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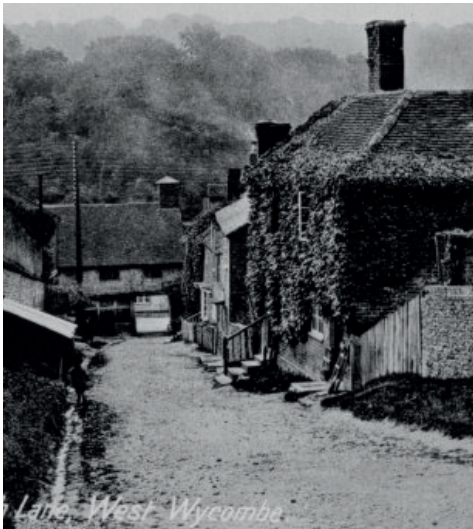
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Letter from your church

Revd Andi Chapman

As I write this letter, I'm sat in my room at the St. Padarns Institute in Llandaff, where I am studying towards completing a dissertation. From my window I can see a rose bed full of blooms, the college chapel and beyond to trees where the grass has been allowed to grow long to encourage wildlife. Travelling away from RAF High Wycombe to this place gives me opportunity for reflection on what my life as a RAF Chaplain is, and naturally the duty and service that I am to perform.

The opportunity to reflect is something that this time of year seems to encourage, with Remembrance Services, All Souls Day and other events, ensuring that reflection on those things that have passed are recalled. Yet to simply reflect is not enough, upon reflecting... there has to be action with the potential to change or progress a situation. Jesus would often go to a solitary place to reflect and pray, usually before having to take on a specific task or to retreat after a hard time with the crowds. How do you find time to reflect on the world around you?

We are blessed to live in such a lovely area, with such an abundance of creations beauty all around us. This I believe lends itself to observe and reflect who we are within God's creation, and what it means for change to be ever present in the move from Summer to Autumn. So, if you have time, perhaps take a moment to stop and watch the changes all around us, to reflect on whats happening in our own part of the world, and then see what action is necessary or required.

Peace and all good,

Revd Andi Chapman TSSF, RAF.

Station Chaplain; RAF High Wycombe.





Note from Editor

Welcome to our new look Contact, we would love to receive any thoughts, feedback or ideas to include.

The Contact Magazine is delivered freely to 1700 households within West Wycombe, Bledlow Ridge, Bradenham, Radnage and Piddington self-funded by the included advertisements. The magazine is now struggling with a loss of advertisers due to inflation and cessation of businesses post Covid. It costs £1000 per edition to provide this and so I am writing to ask if you know of anyone or any business interested in either a one of or reoccurring advert, please to get in touch. Similarly, if you can offer a donation to help continue the magazine, this would also be appreciated.

We are also looking for assistance in managing advertisements within Contact, if you have some time to spare and feel you can help, please do get in touch.

Please also do continue to send in photos and other art for the magazine to feature on our covers.

Should you wish to contact me at any time, send in images, content or comments please email these to: contact.magazine.editor@gmail.com

Helen (Editor)

We are currently seeking our next Benefice Treasurer

The role of the Benefice Treasurer is to manage and reconcile the Benefice bank account and to provide monthly reporting to the Benefice Council. In detail to receive income from the four parishes and the fees from life events (weddings and funerals), and then to calculate and make the relevant quarterly payments to the parishes and to the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (ODBF), to reimburse the clergy expenses and to pay the Benefice administrator. An accounting system has been created using Microsoft Excel and full training and support will be given.

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From the Registers

Baptisms

Poppy Rose Williams
St Mary's, Radnage

Weddings

Harriet Stringer & Owen Hastings
St Mary's, Radnage

Caroline Potiphar & Kyle Barber
St Mary's, Radnage



Funerals

Rodney Stewart
St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Burials

John Vince
St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Burial of Ashes

Mark Buckle
St Lawrence's, West Wycombe

If you are interested in having Baptism or Wedding in the Benefice Churches please contact admin@westwycombebenefice.org.uk



Bledlow Ridge

News from St Paul's Church

In case the news has not reached you on the parish grape vine, I have to report that we have received no applicants for the post of Rector. Please see the report from the churchwardens of the benefice in this magazine.

Although this is a great disappointment as we had high hopes of a positive outcome to our revised job offer, we must not be down hearted as there are many positive things happening in our parishes. We remain the church in this place and with the support of the Holy Spirit, we can go forward together.

It's autumn and our thoughts turn to harvest – not quite in the same way as our predecessors who would naturally thank God that the crops were safely gathered and they were assured of food for the winter but definitely a time to stop and think about how blessed we are. A good time, too, to think about those who do not take their next meal for granted – both those across the world whose livelihood

is threatened by natural disasters and by acts of war and those quite close by. Our October service on Sunday 15th will be our harvest festival and will be led by Revd Andi Chapman from RAF High Wycombe. Please bring non-perishable goods which will go to One Can trust.

Looking forward to November, we plan to have a service of Remembrance for All Souls on Sunday 5th November at 3.00pm. This is the time when we especially remember our loved ones who have died both recently and longer ago with thankfulness for their time with us and in the knowledge that they are safe in the hands of God.

On Remembrance day itself Saturday 11th November, Revd Andi will lead us in a service at the memorial in St Lawrence churchyard to include a time of silence at 11.00am. We will still have our traditional service of remembrance at St Paul's on Sunday 12th beginning at 10.15am.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ONE CAN TRUST FOODBANK!

Here's a list of the most urgently required items for families and individuals in need of food support.

Tinned fish (Ideally oily: mackerel / sardines / salmon)	Brown rice (500g)
Tinned tomatoes	Wholemeal pasta (500g)
Tinned vegetables	Tinned meat meals
Tinned potatoes	Tinned ham / corned beef
Tinned pulses	Toiletries: Shampoo, Toothbrushes
Tinned fruit	UHT milk
Pasta & cooking sauces	Size 5 & 6 nappies

SORRY WE CAN'T ACCEPT:
Alcohol, homemade food, opened packets, out of date food



Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News

www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk

Please do visit our website where you can read the minutes of previous meetings and the agenda, which is published the week before each meeting. There is information on footpaths, parish maps, how the Parish

Council works and a list of local clubs and organisations.

If you have any comments, queries or questions then please contact our clerk, Tracey Martin, on clerk@bcspc.org.uk or on 07843 975097. Please note that the clerk works parttime hours.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 9th October 2023** starting at 7.30pm at Bledlow Village Hall.

Parish Council News and Update

- The Parish Council met on Monday 11th September 2023 at Bledlow Village Hall - draft minutes of the meeting can be found on our website: www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk
- Planning applications were considered and comments approved.

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Planning Applications with Parish Council Comments

APP/P0430/D/23/ The Old House Forty Green Bledlow

3323847 An appeal against Refusal of permission - Householder application for construction of pool house

22/08342/FUL following demolition of existing outbuilding

PC Comment: The Parish Council stand by original objection

23/06247/FUL Farley Cottage Oddley Lane Saunderton

Amended plans - Householder application for installation of 20 x ground-mounted solar panels

PC Comment: No objection

23/07019/CLP Pitch Green Cottage Chapel Lane Bledlow

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed replacement of garage door with bricks and insertion of side window

PC Comment: No objection

23/07131/FUL 33 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge

Householder application for proposed first floor front extension with associated amendments to roofscape

PC Comment: No objection

23/06462/FUL Red Kites Bledlow Road Saunderton

Householder application for construction of single storey side extension following partial demolition of existing garage and conversion of remaining garage to create garden store

Application Permitted

23/06592/ADRC OS Parcel 3343 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Application for approval of details subject to Conditions 5 (Surface Materials), 7 (Revised PEA and Bio netgains condition), 8 (AMS and TPP) and 9 (Landscaping) of planning ref: 22/05741/FUL

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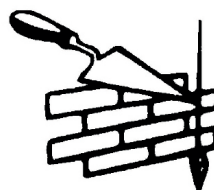
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The Ridge Evening WI

We had a bit of a technical blip at our September meeting but all will be resolved when we take up the invitation from The Horse Trust and visit them in Speen with a tour and complimentary cream tea.

We will be joining Radnage WI at their Birthday Party on 4th October at Radnage Village Hall, 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Our Annual Meeting is on 1st November and we will be holding our popular table top sale of previously loved items.

A big thanks to everyone who brought and bought from our produce stall over the last three months.

A few members are joining the Bucks

Federation of WI on a trip to Burford Garden Centre and Crocodiles of the World in October.

Our recent survey of members interests showed we are a diverse group with a few areas of particular interest and we will try to reflect this in the 2024 programme.

We are always keen to welcome visitors (£3 donation), please enquire at theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com

Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

Our 73rd Annual Show was at the end of a record-breaking, challenging September heatwave. It may have caused some of the classes to be short on entries, but others were better than expected.



The online entry form and free exhibits via our website (www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk) appears to have helped to increase the numbers of items being entered the number of people putting something in was

at a level not seen for a while, i.e. 191 items from 21 exhibitors.

The trophies were spread out.... Sue Winter won Domestics, Mags Terry for Flowers, Sandra Claydon with her Roses, and Les Terry won the Vegetables. Special mention for Ros Hilborne who took the Flower Arranging and "Best in Show" award for her interpretation of the aptly named "Some like it Hot" arrangement, and to Robin Eycott who deservedly did a clean sweep of the rest of the silverware.

This year, we had offered the Bledlow Ridge WI the chance to provide and manage the refreshments for their funds, and

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we are pleased to say that they took an encouraging amount through the Show's visitors appetites for tea/coffee and cake.

Our thanks must really go to all of those who supported the Show and it's preparation in some way, but especially to those who put in exhibits. Without them we would have been sitting looking at empty tables ! It's a traditional village event and it's the taking part that matters. We hope that more will be encouraged to take part next year after visiting this year's Show.

The link words for our meeting at 8.00pm on 19 October in the Village Hall are "brown" and "green". Mike Brown, who is a garden historian and entertained us back in 2021 with "Death in the Garden",



returns with "Eat your Greens" which I'm sure will not be as straightforward as it seems. Whether you are a member or just curious, you will all be very welcome.

bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk

Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

Following a challenging season - one of the most rain-affected in memory - our 1st XI will play in Div 4a of the Cherwell league next year while the 2nd XI had some fine victories in the latter part of the season, finishing 6th in Div 6a.



Both teams defeated high ranking opposition on the last Saturday of the league season. The evening's end-of-season celebrations included a presentation to Charlie Carter whose many hours spent working voluntarily on our ground is largely responsible for its reputation as one of the best of the league's 86 clubs. We are trying to improve it even more: the whole ground has just been scarified and will be reseeded in October when we will be asking visitors to keep off the area for a few weeks.

The year has seen considerable development in other respects. The new fencing around the ground, added to Chairman Dave Wells' work getting sponsors to advertise, has created a smart new look and generated commercial opportunities. The Friday night barbecue team has once again been magnificent, offering a wide range of fare

and on Junior Awards night, a hog roast. Following these awards, a new plaque was unveiled on the pavilion commemorating Reginald Johnston's gift of Meadow Styles Playing Fields to the village in 1954. Ex-Chairman Mike Beattie had researched this history and he introduced Peter Malaure who gave a fascinating and witty speech describing how he had played on the old ground next door and how he built the first ever cricket practice net at our current location.

The Junior section has thrived again under the guidance of Oli White and his team of committed coaches. There are some very talented young players coming through and several as young as 14 years old have played with considerable success in the league.

Two of our ladies, Molly Carter and Tilly Fellows have represented the Bucks senior ladies' team with Molly selected to play in a "Best of the Best" match. Both have done well enough to be invited to a trial with Southern Vipers. Tilly was awarded the James Goodband 'HairBear' Trophy as our club's outstanding junior cricketer this year..

A club like ours relies hugely on its volunteers and in addition to those referred to above, is grateful to the likes of James Hickey and to those who have umpired and scored during the season.

Finally: players, players, players. And more specifically bowlers, bowlers, bowlers! If you know anyone who would like to play next year, please ask them to contact me: j.rolfe444@btinternet.com or via the club website www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk

Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

In September we held our men's and ladies' doubles tournaments with lunch and drinks. Brothers George and Charlie Lawrence won the men's, and mother and daughter pairing Eleanor Cave and Bessie Chalmers won the ladies'. We just managed to squeeze the tournament in before the September mini heatwave finished with a thunderstorm, when we retired to the clubhouse for a slice of the coffee and caramel cake made by Jane Lawrence. Many thanks to Chris and Sarah Layden for the sausage rolls and sandwiches for lunch!

We're delighted to have entered three teams into the Aylesbury and District Tennis League this winter – men, ladies and mixed – with Jaap Schram de Jong joining as our men's captain, and Gill Tope and Joe Tuckey continuing to captain the ladies and mixed teams. We're always on the lookout for more players and the teams are very inclusive and friendly – so please get in touch if you fancy a game.

We are also very pleased to have gained planning permission for floodlights on two of our courts, and the installation is expected to be completed in November. We'd like to thank the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council, North Chilterns Community Board, and Bucks Tennis for their very generous grants, without which the project would not have been possible. The floodlights will allow us to offer more time on court to more people – we will be able to host league matches at home during the winter evenings and they give us the opportunity to continue social play and coaching all year round. The committee would like to thank Graham Grose for his tremendous work on the floodlights project.

Finally, we held a successful Auction of Promises at the end of September, masterminded by Sarah Layden and hosted by Jaap and Adele at The Boot, and attended by sixty people, which raised the remaining funds required for the floodlights project.



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Bledlow Ridge Primary School

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There is a wonderful selection on extra-curricular clubs that the children can take part in with something to suit everybody, from Hedgehog club, Football, Choir, Tennis and Netball to name just a few.

The enrichment weeks are set to continue following such great feedback from the

children, the next one planned after half term is 'We are Authors' which will involve the children creating text after looking at a selection of pictures.

It is set to be a busy and enjoyable term for everyone.

Nature Notes

Deer made wavering trails through wheat, sometimes you would see their ears floating above the sea of gold. After a last flurry of harvesting we saw hares instead loping across the stubble.

One afternoon an adult fox, fur a deep red brown, stalked a pheasant - bird scurried off protesting loudly, fox gave up, trotted off to sit in a sunny spot. A long green grass snake slithered through our pond, we still have fish so it must have been hunting frogs or newts. Ivy bushes hum with bees, red admiral butterflies flit and float alighting on the flowers to join the feast. Geese are on the move - how wonderful to hear their haunting calls as they fly overhead, it's a sign that autumn approaches.



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Waffle Recipe

From Bianca at The Clubhouse Cafe

Ingredients

- 335g plain flour
- 1.5Tbsp caster sugar
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 125g of butter
- 625ml milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1.5tsp lemon juice
- 4 medium free range eggs

1. Melt your butter and pop it on the side so it can have a think about life and the universe while you
2. Mix the 335g flour with the 1.5Tbsp caster sugar, 1.5T baking powder and 3/4tsp salt together in a bowl big enough to hold the batter.
3. Pour your 625mls of milk, 1/2tsp vanilla extract and 1.5tsp lemon juice into the bowl with the flour and get your whisk out! We hand whisk... it seems overkill to get the electric whisk out...plus it makes for a good upper body workout. Whisk until you have a mainly smooth batter...then
4. Add your beautiful eggs... and whisk again
5. Add the melted butter... and whisk again ... by now it should resemble a silky, glossy, lumpless batter. Set it aside and get out your waffle machine, which may or may not have been languishing in a cupboard waiting for THIS moment! Plug it in..... wait until it is hot. We cook

ours on 4-4.5 but you'll have to figure out what works for yours!

"I recommend waiting around 15 mins to use the batter - it seems to thicken up and work best after this time."

6. Pour your rested waffle mixture into the machine. You probably need less waffle mix than you think to go in.

"Wait for the waffle to cook! Our waffle machine beeps at us when it is ready. Hopefully yours has a similar way of telling you it is done... it might be a bit of trial and error initially.. you'll figure it out... I believe in you!"

7. Take out your waffle... you can eat them plain (a dusting of icing sugar works well) or top them with whatever classic or crazy toppings your heart desires. We won't judge!

"Try to wait till they have cooled long enough that the steam inside doesn't burn the roof of your mouth! (harder than it sounds.)"

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Bledlow Ridge Bonfire and Fireworks – 5th November

The annual Bledlow Ridge bonfire and fireworks return to the field adjacent to The Boot on Sunday 5th November. Advanced tickets can be purchased from The Country Store, West Wycombe Village Store and The Boot PH (see below*) and will be available three weeks prior to the event.



The event is always run for the enjoyment of the community but last year we were once again able to make small donations to local groups which included; Bledlow Ridge Village Hall; Friendship Club; Bledlow Ridge Brownies and Rainbows; Radnage Scouts; West Wycombe Community Library and West Wycombe Pre-School.

We would like to thank you for your support in the past and going forward, and look forward to seeing you on Sunday 5th November.

(*Cash purchases would be preferred by the three outlets and at the event, thank you.)



Bradenham

Obituary For Dorothy Sinfield 1932 – 2023

On July 27th 2023 a service to celebrate the life of Dorothy Sinfield was held at St Botolph's, followed by committal in the same grave as her husband Les. Together at last.

Dorothy had been the organist at St. Botolph's for many years until her lack of mobility prevented her from coming regularly to the church. She played for all the services, including weddings and funerals, for as long as she could. Les was the vergier for as long as he lived and this lovely couple were stalwarts of St. Botolph's for many years. They could be depended upon come rain or shine. I recall their trudging through the snow after the midnight service to get to their car on Christmas morning; they were in their eighties and

determined ! Dorothy would come to the church during the week to practise the hymns for the following Sunday. She loved this responsibility and performed it well. In addition to serving as the organist she was an expert needlewoman and helped to keep the vestments and altar hangings free from holes. These activities gave her enormous pleasure, and the parochial church council remembers her service with immense gratitude. Thank you, Dorothy, we miss you.

News From St. Botolph's

We are disappointed to have to cancel the Harvest Supper for this year. There is too much work going on in the chancel for us to contemplate such a function for now. We hope to provide an alternative when the plastering is finished.

Update:- In November 2021, St. Botolph's was able to use the generous funds donated by the Friends of St. Botolph charity to undertake a major repair of the church stonework. The main aim was to prevent water escaping from cracked drainpipes and roofing tiles, and damaging the plaster underneath. This was successful. Now, using the same funds collected together by the late Ivor Herbert, we have embarked on a replastering of the inside of the nave and choir affected by the water seepage. With the welcome assistance of Libby Watts of Liberty Rose Architects and Dave Smith-

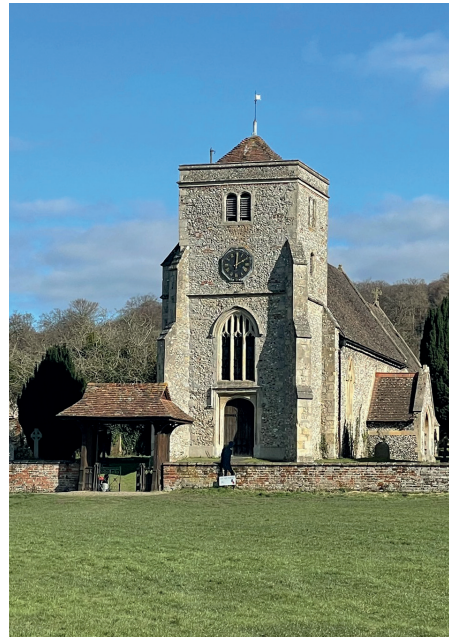
plasterer, the work is continuing well and visitors may have come across plastic sheeting and scaffolding in the choir area. Unfortunately, in the 1980's the walls had an unwelcome coat of emulsion paint and this, which does not allow the historic walls to 'breathe', has also caused damp problems.

CLOCK APPEAL – The church has successfully started a JUST GIVING page. This is to collect funds to repair the old sixteenth clock. So far the campaign has been very successful with over 740 pounds given and money also given by Bradenham Parish Council towards a total bill of 3400

pounds – with thanks to all who have so generously contributed. If you would like to donate, go on to the JUST GIVING web page and type in GET TIME GOING AGAIN or Bradenham Clock. Or you can cut and paste the link below into Google/Yahoo etc. With many thanks in advance.

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Piddington

Piddington Village Hall

The Village Hall was delighted to host the Annual Village Show for yet another year, and the Horticultural Society's report below includes the results of the various competitions.

There was a great atmosphere inside the hall, particularly during the auction of produce and exhibits that followed the judging, where the slightest bodily twitch was taken as a sign of a bid! Very well done to all of the organisers and participants for making it such a success, The Annual Show is in many ways the epitome of the sort of event that can bring the local community together and the Village Hall Committee will continue to try to facilitate this and other events over the coming months and years. That said, "the road to hell is paved with good intentions" and our efforts to hold an event screening the Last Night of the Proms was severely disrupted by the unilateral decision by our internet service providers (ISP) to get out of that business less than a week before the event was due to take place, which in turn put a pause on any publicity until we could be confident of being able to hold it successfully. Thanks to Simon Digby's sterling efforts, we were able to secure an alternative ISP slightly earlier than anticipated and get the Smart TV and sound systems back up and running 8 days before the event. In the spirit of "nothing ventured, nothing gained", we decided to press on with the Proms event and although the numbers attending was low, understandably given the very short notice and the clash with England's first game in the Rugby

World Cup, we learnt a lot from the evening. Our thanks go to those who helped set up the hall for the event and to Dom at the Dashwood Roadhouse who provided the excellent food for the evening. We are also particularly grateful to Noel Billington for his kind donation of a sound bar to go with the Smart TV, which significantly enhanced the quality of the audio. We hope to make more use of the TV and sound system at coming events and to secure the addition of a FreeSat capability to augment and provide a back-up to the internet service.



Traditional Christmas Events.

We are pleased to announce that the annual **Children's Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday 3rd December 2023** and the detailed timings will be announced in November's edition of Contact Magazine. The annual **Christmas Carol Concert** will again feature the West Wycombe Band and will take place on **Sunday 10th December 2023**; it will start at 7 pm. So please put both dates into your diaries. The hall continues to have some availability for private hirings in the run up to the festive season, so if you are interested, please get in touch.

Arrangements will shortly be made for the **Annual General Meeting of the Piddington and District Village Hall** to be held at **7 pm on Tuesday 5th December** and as this will be the 50th Anniversary of that essential event, we hope that as many members of the local community who can spare the time to mark the occasion will attend; mulled wine and seasonal nibbles will be provided!

Website: piddingtonvillagehall.co.uk

You can also contact Lettings Officer directly on **07939384970** or Email: piddingtonhallcommittee@gmail.com

News From Piddington Horticultural Society

A Night Not To Be Missed - Quiz Night 13th October

To all Quizzers.

As mentioned in the September issue of "Contact" the Horticultural Society will be holding a **Quiz** in the Village Hall on **Friday 13th October, 7pm for a 7.30pm start**,

Reserve your place or a table if you have a team of no more than **8 quizzers**; you can do this by contacting **Georgina on 01494 881520**.

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There will also be a raffle.

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Village Show

On Saturday 2nd September the Village Hall was once again filled with locally grown produce, flowers, home bakes and handcraft for the annual Piddington Village Show. At the end of the afternoon the goods left for sale were auctioned off by Nick Cloke, the proceeds of which, will provide additional funds towards the next Seniors' Dinner. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a great success.



Frank Redrup Memorial Cup Flower Section:

Alison Pitcher

Mr & Mrs H J Martin Memorial Cup Fruit & Vegetable Section:

Alison Pitcher

Mrs Picton Cup – Domestic Section:
Sharon Henson

Ken Drower Memorial Cup – Red Ribbon for best overall exhibit:
Ros Hilborne

Floral Art Cup:
Alison Pitcher

Rose Bowl – Dahlia Section:
Lynne Atkins

The Lady Dashwood Ladies Cup for the best presented allotment:
Lesley Hewitt's

Children's Cup:
Charlotte Curzon

Jack & Joan Robertson Cup for the family winning most points collectively:
Alison and Wendy Pitcher

The Christine Barry Cup for the winner of the home brew section:
Georgina Wilson

Rosette in Memory of Alf Plumridge – Gladioli Class:
Alison Pitcher

Rosette in Memory of Ken Stone – Cucumber Class:
Ros Hilborne"





Events

5th October - Tea Masterclass with Tregothnan

18th October - Masterclass & Canapés with Nina Zenyova

15th October - Family Paint Party with The Paint Lab

More details via: westwycombewalledgarden.co.uk

West Wycombe - HP14 3AP

Tales of days gone by West Wycombe in 1920s

This is a snippet from talk the late Angela Martin nee Carey presented to the WI twenty years ago. Her family kindly let us share with you all.

I was born in Gerrards Cross. We came to West Wycombe in 1925. No electric light, mains water or sewerage. We had oil lamps and candles for bedtime, oil cooking and a range. The copper had to be filled and lit about two hours before washing could begin and baths were filled from this copper also. We had a pump in the garden for water and every morning someone had to pump the tank full for the day's supply. In time of drought (I believe 1929 was a bad year), Father had to go with yoke and bucket to the field opposite and pump from the cattle trough as this was nearer the river Wye.

We had cesspits emptied by the Council every two to three months (a smelly business), but we were better off than the village and school who had bucket toilets emptied at night by Mr. Mawes, a local farm labourer. He also pumped the organ in St. Paul's church on Sundays

Shops - there were far more shops then than now, as you would expect. Reg Stone had a wireless and bicycle business to the left of the Blackboy Yard. Reg would recharge our accumulator for a few pence and mend our bicycles. His sister, Mrs Trinder, kept the post office on the corner of the Swan Yard.

Next to the Apple Orchard lived Mr. Lee the saddler with his daughters. They supplied saddles and horse collars which hung outside the shop on large hooks. They also mended our boots and shoes. The Library moved house several times - Steps



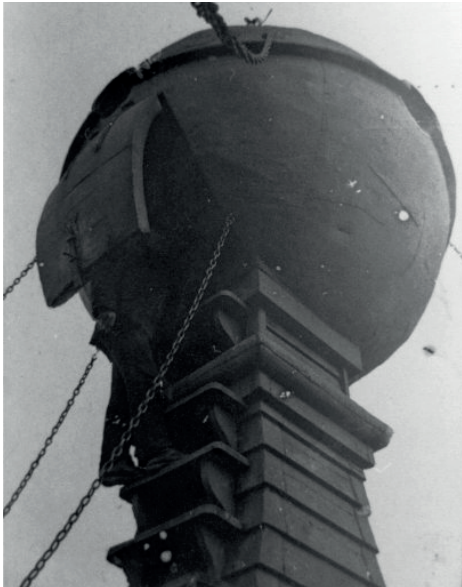
Church Lane - Around 1920

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House, also home to the District Nurse and Midwife, and also for some time in the Blackboy Yard. Colin Marshall's shop used to be two, Martins and Meads. Meads was the grocer and the bakery was at the right hand side of the present shop. The butchers, Edmonds, were at the Apple Orchard. Later, when Stockton's came, they moved to where Trout's are now. Papers came from Newell's who kept the shop and garage at the Pedestal. Len Newell delivered papers and paraffin in a car that had a pram-type roof and running boards that we stood on for a ride up the road. Katie's was the sweet shop and performed the ritual of always presenting the farthing tray, followed by the halfpenny tray and penny tray before you were allowed to make a choice.

In the summer I could supplement my pocket money, probably unknown to my

mother, by shutting the golden ball on St. Lawrence church (then open to the public). You had to climb up the tower and then ascend the iron ladder and get the flap swinging until the final push would shoot the bolt into the too rung of the iron ladder. It took about three to four of us to push the ball trap door shut. We were never short



Golden Ball - Around 1920

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of things to do. In summer we picked wild strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and wild flowers and climbed trees.

We also went sledging down the hill. The houses in Church Lane had sheds where the flowerbeds are now, and for 2d. You could hire a sledge for the afternoon if you didn't possess your own. They were made from chair runners and had an upholstered seat and a piece of string to hold on to.

We rubbed the runners with paraffin oil to make them slippery and shot off down the Steep from as far as you dare.

Just after starting school at five years old there was a very bad epidemic of diphtheria and the school was closed. Two boys died. I caught the justly feared disease and was taken by ambulance to Booker Isolation Hospital where I spent six weeks.

School was ruled over by Gaffer (Mr. Belsham) and Sodry (Mr. Saunders) the deputy head. We had three playgrounds, Boys, Girls and Infants. We played all the games, which came round in cycles, hopscotch, skipping, tiles, five-stones, tag etc. Games and races were played on a flat piece dug out of the hillside, but more serious stuff was played on the flat at the top of the hill by the churchyard.

We did the maypole for Empire Day (May 24th) usually on the Pedestal Field, but sometimes in Dashwood's Park. Gaffer would sort out the ribbons, which usually became entangled before the end of the performance with lots of shouting, and Sodgy played the piano.



British Empire Day, Pedestal - May 1934

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News From St Mary's Church

“In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October.” *Alexander Smith*

October brings with its cooler days more reordering work for the church and little by little the difference is beginning to be felt.

St. Mary's has taken on a smarter look of late. Our porch is neat and clean, re-plastered and looks very welcoming as you walk in. It was finished in time for the weddings this year and although there is still more to do we are enjoy-ing seeing the church repaired and renewed.

Congratulations to all our wedding couples to Louise and Nick, Harriet and Owen and Caroline and Kyle. May you always be blessed in the love you share. We wish you many happy years of life together.

To all our recently baptized candidates, it is a joy to welcome you into the family of faith.

We've certainly had fun at the font this year.

The welcome and hospitality are part of who we are and people are getting to know about us. By the time you read this page our Autumn Colours event will have taken place. Following on from the success of the Snowdrop Teas, Autumn Colours offered another chance to meet new people, and sample the homemade cakes and listen to music.

Looking ahead we have a 5th Sunday Benefice service to which you are all invited. Associate Archdeacon Chris Bull will be leading the service at 10.00am – please do come and meet him.

You will have heard by now of the disappointing news that there were no applicants in the latest round of advertising for the position of Interim priest for the Benefice. It has left us all feeling ‘What do we do now?’ So it will be good to have Rev. Canon Chris Bull's presence with us as we go through this diffi-cult time.

On a completely different note, the PCC have decided to employ a cleaner for St. Mary's. You will find the main advert in the advertising section of Con-tact. We are keen to employ someone who can make the church look spick and span for the first Sundays of each month. The hours will be between 9am and 5pm at £15 an hour for 2 – 3 hours work. The successful applicant will need to have their own transport. Equipment and initial training and on-going support will also be provided.

Finally - Last year we hosted a Benefice All Souls service for the faithful de-parted. This year each parish church in the Benefice will be hosting their own service, hence a little advance notice as this comes at the beginning of next month.

St. Mary's All Souls service will be held on Sunday 5th 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. We will be inviting all those who have lost loved ones and all those who

would like to come to this very special service, all will be very welcome.

St. Mary's is a place of exceptional beauty with a peace that is palpable. Please do visit and sit awhile in this church. You may help yourself to drinks from our station in the Sanctuary (near the altar).



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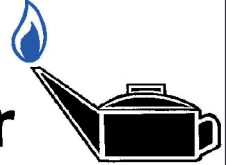
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Radnage Womens Institute

Our September meeting was chaired by Janet Lancaster as Jane was on holiday. Our talk was given by Miles and Giles, of “Two Spoons”. who are tea tasters with over 50 years’ experience between them, now with their own tea company based in Bucks.

We learned almost everything there is to know about tea; lots of interesting facts like the origins of tea, where it’s grown in many different countries around the world, including Argentina; that Turkey drinks the most weight of tea per head of population etc-all in a very light-headed and fun way. This was followed by a tea tasting and discussion about blends of tea and how to make it. Lots of discussion and questions answered followed. There were various tea blends for sale and a discount for WI members when bought online.

October 4th is our Birthday Meeting and we are holding it jointly with The Ridge WI. Jeff Rozelaar will be giving a talk on Benjamin Disraeli. As it is our birthday meeting, we will be serving birthday cake with a glass of prosecco, non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Carol Wheeler has very kindly offered to make our birthday cake for us.

December 6th – our Christmas meeting will be on Modern Jive. Time and Tracy Mullett will give a brief demo A brief dance demo followed by a begin-ners’ level fun lesson to current pop or R&R music.

Further information about any of our activities can be found at our website, radnage.wil@outlook.com .

Other News:-

We have a regular walking group, 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. Post script, please check before-hand in case of unforeseen circumstances.

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

We have a Bring and Buy table to boost funds. Anything that you no longer have a use for, books, china, and general bric -a -brac, may be just what someone else is looking for

You are very welcome to join us!

We are always happy to welcome new members, so if you are new to the vil-lage, we would love to meet you.

We are a thriving and active group, and our numbers are growing. We enjoy socialising, and 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. 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.



Radnage Parish Council

www.radnage.net/council/

Speeding -.

Please Remember:

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- Slow down when entering any village

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The Highway code states that dogs should not be let out on a road on their own and that your dog should be kept 'on a short lead when walking by a road' While there is no countryside blanket ban on walking dogs off-lead along roads and some of the smaller roads in our village seem quiet, you should keep your dog on a lead, as stated in the Highway Code, when walking along any road to avoid accidents.

Please look out for the Dog Warden in our area.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

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 be-fore commenting, taking into account valid concerns of local residents.

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

Applications currently under consideration will also be noted on our website: www.radnage.net/council/

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.



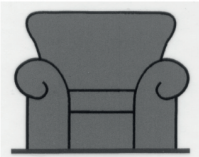
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Check the recycling centre webcams at: www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres

Next Meeting of the Parish Council -

Our next meeting, The Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council at 8pm on Wednesday, November 8th 2023.

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



The Royal British Legion

General Opening Times

Friday 6:00 to 11:00pm
Saturday 8:00 to 11:00pm
Sunday 12.30 to 5.30pm

Forthcoming events at Radnage RBL in 2023:-

October:

Friday 13th at 8.00pm – Race Night
Saturday 14th – Monthly Bingo

November:

Saturday 11th – Armistice Day
Representatives of the RBL will be attending the War Memorial to observe the 2 minutes silence at 11:00am

Saturday 11th Evening – Monthly Bingo

Sunday 12th – Remembrance Sunday
The RBL will be open from 9:00am when bacon rolls will be offered for sale. We will then march to the War Memorial for the Service of Remembrance and the 2 minutes silence at 11:00am

Saturday 18th – Music Night with Radio Generation. The band play a mixture of 70's and 80's New Wave and Power Pop

A voluntary donation of £5.00 would be greatly appreciated. All money raised will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal

Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator

The Radnage Branch of the Royal British Legion is currently seeking a Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator.

For more details please visit the Branch during our regular opening hours

Radnage Charity – Here To Help Our Children

Families recently arrived in Radnage may like to give thought to how their children might benefit from the really rather special benevolent institution that has supported village life for more than 500 years.

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Just in the five years since I have been the clerk to the trustees, educational grants have not only added to the village school's resources in various ways not otherwise funded, but have been made to numerous schoolchildren and students in further and higher education.

Grants have contributed to the need for books and computers, for living expenses

away from home, and for courses, camps, sporting events and over-seas travel.

Funds for such purposes are waiting to be awarded. Asking for support is not asking for charity! It is the charity itself that is asking families to apply.

It is a simple process. The child or older student – with parental help if necessary – should write (the old-fashioned way) to me, setting out the educational purpose for which a contribution could make all the difference. Do this in good time, as the trustees meet only four times a year, although urgent requests can also be considered.

Parents: encourage your children to take this initiative in their own futures, to thereby gain the satisfaction of making a personal contribution to achieving their individual ambitions.

I await your letters. James Darley, Gledehill, Green End Road, Radnage, HP14 4BZ.

Radnage Quiz Night

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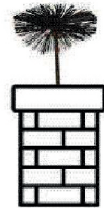
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News from St Paul's Church

Well, it has been a very busy September after the August break! Busy for many families with the return to work perhaps, schools and colleges - and for all those starting at schools, college and University - Good Luck!!

We've had some lovely services at St Paul's and across the Benefice and it's encouraging to see congregations growing and meeting all together. Welcome back to St Paul's to Revd Andi after the summer, and the Hymns and Pimms service led by Revd Veronica was wonderful; there were so many requests and suggestions that some had to go unsung so watch for Chapter 2 in the Springtime!

Alongside the joy of worship, we also had real disappointment when the first advertisement for our full-time interim priest for the Benefice went unanswered. However, we've learned since that it's a fairly common situation to be in at present - there is a full statement elsewhere in Contact from Archdeacon Chris Bull and Deanery Lay Chair Caroline Sants which explains a lot. So - we keep hoping and we keep praying !

We are not alone in our prayer; there are churches across the Deanery and beyond who are praying for a successful appointment for us and for an end to the long vacancy. The Wycombe Prayer group have kindly offered to lead an early morning prayer group for us in their monthly calendar of churches and will be joining us at St Paul's on **Saturday 7th October between 6.00 and 9.00 am**. Those wishing to join in can do so at any time, it doesn't necessarily mean get there at 6.00 or stay for the three

hours! The power of prayer is immense and it can take many forms.



There are several events coming up which are going to be very enjoyable - our **10.30am service at St Paul's on Sunday 8th October will be a Family service and a Harvest Festival and Pets' service** – celebrating everything that is wonderful in God's creation! The service will be led by Revd Anne and please do come along and join in with your pets of any size and shape. Harvest contributions and funds raised will be donated to the Wycombe One Can Trust where there is so much need. **On Saturday 14th the West Wycombe Brass Band** have kindly offered to perform a concert



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On **Sunday 22nd October**, the **West Wycombe Chamber Choir** are presenting a 'first' for us which we're really looking forward to - a Songs of Praise concert in St Paul's at 5.30pm blended with requests to join in with. Further details are available on posters and from PCC members or Michele Hodkinson. Thankyou very much Michele, Barry and the Choir! Looking a little further ahead, Butterfly Crafts and Coffee will take place again in the Village Hall on **Saturday 4th November between 10.30 and 2.00pm** in aid of church funds and Thankyou to Angie Wright who organises this so well - and (dare I say...) with lots of ideas for Christmas!

We shall be holding our annual All Souls service in St Paul's at the beginning of November (date and time to be confirmed) when we remember our loved ones who have died, either during the year or before; we still miss them and think of them often. If you would like someone to be included in the prayers please could you let Alison know at alir08@hotmail.co.uk

And last but not least, Congratulation to Louise and Anthony Stone who joined the WWFC Football March from Wembley to Adams Park raising funds for Prostate Cancer - 400 walkers of the 26 mile walk raised an astonishing sum of £209,000 and their arrival back at the ground was met by lots of fans!

Please do share any accounts of fundraising achievements or other events - we have a wonderful local community and would love to hear from you!



Alison Rimmer, Church Warden

West Wycombe Community Library

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West Wycombe Chamber Choir

Is summer over yet? Who knows! However, the choir have already started rehearsals for their Christmas Concert on Saturday 9th December at 7pm.

We are very pleased to say that we are once again back at our usual venue, St Lawrence's Church. It will be wonderful to be back there in such amazing and familiar surroundings. We will be singing a variety of Christmas favourites, religious and secular. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time, meanwhile make a note of the date. If you would like to be part of the choir for this event why not join us? We are particularly looking for basses, but other voices are also very welcome. Come along to our rehearsal to join. We rehearse at West Wycombe Primary School on Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30. The first rehearsal is free!

The details of our tour to Italy next May are nearly finalised. We are in the Tuscany region of Italy staying in Montecatini, a spa town and performing 3 concerts and doing a bit of sightseeing! At present we have 53 people, but we could squeeze in a few more.

Our summer concert in the village hall was a great success and we managed to fill the hall. The 'Phantom of the Opera' arrived during the performance, but he has now left and has now returned Summer Wayman, who he ran out with! Thank you to all who attended.

Thanks to Richard and Jules Sainter who opened their garden up and hosted the choir summer picnic. It was a great day and we managed to avoid any rain during a particularly rainy period. It was lovely to relax together and remember all the singing and fun we have had over the years.

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News from West Wycombe Preschool

The children at West Wycombe Preschool have jumped into the Autumn Term with both feet! Although we only have a couple of weeks under our belts, the preschool is alive with singing, chatter & learning.

We are so proud of how the children have begun this term; new friendships are blossoming & the team have some exciting learning opportunities planned. There was an excited buzz last week when we harvested potatoes we had grown in our vegetable patch, used knives to chop them & popped them in the oven. We tasted them & the empty plate seemed to suggest they were a great hit!!

You may have seen some alterations afoot to the driveway. We have created a second outside space for the children to explore. It is still under construction, but that hasn't stopped our excited little ones enjoying the space already!! There have also been some changes inside; the team have created a sensory space where we can head to for some calm time, soothing sounds & low lighting have helped this area have a different feel to the rest of our preschool.

Our first fundraiser will be a cinema event so watch out on social media for details.



If you are looking for a preschool for your little one, we are booking for September 2024. Pop us an email & we can arrange a visit or look out for our next open day, dates to be confirmed. (wwpspg@gmail.com)

Sarah Gowers, Assistant Manager



We now have a Clothing Bank in our driveway

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News from West Wycombe School

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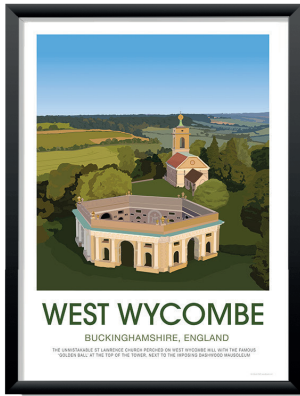
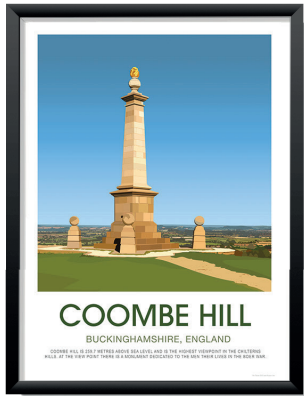
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West Wycombe Weather Station Chorley Road - Eileen Chapman



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July 9 th	8	28	25	33
July 16 th	13	22	38	21
July 23 rd	9	22	24	21
July 30 th	7	23	30	18
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Tuesday	Morning	Yoga with Laila Lailanippres2@gmail.com
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Coffee Break - Wordsearch

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Math riddles:

Farm life

In reply to an inquiry about the animals on his farm, the farmer says: "I only ever keep sheep, goats, and horses. In fact, at the moment they are all sheep bar three, all goats bar four, and all horses bar five." How many does he have of each animal?

House numbers

My twin lives at the reverse of my house number. The difference between our house numbers ends in two. What are the lowest possible numbers of our house numbers?

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Farm life - The farmer has 3 sheep, 2 goats, and 1 horse.

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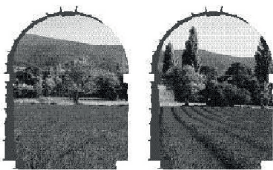
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Note from Archdeacon

In the 'Where do we go from here' meeting with all the Churchwardens and selection panel members, including Associate Archdeacon of Buckingham Canon Chris Bull, Wycombe Deanery Lay Chair Caroline Sants and one of our patrons Revd Graham Archer. The meeting was very constructive and offered several ideas for the way ahead to sustain everyone and to make progress.

Following the meeting, Archdeacon Chris and Caroline joined in writing the following supportive statement.

We were all very disappointed with the news that there had been no applicants to the newly advertised full time, interim role at West Wycombe benefice. The team of church wardens and representatives on the panel have worked so hard, both to make progress in the benefice during the long vacancy but also to prepare an excellent profile which we believe does full justice to this benefice, of which we are so fond. The meeting scheduled for shortlisting applicants was nevertheless held but became instead a discussion of why there were no responses and what we can do to help move things forward.

In answer to the first question, Graham Archer from CPAS, one of the patrons of the benefice, shared his perspective from being involved in similar processes up and down the country. Indeed, he had graciously travelled a very long distance to be with us, for which we were so grateful. He explained that at the moment there were relatively few clergy moving so the 'market' was very quiet. This was in part because a lot of movement took place after Covid and lockdown, but also that people might be waiting to see how the discussion about Living in Love and Faith settles in the end. This underlined what we all know in our heart- that there is nothing 'wrong' with

your parishes, but rather that this frustrating process is being played out in many parishes across the country.

So – what next? The unanimous conclusion of the group was to recommend that the advertisement be repeated as soon as possible. Having received feedback that the originally advertised half time post was not sufficient to cover four parishes, this full-time post is completely new, and therefore this would only be the second time of advertising – which is not unusual either within Wycombe deanery or in the wider church. Of course, we shall all continue to pray, and to trust that this process will end with the person God has prepared for you sending in their application, and all this waiting and frustration finally making sense.

It is so hard to see the extraordinary hard work and resilience of the clergy, wardens, PCCs and congregations of your parishes meet with such a disappointment, and we all share in that sadness and frustration. Nevertheless, Wednesday's meeting seemed full of hope and determination, and as representatives of the diocese and deanery we are committed to doing everything we can to help during the vacancy and, of course, bring it to an end with a successful appointment.



Church Services

Sunday 1 Oct - 10am <i>Trinity 17</i>	Eucharist <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Ex 17.1-7 Phil 2.1-13 Mt 21.23-32
Sunday 8 Oct - 10.30am <i>Trinity 18</i>	Eucharist <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Ex 20.1-4,7-9,12-20 Phil 3.4-14 Mt 21.33-46
Sunday 15 Oct - 10am <i>Trinity 19</i>	Eucharist <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Ex 32.1-14 Phil 4.1-9 Mt 22.1-14
Sunday 22 Oct - 11am <i>Trinity 20</i>	Eucharist <i>Reverend Ivor Cornish</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Ex 33.12-13 1 Thess 1.1-10 Mt 22.15-22
Sunday 29 Oct - 10am <i>Bible</i>	Eucharist <i>Reverend Chris Bull</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Deut 34.1-12 1 Thess 2.1-8 Mt 22.34-46
Sunday 5 Nov - 10am <i>4 before Advent</i>	Eucharist with Baptism <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Mic 3.5-12 1 Thess 2.9-13 Mt 24.1-14
Saturday 11 Nov - 10.40am <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Remembrance <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	West Wycombe War Memorial (St Lawrence's churchyard)	Wisdom 3:1-8
Sunday 12 Nov - <i>Remembrance</i>	10.15am Remembrance <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Wis 6.12-16 (17-20) 1 Thess 4.13-18 Mt 25.1-13
	10.40am Remembrance <i>Alison Wood & Alison Rimmer</i>	West Wycombe War Memorial (St Lawrence's churchyard)	
	10.45am Remembrance <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	Radnage War Memorial	
	10.50am Remembrance followed by Eucharist <i>Reverend Ivor Cornish</i>	Lych Gate at St Botolph's, Bradenham	
Sunday 19 Nov - 10am <i>2 before Advent</i>	Eucharist <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Zeph 1.7,12-18 1 Thess 5.1-11 Mt 25.14-30
Sunday 26 Nov - 11am <i>Christ the King</i>	Eucharist <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Ezek 34.11-16,20-24 Eph 1.15-23 Mt 25.31-46



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