted large audiences with talks on Bradenham Village and Bradenham Manor.

The successful week culminated in teas and cakes on the Saturday and a full church of visitors and well-wishers. Many thanks to all the visitors and helpers who took part.

Forthcoming Services

Harvest Festival.

We welcome all donations and visitors should bring goods - perishable as well as nonperishable – to the church for the morning of the day before - Saturday 26th October, when the church will be decorated. The loan of large wicker baskets and any harvest implements would be much appreciated.

Sunday October 27th at I am is our Sunday November 10th at 10.50am is our Remembrance Service

> Attended by village representatives and the RAF. The service begins a little earlier than normal outside the church where a bugle will be played at the Lych gate. Over twenty Bradenham men lost their lives in the two World Wars, of which 8 were servants of the Manor.

Note for the Diary: Christmas Midnight Mass will be held at Bradenham this year with a Family Carol Service at 5pm, both on the 24th December.

This Saturday (19th October) sees the return of the popular blues and jazz band to the church, Blue in Green, with an exciting programme of music and poems to celebrate the coming of Autumn.

Forthcoming Events in the Church

Friday, 8th November sees the return of the popular Film Night with the showing of Michael Morpurgo's WAR HORSE, to continue the theme of remembrance. The film starts at 7.30 and entrance is free but donations welcome.

November 19th at 7pm is another Bot's Books and this time we are delighted to welcome best selling author Robin Thorogood, author of the popular Marlow Detective series and the creator of the BBC's Death in Paradise.

Every Sunday at 5.48. A quiet hour of meditation and thought.

Anyone wishing to receive regular updates of services and/or events in the church should join the Church Whatsapp group. Text mobile details to Richard Langridge: 07711 053845.

Forthcoming Events in the Village

Entries are now closed for the popular Village Photograph competition with the title this year of "Memorable Bradenham". Although the competition is only open to residents, calendars will be widely available soon for purchase from a variety of local outlets, with donations going to the church and other worthy causes. Look out for your stylish local calendar for 2025!

Fund-raising for next year's fete continues apace. The highly popular country-run, the Bradenham Blast, was held in September

with many kind donations. Anyone wishing to donate to car boot sales or help in other ways very welcome. The village is determined to hold the first fete in Bradenham for over ten years, this time on the Village Green.

The Village Quiz is held every month or so in the Cricket Club and everyone is welcome, especially people keen to host as we have a different Quizmaster each month! The next quiz will be a Bumper Christmas Quiz on December 18th at 7.30 in the Cricket

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: A REFLECTION by Peggy Ewart

For your tomorrow We gave our today.

As usual, St. Botolph's will have a Remembrance Service commencing at the lych gate at 10.50 am on November 10th.

Last Sunday I went to see the art creation that the National Trust has installed at Stowe. It was a very moving sight; 1475 silhouettes representing each of the men who died under British command on the first day of the Normandy campaign on June 6th 1944. It is a large installation under the direction of the charity 'Standing with Giants', and has been erected in the

Georgian landscape garden at Stowe. At the D Day commemoration in Normandy the silhouettes were displayed above the beach where the British landed; they were moved to Stowe subsequently. It was a grey cold day last Sunday which somehow added to the atmosphere of sadness and remembrance as we joined others and stared at all the silhouettes stretching in to the distance. It was very quiet in contrast to the noise of battle when the landing craft came ashore 80 years ago.

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Piddington

Piddington Horticultural Society

Diary Date: There will be a New Year Dinner in 2025 for the Seniors living in the village. Once again, the dinner will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 24th January. Invitations will be distributed in early January to those who have previously attended or

anyone aged 65 and above. If you have not received an invitation by 7th January and think you are eligible, please contact Reta Stone on 01494 882796 or Ann Ferguson on 01494 882079.

Piddington Village Hall

It has been a busy and highly successful few weeks for the village hall with the highlight being the Race Night, which was run by a team from Badgers Auctions who are based in the Village and we really appreciated their support. In addition to everyone who attended having a great time, the event raised a fantastic and most welcome sum of £1610 that will go a considerable way to offsetting some of the recent expenditure that has been necessary to maintain the electrical systems in the hall building.

Our thanks must go to the committee members who helped organise the event, under Hev's dynamic leadership, and it is yet another example of the expanded programme of activities that we are beginning to be able to deliver thanks to the enthusiasm of the new and long-serving committee members and other members of the local community who have given so willingly of their time. The hall continues to host some of our traditional users, including New Vision Dance, the Whist Group, Carpet Bowls and the Parish Council, along with private functions. As you will see below, we have a number of events lined up to take us to the end of the Year.

The Village Hall's AGM will take place on the evening of Tuesday 5th November and will run from 7pm - 7.30pm; wine and

nibbles will be available! This meeting is a requirement of the Charity Commission's governance rules and is an opportunity for anyone from the village and local area who would like to come along to ask any questions of the hall committee and to contribute any ideas that they might have to about its future organisation and events. The benefits of a welcome injection of new committee members over the past 12 months have been very clear to see, and we are always keen to welcome any local residents who could offer a few hours a month of their time to join the committee or support events. Sadly, the need for new members is also driven by the loss of a couple of stalwart committee members over the past year and it would be wonderful if we could ensure that their legacy lives on by attracting some new colleagues to join



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us. We would particularly welcome new members with young children who live in the village and anyone who might have time to take on the role of Secretary, which supports the monthly meetings. After four years at the helm, I will be stepping down as Chair of the Committee after the AGM and I look forward to being able to pass on the baton, whilst remaining as a committee member.

Forthcoming Functions:

Functions In the Planning Stages for Later in the Year

Friday 1st November:

Horticultural Society Quiz Night

Friday 29th November: Wreath Making

Saturday 30th November: Christmas Bingo

Sunday 1st December:

Christmas family event:

3pm – 5pm - £3 per child with the return of the popular children's entertainer

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Sunday 15th December: Annual Carol Concert with the West Wycombe Brass Band

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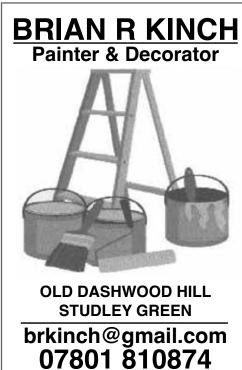
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News From St Mary's Church

In October we welcomed many visitors to the church for the Autumn teas, it was a successful day raising £370 for the charity Growing Hope. Thanks go to all who enjoyed the circular walk led by Mavis, all who helped on the day, who made those delicious cakes and all who visited and enjoyed fellowship together. Well done Rosy and her team.



Radnage Primary school visited for their Harvest Festival in mid -October. This is a fun day out for all as the children show off their poems and songs and walk back to school hand in hand. Well done those teaching

staff and helpers. You will be able to see the children's work from time to time displayed in our church.

The last quarter of the year is a busy one for St. Mary's. November will see our annual All Souls Service where we welcome families who have lost loved ones to church. The service will be held on Sunday 3rd November at 4pm. It is a much loved service in which each person/family will be able to remember a loved one and to have the opportunity to light a candle in their memory. It is a time to just be together and remember them in the peace of St. Mary's with others who understand.

Our Act of Remembrance will take place as usual in partnership with the British Legion at 10.40 on Sunday 10th November. It will be followed by a short service in the British

Legion Hut. This proved to be popular last year and we welcome everyone to come and share this simple service after the Act of Remembrance.



November is a month of contrasts dreary, grey skies combined with vivid red, gold, yellow and green leaves. It seems as if everything is changing — and sometimes the pace of change appears to be too fast. If you feel like this, retreat, relax and take some time for yourself. It's also a time for us to look out for the elderly of our parish, those sometimes overlooked, just to make sure they are safe as the clocks have changed and the temperature drops. A quick phone call is a blessing to those who don't often hear human voices through the week.

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Looking on into December - we have a really important occasion in the life of the Benefice. Namely the Licensing Service for our new Rector (how wonderful to be able to say that) I'll say it again. Our New Rector. During November they will be quietly

moving into the Rectory and on December Ist we will officially welcome Rev. Lance and his wife Alison to the West Wycombe Benefice. Many are invited to the evening service at St. Paul's Bledlow Ridge 6pm where Bishop Steven will be leading us in worship. All are welcome at this service. Parking will be at a premium so please car share if you can.

Looking ahead to Christmas, the services will be listed at the back of Contact for St. Mary's. But just a quick reminder for you.

The First Sunday in Advent (Sunday December 1st) is a 10am service with a Baptism and lighting of the Advent wreath.

In the evening will be the Licensing Service for Rev. Lance at 6pm

24th December – The popular Crib Service will once again take place at 3pm led by Rev. Lucy Green. Bring the whole family and hear again the wonderful story of Christ's birth.

Also on <u>24th December at 7pm</u> will be the traditional Carol Service with Carols and Readings.

Christmas Day at 10am will be the Family Eucharist with Christmas morning readings and more wonderful Carols to set you in a Festive spirit of celebration.

Thank you for your patience and support during the restoration work and thank you to Dan who is doing all the work!

Come whenever you can to light a candle in this special place and quietly be with the God who knows and loves you. You will always be welcome in this beautiful ancient church.



Radnage Womens Institute

OCTOBER was our 97th Birthday Meeting, so there was a delicious cake. Thank you Jackie. We welcomed back Sarah Slater, whose talk was entitled Secrets, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court.

All the secrets of ladies of the royal court. Sarah came in costume, and is extremely entertain-ing and informative. We laughed a lot at some of the naughty goings on!

NOVEMBER is our AGM meeting. Our speaker will be Emily Breen, who will give us a talk entitled All Things Compost.

DECEMBER we shall have an evening of live 70's music and the usual deli-cious Christmas mince pies and mulled wine.

OTHER NEWS: Just a reminder that Cath has suggested a car share for ease of getting members to meetings on dark winter evenings. Cath is happy to co-ordinate lifts especially in the winter, please let her know if you would like to be part of this or would

prefer to be picked up when dark. Cath will organise. If you would like a lift to a meeting or be part of group that can travel together, please let Cath know at wavyblonde@ googlemail.com or make a note on the clipboard at the next meeting.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Crown is running a craft fair on December 6th. If anyone would like to go, we could meet up at the Crown, and then walk back to the hall for 7pm.

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!

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US!

We are a thriving and social group, and our numbers are growing. There is always a cup of tea (sometimes wine!) and delicious cakes. We have inter-esting speakers, and there is 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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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, November 14th 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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The Annual General Meeting of the Radnage Royal British Legion will be held on Thursday 21st November 2024 at 8:00pm. All members of the RBL are encouraged to attend.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 16th November - Bingo

Saturday 23rd November -Music Night with Radio Generation

> Saturday 14th December -**Christmas Dinner**

On Remembrance Sunday - 10th Nov.

The Radnage Branch of the RBL will be open from 9:30am.

Bacon rolls will be offered for sale, with any profits being donated to the Poppy Appeal.

Members of the Branch, along with the Scouts and the Guides, will then form up and march to the War Memorial for the Ceremony of Remembrance and the 2 minutes silence at 11:00am.

After the ceremony at the Memorial, Reverend Anne Cooper will conduct a short Service of Remembrance at the RBL Branch.





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West Wycombe

News from St Paul's Church

Well - did you remember to change the clocks? Back to the dark ages, but plenty to keep us busy over the coming weeks.

We'd like to thank the wonderful W.W.C.C. for providing all the lovely music and singing for our 'Hymns and Pimms' afternoon on 29th September. Such a joyful occasion and favourite hymns, chosen by members of the choir, and audience participation, rounded off by the 'last of the summer' special drink.

By the time you read this we will also have had our Harvest Festival, on I3th October, when we brought to the alter (mainly non-perishable) contributions for the One Can Trust. Living in this rural area we watch the seasons come and go, the fields now ploughed and being prepared for another -hopefully bountiful - year. We will have sung our thankful harvest hymns to the Creator, Provider, mindful also of the hard work that goes into the farming life, and how dependent this is on the weather.

The 'All Souls' service on 3rd. Nov. was mentioned in last month's issue to remind everyone who wished to have names read out at the service for the dear departed, but I must apologise profusely that I had

mistakenly put the time of 10.30am, instead of 2pm as it should have been. I sincerely hope that no-one was misled by this but, be re-assured all names will be read out, including those sadly missed during this past year.

The service of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial at 10.45am on Sunday, 10th Nov. led by Associate Archdeacon Revd. Chris Bull.

The shed for use of St. Paul's, W.W. should be up and in use by now, unless delayed by any unforeseen circumstances.

Finally - an advance notification of the Christmas Tree Festival, from 6th - 8th December, the theme for this year being 'Pantomime', so - get your thinking caps on if you wish to enter, or come and admire the efforts of competitors, next month.

May you enjoy many blessings despite the darkening days.

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Sep 29th	I	19	85	20	10	
Total Rain			186mm	97mm		



CHRISTMAS ORDERS

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News from West Wycombe Parish Council

John Keat's "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" is certainly upon us as the winter duvet goes on the bed and the thick coats are John Keat's "Season of mists and mellow brought out of the wardrobe! Whilst Keat's ode

does not mention 'rain' we've had plenty of it in the area which has exaserpated the conditions of our roads, now with even larger potholes and blocked drains causing localised flooding!

However, to give credit where credit is undoubtedly due, the Parish Council's appreciation goes to Cllr Darren Hayday, one of our hard working and proactive Buckinghamshire Council Councillors who has reached out to residents in our village centre community in an attempt to resolve a highways issue that is impacting on access for delivery and emergency vehicles. Thank you Darren!

Appreciation from the Parish Council must also go to our band of hardy volunteers who turned out on a Satuday morning to collect the litter from the roads, lanes and tracks of West Wycombe. Thank you to everyone involved in such an important bi-annual event!

Embrace the upcoming festive spirit and make a note in your diary and dive into the heart of the holiday season at your local Christmas Market. West Wycombe Village Festive Fayre takes place on FRIDAY 6th December 5-9pm. Come and enjoy a delightful evening in the beautiful setting of West Wycombe village.

- Late night shopping
- Artisan/craft stalls throughout the village
 - · Festival of Trees at St Paul's Church
 - Food & refreshments
 - Stories with Father Christmas
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Concern was expressed by Councillors at our September meeting with regard to the potential impact on some of our senior citizens as a result of the restrictions on some pensioners no longer being eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment. Age UK's Advice Line is a free, confidential national telephone service for older people, as well as their families, friends, carers and professionals. The Age UK team will give our senior citizens information that's reliable and up to date and help them access the advice they need if they concerned about meeting the cost of heating their homes this winter or any other challenges they may be facing.

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Future Parish Council meetings

Please note that from September 2024, 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: 13th November & 11th December.

All meetings start at 8pm and the agenda is issued a week before the meeting and is available on our website (see below) and via our Facebook page.

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The Clerk only 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.

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Friday 6th December Festive Fayre

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West Wycombe Chamber Choir

Practice for our Christmas Concert on Saturday 7th December at 7:30 pm is now well underway. It is being held at St Lawrence's Church, West Wycombe for whom the proceeds of the concert will be for. By coming to the concert you will be showing your support for this iconic building, and helping to raise money for its future restoration and continued use. It is still not too late to join the choir and be a part of this concert. We welcome all singers and in particular basses. You don't have to read music, just bring along commitment and enthusiasm.

Once again we will be carol singing in aid of the Childs Bereavement Trust at John Lewis in Booker. If you are in store on Saturday 21st December between 10:30 and 11:30, please pop along and see us and place a donation in the collecting box. Choir members are also looking forward to the annual Christmas Dinner. It is joyful occasion where we can socialise and relax together.

In the New Year we are planning a trip and concert to Weymouth. You may remember that Alison Rimmer, the previous church warden of St Pauls, retired there at the end

of the summer. She has settled into a new church there and invited us to do a concert. We will also be renewing competition between members at our Quiz Night next January. It is always a close run thing with exciting prizes on offer! Talking of trips, Michèle has started discussions with our tour company with a view to another European tour in 2026. Nothing has been decided yet, all options are on the table!

For further information on the choir please ring Michele (Choir Manager) on 07795 680223.

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West Wycombe Preschool

This term has begun with huge positivity from the children, great support from the parents & excitement from the team! We have already explored concepts including magnets, patterns & the changing season & our outside spaces have been used

thoroughly by the children. Trays with a range of tools & items to explore have seen great excitement outside, including conkers, fallen leaves & pinecones.

We have some new additions to our team & are excited to welcome them to our setting & see the new ideas they can share with us from their experience in other early years settings.

Teaching brand new concepts to a new cohort of children is always a highlight at the start of a new term, watching a new idea grow as it becomes familiar to the children over the first handful of weeks is a privilege we have as first line educators. The start of this term has not disappointed as brand-new concepts are becoming part of everyday language exchanges the children are having.

Communication & language is key to our preschool as is well being. We encourage those children without speech to use a variety of ways to share their needs. These might be images or using signs to help with their communication or referring to a familiar space or certain toy. Role play is always a great place to start as many of these acts are familiar to the children & easy to use. Using stories with feelings &

scenarios to help the children regulate how they are feeling is something we touch on with all our little ones.

A wonderful start to the term, with our best attended AGM held in October.



Fundraising for phase two of our garden is in full swing. If you would like to donate you can on our Go Fund Me page https://gofund.me/42927543

If you are considering a place for your little one, pop an email across to our manager, Jo who will be happy to arrange a viewing for you & advise on session availability. (wwpspg@gmail.com)

Sarah Gowers, Deputy Manager



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Church Services

	10.00am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	Reverend Anne Cooper	
	2.00pm All Souls	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Reverend Andi Chapman	Deut 6.1-9 Heb 9.11-14 Mk 12.28-34
Sun 3 Nov 4 Before Advent	3.00pm All Souls	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Reverend Ivor Cornish	
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	4.00pm All Souls	St Mary's, Radnage	Reverend Anne Cooper	
	10.15am Remembrance	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Reverend Veronica Beaumont	
Sun 10 Nov Remembrance	I 0.40am Remembrance	West Wycombe War Memorial (St Lawrence's churchyard)	Reverend Chris Bull	Jon 3.1-5,10 Heb 9.24-28 Mk 1.4-20
	I 0.45am Remembrance	Radnage War Memorial (& short service at British Legion Hut	Reverend Anne Cooper	
	I 0.50am Remembrance and Eucharist	Lych Gate at St Botolph's Bradenham & service at the church	Reverend Ivor Cornish	
Sun 17 Nov 2 before Advent	10.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Reverend Lucy Austin	Dan 12.1-3 Heb 10.11- 14(15-18)19-25 Mk 13.1-8
Sun 24 Nov Christ the King	I I.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Reverend Ivor Cornish	Dan 7.9-10,13-14 Rev 1.4-8 Jn 18.33-37



Sun I Dec	10.00 am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	Reverend Anne Cooper	Jer 33.14-16 1 Thess 3.9-13
Advent	6.00pm Induction	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Bishop Steven Croft	Lk 21.25-36
Sun 8 Dec	10.30am Eucharist	St Paul's,	Reverend Andi Chapman	Mal 3.1-4 Phil 1.3-11
Advent 2	4.00pm Carol Service	West Wycombe	Reverend Lance Sharpe	Lk 3.1-6
Sun 15 Dec Advent 3	10.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Reverend Veronica Beaumont	Zeph 3.14-20 Phil 4.4-7 Lk 3.7-18
Sun 22 Dec	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Reverend Ivor Cornish	Mic 5.2-5
Advent 4	6.00pm Carol Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Reverend Veronica Beaumont	Heb 10.5-10 Lk 1.39-45(46- 55)
Tue 24 Dec	Time TBC Crib & Christingle Service	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Nicky Cronbach & Veronica Wayman	2 Sam 7.1-5,8- 11,16
	3.00pm Crib Service	St Mary's, Radnage	Reverend Lucy Green	
	5.00pm Carol Service	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Reverend Ivor Cornish	
Christmas Eve	5.00pm Nativity Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Veronica Wayman	Acts 13.16-26 Lk 1.67-79
	7.00pm Carol Service	St Mary's, Radnage	Reverend Anne Cooper	
	11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Reverend Lance Sharpe	
Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day	10.30am Christmas Day	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Reverend Lance Sharpe	
	10am Christmas Day	St Mary's, Radnage	Reverend Anne Cooper	Isa 52.7-10 Heb 1.1-4(5-12) In 1.1-14
	10am Christmas Day	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Reverend Veronica Beaumont	JII 1.1-1-T
Sunday 29 Dec Advent 4	10.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Reverend Lance Sharpe	1 Sam 2.18-20,26 Col 3.12-17 Lk 2.41-52

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