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## Letter from your church

The Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson who has served as our Bishop of Buckingham for over twenty years died suddenly and unexpectedly on 17th February aged 68.

Our Archdeacon, Guy Elsmore, says – “We have lost a courageous, wise and exceptional pastoral leader and teacher. Alan’s ministry was centred in people, in valuing every person he met and in the quest to expand the circle of the Church’s love to embrace all.”

He was ordained deacon in 1979, after reading history at Cambridge and training at Wycliffe Hall Oxford. He served all his ministry in this diocese, being Rector of Sandhurst for 11 years before his appointment as a bishop in 2003.

Alan had a mind that was well fed from his wide range of interests, especially modern history, photography, art and design, and France. He was an early user of new technology and produced an interesting and entertaining blog. John Pritchard, the former Bishop of Oxford, received a letter of complaint from someone who had been at a service that Alan was taking and thought that he saw the bishop reading his emails, in fact, he was following the readings on an app. I heard a similar story about a teenager who was chastised for looking at their phone during the sermon, not realising that that was where the bishop made his notes.

Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, has said that almost everyone has an anecdote to tell about Alan. My personal one is, that once, on arrival nervously at Sheridan, Bishop Alan’s home, for a ministerial revue, I was offered a cup of tea and told firmly that I was to be honoured with a new tea bag.

Bishop Alan was a strong supporter of women’s ministry and of the LGBTQIA+ community and others on the margins of

society including victims of abuse. He offered remarkable leadership to the church’s work in education and was a governor of Wycombe Abbey School where he has worked with Revd Penny Nash who is to be our new Rector.

We had been due to have a visit from the Bishop at the beginning of February, but it was cancelled when he decided to take a short sabbatical in order to plan his coming retirement, which ironically he never got to enjoy. But we have been lucky enough to have had several visits to our benefice and we are assured that he followed our difficulties during our vacancy. We will miss our pastoral leader and friend. May he rest in peace. We pray for his wife, Lucy, and their five grown-up children and all his close colleagues.

*Loving God,*

*Friend of the broken, the outcast and the hurting.*

*We lament the loss of our friend and brother Alan.*

*We give thanks for your abundant grace in his life and ministry,*

*for many treasured memories: for his intelligence, compassion and joy.*

*We entrust Lucy, his family, friends and colleagues to your steadfast love.*

*We pray for the clergy and parishes of the Buckingham area as we grieve our faithful pastor, friend and shepherd.*

*We pray for all who mourn.*

*Kindle in us afresh the hope of rest in Christ and resurrection to new and eternal life.*

*Through Christ our Lord we pray,*

*Amen*



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

Luna Willow Johnson  
St Botolph's, Bradenham

### Burial of Ashes

Lilian Beatrice Flint  
St Mary's, Radnage

John Herbert Flint  
St Mary's, Radnage



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# Bledlow Ridge

## News from St Paul's Church

It was good to welcome the Arts and Crafts group into church. We have made new friends and enjoyed seeing many visitors.



We will be welcoming Revd Canon Chris Bull to take our service on Sunday 21st April. As Assistant Archdeacon he has been a great support to us during our long vacancy both in steering the group who were given the task of finding us a new leader and in supporting the parishes.

This year is the 30th anniversary of the first ordination of women to the priesthood. A celebration service is planned for Sunday 28th April at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford at 2.30pm. We are among the many parishes and benefices that have been able to maintain services by welcoming female priests.

Alison Rimmer has been churchwarden at West Wycombe through a difficult time in the parish steering them through the sale of the church rooms and making St Paul's in the village the parish church as St Lawrence

became financially impossible to maintain. She has also been at the forefront of work with the Rural Review and on to the Rural Forum. As she retires and moves to the south coast there will be an opportunity to wish her well at the service at West Wycombe on 14th April. Contributions towards her leaving gift can be made through our church wardens.

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## Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News

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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](mailto:clerk@bcspc.org.uk) or on 07843 975097. Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 8th April 2024 with the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7pm and the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

The Parish Council met on Monday 11th March 2024 at Bledlow Village Hall - draft minutes of the meeting can be found on our website:

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**24/05292/FUL Coppelstone Chinnor Road**  
Householder application for proposed construction of single storey front extension and amendments to fenestration's

*PC Comment: No objection*

**24/05296/FUL Wigans Farm Wigans Lane**  
Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and construction of 1 x dwelling with associated works (alternative scheme to pp 22/07026/FUL)

*PC Comment: Bledlow cum Saunderton does not object to this planning application but would make the following observations / recommendations: The use of white bricks would be obtrusive on the ridge line as per the Neighbourhood Plan Design checklist policy 6 which states that it should be in harmony with the landscape when considered from all views. Therefore, the proposed form in relation to neighbouring buildings/ properties needs to be considered. In addition, there is no visible provision for existing bat roosts.*

**24/05326/ADRC Windrush Chinnor Road**  
Application for approval of details subject to conditions 2 (materials) and 7 (biodiversity features) of planning approval ref: 23/07192/FUL

*PC Comment: For information only, no comment required*

## Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

**24/05215/MINAMD Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge**

Proposed non-material amendment to permission for installation of solar panels to agricultural barns A, B and D granted under planning ref: 21/08241/FUL

*Application Withdrawn*

**24/05404/LBC Morlands Farm Chinnor Road**

Listed building application to open up ceiling to the rafters in Main Bedroom 1

*PC Comment: No objection*

**24/05407/ADRC Fowlers Dene Chinnor Rd**

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

*PC Comment: For information only, no comment required*

**24/05425/ADRC9 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge**

Application for approval of details subject to condition 9 (ecology) of planning approval ref: 21/06179/FUL

*PC Comment: For information only, no comment required*

**24/05427/ADRC9 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge**

Application for approval of details subject to conditions 3 (materials), 7 (landscaping) and 11 (privacy screen) of planning approval ref: 21/06179/FUL

*PC Comment: For information only, no comment required*

**24/05295/PNP6A Ashmore Farm 21A Haw Lane**

Prior approval application (Part 6, Class A) for construction of agricultural building for use to store hay and straw bales, farming machinery, tractors and trailers

*Details required to be Submitted*



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Hopefully by the time you read this the village hall carpark will have been retarmacked.

This is scheduled to start on Wednesday 27th March..

With grateful thanks to the parish and county council who have fully funded this project.

We continue to improve the future viability of the village hall.

The Table Tennis tables have also been upgraded and a new table football table has added to the fun on Thursday Nights of the Ping Pong Club. Everyone welcome 7 to 9pm.

The Monthly Village Breakfast Club continues to be an enjoyable way to spend some time on a Saturday morning chatting and getting to know your neighbours.

With a cooked breakfast for the reasonable price of £4. The sausage baps and blueberry pancakes were the favourite last month. Hope to see you there on 6th April.

There is availability for other classes, clubs and fun evenings and would love to hear any ideas you may have to increase the usage of the hall. [bookings@brvh.co.uk](mailto:bookings@brvh.co.uk)



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## The Ridge Evening WI

Our speaker was Geologist Dr. Jill Eyers with her title “The Geology of Bledlow Ridge: 500 million years in 50 Minutes”. At 10m years per minute we skipped rapidly over the exploding volcanic scene to a time when England and Wales were south of the Equator and Scotland was somewhere over towards China, to wondering what is beneath our feet and how time has shaped our surroundings.

350m years ago the carboniferous seas laid down the coal fields that fuelled our Industrial Revolution: 20m years ago Jurassic seas formed the limestone landscape on which dinosaurs walked, leaving their footprints preserved for us all; We have ‘pudding stones’ (sarsens) at Bradenham, chalk at Whiteleaf Quarry, V shaped valleys from river erosion and U shaped valleys from glaciers: chalk, clay and flint - the curse of all gardeners – but also the raw materials of distinctive buildings such as wonderful checkerboard cottages or the Dashwood

Mausoleum. And so much more if we keep our eyes peeled.

We were informed that there have been five Ice Ages alternating with five periods of global warming, but the issue with the current phase is the massive amount of carbon dioxide we produce relative to geological time, thus interrupting normal patterns.

Our speaker suggested that it is time to consult with geologists for informed answers rather than relying on the guesswork of politicians!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday April 3rd, 7.30pm in the Village Hall and Lee Welch will be giving his presentation, with demonstration, “Tai Chi” Enigma Variations.

We are always keen to welcome new members and if you would like to know more about us either enquire on [theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com](mailto:theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com) or come

along to a meeting as a visitor (£3 donation) without obligation to join us.

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## Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

If you want to know what the Hort Soc is doing for the rest of the year, you can always visit “ [www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk](http://www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk) ” to see our calendar of events and read some entertaining reports of the past meetings.

On the immediate horizon is our meeting in the Village Hall on 18 April at 8.00pm when Paul Green makes a welcome return with “Plants of the Season”. Paul is a professional nurseryman, so not only does he know his plants and how to grow them, but it also means that he will, as before, arrive with a transit van full of plants, so that members will also be able to indulge in a little retail therapy after the meeting !

On **Sunday 12 May**, we have our annual “Bring and Buy Plant Sale” at the Village Hall 10am to 11.30am with free admission for all. So now is a good time to see if you have any spare vegetable or bedding plants, shrubs you have grown from cuttings, perennials

you have divided, house plants you’ve grown tired of, etc. Pot them up and bring them along, and there’s bound to be someone who will give them a good home and a bit of TLC. You are likely to find some bargains yourself and can celebrate with a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake at our pop-up Potting Shed Café.

We’ve got two outings planned this year, the first of which is on Tuesday 11 June with an all-day coach outing to the gardens at Broughton Grange and Coton Manor. The price for members is held at £45pp ( non-members £50 ) covering the coach trip, driver’s tip and admission to both gardens, and tickets will be available at our April meeting.



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BRHS members have an annual free group visit to the renowned RHS gardens at Wisley in Surrey. We change the month of this trip from year to year ( last year we visited in

May ) so that members can experience the changes in the season..... this year's self-drive trip is on Tuesday 16 July.



### Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

The club has been doing a good deal for its existing players and to attract anyone in the area who is looking to play for a new club.

Significant decisions have been made. Chris Rowley has agreed to take up Coaching duties, Erin Hedger is running our Social Media, and by the time this edition is published we expect that a Kit Sponsorship programme will have been finalised which will provide five items of personalised playing and training clothing for all players. In addition, the club has decided to invest in a Frogbox: this device is essentially a camera which, combined with the Play-Cricket online match scoring system, enables matches to be transmitted live and key moments recorded. It also gives a platform for promoting our sponsors and other benefactors. We also have volunteer umpires and scorers for the coming season.

Talking of benefactors, we expect that all last year's All Aboard Sponsors will be re-signing and we are appealing to all club members, families and friends to join the 200 Club (we are up to 140+). These are the sort of schemes that enable the club to fund new initiatives such as Frogbox as well as maintain our excellent club and ground. We have already paid out over £2000 in prizes while raising much-needed funds.

Outdoor practice for U14s and above take place every Wednesday at 6pm and we start

with a Seniors match at Bledlow Village on Saturday 20th April and an inter-club game at home on 27th, with matches the following week as well, before the league season starts on 11th May. Ben Hillary has taken charge of Sunday cricket and has arranged a number of fixtures.

All villagers (and beyond!) are welcome to watch all matches and we intend to open the bar again on Saturdays. The Junior Section starts, with bar and BBQ, on Friday 19th April. **The Friday night BBQ team under Martin Forsyth urgently needs two more volunteers to come forward.** Shifts are once in three weeks, 6-8pm plus a bit or prep before if you can get there and some clearing up after – martin.forsyth@sky.com or 07740 595796.

Finally, the **Clubhouse Café has reopened** under Martina's management and is a great place to have a coffee, a snack or a meal on **Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.** The Café is open 10-3.30 Thursday & Friday; 9.30-2.00 Saturday.

New players should contact me, John Rolfe, on j.rolfe444@btinternet.com or 07873 516568. There is further information on [www.bledlowridgecricket.co.uk](http://www.bledlowridgecricket.co.uk)



### Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

We held our AGM earlier in March and were delighted to have a good number of members join us by Zoom and to have lively engagement at the end of the formal part of the meeting.

The committee were reappointed, with Ben Lawrence as Chairman, Sarah Layden as Secretary, Alastair Light as Treasurer, and Dirmuid Jennings as Welfare and Safeguarding Officer.

Ben outlined the positive nature of the previous season. This included the participation in local leagues with women's, men's and mixed teams; club tournaments well attended; and a number of facility improvements including the addition of floodlights to two courts.

The Chairman then went on to describe some of the plans for the coming season, including the installation of a new gravel path from carpark to clubhouse; investigating clubhouse improvements; expanding coaching and training especially for juniors; and a club dinner in September.

Alastair provided a solid report on the club finances, and after the grants we received, the very successful Auction of Promises, and the cost of facility improvements, we have been able to put money aside in our

sinking fund to ensure that we can afford to resurface the courts in a few years' time. We have also decided once again to hold membership fees at the same level in recognition of the generosity of our members at fundraising events and noting the continued high cost of living.

There was then very positive discussion with the members at the end of the meeting on subjects as diverse as forming a Pickleball group, how best to publicise the events up at the club, and offering support for safeguarding.

We now turn our attention to the beginning of the new membership year in April, the Working Party in May to spruce up the facilities, and the Open Day where we invite prospective members to come and try everything that is available.

Please visit [www.bledlowridgetennis.co.uk](http://www.bledlowridgetennis.co.uk) for more details on the club and for members, there is an area under "About -> Minutes" where full details of the AGM and other committee meetings can be found.

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## Bledlow Ridge School

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The Sustainable week at school was really successful with the children really taking an interest and understanding how important it is to reuse, reduce and recycle. Coming up is a Mother's Day Sale organised by the BRSA and also a fun easter egg hunt. Al Sylvester (explorer and motivational speaker) will be coming into school to talk to the children which will be a fantastic opportunity for them.

The children have enjoyed continuing the range of sports at school and some of them

have completed locally in netball and cross-country events. Year 2 have been working very hard on a project all about 150 Years of Bledlow Ridge and they are holding an exhibition to show their findings which should be very interesting.

Finally parents have been reminded about parking safely and responsibly around the village at pick up and drop off times, and we would urge parents and carers to support us with this.



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## Safari Supper – Thank you

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Many thanks Gillian

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# Bradenham

## News from St Botolph's Church

The recent re-plastering work, made possible by funds from the Friends of St. Botolph's, is nearly complete and, with the installation of ambient lighting, the church feels a very warm and welcoming place.

As a reminder, you might like to know that the church is open daily for all visitors and walkers, with 'help yourself' coffee and tea. Walkers should note that dogs are welcome and are actually provided with dog biscuits to accompany the chocolate and biscuits provided for humans. Visitors might also like to browse the gift and plant stands- gifts are free but a small donation is welcome.

Progress on our clock repairs is continuing with another draft application in with the Diocese. In other news, the crypt will be opened for the first time in 80 years; the event will be part of a film being made by sixth form students of John Hampden Grammar School.

The book club, Bot's Books, continues to meet every two months and new members are welcome. The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 9th at 7pm. No compulsion to read anything, only be able to chat and

feast !

We are now close to Easter which is very early this year. The days are lengthening and there are signs of spring. We look forward to the hope contained in the Easter message. Palm Sunday is on March 24th and we have a service at 11am. On Good Friday we have a special service entitled " Stations of the Cross". It is being conducted by Rev Veronica Beaumont and Rev Anne Cooper for all the Benefice.

The service uses our watercolours, now re-hung after the plastering, which depict the fourteen stations of the cross that Jesus carried from Jerusalem to Calvary. It is very evocative of Jesus' final journey and a fitting reminder of what he endured.

On Sunday March 31st we have the joy and hope of Christ rising from the dead.

May you all have a Happy Easter!

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## Bradenham Parish Council

The Council met on March 11th. A report will appear in the next issue of Contact.

It was decided that the annual litter pick will take place on SATURDAY APRIL 13TH. We will assemble at the Cricket Club at 10am. We are usually joined by villagers and would

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# Piddington

## Piddington Village Hall

The life of the Village Hall continues apace, and the efforts and energy of our new committee members continue to bear fruit.

Particular congratulations must go to Heather for organising a recent Bingo Night, which raised a very welcome £600 for Hall funds that will help the committee pay for the ongoing upgrade to the Hall's electrical systems. We are also grateful to the Parish Council who have generously supported further enhancements to the resilience and TV coverage available on our large-screen Smart TV, which will make it more attractive to potential hirers of the Hall; that capability should be fully installed in Mid-March. With the equipment that we now have in the Village Hall and the increased number of committee members available to support extra events, we are planning a series of events as we seek, over time, to try and hold one community event in the Hall every month.

Our current intentions, which are at various stages of planning, include hosting:

**A Quiz Night: On Friday the 19th April** – (Organised by the Horticultural Society and see more details below).

**Eurovision Night: Saturday 11th May** – This will be a ticketed event at £5 per person; bring your own drinks, nibbles and dress to suit the Eurovision way! Bunting and decorations to be erected. More details to follow next month and on the Village Hall website closer to the event, but please put the date in your diary

**D-Day Celebrations: Friday 7th June** – We hope to join the national celebrations and commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of

*D-Day by hosting an evening event in the Hall.*

**Village Show: Saturday 31st August** – *The traditional annual event organised by the Horticultural Society.*

**Race Night: September** – *On an evening in September to be announced in the next couple of months.*

**2/3 November:** *Possibility of holding a single event to celebrate Halloween and Bonfire night.*

**Proposals for December:** *A Christmas family event early in the month, followed by the traditional Carol Concert in mid-December.*

Looking to the longer-term, we are going to form a working group to look at potential future infrastructure projects within the Hall to improve the flexibility of some of the existing spaces and make them more widely available for use. Our main area of interest is the upper room, which is currently limited in its use by fire regulations as it only has one access route. So, if you have any expertise in building design, planning and construction and would like to give up some of your time to help us decide how best to take this project forward, please get in touch through our email address or the phone number at the front of Contact Magazine.

## Piddington Horticultural Society News

### Diary Dates:

The Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Friday 10th May at 7.30pm**. Everybody welcome, especially anyone able to give a small amount of time 3 or 4 times a year to help get the hall ready for fundraising/ social events. With the **Annual Village Show taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday 31st August**, now is the time to start planning what vegetable and flower seeds to sow to ensure we have a fantastic show in 2024.

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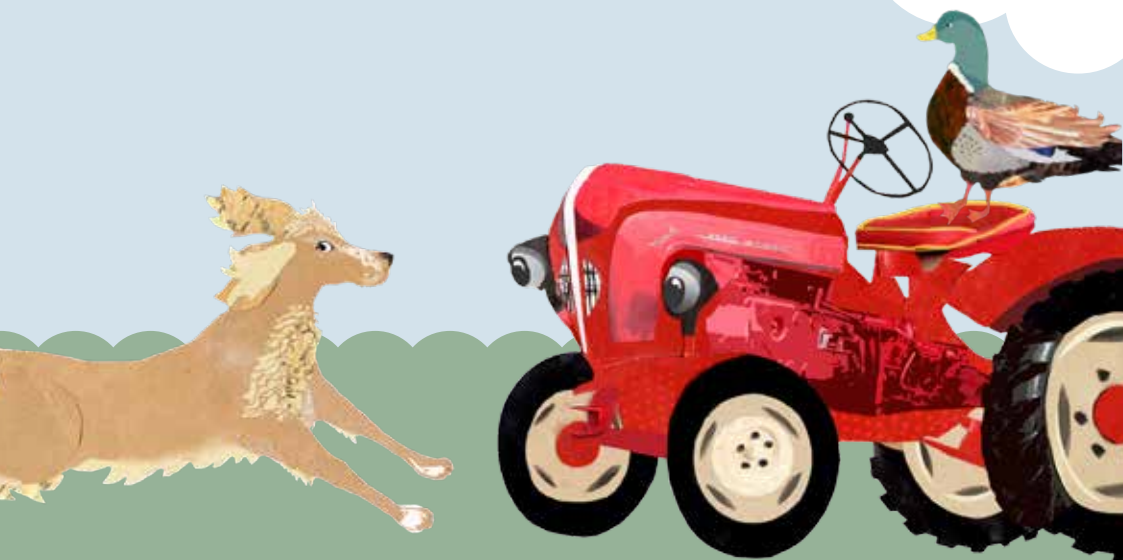
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## Radnage

### News From St Mary's Church

This year it has been decided to postpone Garden Sunday for Radnage until next year. The reasons are varied but one major reason is the need for more worker bees to help with the not insignificant number of jobs attached to making the day go smoothly. You will have seen the advertisements for both the D day 80th celebrations and the Progressive Supper and it was felt that another big event would be difficult to fit in the year with the lack of helpers.

By postponing the event it will give the committee time to reimagine Garden Sunday so that it works for all involved.

We will continue to raise funds for the church, so watch this space while we work out how that can come about.

Last month in church we started with a very inspiring and informative talk from Helen Foster of the One Can Trust. She went into some detail of how varied and wide ranging are the projects they offer the community. They are reliant on churches and other organisations for their stocks that are then distributed.

We now have a new cage in a prominent position in the church porch and on the shelf you will find leaflets explaining which foods and products are needed. <https://onecantrust.org.uk> Look at the website to see all the myriad activities One Can cover. Please do keep a thought for them when shopping. Buy the extra can.

### Works at St Mary the Virgin

Anyone who has popped into the church over that last 15 months or so will have noticed we have some ongoing repairs happening. Most of these have come about following our 5 yearly (Quinquennial) Inspection carried out by our architect Libby Watts from Libby Rose Architects.

There are a range of smaller maintenance jobs that are being worked through, as well as the replacement of our trusty storage shed which is now sitting at rather a jaunty angle!

One of the larger jobs was repairs to the timber work in the porch which has been completed – if you look up to the right of the inner door you will see a very skilled carpentry repair.

Internal low-level damp has been an issue for some time at St Mary's. Recent advances in the understanding of materials indicate that replacing the plaster with traditional 3 coat air - lime plaster will be more suitable and resolve the damp issue long term. It has been fascinating to watch Dan Smith from Stone Rose Restoration strip away the plaster in the porch and on the West wall to reveal the original flint wall. This has been stabilised and allowed to dry out over many months and now plastering is almost complete. We now hope to continue this work around the perimeter of the church in phases to avoid having to close the church. This is likely to take more than 3 years to complete but is very important piece of work for maintaining the wellbeing of our beautiful ancient church building.

Thank you to all of you within the village

who support St Marys at our community fundraising events and contribute to the Church as planned givers. We are also grateful to Radnage Charity which is able to give grants towards the upkeep of the fabric of the church from the 'Church Branch'. The PCC are also applying to other grant giving bodies to secure funds to enable us to move forward with the whole project.

St Mary's Building and Churchyard Sub Committee

**Please do pop into the church at anytime, it is always open, and help yourself to a coffee and sit and enjoy the peace and quiet both inside and out in the Churchyard.**

#### WI News:



**Our March meeting was an extremely interesting talk given by Willie Reid, a local historian. We learnt about 18th century Wycombe's place in military his-tory and the life of Maj-Gen John Gaspard le Marchant, a truly outstanding soldier.**

**April** – Francis Carshaw, who has given us several talks before, is sharing her knowledge of pearls and art deco jewellery. She will talk about her life in France, her love of pearls and her own collection of Art Deco jewellery. She will also bring beautiful items along that she has made and that will be for sale. This will be an open meeting. If this talk interests you please come along and join us (Francis would love to see as many people as possible) – there will be a £5 one-off visitors charge to cover our costs, the village hall will be open from just after 7pm

**May** – This will be our Resolution Meeting.

**June** – Ann Brown will be talking about learning to fly (later in life!) Ann lives in Radnage.

**We have many interesting and stimulating events planned for the rest of the year, and further information about any of our activities can be found at our website, [radnage.wil@outlook.com](http://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@btinternet.com](mailto:mavis.towell668@btinternet.com). Please check beforehand in case of unforeseen circumstances.

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

We have a Bring and Buy table at meetings which is always popular. Do have a sort out and bring along anything that you no longer have a use for, books, kitchenware, sewing/knitting odds and ends, or general bric-a-brac, it may be just what someone else is looking for, and all takings go to boost our funds.

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

#### You Are Very Welcome To Join Us!

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.

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In remembrance of the 80th anniversary of D Day we would like to in-vite all the residents of Radnage to come together for the Beacon Lighting ceremony on Thursday 6th June at 9.15pm at Radnage Village Hall

From Prime Minister Rishi Sunak: “D-Day on 6 June 1944 was the largest Naval, Air and land Operation in history, involving many hundreds of thousands of brave men who had to leave their families at home, not knowing if they would ever return home, a feat we hope will never have to take place again.

The heroism of those who landed on the shores of the Normandy beaches, represented a beacon of light for the world during a particularly dark period of war. It is therefore fitting that local communities throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and those along the shorelines of Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches in Normandy, France, should light Beacons on 6 June 2024, in ‘tribute to the light of peace that they brought out from the misery of darkness during that dreadful campaign, of which many unfortunately did not return.’”

There will also be a Fun Day party on the 8th June at Radnage Village Hall

Further details to follow. Please mark the date in your diaries

Can you help?

We have a number of people putting this Village event together. We’d love to make it more interactive. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions for fun things to do on the day, or if there is anyone out there

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

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#### Next Meeting of the Parish Council -

Our next meeting, the Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held at 8pm on Thursday 9th May 2024..

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# West Wycombe

## News from St Paul's Church

**How lovely to see the signs of Spring - the snowdrops, crocus and daffodils all popping up in recent weeks and the days are definitely longer!**

Welcome to a Springtime Contact and here's hoping that April will be a warmer and drier month than March has been - wouldn't it be lovely to have a sunny Easter weekend!

It has been a busy month for the church with services and community events and as I write this we are still travelling the Lent journey with the joyous prospect of Easter beyond. The Lent course has been a very interesting one with 'Watch and Pray' the key to our weekly reflection and discussion and Thankyou to Revd Veronica for preparing and leading this and also to St Paul's Bledlow Ridge for hosting us. Full details of the Easter services were in the March Contact and we look forward to what is often considered to be the most significant part of our Christian worship with the joy of Easter Day and new life all around.

Mothering Sunday was a wonderful Benefice service at St Paul's with the church full and flowers for the congregation and community and it was so traditional and fun to share coffee and plenty of cake after the service - remembering the days when those in service



would be given the day off to visit their mother church and families, often taking a Simnel cake with them too! The cakes donated for the Remap Coffee Morning the day before were amazing, with so many



to share on both the Saturday and Sunday - Thankyou to everyone who helped in any way to raise £130 for Remap funds. Their illustrated presentation was fascinating and they are always locally available should anyone need their support. Thanks also to Angie Wright for organising the Craft & Coffee event and generously donating all the funds raised to church funds, a wonderful total of just over £300.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place on Sunday 12th May following the morning service at St Paul's - please do come along if you are able to, it is a key point in our parish year giving us the opportunity to look back on the achievements and challenges of the last year as well as looking ahead to the next year. With the arrival of Revd Penny in July it will definitely be an exciting new time ahead! As Churchwarden I am hugely grateful to the PCC members and

volunteers who have worked so hard and with imagination and determination over the last year; it has been full of events, not all of them expected! and their dedication and energy is remarkable. I advised the APCM last year that this year would be my last as Churchwarden as although I absolutely love the role, I do believe that change encourages progress and new ideas - and I think that 9 years for a Churchwarden in post can mean it is time for a change! Please do keep the church in your thoughts and prayers that a new Churchwarden will emerge to take on the role, along with the support of the strong and talented PCC.

We were very sad to hear of the sudden passing of Bishop Alan of Buckingham at the end of February and the church both locally and nationally have been mourning his loss. There is a tribute to Bishop Alan elsewhere in Contact and we have happy memories of him visiting the Benefice for licensing our Rectors, Confirmation services and when we celebrated 250 years at St Lawrence. He will be greatly missed by many.

Refitting the Rectory is in full swing and solar panels have been fitted onto the west side of the roof as the first step in making the building as environmentally friendly as possible. A new heating system is set to follow with refurbishment alongside, all greatly overdue and the work is planned to finish before the end of June and in preparation for Revd Penny's arrival in July. The garden will also need quite a bit of work and if there is anyone reading this who would like to help with that - we would love to hear from you!

An exciting event at St Paul's will be the Art Exhibition at St Paul's over the first Bank Holiday in May and the art group have shared details of the event elsewhere in Contact.

This is the first time that we have hosted the exhibition and it promises to be a wonderful event. They are a very generous group and are sharing the funds raised between the church and their own chosen charity The One Can Trust.

And - another exciting event will be the arrival of the new chairs for the church following the exhibition and when there is more space again! The chairs will be oak finished and with upholstered seats so definitely more comfortable and also including chairs with arms for those whose mobility is more difficult. However - we know that the current chairs have played a very important part in the life of the church and if anyone would like to keep a chair as a memento please do let us know, and if you could make a small donation to church funds that would be very welcome. The other chairs will be 'bought back' by Alpha Furniture who have been so helpful along the way, and that will help to slightly offset the cost of the new chairs.

At St Lawrence church, the team of volunteers led by Archdeacon Guy who are working on the present and future use of the church building are making good progress on what is a complex and very significant task! The recent Bellingering afternoon was a great success and thanks go to the Bellingers who continue to meet there and look after the magnificent bells so that we all can enjoy the wonderful sound! We're looking forward to the WWV Chamber Choir Easter concert and are delighted that they are still performing there in what is a very special space for them too.

This edition of Contact is actually the last which I shall be writing on behalf of the churches. I will have retired from the NHS at the end of March after 38 years which have been such a privilege and pleasure; I am





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I am absolutely delighted and very grateful that Beverley Cope has offered to continue this section of Contact. Beverley is so gifted as a writer, known and loved by many, and I know just how much the Contact magazine

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means to the church and community. Thanks as always to all the writers, advertisers, production team and delivery volunteers, Contact just couldn't exist without you all! Thankyou Beverley and I'm sure you will have as much fun as I have!

*Alison Rimmer, Church Warden*



*Big Thank You to Alison Rimmer for everything you do to help us at Contact Magazine and in our Community.*

*Good Luck with your new adventures in Weymouth*

## News from your Parish Council



Continuous rain has caused groundwater levels to rise at an incredible rate and as a consequence the 'lake' by Kitty's Lodge has increased considerably. As we said in the March issue – we have been working on this with the highways authority for many months. In the first week of March we had jetting crews on site for two days. The first day they sucked out 6,000 litres of mud and on the second day they sucked out 12 tanker-fulls of water, but as fast as they were sucking water off the road it was coming up through the drain covers. It was agreed that we needed to find a way of letting the water soak away and, with the help of West Wycombe Estate and the National Trust, a ditch was dug to give a bigger area for the water to soak into and to flow towards the existing water courses in the park. By the time you read this, the groundwater levels should have gone down and hopefully we will have had less rain, and in theory our flood will have disappeared. We have been lucky in that, as far as we are aware, none of our residents' homes have been flooded, which has not been the case for other communities in Buckinghamshire.

We will be holding our annual Spring Litter Pick on Saturday 13th April from 9:30am – 12:00 noon. We will be based in West Wycombe Village Hall and high-viz jackets and equipment will be supplied. Tea and homemade cake will be available. We look forward to seeing you.

The Clerk has had a face-to-face meeting with the local Highways Manager, and supplied a long list of all the outstanding work which should have taken place in our parish – everything has been reported on FixMyStreet and the contractors who took over the work last April have actually undertaken almost double the amount of work. This face-to-face meeting resulted in many of the repairs being undertaken in February and March. We are still waiting to hear from Buckinghamshire Council about our High Street Project which we started work on nearly four years ago.

Since the sale of The Church Room our meetings have taken place in West Wycombe

Community Library and we will continue to meet here unless we expect more people to attend - for example, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall.

Our dates for meetings in 2024 are as follows: 11th April, 9th May, 23rd May – Annual Parish Meeting, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August (if required), 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, and 12th December. All meetings start at 8pm and the agenda is issued a week before the meeting and is available on the website (see below) and on our Facebook page.

### FixMyStreet

The Fix My Street website is there for you to report potholes, damaged kerb stones, broken signs etc. – please visit <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>.

Please remember, to get the latest information on: Parish Council activities; social events; Bucks Council; Thames Valley Police; government legislation;

footpaths and many other things that may affect our community go to [www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk). The Parish Council has a Facebook page .

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

Sharon Henson, Clerk to the Parish Council

### New Parish Clerk appointed

I am pleased to be able to announce that we have been successful in recruiting a successor to Sharon. By the time this is published, Steven Marshall will have taken on the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer; from 1st April he will be commencing a handover period with Sharon, and we expect him to have taken up the reins fully by the start of June. Steven has many years' experience as a Parish Clerk and RFO for Ashford Hill With Headley Parish Council in Hampshire, and is a resident of Chinnor. I am sure that over the coming months

many of you will have the opportunity to meet Steven, and my fellow councillors and I are looking forward to working with him to continue to make West Wycombe a great place to live and work.

There will be (much) more to be said about Sharon in a future issue of Contact, so for now I will simply point out that, with all due respect to him, we are conscientiously referring to Steven as her successor, since she is simply irreplaceable.

Simon Cope, Chairman, West Wycombe Parish Council

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## West Wycombe Chamber Choir

Our new Summer term starts on 17th April at 7.30 p.m. in West Wycombe School Hall. New members are very welcome. Our summer concert will be from our light repertoire The 60's and 70's and should be a very enjoyable evening. March saw us celebrating the choir's 18th Birthday with cake and wine. We are looking forward to our 3rd European Tour next month, this time to Tuscany, Italy. We have one remaining place on the tour available should you wish to join us. Those of you that came to our Spring Concert will have heard the repertoire we are singing in Italy.

Our choir tell us that we are the friendliest choir in town. Why not join us?

For more info phone Barry - 07795 680223



## West Wycombe Weather Station Chorley Road - Eileen Chapman

Week ending	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm	Sunshine hours
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	2	13	0	8
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	4	16	57	1
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	2	16	13	10
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	-3	13	23	15



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## West Wycombe Community Library

Our opening times are as follows

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 Wed 10am - 12 noon  
 Thursday 10am - 12 noon  
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We would like to say a big thank you to the Bledlow Ridge Fireworks Committee for the generous cheque. It is only with donations like this which enable the Community Library to survive.

We have some lovely new jewellery for sale at very reasonable prices ....do come in and have a look. Perfect for birthdays or just for yourself!

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Our volunteers work very hard to keep the library open so please come and use it, they will ensure a warm welcome..

*Denise Hurst*



## West Wycombe Preschool

This month is a lovely one here at Preschool, we have been celebrating Mother's Day with a chance for Mothers and other relatives to come in and join their little ones for tea and Scones, a mini pampering session and some gentle art and crafting together.

The children are beginning to spend a bit more time outdoors as the weather slowly improves, getting our gardening beds ready for some seeds soon as well as enjoying the messy mud area and our slowly developing new front garden.

We are currently fundraising to improve this area and any support towards this would be appreciated. We are hoping over time to create a new climbing area as well as a friendship corner and a new buggy shelter.

Within our buggy shelter we will be including a Lending Library which will be for the whole village to access with adult and children books available to swap and borrow as they wish.

Also aimed at supporting the whole local community we receive food donations from our local Tesco each Monday evening.

This food goes out on our drive way every Tuesday morning (during term time) and is free to everyone. Please do come past and help yourselves. This is all food that would otherwise go to waste, so anyone is welcome to pop by and help themselves.

Our fundraising this term involves selling donuts on a Wednesday pick up (2:45-3:15pm) outside the Preschool. These are only £1 each so do pop along for a mid-week sweet treat.

Finally, our Spring Hunt is back over the Easter holiday – look out for our poster for details on some fun local easter activities.

*Jo Brookfield, Preschool Manager*



## Spacious hall for hire

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	Afternoon	<b>Exercise &amp; Mobility class 1pm,</b> <a href="mailto:ollyreedfitness@gmail.com">ollyreedfitness@gmail.com</a>
	Evening	<b>West Wycombe Art Group</b> <a href="mailto:wwag.secretary@hotmail.com">wwag.secretary@hotmail.com</a>
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## West Wycombe School



On the week commencing Monday 4th March, West Wycombe School celebrated Community Week! Every class was tasked with doing something to extend links and better understand the local community.

Mr Ed Tang, Headteacher, said 'we are really keen for the children to understand the strength and importance of community, teamwork and strength in numbers. We are blessed to live and work in such a beautiful area.'

Community Week is a yearly highlight for the school but this year they introduced a link visit between the Year 6 class and the residents of Ryevie Manor Care Home. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to give back to their community and contribute meaningfully. Through storytelling, they transported the residents to different worlds and experiences, and in turn, the residents shared their own stories and wisdom with the children. It was such a beautiful exchange of knowledge, laughter, and friendship.

The children got so much out of the visit and were keen to share their experiences. Beau said 'for our community week, we visited the old folks' homes to read to them. I was initially nervous because I had never been to an old folks home, but as soon as I started reading, I felt so happy and cheerful. The residents were all kind and welcoming and seemed genuinely interested in what we were reading. It made me feel

excellent knowing that we brought joy to their day. I also felt happy that we could do something nice for our community and make a difference in someone's life. It was a unique and memorable experience that I will never forget.'

Maleeha said 'reading to the residents at the old folks home has been such a heartwarming experience. At first, I was not sure how they would respond to us, but they were so happy to have us there. It made me feel really good to see how much they enjoyed our company and how appreciative they were of our reading. It also made me realize how important it is to spend time with the elderly and show them love and kindness. I felt cheerful knowing that we were positively impacting their day. I hope we can go back and read to them again soon.'

Milo said 'visiting the old folks home and reading to the residents was a positive and heartwarming experience. It made me feel really good knowing that we could bring a smile to their faces and make a difference in their day.'

The residents were so kind and welcoming, and it made me happy to see how much they appreciated our company. It has also made me more aware of the elderly in our community and the importance of spending time with them. Overall, it was a great experience that I will never forget.'

In addition to the Ryevie Manor visit, West Wycombe School enjoyed many meaningful community events. Classes went to the local library, butcher, post office and the Apple Orchard, who were kind enough to treat

the children to hot chocolates and brownies. Year 5 cleaned the local Preschool and read to the children, Years 2, 3 and 4 conducted a local litter pick and Year 1 invited a local midwife in to talk to the children about their work.

In a small village school, community is important so the school was so pleased with the impact of their projects. The pupils loved Community Week and they're already planning the next one!



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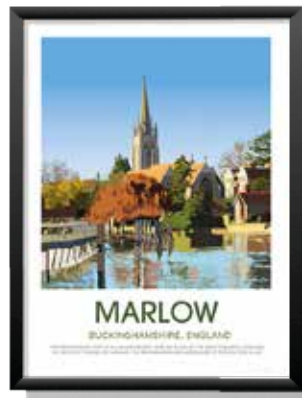
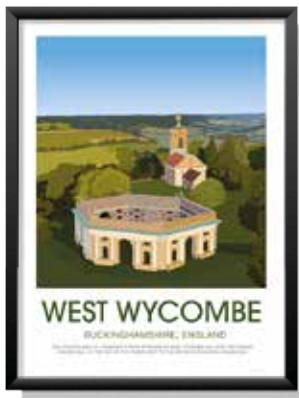
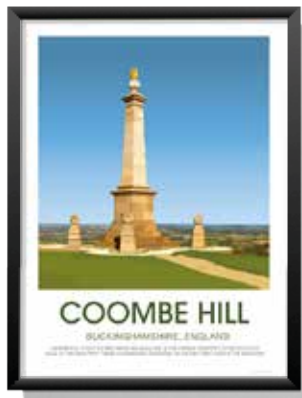
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<b>Sunday 14 April</b> <i>Easter 3</i>	<b>Eucharist 10.30am</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Zeph 3.14-20 1 Jn 3.1-7 Lk 24.36-48
<b>Sunday 21 April</b> <i>Easter 4</i>	<b>Eucharist 10am</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Gen 7.1-5,11-18; 8.6-18;9.8-13 1 Jn 3.16-24 Jn 10.11-18
<b>Sunday 28 April</b> <i>Easter 5</i>	<b>Eucharist 11am</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Gen 22.1-18 1 Jn 4.7-21 Jn 15.1-8
<b>Sunday 5 May</b> <i>Rogation</i>	<b>Eucharist 10am</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Isa 55.1-11 1 Jn 5.1-6 Jn 15.9-17
<b>Thursday 9 May</b> <i>Ascension Day</i>	<b>Eucharist 6.30pm</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Dan 7.9-14 Eph 1.15-23 Lk 24.44-53
<b>Sunday 12 May</b> <i>Easter 7</i>	<b>Eucharist 10.30am</b> <i>Deanery TBC</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Ezek 36.24-28 1 Jn 5.9-13 Jn 17.6-19
<b>Sunday 19 May</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>Eucharist 11am</b> <i>Reverend Ivor Cornish</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Ezek 37.1-14 Rom 8.22-27 Jn 15.26-27;16.4-15
<b>Sunday 26 May</b> <i>Trinity</i>	<b>Eucharist 10am</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Isa 6.1-8 Rom 8.12-17 Jn 3.1-17



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