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Welcome ...

The Roman Catholic church has just elected a new Pope. He has been hailed as the first American pope although he left America at the age of 27 to serve as a missionary in Peru and later gained dual citizenship. He worked there as a priest in the Order of St Augustine, eventually becoming Bishop. In 2023 he was called back to the Vatican to work with Pope Francis and was made a cardinal.

His first words as Pope were of 'Peace to all' and called us to build bridges.

The Archbishop of York said in a statement that he "shared in the joy" of the Roman Catholic Church and would be "praying for the new Pope as he takes on the enormous challenges and responsibilities of the Petrine ministry."

"Pope Leo XIV's many years of pastoral experience, his commitment to justice, and his deep spirituality are an example of life lived in service to Jesus Christ. As Anglicans we give thanks for his call to Christians to be bridge-builders across the divisions of our world, and the divisions that continue to exist between churches. This is something Jesus asks of us. He prays that the Church will be one."

I found a quote from Pope Leo which I want to share with you.

"Brothers, sisters, I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think that God has left. To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home."

I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes – there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo. But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who



feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles and unexpected hugs. I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgement.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others. That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies.... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask for a VIP card. Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God does not need soldiers. He needs brothers and sisters. And you, yes, you are one of them."

Robert Provost (Leo XIV)

Veronica



Bledlow Ridge

News from St Paul's Church

The very first day of June is a Sunday and we will have the first of our non-eucharistic services which we hope to develop into family services. It will be at 11.00am which we hope to be a convenient time for families. This service will be taken by Anne who will have taken the first similar service in Radnage during May. It will be straightforward and easily accessible so please support it and encourage others to come too. A service like this will be held on the first Sunday of each month.

A eucharist will continue on the third Sunday as we have established but will now be at 9.30am. In June this is the 15th and is Trinity Sunday.

We have been following the life of Jesus from his birth at Christmas, as he is recognised as the Messiah, in his preaching and actions through to his passion and resurrection at Easter. We waited with the disciples and celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit. Now at Trinity we celebrate the three ways in which God makes himself known to us.

During the rest of the Trinity season also known as Ordinary time we will be looking more closely at the peaching of Jesus as we find in the gospel of Luke. Luke was

a gentile and he is the only writer in the new testament who is not a Jew. He gives us some of our favourite stories and as he writes he makes clear that Jesus shows us that God loves everyone, Jew and gentile, male and female, rich and poor, old and young, black and white. What an appropriate message for us when our new pope also gave the same message in his first words to the world.



Veronica



Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News

The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th June 2025 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

The Parish Council met on Monday 12th May 2025 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall where the Annual Meeting of the Parish took place.

- Cllr Breese was voted as Chair and Cllr Bridgman was voted as Vice-Chair
- The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was approved, a copy of which can be found on the website.
- Councillors were appointed to Committees

Meeting Minutes and Agendas • Local Information • Club information
Visit our website for www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk

If you have any comments, queries or questions then please contact our
Parish Clerk: Tracey Martin clerk@bcspc.org.uk or 07843 975097.
Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.



Read the Chair Report from our Annual Meeting
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Planning Applications with Parish

25/05809/CLE Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Certificate of existing lawfulness for confirmation that planning approval ref: 22/05043/FUL (external alterations to enclose existing agricultural Barn B) has been implemented

PC Comment: No objection

25/05895/FUL 9 The Crest Bledlow Ridge

Householder application for loft conversion to habitable living space including

construction of 2 x rear facing dormer windows - *PC Comment: No objection*

25/05902/CLE Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Certificate of existing lawfulness to confirm building works have commenced (but building works are not yet completed) and are lawfully implemented under planning approval 22/06060/FUL (External alterations to barns C, I and F to support operation of aeroponic farming facility)

PC Comment: No objection

- headaches
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APP/K0425/W/25/ Wigans Farm
Wigans Lane Bledlow Ridge
3364514 An appeal against Refusal of
permission - Erection of storage barn

following removal of stables
PC Comment: No further comment to original
no objection

Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

25/05239/FUL Honeysuckle Chinnor
Road Bledlow Ridge

25/05463/FUL Bledlow Ridge Cricket
Club Meadow Styles

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

Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council has
no objections however, would request for a
3 year (same as original permissions) rather
than a 5 year extension which should allow
them enough time to consider a permanent
structure.

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Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

Exciting Announcement:

Bucks Art Weeks Returns to Bledlow Ridge Village Hall!

We're delighted to announce that Bucks Art Weeks is returning to the charming Bledlow Ridge Village Hall for the second year running! This bright, welcoming venue offers the perfect backdrop for our vibrant celebration of creativity—and we can't wait to welcome you.

Last year, we were thrilled to greet 720 visitors, and this June we're ready to do it all again with even more energy and inspiration.

Exhibition Dates & Times:

- ☐ Bledlow Ridge Village Hall, HP14 4AJ
- ☐ 11am – 4pm daily
- ☐ Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th June

- ☐ Friday 13th – Sunday 15th June
- ☐ Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd June

Meet the Artists

A collective of nine talented local artists and makers, formerly known as Flexmore Art and Crafts, will be showcasing an eclectic mix of works across many disciplines:

- ☐ Paintings – Abstract and traditional styles

in watercolour, oil, pastel, acrylic, and mixed media

- ☐ Textile Art & Fabric Bags – Bold, beautiful designs with flair and texture
- ☐ Ceramics – Wheel-thrown pots
- ☐ Felt Creations – Whimsical animal sculptures and fun accessories
- ☐ Jewellery – Unique pieces in felt, concrete, and polymer clay
- ☐ Glass Art – Elegant and ornamental glass works full of colour and light

Each piece is brimming with personality—perfect for art lovers, collectors, and those looking for something beautifully handmade.

Relax & Refresh

Take a break during your visit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee alongside a selection of delicious homemade cakes. A cosy café corner will be open throughout the exhibition, adding a sweet touch to your art-filled day

Since 1985, Bucks Art Weeks has been a cornerstone of local artistic life, bringing artists and the community together in celebration of creativity. This year, we're proud to continue the tradition in our new home at Bledlow Ridge.

We look forward to sharing our passion for art with you—see you there.

Try a Free Class in Bledlow Ridge!

New to Tai Chi or Qigong?

Join our welcoming Tuesday sessions at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall. Each class is 60 minutes, including a short break in the middle:

- 10:00 AM: Eight Treasures Qigong & Yang 24 Tai Chi – gentle movements for strength, flexibility, and calm.

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The Ridge Evening WI

At our May meeting, it was fascinating to hear about the sourcing, buying and making of high quality artisan chocolates by Milissa Davis of Tutu Chocolates based in High Street, Watlington. Milissa talked us through how she started to be interested in chocolate early in life, and after working in a confectionery shop she eventually took qualifications to enable her, at a very young age, to set up her own business.

Having travelled all over the world to source high quality cocoa pods she explained how the taste differs depending on the type of soil, temperature and altitude the trees are grown in. Her products have been given five star ratings and she recently won an international chocolate award. The chocolates she makes do not contain any additives and are very different from the ones in supermarkets.

When visiting plantations in different countries she discovered that young girls were being used in the business and excluded from school, so took the decision to pay a good rate to the farmers who do not use female child labour and allow them to be educated. Milissa's passion for chocolate was uplifting and we then progressed to the very popular part of the evening where we were able to taste several

different chocolate types whilst receiving details of how they were produced. A very interesting and enjoyable evening, where we were able to buy some of her products and where many members were already planning to visit her shop to know more!

At our June 4th meeting, 7.30pm at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall, we will be having a visit from the Medical Detection Dogs

Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

We had planned an evening trip to The Plant Specialist at Great Missenden in June, but unfortunately they have had to cancel our visit, so next up is our day trip into Essex on 8 July to visit the gardens at Ulting Wick and RHS Hyde Hall. We've got a big coach so should you fancy joining in on the trip, you will be very welcome. Members are £35pp, non-members £40pp. If you are interested, please use the "Contact" section of our website www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk.....

Following the welcome summer break in August to relax and enjoy the garden, it is then onto 6 Sept with our Annual Show. With 70 varied classes there's really something for everyone. There's flowers, house plants, shrubs, fruit and veg classes, plus flower arranging, domestics and 2 photography classes. We've included a new rose class this year which is definitely to be sniffed at - it's for the best scented rose, a single bloom in any condition. A bit of audience participation will be necessary to appreciate them fully.

Conversely, there will not be any such audience participation with the jam, liquors, pate, pizza and cakes in the updated domestic classes..... unless, of course, it's your own entry !

and trainers who will give us the latest information of the health problems these wonderful animals can identify in humans.

We are always keen to welcome new members and if you think you would like to know more about us, please come to our friendly WI as a visitor (£3 donation) or enquire at theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com

The Show Schedule, which contains details for entering and the classes, is now available in the "Show" box on the "What's On" page of our website. You will also find an e-entry form in that box which you just fill in, ticking the classes that you are entering and click "Send". That's all.... entering any exhibit is free, as is the admission to this Show. Just make sure that the form is sent by 9pm on Thursday 4 Sept, so that we have time to fill out entry cards for your exhibits, which you then bring to the Village Hall on the morning of the Show between 8.30 and 10.30am.

If you've any questions about the Show or indeed the Society, you can use the contact form on the website.

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The Saturday senior league season started with a bang on 10th May when the 1st XI posted a large total which Thame 2s were unable to match, while the 2nd XI took part in a dramatic tie at Abingdon (a “tie” in cricket is different to a “draw”, but don’t get me started). The day was also supposed to signify our first ever 3rd XI league match, however to our great disappointment the opposition scratched which at least means (kind-of) that the 3rds recorded their first ever league victory and at the time of writing they sit joint top of their division!

We have welcomed some newcomers to the club and as always the club would like to welcome more – especially now that we have three teams. Please contact me as below.

Friday night junior cricket is well under way and our All Stars and Dynamos programmes mean that we have youngsters playing from 5 years old. Our Junior system is paying rich dividends in that a number of our 15 year-olds are now well established in our Senior XIs. Junior matches will take place regularly until the end of the school term.

The next big date in our calendar is the

annual Six-a-Side Tournament to take place



on Sunday 8th June. The event is held each year in memory of the legendary Sid Bird and this year’s will be extra special as his wife Sally passed away early in May. Sally

Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

presented individual shirts to each player who took part in the first tournament held in his memory in 2016.

We will be continuing our fundraising efforts at the Six-a-Side in pursuit of our target to raise funds for new outdoor nets. We have done very well but still have a long way to go so please support the club – and our future – in all ways you can. One way you can do this is by becoming a member of our 200 Club and it would help a great deal if players, members, parents, friends etc did not wait to be asked but signed up on a Friday night. Martina and Gemma in the café can help you with this or you can contact Manoj Chandran who is running it or any member of the committee. There are four winners of cash prizes usually totalling over £200 every month.

We will also be running a Junior Tournament in July. More about this in the next edition.

Finally, spectators are welcome, or rather encouraged, at all our fixtures and events and if you’ve not already been to the club this year, it is looking a picture mostly due to our groundsman Charlie Carter.

Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

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The summer season is well underway at Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club, with plenty happening both on and off the courts. Here's the latest from the club.

Open Day – Saturday 7th June

We're looking forward to welcoming the local community to our Open Day on Saturday 7th June. Whether you're a complete beginner, a returning player, or simply curious about what we offer, it's a great opportunity to come along and get involved.

Visitors can enjoy free group coaching, try out the ball machine, have a hit on court, or even give Pickleball a go. There'll be a bouncy castle for younger visitors, a barbecue to keep everyone well fed, and plenty of chances to chat with members and learn more about the club.

We'll also be offering special membership deals on the day—so if you're thinking of joining, it's the perfect time. We hope to see you there.

Friday Night Aces Off to a Flying Start

We're delighted with the enthusiastic response to Friday Night Aces, our new junior tennis programme for ages 5 to 15. The sessions, held every Friday from 5.00

to 6.00 pm, are now fully booked for the current term.

It's been fantastic to see the courts buzzing with energy as children take part in games and drills designed to build skills and confidence in a fun, inclusive environment. A big thank you to all the parents and players who have made the launch such a success.

Singles Box League – Growing Stronger

Now into its second term, our singles box league continues to go from strength to strength. With 24 players—men and women—competing across five leagues, it's proving a great way for members of all abilities to enjoy regular match play in a friendly, competitive setting.

Dates for Your Diary

- Sunday 6th July – Men's and Women's Singles Tournaments
- Sunday 27th July – Mixed Doubles Tournament
- Sunday 7th September – Men's and

Women's Doubles Tournaments

Tournament

- Friday 19th September – Annual Dinner
- Sunday 14th December – Fun Christmas

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events or out on the courts soon.

Country Notes

Bluebells lasted well into May, the stronger the sunshine the more gorgeous the scent.

The creamy blossom of hawthorn lined fields and paths, and cow parsley danced along road verges. With such a veritable feast of flowering this spring, from tiny violets to great oak trees, the air has been filled with a glorious concoction of pollens and smells. There was a brief spell of cloud and chilly winds but still no rain. Worms burrowed

deep into the soil and formed tight knots trying to retain moisture. With puddles in the countryside mostly dried up it is so important to put out water for birds in our gardens. Flowerpot saucers are perfect and a larger shallow tray is ideal for communal bathing sparrows and goldfinch. Good for the birds while we enjoy the spectacle.

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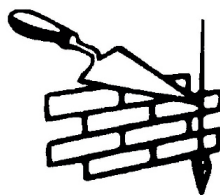
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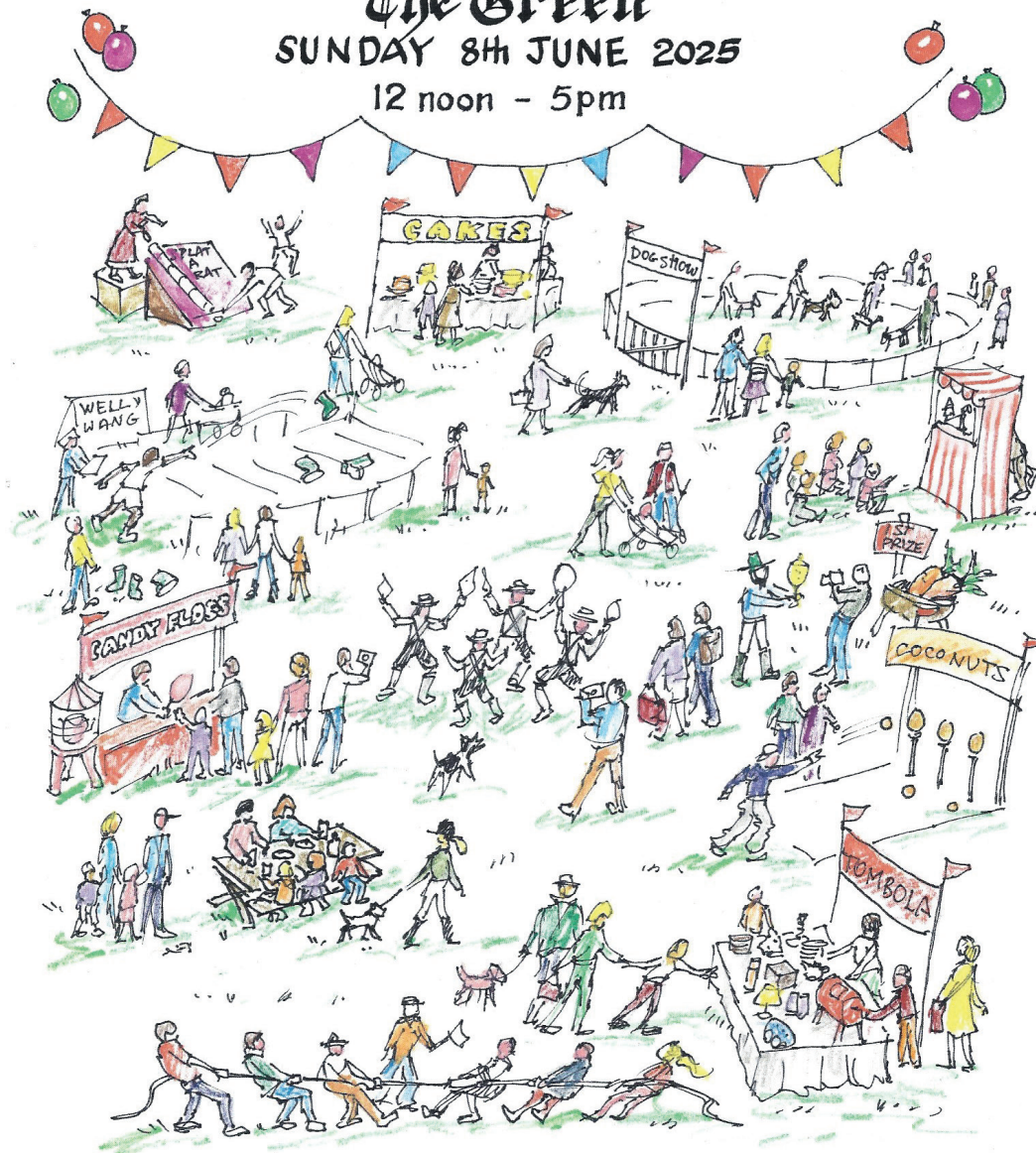
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Bradenham

News from St. Botolph's

This month saw the first of our new Sunday Morning Services at 9.30am.

It was a service of quiet reflection, with readings and psalms and some wonderful popular hymns that everyone joined in lustily.

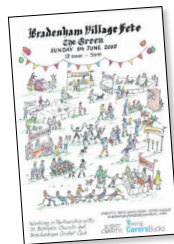
The Sunday Eucharist services continue as normal with Holy Communion at 11am on the 4th Sunday of the month.

We also plan to hold one of our very popular ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL services. This will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, 12th July. It will feature a short service in the church for ALL animals and children, beginning at 2.30pm to 3pm and followed by afternoon tea and cakes. There will also be a small selection of games for children. Last year we had everything from llamas to donkeys and the animals were all beautifully behaved. So bring your child and/or animals along on the afternoon of Saturday, 12th July for a fun afternoon!

The church also saw some wonderful flower displays and a beautiful VE Day cross

and display, made by Hazel. The Church is very grateful to all who add to the beauty of the church and the continuing popularity of the coffee and tea stand.

This month also saw our Annual General Meeting with two new members elected which is fantastic. Even if you don't wish to join the committee, you are able to join in or contribute through the church WHATSAPP group: simply text to: Richard on 07711 053845.



The church is gearing up to our fete on June 8th and we are very grateful for the organisers of the Events Committee who have worked so hard. We are praying for good weather on the 8th!

May 13th saw another meeting of the ever-popular Bots Books, aided by fantastic food and drink from members including Malaysian beef rendang, a chicken and ham pie, lemon cake, tiramisu and even Bucks Fizz to wash it all down. (Never Oxfordshire or Berkshire

The village is pleased to see that several cottages and properties are now being refurbished by the National Trust, with a view to attracting more tenants into the village. The village also extends our thanks to the Parish Council and our local MP

The Trust's attempt to find a suitable tenant for the historic Bradenham Manor is ongoing, with continuing discussions with the childrens' holiday company PGL and a Savill's Open Day held recently. Some residents have also come across representatives of hotel chains wandering around the village!

The Council met on Monday, 12th May and, after the local elections, elected new officers and formally inaugurated a new Bradenham Parish Council which will sit for 4 years. Records of all meetings and finance are always pinned up on the village notice

Village News

The church will be open for the whole day and Pete Baldwin will be doing a series of tours and presentations on the history of Bradenham. If you are reading this BEFORE June 8th, please do come along. It starts at 12pm.

Bots Books

Fizz) Oh yes, there was a discussion about books as well. All new members welcome. Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 2nd at 7pm in the church. Contact the church wardens for more info.

Bradenham Village News

Greg Smith for highlighting the challenges and rising cost of maintenance of heritage properties precipitated by the government's new rental reforms due to come in next year.

Bradenham Manor

We wish the Trust luck in finding a suitable tenant that will be good for the Trust, the village and the estate.



Bradenham Parish Council

boards and members of the public are always welcome to attend and put their views at the beginning of any meeting. Although small, the Council tries hard to represent the village on many issues - everything from eliciting the help of MP Greg Smith on addressing



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the need for all village houses to be fully occupied to smaller but vital issues such as the provision of dog bins! The meetings are also attended by representatives of the National Trust, RAF and the police. It also serves as a useful conduit to the County Council with Councillors Robert Carington and Shade Adoh regularly attending. We note the retirement of County Councillor Carl Etholen and thank him for all his dedicated service to the PCC. We also thank Trevor Hunt and Peggy Ewart who are also stepping down and thank them for their support over the years.

Bradenham Cricket Club

Bradenham Cricket Club has had a great start to the season in the Cherwell League. Both teams won their opening games and the club always welcomes new players, umpires and supporters. The Friday Club Night overlooking the beautiful Green is a friendly and happy time and anyone interested in joining should come along - no strings attached! (That's tennis).

VE Day Celebrations

Among the many celebrations, local residents in Beech Park held a VE Day Street Party on the 5th May. Despite chilly weather, residents enjoyed getting together to celebrate this important event.

Nature Note.

Many people enjoy the beautiful fields around Bradenham, especially the walk which starts in the car park and goes down the side of the school. However, this time of year, rare skylarks nest in the centre of the fields so we would urge all dog walkers NOT to cross over the fields but to keep to the edges and also NOT to let their dogs trample the nests in the centre of the fields. Thank you.

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Piddington

Piddington Village Hall

Activities continue in the hall and the Horticultural Society Quiz, and the Painting session were enjoyed by all who attended.

We decorated the exterior of the hall to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE day and commemorative period and given the plummeting temperatures, our decision not to hold any outside events this early in the year on weather grounds appears to have been a prudent one. Looking to the future:

Saturday 21st June - Prize Bingo 7 pm

Saturday 5th July, enjoy a night of Singalong with the Glee Choir. Doors open at 6 pm and the choir will be on from 7 pm to 9.30 pm, so come along and dust off your vocal chords. £6 on the door with tea and cake and a raffle.

Saturday 12th July will see a Comedy Ladder Stand-up Comedy Event from 7 pm to 10:30m, featuring Comedy Ladder comedians in the Village Hall. *Details are on the Piddington village Facebook page.*

Saturday 30th August – The Annual Village Show (see details below)

Saturday 26th September – Village Hall Quiz – *details to follow later.*

10th October – Horticultural Society Quiz (*see details below*)

Saturday 18th October – The Return of “Badgers” Race Night! *More information to come later.*

Horticultural Society – Forthcoming Events And Diary Dates

On 25th April we held our annual spring quiz together with an auction for a tool bag kindly donated by Isaac Lord. Eight teams took part and the competition was high. Once again the questions were set by Tom who was ably assisted by Melanie, our “Easter Bunny” compere for the evening. A donation from the raffle proceeds will be sent to the Alzheimer’s Society.

THE HIDDEN GARDENS OF PIDDINGTON (in association with The Brain Tumour Charity) will take place on Sunday 22nd June from 1pm-5pm. An entry pass to all the gardens on show, along with

a map, will cost £3 per person and will be on sale at the Village Hall. Plants and refreshments will also be on sale at the Village Hall. This is a new venture, open to all. We hope you will join us on this unique occasion.

The ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW will take place on Saturday 30th August. We urgently need a volunteer to help with the organisation of the Village Show. If YOU can spare a few hours now and again to support Ann Ferguson with the administration involved then please contact Ann on annferg@btinternet.com There’s no need

to join the committee (unless you want to). Any help will be greatly appreciated.

DIARY DATE: THE AUTUMN QUIZ will take place on Friday 10th October. Further details to follow nearer the date.



We will be judged on 'Best Kept' and not 'Beautiful' and need everyone to help to win the Gurney Cup for the community. This can be as simple as picking up three bits of litter every time you go for a walk, keeping hedges trimmed or even planting a hanging basket outside your house.

We have plenty to be proud about – the allotments, daffodils, cherry trees, oak tree and wild flower areas on Piddington Green; the laid hedge beside the playground; wild flowers on Chipps Hill; shrubs and the War

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

Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council

Best Kept Village Competition 2025

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish has entered in the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition.

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Radnage

News From St Mary's Church

Garden Sunday is in a week's time on Sunday 8th June, start this amazing day in the life of the community with a short service of Songs and Praise at St. Mary's. Timing 9.45 – 10.30. Followed then by bacon butties at The Rectory and drinks at the Charles Napier. End the day with a BBQ at the Village Hall and Sundowners (more drinks!).

Don't forget to get your programme and wristband which allows you into all the gardens. lisa@divingservicesuk.com. Programmes can also be bought on the day.

Many thanks to those who joined us for St. Mary's APCM. Thank you to all those who work so hard to put the report together.

Re: the Service Schedule. From June we will have 9.30 Eucharist in Radnage on 1st Sunday and 11am Family Service on 3rd Sunday. If you are on the Electoral Roll look out for those emails from our Parish Administrator that will help you navigate where you need to be!

Re: building work – the newly plastered walls have been awaiting colour matches, they are now sorted so when you come into church you will soon see the finished walls. Have a look at the South wall which is the latest section to be reordered. If you

look carefully there is a small mysterious arch which has been uncovered. Also a lintel – now what were those for...? Some external work by a stonemason on East Window will take place – please be patient as all the work continues to deliver what will be a cared for and special St. Mary's for generations to come.

We have two wedding blessings coming up - families with close local connections one in June and one in July. Always a joy to welcome back families to the church.

Baptisms as well are taking place, again families connected through church and returning to us to see the latest members become Christians.

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Radnage Womens Institute

In May we had our Resolution Meeting. The NFWI Board of Trustees has agreed to put forward the resolution Bystanders can be Lifesavers to the Annual Meeting in June. We all voted YES unanimously to support the resolution, and to support this as a WI we discussed running a CPR session in the hall for a group of us ladies.

Di has found a local trainer that used to work in the ambulance service/at Stokenchurch Medical Centre. There was a clipboard – if you are interested in attending a 3 hour session one weekend in the Hall at around £20pp please let Jane know. jane@fouracreslodge.co.uk. We could run one for us then if it goes well, another maybe for a wider audience, Dee then ran a short quiz with 6 prizes and a glass of prosecco was served with a short light hearted quiz.

There are some extremely interesting meetings to follow: in June our talk is given by Keith, a retired diplomat. He served in Moscow in the 1980s and his talk will mainly be about the security and intelligence issues in those times. His distinguished career has seen him working in many parts of the world, Russia, Jamaica, Central America and Africa.

In July we visit to Daws Hill vineyard if you would like to go, please contact Jane,

or another member of the committee for details. If, the weather is inclement, we shall meet in the hall (fingers crossed) In August our social evening will be at the sailing club in Bourne End, in September we have a talk on the history of tattoos, in October Tom Way will return to tell us about his photography of wild life around the world, and in November we have a talk from a pharmacist, and December we have rebooked our musician couple from last year to enjoy some rock and roll with our mince pies.

Village Fun Day, Radnage - 21st June 25

As a WI we are officially running the tea and cakes on the 21st June in support of the village. Thank you, ladies who have volunteered cakes, for 21st June, we still

need more if you can help? We also need volunteers for the stall either from 1.30-3pm or 3-4.30pm thank you. Please email Jane if you can support this in any way - we need more cakes and more volunteers, thank you.

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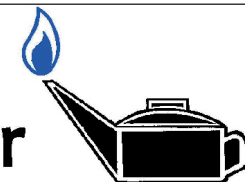
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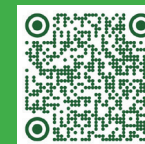
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News from St Paul's Church

I hope everyone has been enjoying the glorious spring, let's hope Summer will be as lovely. Though we can do without the 3 and a half year's drought when, after raging wind, followed by fire, Elijah's persistent prayer was finally answered by a tiny cloud, bringing the longed for rain?

Are you adjusting to the new church timetable? I have only been to Eucharistic services thus far, but looking forward to going to one of the others very soon.

The only other thing to flag up this month is the Craft and Cake event in the Village Hall on 21st June. Any cakes would be greatly appreciated, and we are still hoping to get

some additional volunteers, 'the more the merrier', to coin a phrase, so do please make enquiries to Ros Hilborne or Angie Wright if you have any time to spare. You will be welcomed with joy!

Anyway, that's all for now folks so, just wishing you all a beautiful summer - until next time - *Beverley Cope*

News from your Parish Council

As we look forward to Summer and warm sunshine it was so good to have dry but rather chilly weather for the VE Day Commemoration Bonfire – a big thank you to Neil Harris and Kate Cheshire for organising this very special community event. A big thank you also to Angie Wright for organising the VE Day Commemoration party on the 10th May. We are lucky to have local residents who are prepared to make the effort for everyone else in this parish.

After the recent elections we have said 'goodbye', who for various reasons decided not to stand for re-election, to Simon Cope, Emma Copley, John Carstensen and Chantal Rowland as Parish Councillors. We thank them for their service and commitment to this community.

We welcome Angie Wright, Mark Herbert and Neil Timberlake as new Parish Councillors. We also welcome Sarah Smith as our new part time Parish Clerk. Sarah lives in the parish but is new to the role of

Parish Clerk. She has started her training and is getting up to speed.

We have had a recent play inspection and as a result of that we had to fence off the Multiplay unit. We have ordered some replacement parts and the unit should be operational again by the end of June if not earlier.

The new Councillors have a lot to learn but with Vicki Smith, Neil Harris and Kate Cheshire continuing to be Parish Councillors they will have good support and

have a pile of reading to do.

We now only have one Buckinghamshire Councillor as there were boundary changes and a reduction of Buckinghamshire Councillors – our very loyal Cllr Orsolya Hayday was re-elected and we look forward to our continued working together.

At the time of writing we have no further news or dates about the implementation of the High Street project which was started in 2019 but we know has been approved. When we have more information, we will publish it on our website and on our Facebook page.

Our dates for meetings in 2025 are on Wednesdays in the Village Hall, starting at 8pm are as follows: Wednesday 11th June, 9th July, 13th August (if required), 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, and 10th 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.

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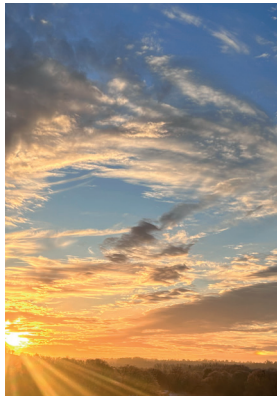
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13 th Apr	0	21	0	64
20 th Apr	0	17	16	29
27 th Apr	2	19	22	17

Total Rainfall (mm) comparison

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2024	65	93	159	110
2025	63	124	24	64

Dry March and April.
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Kensham Farm

As is now the norm the weather continues to be variable and every season some new weather record is broken; I believe that we’ve just had the driest March and April on record!

The wheat crops (particularly those that we were able to plant in the very wet autumn) are enjoying the sunshine: the plants are like little solar panels that convert sunlight into energy/growth which in turn converts to yield. However, they also need a regular drink of water which has not been very forthcoming in this dry spring. Some of our fields enjoyed the deluge that occurred on Monday 12th May but unfortunately those heavy showers were very localised and some fields 5 miles away hardly had any rain at all. These localised showers in May and early June can make a big difference to yield but from the end of June we really want sunshine to ripen the crops and maximise

the protein of the grain.
We are busy spraying the crops with fungicide to protect the plants against disease. Typically, the winter wheat will receive 4 applications of fungicide each season and these are applied to coincide with emergence of the last 3 leaves and the ear as together these contribute to over 90% of the yield. If a wheat plant is riddled with disease such as yellow rust it reduces the green area of the leaf that is available for photosynthesis so the aim is to keep the leaves ‘clean and green’.
Most diseases thrive in wet weather and different varieties of wheat have varying

degrees of resistance to the main diseases: yellow rust, brown rust, septoria tritici, mildew (all leaf diseases), eyespot (stem disease) and fusarium ear blight (ear disease that affects grain quality). We only grow milling wheats so our priority when selecting varieties is the end user (flour mill) rather than yield and disease resistance.

For milling wheat (used to make flour for human consumption) the ear fungicide spray is particularly important to protect against fusarium ear blight: this can cause mycotoxins (naturally occurring toxic compounds) in the ear/grains. Prior to delivery to the flour mill the grain has to be tested for mycotoxins and strict thresholds have to be met with the lowest being set for any flour that is used to make baby food. Feed wheat (used for animal feed) does not have to meet any mycotoxin thresholds and so typically feed wheat crops only receive 3 fungicide sprays.

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above the crop and allow it to follow ground contours (very necessary in the Chilterns)! The boom is also fitted with individual nozzle led lighting for spraying at night. After the combine harvester the sprayer is the next most expensive machine on our farm.

As with human diseases ‘prevention is better than cure’ and the same applies to plants. Most fungicides have preventative and curative activity although prevention is always easier/better/cheaper than cure!

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On Sunday 11th May we had our annual cream tea walk. This was organised by our lovely Radnage members who provided the scones, cream and jam and a refreshing cup of tea plus a guided walk through the building surroundings of Radnage. Even the sun was out, so all in all a lovely day.

We recently had a theatre trip to see Starlight Express. It was an amazing show with fantastic technological effects. Maybe steaming down the tracks are some songs that could feature in future concerts! 52 people enjoyed a door to door service with the coach from West Wycombe direct to the theatre. Watch out for our next theatre trip at Christmas.

Our Spring concert in April of Handel's Messiah was a great success. Particular praise is due to our wonderful sopranos who had some very difficult passages and high notes to contend with. The fact that they "demanded" extra practices proves



their dedication as well. We raised over £1700 for our chosen charity the RNLI. Thank you to all those who supported us in this event. The photo is the local RNLI presenting us with a certificate.

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We're hoping to hold a quiz to raise vital funds for the Library. Details to follow..

We're also hoping to have morning coffee & cakes available on Friday's maybe even scones with jam & cream..

Your Village Hall Needs You!

Newly retired , looking for a new challenge or simply interested in meeting people and getting involved in your local community ?

West Wycombe Village hall is looking for new recruits to join the Community Association and help run the village hall - we are a friendly bunch who meet once every two months at the hall .We look after the general day to day running , property maintenance and the hall finances (we are

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West Wycombe Village Hall

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JUNE

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Craft Afternoons

Every Tuesday 2-4.30pm

Radnage Village Hall

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Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition

Sat 7th - Sun 8th June 11am - 4pm

Fri 13th - Sun 15th June 11am - 4pm

Fri 20th - Sun 22nd June 11am - 4pm

Bledlow Ridge Village Hall, HP14 4AA

Chiltern Camerata Picnic Concert

Saturday 7th June 2025, 6pm

St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

www.ticketsource.co.uk/chiltern-camerata

Cricket Club Annual Six-a-Side Tournament

Sunday 8th June from 10am

Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk/

Garden Sunday

Sunday 8th June, 9.45-10.30

St Marys Church Radnage

Bradenham Village Fete

Sunday 8th June, from 12

The Green, Bradenham

bradenhamfete2025@outlook.com

West Wycombe School & Preschool Fete

Sunday 8th June, 12-3pm

West Wycombe School

foww.@wwglt.co.uk

Bucks Scannapeal Garden Open

Thursday 12th June 2 - 5pm

Red Kites, Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge

lesterry747@gmail.com

Street Food Evening

Friday 13th June, 4pm - 9pm

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

www.westwycombewalledgarden.com

SEND Parents Coffee Morning

Monday 16th June, 9.30am

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

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Tea in the Village Hall

19th June 2.30 - 4.30pm

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Family Fun Afternoon

Saturday 21st June 12-6pm

Radnage Village Hall

Radnage Parish Council

Retriever Day Dog Show

Saturday 21st June, 11am-1.30pm

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

www.westwycombewalledgarden.com

Craft Market

Saturday 21st June, 11am-3pm

Village Hall, West Wycombe

butterflycrafts1956@gmail.com

Summer Solstice

Saturday 21st June, 4-9pm

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

www.hellfirecaves.co.uk/summer-solstice

Prize Bingo

Saturday 21st June, 7pm

Village Hall, Piddington

St Lawrence Open for Refreshments & Chiltern Flute Ensemble

Sunday 22nd June 2-4.30pm

St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

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Street Food Evening

Friday 27th June, 4pm - 9pm

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

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Quiz Night

Friday 27th June

Village Hall, West Wycombe

Hosts - West Wycombe Cricket Club

JULY

St Lawrence Open for Refreshments

Sunday 6th July 2-4.30pm

St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

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Singalong

Saturday 5th July

Piddington Village Hall

Stand up Comedy Event

Saturday 12th July

Piddington Village Hall



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Tuesday 15th July 2 - 5pm

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Tea in the Village Hall

17th July 2.30 - 4.30pm

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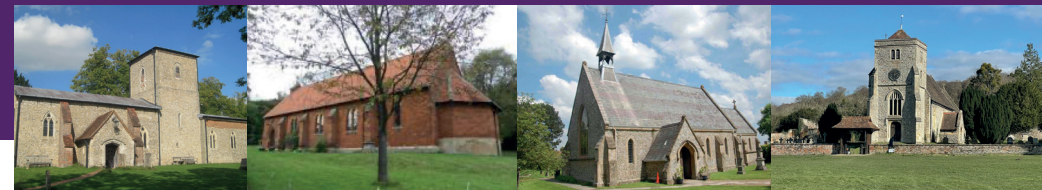
From the Registers

Baptisms

Joseph Clark-Chadbone
St Lawrence, West Wycombe

June

Sun 1 June <i>Easter 7</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	Acts 16.16-34 Rev 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Jn 17.20-26
	11.00am Family Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>To be confirmed</i>
Sun 8 June <i>Pentecost</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer	St Botolph's, Bradenham	
	9.45am Songs of Praise	St Mary's, Radnage	Acts 2.1-21 Rom 8.14-17 Jn 14.8-17(25-27)
Sun 15 June <i>Trinity</i>	11.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	
	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Prov 8.1-4, 22-31 Rom 5.1-5 Jn 16.12-15
	11.00am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>To be confirmed</i>



Sun 22 June <i>Trinity 1</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer	St Paul's, West Wycombe	1 Kings 19.1-15 Gal 3.23-29 Lk 8.26-39
	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	
Sun 29 June <i>Trinity 2</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14 Gal 5.1, 13-25 Lk 9.51-62
	4pm Family Service	St Paul's, West Wycombe	

July

Sun 6 July <i>Trinity 3</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	2 Kings 5.1-14 Gal 6.1-6)7-16 Lk 10.1-11, 16-20
	11.00am Family Service and baptism	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>To be confirmed</i>
Sun 13 July <i>Trinity 4</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Amos 7.7-17 Col 1.1-14 Lk 10.25-37
	11.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	
Sun 20 July <i>Trinity 5</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Amos 8.1-12 Col 1.15-28 Lk 10.38-42
	11.00am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>To be confirmed</i>
Sun 27 July <i>Trinity 6</i>	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Hos 1.2-10 Col 2.6-15(16-19) Lk 11.1-13
	4pm Family Service	St Paul's, West Wycombe	<i>To be confirmed</i>

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