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### Dear Friends

#### Changes to our services in West Wycombe

I wanted to explain why our services are changing in the West Wycombe benefice and encourage readers to join with the congregations in worship. Hopefully, with the frequency and type of service increasing, there will be something for everyone.

What we want is for the new setup to be The current schedule of one service sustainable and not overburden everyone, so the basic idea is to increase the services from once a month per church to twice. The two time slots will be 09:30 and 11:00. this allows for me as Rector to lead two morning services, after all, no-one can be in two places at once!

We will be celebrating Holy Communion usually in the earlier service and a family service in the later slot. We also will have the odd morning prayer and also on the last Sunday of the month, we'll be trying out a more contemporary praise and worship service at 4pm.

Ironically, Sunday can be a really hard day to go to church on especially for young families with all the children's clubs that go on. While no time is ideal for busy people, 4pm has been identified by research as the best time for most.

a month for the four churches was a COVID measure and suited the fact that the Benefice had been in interregnum for a sustained period. With the Benefice now having me as a full time Rector, the time has come to increase the cadence of services so that our communities are served better. and the congregations and church buildings remain sustainable for the future.

As we move into the Easter season, may there be opportunities for you to come and worship God through Jesus Christ more and support your local churches through this initiative.

> Every blessing and a Happy Easter to you all.

> > Lance (Rector)



Bradenham:

Radnage:

### From the Registers





**Eric Higgs** St Mary the Virgin, Radnage

James Goulding St Lawrence, West Wycombe

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# **Bledlow Ridge**

#### News from St Paul's Church

As April begins, the church is in the season of Lent with its colour of purple and as I promised last month our crocuses are out. They call the world to use this time to prepare themselves to share in the passion of Jesus and go on to celebrate his resurrection.

There is a short pause in Lent as we celebrate Mothering Sunday, a time to give thanks for our own mothers and all those who mother others and the church which mothers us all at St Mary's Radnage at 10.00am.



On Palm Sunday we will be at St Paul's West Wycombe at 10.30 when we hope to welcome donkies help to us to remember how lesus entered Jerusalem, and we will receive palm crosses which symbolise our

acceptance of wanting to share these last days with him.

On Maundy Thursday we will be at Bradenham at 6.30 to remember the way in which lesus shared his last meal with his close friends, when he washed their feet and called them to do the same. At the

end of the service the altar will be stripped ready for the stark remembrance of lesus death on Good Friday.



On Good Friday we will meet at Bledlow Ridge at 2.00pm to walk the Stations of the Cross, with lesus as he carries his cross to Calvary and watching as he dies.

[please note the change of venues from those advertised in last month's Contact]

On Easter Sunday there will be a service in all of our churches. Here at Bledlow Ridge our Easter celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be at 10.00am. Please join us to sing Alleluia and give thanks for the gift of eternal life that was won for us. There may even be Easter eggs!

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#### **Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th April 2025 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall. The Annual Meeting of the Parish will start at 7pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

The Parish Council met on Monday 10th March 2025 at Bledlow Village Hall.

- Bledlow Ridge tennis Club and were approved.
- Grant Applications were considered from
   Planning application responses were discussed and approved.

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**

25/05142/FUL Druels Cottage **Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge** 

Conversion of an existing residential outbuilding to create 1 x 4 bed dwelling to be used as holiday-let

PC Comment: No objection

#### 25/05377/FUL Morlands Farm Chinnor Road

Householder application for works to remove and replace the swimming pool and associated building

PC Comment: To be considered under delegated authoritv

#### 25/05239/FUL Honeysuckle Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Householder application for installation of a purpose built, duel leaf, composite driveway entrance AutoGate with matching pedestrian gate and side panels to provide

#### privacy, security and safety

PC Comment: Objection due to the use of solid non-natural composite materials which would alter the character of the area and village landscape which is not in keeping with the Chiltern Conservation and AONB guidelines.

#### Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

#### 24/07426/ADRC Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Application for approval of details subject to Conditions 2 (Materials), 10 (Eco) and 11 (Lighting Design Strategy ) of planning ref: 23/07905/VCDN

Permit - detail Reserved by Condition

24/08049/CLE Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

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January Meeting: In January we just met up for a cuppa and a chat, we also decided where we would go for our Annual Lunch in March.

February Meeting: Shelagh welcomed everyone and after the business we welcomed Dave and Debra Rixon back to show us the second part of their film on Norway. They had made this film in summer, so it was sunny to cheer up a dreary winter afternoon. We saw beautiful scenery, mountains, fjords and waterfalls. We then had tea, cakes and chat. **April Meeting:** Wednesday 23rd at 2p.m. in the Village Hall when we will welcome Chris Kingham who will tell us about our own Bledlow Ridge 'Midsomer Murder' in 1893. The difference between this event and the television stories is that they always identify the murderer but with ours although there were various suspects it still remains unsolved! Intrigued? ff you want to hear more do come and join us on the 23rd, you will be very welcome.

#### The Ridge Evening WI



We were very pleased to welcome another two new members at our March meeting.

Our speaker, John Tyler, showed us excellent pictures accompanied by vivid and fascinating descriptions of fungi, and he said that most of those shown, could be found within a 35-mile radius of Bledlow Ridge. The statistics are staggering with one million species existing and four new ones discovered every day! There are 2000 in Kew Gardens alone. Most parts of fungi lie beneath the soil, and some can spring up almost overnight. They are essential for life and consume 90% of dead material. They can survive in harsh conditions and some survived Chernobyl. For sure some spores landed on the moon, carried on space suits, but it is not known whether they survived!

Some are microscopic, some huge, and they have different shapes like toadstools, swords, puffballs, eggs, curly, spindly etc and John described in great detail how they release their spores. He did mention that it is sometimes hard to tell which are edible and which are poisonous or hallucinogenic, but bear in mind we probably consume fungi most days in bread, beer, wine and blue cheese, through the use of yeast. Ploughman's Lunch! We need to pay more attention on our walks now!

At our next meeting our speaker, Cathy Soughton, will be telling us about the very topical subject of "House Histories" on Wednesday April 2nd, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

If you would like to attend and learn more about our friendly group, please come as a visitor, or contact theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com when someone can arrange to accompany you.

#### **Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society**

With March's Annual Supper now behind us, our next meeting is on 24 April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall when the evocative title of "Pin Me to the Wall" will be explained by a returning Andrew Mikolajski, who is a gardening author and a lecturer on garden design. Guess it isn't a spoiler to say that, in gardening terms, his entertaining talk will be about growing and managing climbers and other shrubs to clothe your walls and fences.

On Sunday 11 May, we have our annual "Bring and Buy Plant Sale" at the Village Hall 10am to 11.30am with free admission, and our pop-up Potting Shed Café will also be available for you to enjoy a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake. As usual there will be plenty of home-grown bargains on offer. Do you have any spare vegetable or bedding plants, maybe shrubs you have grown from cuttings or perennials you have divided, or even house plants you've grown tired of ? If so, bring them along and someone will give them a home.

Then we have a couple of summer visits to gardens planned. The first is on Thursday 19 June, which is a free evening visit for members only to The Plant Specialist at Great Missenden. It's a behind the scenes tour of the Nursery and Show gardens, followed by light refreshments and the opportunity to indulge in a bit of leisurely retail therapy.

On Tuesday 8 July it's a coach outing into Essex to visit gardens at UltingWick and RHS Hyde Hall. The prices cover the coach trip, driver's tip and admission to both gardens.



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It's open to all, with tickets for members at £35pp and that for non-members at £40pp. The tickets will be available at our April meeting or by going onto our website... www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk and using the Contact details.

At our 5th March meeting we will be hearing



someone to accompany you.

#### **Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club**

from John Tyler who will be informing us about the fascinating "World of Fungi". If

you would like to know more about us,

please come to a meeting where you will

receive a warm welcome from our friendly

group, or enquire at theridgeeveningwi@

gmail.com, where it can be arranged for

#### New Outdoor Nets Project

FOUNDED 1892 On 4th April the club will be holding an Auction of Pledges Dinner at The Boot, sponsored by Lloyds Wines, to launch fundraising for new, much needed, outdoor nets. In the week prior, an Online Auction will be running with a wider range of gifts and pledges for which anyone reading this can bid. This can be accessed via https://superstars-auctions.com/brccannualfundraisingdinner2025

#### Players

As before the club welcomes players of all ages, men and women, boys and girls, and especially new playing members because some of our younger players will be preoccupied with exams at the start of the summer and we are now running a 3rd XI; this XI will play home matches at West Wycombe (another beautiful venue). New players can contact me, John Rolfe – 07873 516568 – j.rolfe444@btinternet.com, or just come to practice on a Wednesday night.

#### Practice

We have already seen some newcomers at our indoor nets which will have concluded by the time you read this. Outdoor practice is every Wednesday evening from 6pm and we will start as soon as weather permits.

#### Matchdays and Fixtures

Seniors play in the Cherwell Cricket League every Saturday from mid-April to early September and friendlies or cup matches on a number of Sundays. Spectators are always welcome, the Clubhouse Café is open on Saturdays and the bar is open for those who would like a different kind of refreshment, later in the day.

The season kicks off on Saturday 19th April with an inter-club match, and there are Saturday and Sunday friendlies to follow, up to the start of the league season on Saturday 10th May. There will be another Sid Bird Memorial Six-a-Side Tournament on Sunday 8th June and the equally popular Junior Tournament takes place three weeks later on Sunday 29th. In the first week of August we will have a mini Cricket Week with matches on three days against touring opposition.

#### Juniors and Friday Nights

As aways the club will be very busy on Friday nights starting on 25th April which is when practice for Juniors (boys and girls) takes place; we run All Stars for 5 years old and upwards (Y1-3) and Dynamos (Y4-6) who both start on 16th May. The bar and BBW will be at full throttle of course on all those nights and will continue after the junior season ends with a series of Friday Night T20s starting with a fixture against the mighty Hampden Arms on 25th July.

#### **Cricket and The Village**

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to feel they can belong to it, whether as player, parent or visitor. If you haven't been before, come up any time the café is open (Weds to Sats 10am-4pm) or to watch the cricket on weekends ... or both. There is more information on our website www. bledowridgecricketclub.co.uk.

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#### **Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club**

As we move into the warmer months, Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club is pleased to introduce new opportunities for members of all ages and abilities to enjoy the game. With the addition of junior sessions, a new singles box league, and the return of our popular social doubles sessions, there is plenty to look forward to this season.

25th April

We are excited to launch junior tennis sessions, which will take place every Friday evening, beginning on 25th April. These sessions provide young players with the opportunity to develop their skills in a structured, supportive and fun environment.

#### **New Singles Box League for Members**

For those who enjoy singles tennis and would like more opportunities to play, we are introducing a singles box league.

New Junior Tennis Sessions - Starting This league is open to players of all levels and will offer competitive matches against others of similar ability. It is a great way to gain match experience while engaging with fellow members.

#### **Exciting site improvements**

Car Park - we are very pleased to have teamed up with the Cricket Club to do some much needed maintenance to the car park. This work should start in the next few weeks.

Pickleball - we are delighted to have raised the necessary funds to resurface our minicourt which will enable us to launch a Pickleball membership very soon. Pickleball is a rapidly growing sport that is very accessible for all ages. We look forward to providing more information on this next month.

#### Social Doubles Sessions

With lighter evenings and improved weather, our social doubles sessions are becoming increasingly popular. These sessions are open to all members and provide an enjoyable way to play in a relaxed setting:

- Friday evenings: 6:45 8:00 PM
- Sunday mornings: 9:45 11:00 AM

Dates for Your Diary

- Saturday 10th May Working Party
- Saturday 7th June Open Day
- Saturday 22nd June -Men's & Women's Singles Tournaments
- Sunday 13th July Mixed Doubles Tournament
- Sunday 7th September Men's & Women's **Doubles Tournaments**
- Friday 19th September Annual Dinner

We look forward to welcoming members to these events and encourage participation in our new and existing sessions. If you would like further information visit our website at www. bledlowridgetennis.co.uk to find out more.



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#### **Bledow Ridge School**

The children enjoyed celebrating World book day and are looking forward to the Book Fair coming to visit the school. Encouraging children to have a love of reading is one of the greatest things we can teach our children.

As a School we are very proud to be supporting Brain Tumour Research and the children are all invited to Wear a Hat for the day and make a donation to this very important charity.

The pupils are very much looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt and Colour run which

A song thrush usually begins the dawn chorus with a vast repertoire of phrases including imitations of other birds and sings on and off throughout the day until the light fades. March brought frosty mornings and starry nights, so the search for planets among the myriad of stars was accompanied by hooting tawny owls. Sunny blue-skied days dried the land enough for farmers to

are both coming up soon and promise to be lots of fun. The Ridge Off Roader in May is round the corner and lots of planning is going on behind the scenes to make the Summer Fayre a wonderful day for the school and community.

#### Nature Notes

use tractors and start preparing the fields for drilling. Brimstone butterflies appeared around the same time as the first lambs, but frogs and frogspawn were notably absent. Woodland floors turned green with the emerging leaves of wood anemone, bluebells and wild garlic. Birds everywhere were carrying scraps of moss, dried grass, feathers, all on a mission to make nests.

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### Bradenham

#### News from St. Botolph's

We were privileged at the last church service on Sunday, 23rd February, to receive as guests members of the Arts Society of High Wycombe. The group, led by John Democratis and Helen Koo, have been working on a Church Recording Society project to create a Record of all the objects inside St Botolph's, including structural features such as stonework and windows.

This is much more than just an inventory: each object is not just identified, but carefully described, measured and photographed; its centuries of history researched in archives in Aylesbury, Oxford, London and Lincoln, and relevant contextual details noted and cross-referenced. It includes hundreds of photographs, showing each object in situ and, where relevant, further photographs of particular features of each object for example, it includes twenty-three photographs of the East window alone, highlighting pictorial details in the main and tracery lights and of the surrounding stonework. It also includes historical photographs of the Church interior taken before the rood screen and loft were installed a century ago, and of a church plan dating from the 1860s indicating where rebuilding work in the Chancel was to be undertaken.

The project took longer than intended, principally because of COVID, and was completed just before repair work in the Chancel, with its new lighting, was undertaken.

On Sunday, all this hard work and effort came together when the society presented St Botolph's with a finely-bound volume containing an exhaustive list of objects, structures and even curios that make up our wonderful church. In his presentation, John stressed that he and all of his team had been very deeply affected by the Church itself, and that their work had been a real labour of love. The Church is extremely grateful to this dedicated band of unpaid volunteers who have been working, in total, for over ten years.



Anyone wishing to view the book should make an appointment with the Church Wardens, numbers at the front of CONTACT or email: Secretary: (Kirsi) on kpyy@icloud.com.

The next service in the church will be on 17th April, with the next regular service, which will also be followed by the



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Bradenham Parochial Church Council AGM, scheduled for Sunday, April 27th.

For those of you who find Holy Week a time of reflection and contemplation, there will be a special Service of Holy Communion at 6.30pm on Maundy Thursday, April 17th. This will be followed two days later by a joyful Easter Service at 11am on the 20th April, on Easter Day itself. Our special guests, the two donkeys from last year may – or may not – put in an appearance at some point over the Easter period. Chickens laying chocolate eggs – will.

There will also be two FREE FILM nights in the church over this period. On Saturday March 29th at 7pm there is a pre-treat for Mothering Sunday with a free showing of PADDINGTON IN PERU. An interval plus



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popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Then on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16th, there will be a showing of: JESUS OF NAZARETH, starring Robert Powell. This will be an edited, re-mastered version, focusing on the events of Holy Week. The film will run for 2 hours, with an interval. Facilities will be available in the Cricket Club. Although both films are free, with refreshments, donations are welcome and please bring cushions and blankets (although the church will be warm.)



#### **Village News**

Bradenham Village fête is all coming together after much needed fundraising events and thanks to the brilliant Bradenham Residents who have supported this event from the beginning. All is set for a great day on the Green on Sunday, June 8th from 12-5pm, so do make a date in your diary and come along.

One event to look forward to is the Ferret Racing; not to be outdone by the wonderful

to Dog Show with rosettes for winners of the various categories and a prestigious Cup for
ret Best in Show.There will be tea and cakes and
to a Children's Activity Area with a traditional
by Punch & Judy, Face Painting, Games and so
much more.

If you would like to contribute in some way – in whatever way you wish – you would be very welcome. Please do contact the EVENTS TEAM on: 07776 148 165 or email: bradenhamfete2025@outlook.com.



#### **Cricket Club**

Bradenham Cricket Club is getting ready for the opening of the season and the challenge of the Cherwell League.

Nets are open for weekend practice and the club on the Village Green is a welcoming venue for chat and laughter on Friday nights, before the serious stuff starts on Saturdays & Sundays. New members are always welcome, of whatever age. If you would like to play on one of the prettiest pitches in England, contact: Paul Wooster 07812 766 428 or via Pete Baldwin on the churchwardens' number.

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#### **Bradenham Parish Council**

Bradenham Parish Council met for an ordinary meeting on the evening of March 3rd, in Bradenham Cricket Club. Members of the Public are always welcome to attend and raise issues on the agenda in the first 15 minutes of the meeting.

The council meeting was attended by two Buckinghamshire County Council members, Cllr:Shade Adoh and Cllr: Robert Carrington and a representative from the RAF. The recent meeting in the village with MP Greg Smith was discussed. The local MP had met up with Cllr: Shade Adoh and a National Trust Trustee, Simon Kearey, together with local parish councilors, to walk around the village and understand the problems of empty rental properties in the village. Simon Kearey proposed to make further enquiries about the National Trust plans, the financial situation and a time line for bringing the Bradenham properties up to scratch. The Council will continue to review progress.

Among other items, the Council also discussed the up-and-coming village fete, and appointed Cllr Paul Wooster as the Parish Council representative on the Fete Events Committee.A request for a donation towards Morris Dancing at the fete was discussed but ultimately turned down. Siding out was completed on New Road to widen the pavement, performed by the new grass cutting contractor and the RAF representative would encourage staff to

use the cycle path instead of the road to encourage road safety.

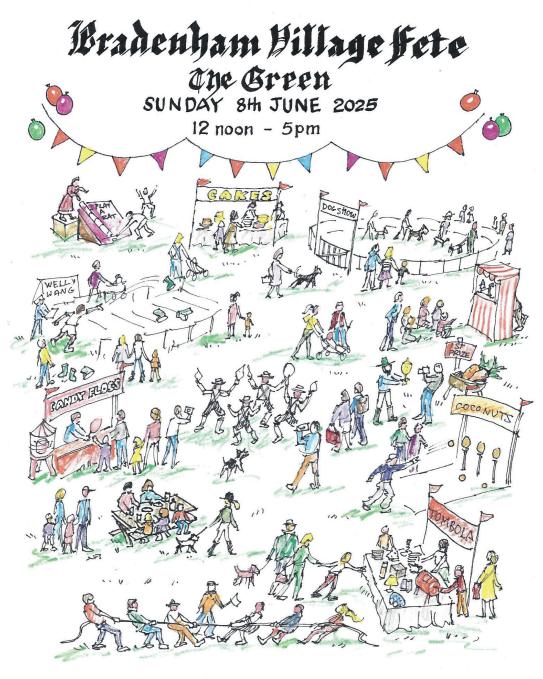
#### Do you hate the amount of litter around Bradenham Woods Lane and the A4010?

Come and join the Parish Council on Saturday, 29th March, at 10am on the Green. Volunteers will be picking up litter and removing rubbish, with bags and sticks provided.All welcome.

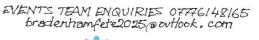
Finally, would you like your say? Do you feel you would be willing to give up an evening or two a month for your local community? If the answer is "yes", then you might like to become a Parish Councillor. Elections are being held on May 1st (and you do not need to be a member of a political party). If you are interested, more information can be found at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk and searching for parish council elections or contact Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council

#### www.e-voice.org.uk/bradenham-parishcouncil

The next meeting will be on: Monday, 12th May, encompassing the annual parish meeting and the annual parish council meeting.



Working in Partnership with: St. Botolph's Church and Bradenham Cricket Club







Village Hall:

# Piddington

#### **Piddington Horticultural Society**

The next Horticultural Society quiz will take place on Friday 25th April in Piddington

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drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle and an auction. To reserve a place contact Maureen on benandsky@hotmail.co.uk

The Horticultural Society AGM will take

place on Friday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome. You don't have to have green fingers, just come along to this social event and hear what we have been doing throughout the year.

An "Open Gardens" event around the village will take place on Sunday 22nd June along with a plant sale and refreshments at the Village Hall. Further details will follow, but if you would like to open your garden for this event please contact Louise on 07772 672753.

The annual Village Show will take place on Saturday 30th August. We urgently need a volunteer to help with the organisation of the Village Show. If YOU can spare a few hours now and again to support Ann Ferguson with the administration involved then please contact Ann on ann ferg@btinternet.com.There's no need to join the committee (unless you want to). Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Further into the future, the autumn guiz will take place on Friday 26th September. Further details to follow nearer the date

Please put these dates in your diary and help make the Horticultural Society's fundraising in 2025 a success. All profits go towards the Seniors' Annual Dinner.

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#### **Piddington Village Hall**

Events for 2025 picked up pace in March with a very enjoyable and successful quiz night. Our thanks go to Studley Green Community Centre for so generously providing a venue whilst our Village Hall was used to support the filming activity that took place in West Wycombe that weekend.

The combination of the quiz night and support to the filming added very welcome income to the Village Hall's coffers to help meet the costs that we know we have to meet sometime in the next financial year, and our thanks go to Hev and Lynne on the commitee for their endeavours and to the other volunteers who support our events and fundraising activity.

#### Upcoming events include:

#### April

#### Friday 4th April, from 7 pm until 10 pm

Local historian Simon Cains has kindly agreed to give a talk on "Piddington and Highwaymen", which should be of interest to all of the family. There will be no charge for the event, although any donations would be greatly appreciated as contribution to the Village Hall's current fundraising initiative. Some light refreshments, in the form of tea and cakes, will be available on the evening.

#### Saturday 26th April from 7 pm,

Bingo will be held in the Hall on with eyes down from 7:30 pm.

#### Sunday 13th April from 8-30 until 11-30 am

We will be running an Easter Egg raffle and table top /carboot sale, at a cost of £10 per table; entry is free! To book your table call 01494880692, or see Heather, or any member of the fundraising team .

#### May

The month of May could be particularly busy, commencing with a Painting Party taking place on Friday 2nd May at 7 pm: bring your own drinks and refreshments! To book your place please call 01494 880692; tickets cost £30 .All paints /canvas and stepby-step instructions will be provided along with nibbles.

We still hope hold an exhibition in the Village Hall to mark the 80th anniversaries of the end of World War 2 in Europe. The government has recently confirmed the dates and times for national events in support of the 80th anniversary and the village committee will review the timing of our activities in light of the national programme when we meet next in early April. If anyone in the village has any family memorabilia from that period, (including newspapaer cuttings, photographs and/or film footage) that you would be happy to loan for our displays, please email the Village Hall committee via piddingtonhallcommittee@ gmail.com.

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# Radnage

#### **News From St Mary's Church**

'A Month in the Country' is a film that showcases our very own St. Mary's church. At the beginning of the film, the camera pans in on the church from the field view. It is a special moment for anyone who has walked in from that corner of the churchyard.

The film was shot during the summer of 1986 with an 'A' list cast. Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh, Natasha Richardson and Patrick Malahide.

Come and see it in the Village Hall on 24th April. Doors open at 6pm for the 7pm showing. Bar with beer, wine and soft drinks

(All proceeds towards the upkeep of St Mary's)

For ticket information email: church.secretary@radnage.net

### New Look Garden Sunday - keep the date Sunday June 8th.

If you would like to open your garden for Garden Sunday please get in touch with Lisa Birch at lisa@divingservicesuk.com and look out for details in the coming weeks of the new slimmed down version for this special day in the life of Radnage Village.We need willing volunteers to help make this a fun day for all. Get in touch at the above contact if you are interested in helping. If you are new to the village this event is not to be missed.

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)will be held on Sunday 4th May immediately following the 9.30 service. We will be sharing our Annual Report. Everyone is very welcome to attend.



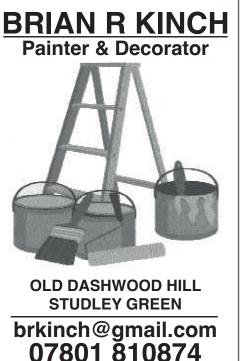
#### St Mary's Electoral Roll

Every six years a new church Electoral Roll is required and this is the year- which means all current members must reapply. Forms are available from Caroline Strange (church.secretary@radnage.net). Caroline can also give information about the criteria for inclusion - for anyone wishing to be on the roll. Forms need to be back by 10th April at the latest.

Look out for information for the new pattern of services for the Benefice which are being planned and will begin in May. Each parish church will move to having two services in the month. One will be a Eucharist service and one will be a Family service. The Lent study groups currently running are following the 'Hear Our Prayer' Lent course and welcome anyone wants to drop in at 2.30pm or 7pm on a Thursday as they are stand-alone sessions and easy to follow. All are welcome.

Easter Day is on Sunday 20th April this year. Service times will be displayed for you in Contact. On Palm Sunday we hope to have the two donkeys with us again for the service. Fingers crossed! This will be at St. Paul's church West Wycombe.

You are always welcome at St. Mary the Virgin Radnage, come and sit awhile as the days get longer and warmer either on the popular benches in the churchyard or take advantage of the peaceful oasis inside church and the chance to make a cup of tea/coffee.







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#### **Radnage Womens Institute**

For our March meeting we had a very interesting talk and presentation by Susie Rodick on the Tanzania Charity, and how after 30 years involvement, the differences that have been achieved. It was humbling

to realise how very poor the villagers were and so desperate for education, which the charity, started by Susie's parents gives them.

Susie forgot to mention the essential collection she is undertaking for her September 2025 trip – she is collecting shoes/trainers especially adult sizes, pens and pencils, old phones and laptops and also large suitcases ( $70 \text{ cm} \times 45 \text{ cm} \times 25 \text{ cm}$  ideal – she needs another 8 !). The suitcase needs to be soft and large is perfect if you have one (the ones that are just too big nowadays). Please bring items to our next meeting or let Jane know and she can collect/you can deliver to her thank you.

Future events : In April we will learn about the Suffragette attack in Saunderton, in May we have our Resolution Meeting, with a short light hearted quiz. There are some extremely interesting meetings to follow: a talk on diplomatic doings in Russia, visit to Daws Hill vineyard, our social evening at the sailing club in Bourne End, a history of tattoos, photographing wild life, and talks from a pharmacist and an actor. Meetings are always stimulating, not to mention the cake!! Our regular walking group is led by Mavis Towell. 2 Walks a month, 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 in-ternet. com. Please check beforehand in case of unforeseen circumstances.

#### WI COFFEE MORNINGS 10.30 am

Dates are as follows

l 4th March 2025 We are booked into Studley Green Garden Centre Café

28th March 2025 We are booked into the Apple Orchard

Please just turn up, or contact Jane if you need a lift

#### Bring and Buy Table

This raises additional funds and is always popular. At the last meeting we raised, together with the raffle, over  $\pounds 30$ . Have a declutter and bring along anything that you no longer have a use for, books, kitchenware, sewing/ knit-ting odds and ends, or general bric-a-brac. Remember one woman's junk is another woman's treasure!



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#### 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 interesting 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  $\pounds$ 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.



# Next Meeting

Village Hall, Wednesday 14th May – Annual Meeting 7.30pm Followed by Ordinary Meeting at 8.00pm. There is also an Annual Meeting on 21st May at 8.00pm

#### Your Parish Council:

Chair: Cllr Mr Darren Ungless Vice-Chair: Cllr Keith Mathews Cllr Mr Aidan Hancock Cllr Mr Cris Everett Clerk: Ms Lisa Stibbs

#### 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.

#### We are Looking for New Councillors !

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, please contact the Clerk.



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#### Forthcoming Events

**5th April** Grand National – The RBL Club will open at 3.00pm the race itself is at 4.00pm

**20th April** Easter Sunday breakfast 9.30am until 12.00 noon

26th April - St. George's Day meal 8.00pm

4th May 80th Anniversary of VE Day

#### The Royal British Legion will be open from 12:00 noon as usual.

We will be holding an informal Remembrance Ceremony at the war memorial at 1:00pm.There will be the usual meat raffle at 2:00pm. The afternoon will continue at 3:00pm with the singer, D-Day Dawn, who specialises in World War 2 era songs. We also hope to hold a bar-be-que. This will be dependent on the weather. Full details will be announced closer to the day.

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> Greg Burge, Secretary, Radnage Royal British Legion Club.



#### Tea in the Village Hall

This event is now well established so here are the dates for the next few months: 17th April, 15th May, 19th June, 17th July, 21st August

Tea is from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the village hall and costs  $\pounds 2$  (payable in cash only)

If you can help set up or bake a cake please email Charmaine Gallagher she can be contacted on ggalla8301@ntlworld.com. Thank you.

#### **Tuesday Craft Afternoons:-**

Charmaine Gallagher is also running a craft afternoon every Tuesday in the village hall from 2.30pm - 4.30pm

The price will be  $\pounds 2$  or  $\pounds 3$  (depending on attendance) to cover the hall & refreshment costs.

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#### **Future Dates**

The first RWLC since Covid that took place on the 23rd February and was well attended, all enjoyed themselves, feasting on cottage pie & vegetables or vegetarian lasagne, then fresh fruit salad or apple cake & ice cream. We have also just run the 2nd one in March, which featured roast gammon.

Our next round of lunches will be starting up again from September, the dates are as follows: 27th October, 24th November, 15th December, 26th January 2026, 23rd February & the 23rd March.

The lunches are open to anyone living in Radnage 60 years and over at a cost of  $\pounds$ 5pp and are held at Radnage Village Hall.

If you would like to attend please contact Jenny Bowie on jennyb2801@btinternet. com 01494 506099 / 077711602144 or Kay Brown on 07984 530664 If you have any dietary needs, e.g. Gluten or Lactose intolerance please let us know at the time of booking

We also need volunteers to make these lunches happen - setting up prep-ping food, cooking, serving and clearing away. If you can help in any small way it is always appreciated, an hour helping serve or clear away is a massive help, please contact Jenny or Kay

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### West Wycombe

#### **News from St Paul's Church**

Well, Snowdrop Sunday seems a hazy memory now, but we were most grateful to Sir Edward and Lady Dashwood for enabling this to take place and be so successful, and also to Mandy Dean for organising volunteers to 'man' the gate.

Now we are encouraged to see the daffodils, hopefully, a beer tent on the hill on the 8th. primroses and other signs of spring, despite the capricious weather.

The 'Craft and Cake' event on 9th March was most enjoyable, and thanks are due to Angie, the stall holders and volunteers. This raised  $\pounds 273$  for the church, despite competition from other local events. Angie also very kindly bought a new tea urn.

This year marks the 150th. anniversary of St. Paul's church, so we are planning several events to mark the occasion, with a garden party in the summer, for which Verne and Andrea Grinstead have, once again, very generously offered their garden. There will also be a special service in October and,

May.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (A.P.C.M.) will take place on 13th. April, following the service. Please stay on for this if you possibly can. It is always interesting and we are looking for people to help with voluntary roles within St. Paul's, none of which are too onerous. This is also Palm Sunday, a joyful service before the drama of Holy week.

Finally we wish everybody a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Beverley Cope

#### **News from your Parish Council**

The local elections are fast approaching and Thursday I May, election day, will be upon us before we know it. As mentioned in previous issues of Contact, two of our current Parish Councillors have already indicated that they will not be seeking reelection. Have YOU thought about becoming a Parish Councillor?

The role is an interesting and varied one which will allow you to involve yourself in the life of your local community and really make a difference. The position is a voluntary one, so how much time it involves is within your control; most of our current Parish Councillors have full-time jobs as well. The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding August) and most of the day-to-day issues

are dealt with by the Clerk, who is a paid part-time employee.

If you are considering standing for election you don't have long - nomination papers must be hand-delivered to a Deputy Returning Officer at The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF by 4pm on Wednesday 2 April! Our interim Clerk has kindly agreed to take these to Aylesbury for anyone who

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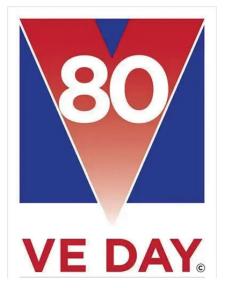
is unable to do so themselves, and can advise on the process.

If you have decided to stand you may wish to attend our meeting in April to get a feel for how we operate - we are a friendly bunch and work collaboratively for the benefit of all our residents and local businesses and organisations; and we are staunchly nonparty political! If you would like to speak to one of us about what is involved, please contact us via the Clerk and we will be happy to respond. Information about the election process can be found on our website.

Talking of our Clerk, at time of writing we are continuing to seek someone to fill this role permanently. We are indebted to Sharon Henson who has agreed to continue as our interim Clerk while we go through the recruitment process and the election period.We very much hope by the time you read this we will have someone in post.

In January a group of Parish Councillors met with a representative of Buckinghamshire Council who is project managing the work we have commissioned on West Wycombe High Street, in order to agree the exact extent of the double yellow lines which are to be applied to a short stretch of the north side. At that meeting we also requested that the bus stop area outside The Swan Inn be repainted. We now await both a final price for the work, to which we will be making a contribution along with our local Community Board; and a date for the work to be carried out, which we expect to be in the new financial year.

We have set a date for our next **Community** Clean-up, which will be taking place on Saturday 12 April between 9:30am and 12:30pm - please come along to the Village Hall to collect litter pickers and rubbish bags and help us tidy up our Parish ready for the springtime. Meanwhile we have been visited by the recent plague of fly-tippers who twice discarded building waste at the Pedestal Playing Field, as well as on West Wycombe Hill and elsewhere in the parish. It is the responsibility of the landowner to clear off-road fly-tipping, so we have had to bear the cost of doing so at the Pedestal Playing Field.



Looking ahead, we will be marking the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8 May with a beacon and entertainments on West Wycombe Hill - timings and details to be announced in the next edition of Contact.

At our March monthly meeting we were delighted to welcome back Cllr John Carstensen following a period of absence due to ill health - we are very pleased that John can once again contribute his time, energy and expertise, and wish him well with his continuing recovery. Also, in attendance at our March meeting, for the very last time - at least, as one of our Buckinghamshire Councillors - was Cllr Darren Hayday. In light of the boundary changes and reduction in the number of Buckinghamshire Councillors representing our ward, Darren has decided to stand for election in Sands. We thank Darren for all he has done on behalf of the residents of West Wycombe over the years he has represented us.

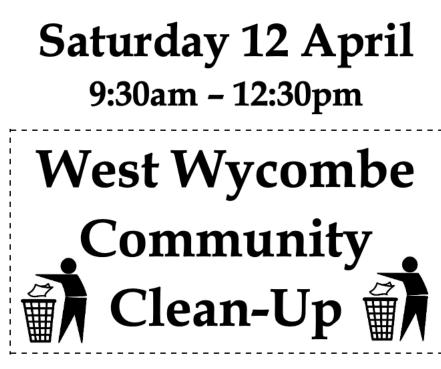
Our next meetings are due to be held on Wednesday 9 April and Wednesday 14 May, both at 8pm in West Wycombe Village Hall. The April meeting will also incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting, as this needs to be held before the elections on I May. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and there will be an opportunity during these meetings to raise questions or put something forward for our consideration.

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

The interim 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. The Clerk can be contacted at clerk@westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk or on 01494 448048.

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23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	-2	14	27	16

### Spring Concert In aid of the RNLI Sat. 5th April, 7 p.m. Choruses from Handel's Messiah St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

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#### West Wycombe Chamber Choir

This term we have celebrated our 19th birthday with cake and wine at choir practice on 5th March. As we write, we are planning our 20th birthday celebrations for 2026/7!!! The choir continues to grow in numbers with 6 new members this term. Why not come along next term and try us out. We are a very friendly and sociable choir, there is no audition, just a commitment. Your first practice is free of charge.

Next term starts on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30 p.m. in West Wycombe School hall, and this is our light music term, so a great time to join. As well as practices next term, we have a Cream Tea and Walk event at Radnage and a weekend Tour to Weymouth to look forward to. Don't forget our Spring Concert on 5th April, at St Lawrence Church. By supporting our concerts you are also supporting the beautiful church of St Lawrence. Future Events:

- Summer Term starts 23rd April
- Cream Tea and Walk at Radnage 11th May
- W/E Tour to Alison Rimmer's Church, Weymouth 27th-29th June
- Summer Concert 12th July

For more information contact Michèle (Choir Manager) 07795 680253 or Barry (Musical Director) 07795 680223 westwycombechoir.org.uk• facebook.com/Westwycombechoir

#### St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

As you are reading this our Public Meeting about St Lawrence would have taken place last month. Thank you to all those people who attended the event and have shown an interest in the future of this iconic church!

A small group of us from the West Wycombe Chamber Choir and the Bell Ringers are working with the Diocese and Sir Edward Dashwood to keep this beautiful building open for all to enjoy.

If you missed the meeting and/or are interested in supporting this project, we need numerous volunteers, some suggestions below, however not limited: Fundraising, maintenance, publicity, IT, skilled trades people, help with cleaning, making teas, welcomers, supporting open events by helping or attending e.g. afternoon teas.

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#### **British Cactus and Succulent Society**

The High Wycombe Branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society are holding its Annual Open Show on Saturday 17th May in The Village Hall, West Wycombe. The show opens at 10.30 am and closes at 3.30 pm with prize giving at three o'clock.

There will be lots of interesting and unusual plants on show with experts available to give advice on keeping cactus and succulents, there will also be lots of plants for sale on the stage at reasonable prices. Light refreshments (including cake!) will be available all day, and there will be a raffle. Entrance and parking is free so please come along and support us and maybe start a new interest in these quirky plants.





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At 5pm, Saturday 26th April 2025, we will be having our 150th Birthday Party open to everyone at attend (past pupils & current pupils and their families and everyone from the community). It is not ticketed and we will have food and drink to purchase. Please could and join us in celebrating and keep your fingers crossed for great weather. As part of this, we will have an exhibition of photos, logbooks and school memorabilia. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces and welcoming back past pupils and their families. Our annual summer fete with West Wycombe Preschool will be on Sunday 8th June this year and we look forward to welcome school families as well as the community. If you would like a stall at the fete please contact foww@wwglt.co.uk to discuss.

We wanted to thank everyone in the community who has supported us in the last year as we would not be successful in our fundraising without the support of school families and the community and local businesses. Thank you.

#### West Wycombe School History - continued

As we continue looking back on the West Wycombe School history, it is surprising how so much has changed but also how some challenges reoccur. All through the school history, it has faced challenges which are familiar even today such as enrolled pupil numbers being too low and even too high, school pupil attendance challenges, finding money for building repairs, facing quarantines from pandemics and epidemic, changes in curriculum and even keeping a pace with technology all whilst providing education to children.

In 1875 in its first year, the log books are written in daily by the headmaster and they show a glimpse into what was considered important at the school. In the school, they were teaching reading, writing, arithmetic, dictation, geography, history, grammar, needlework, drills and singing but education was divided into boys and girls and not all subjects taught to both. The headmaster describes the order of the children as good when the school starts and during the first year it fluctuates with occasional mentions of noisy, cheerful and diligent, boisterous, better behaved, restless, not quite as miserable looking and ends first year with order very good.

The drills were normally done outside except if the weather was bad and then they moved into the classroom and rearranged the desks for them. The drills seem to have started in April 1875 and the first mentions says "Pupils very awkward, and seem to have a xxx to anything but the right thing. Playground altogether too pebbly and rough for drill." Apologies the records are handwritten and not always legible.

In 1875, West Wycombe School had pupils up to the age of 13 at least and often once a child reached 13 years old their parents removed them to start working. In harvest seasons, children would be helping and attendance would drop. There are various newspaper articles showing parents being taken to court for not sending their child to school and fined.

Today in schools it is common to see interactive screens, ipads, tablets, exercise books, photocopies, pens, pencils, chalk to name a few tools the school uses. Surprisingly it was not until Nov 1902 that the HM Inspector is quoted as recommending "the abolition of slates in school, in favour of paperwork throughout. This shall be done as soon as the next supplies can be got in." It is possible that the school moved from slates to paper faster than the school actually got working toilets. There is a logbook note that the original outdoor toilets were not functioning as they had never been connected properly. And indoor toilets were not installed until after 1950s, I believe.

Copies of the logbooks will be available for viewing at the 150th Party on Saturday, 26th April at 5pm at West Wycombe School. The originals are a bit fragile but I am working on copying and transcribing. We will have displays of photos and other memorabilia as part of our celebrations. Everyone is welcome from the community and all past, current and future school families and staff. We will have a bar selling drinks and food so people can socialise and catch up.

Please contact Ellen Carter, cartere75@ outlook.com if you have any memories or photos to share and if you have a question about the school history, I will try and find the answer for you.



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The next meeting is Monday 12th May, 7.30pm in the Village hall upstairs room.

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# **Church Services**

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Sun 6 April Lent 5	10.00am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	lsa 43.16-21 Phil 3.4-14 Jn 12.1-8	
<b>Sun 13 April</b> Palm Sunday	10.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	lsa 50.4-9 Phil 2.5-1 I Lk 22.14-23.56	
<b>Thur 17 April</b> Maundy Thursday	6.30pm Eucharist & Stripping of the alter	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Ex 12.1-4,11-14 1 Cor 11.23-26 Jn 13.1-17,31-35	
Fri 18 April Good Friday	2.00pm Devotional service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Sun 20 April</b> Easter Day	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	Acts 10.34-43 - 1 Cor 15.19-26 Jn 20.1-18	
	10.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge		
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	I I.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham		
<b>Sun 27 April</b> Easter 2	I I.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Acts 5.27-32 Rev 1.4-8 Jn 20.19-31	
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<b>Sun 4 May</b> Easter 3	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Acts 9.1-6(7-20) Rev 5.11-14 Jn 21.1-19	
	l I.00am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	To be confirmed	
<b>Sun II May</b> Easter 4	9.30am Morning Prayer	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Acts 9.36-43	
	l I.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Rev 7.9-17 Jn 10.22-30	
<b>Sun 18 May</b> Easter 5	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	Acts    . - 8 Rev 2 . -6 Jn   3.3 -35	
<b>Sun 25 May</b> Easter 6	I I.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Acts 16.9-15 Rev 21.10,22-22.5 Jn 14.23-29	
	4.00pm Eucharist	St Paul's,West Wycombe	To be confirmed	

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