

CONTACT

Church & Community Newsletter

BLEDLow RIDGE • BRADENHAM • PIDDINGTON • RADNAGE • WEST WYCOMBE



Photo by G. Britton

Contents

Letter from Church	3
Event Calendar	4 - 5
Bledlow Ridge	6 - 17
Bradenham	18 - 21
Piddington	23
Radnage	25 - 32
West Wycombe	34 - 40
From Registers	42
Church Services	41-43



Do you have a Front Cover Photo?

We are always looking out for local photos to use on our front cover. Please send your high resolution photos to westwycombecontact@gmail.com

Why not advertise with us?

Advertising costs as little as £25 for 1/8 page per edition. Each edition goes out to 2100 homes

CONTACT TEAM

Editor	admin@westwycombebenefice.org.uk
Treasurer:	Lucy Stupples - 01494730937 lucy@autumncottage.net
Advertising:	advertscontactmagazine@gmail.com
Design	susie@theyetis.com

CORRESPONDENTS

Bledlow Ridge	Bob Simmons - 01494 481402 ridgenws@gmail.com
Bradenham	Richard Langridge - 07711 053845 richard.langridge123@gmail.com
Piddington	Paul Thomas - 07939 384970 prt97@hotmail.com
Radnage	Peter Hague - 01494 484003 peterradnagenews@gmail.com
West Wycombe	Susie Chester westwycombecontact@gmail.com

MINISTRY TEAM - www.achurchnearyou.com

Parish Office - 07598 738037	admin@westwycombebenefice.org.uk
Interim Rector	Reverend Lance Sharpe 07938 762570 priest.westwycombe@gmail.com
Permission to Officiate:	Revd. Veronica Beaumont 07958 701913 veronica.beaumont75@gmail.com

CHURCH WARDENS

West Wycombe:	No Churchwardens at present
Bledlow Ridge:	Geoff Ley - 01494 481527
Bradenham:	Peter Baldwin - 01844 275813 Richard Langridge - 07711 053845
Radnage:	Rosy Oliphant - 01494 482356 Jennifer Stringer



Welcome

Dear Friends

I keep going on about change! You must be quite bored of it now but we've seen so much of it in the past several years it's difficult to ignore. For one, Google tells me that the price of a loaf of bread in the UK was £1.05 in 2020, now the average is around £1.40! That's an eye watering 33.33% rise in six years. Even a third seems small compared to some of the energy cost rises we've seen.

Sadly, much of the change has not been great but, if nothing else, adversity tests us and shows us the people we are. This can lead to positive outcomes if we are open to the lessons change affords us. St David, patron saint of Wales encouraged his flock, 'to do the little things you have seen me doing.' Is a good rubric to follow. Small acts of kindness may seem insignificant, but when many people do many such acts the effect is exponential.

In my old parish in Wales were the Elan Valley reservoirs with the great Claerwen Dam being the centrepiece. Top Gear fans may remember Richard Hammond climbing the near vertical slope of the dam in an old Land Rover! Sometimes the face of the dam was dry if the water levels were low, but when the water was high, it was a magnificent sight as water crashed down its face. We can top up the reservoir of good works, little by little and by God's grace see the overflow affecting all around.

Speaking of reservoirs, I'm reminded of the hymn, Here is Love vast as the Ocean. The English words speak of God's mercy being released as floodgates allow the water through. The Welsh words are far more powerful and dramatic when translated, 'all the dams of heaven broke.' Christ's saving work didn't amount to a mere trickle of mercy, but a mighty torrent of love crashing out into the world in awe-inspiring wonder.

As we enter Lent from Ash Wednesday on the 18th February, let us look up for help rather than around in despair and allow God to mould us and remake us into the people he would have us be.



Every blessing.
Revd Lance Sharpe

Did you know - I'm available for home pastoral visits for those who can't get out so easily. Please contact me on 07938 762570 if you'd like to arrange a visit.

Events

in Bledlow Ridge, Bradenham, Piddington,
Radnage and West Wycombe

Would you like your event included?
Email: advertcontactmagazine@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

Coffee and Conrods
Every Wednesday morning
The Walled Garden, West Wycombe
in aid of Child Bereavement

Snowdrop Sunday Walk
Sun 1st February
West Wycombe Park
in aid of Child Bereavement

Snowdrop Sunday Walk
Sun 8th February 10.30am -3pm
West Wycombe Park
www.facebook.com/stpaulswestwycombe

Refreshment Fundraiser
Sun 8th February 10.30am -4pm
West Wycombe Village Hall
www.facebook.com/stpaulswestwycombe

Snowdrop Teas
Sun 8th February 2-4pm
St Mary's Church, Radnage

SEN Coffee Morning
Monday 9th Feb, 9.30-11.30am
The Apple Orchard, West Wycombe
www.yetinugets.co.uk

Snowdrop Teas
Sun 15th February 2-4pm
St Mary's Church, Radnage

Snowdrop Sunday Walk
Sun 15th February
West Wycombe Park
in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association

Kids Market
Sun 22nd February
West Wycombe Village Hall
www.westwycombepreschool.com

MARCH

Daffodil Sunday Walk
Sun 15th March 10.30am -3pm
West Wycombe Park
www.facebook.com/stpaulswestwycombe

SEN Coffee Morning
Monday 16th March, 9.30-11.30am
The Apple Orchard, West Wycombe
www.yetinugets.co.uk

Annual Public Meeting
Tuesday 24th March, 7-9pm
St Lawrences Church, West Wycombe

Daffodil Walk
Sun 29th March
West Wycombe Park
in aid of The UK Sepsis Trust

Easter Trail
28th March - 12 April
West Wycombe Village
www.westwycombepreschool.com

Classical Music Concert
28th March 7pm
St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe
www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-wycombe-chamber-choir

WEST WYCOMBE  CHAMBER CHOIR
presents
AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC
March 28 | 7 PM | St Lawrence Church 
on the hill, West Wycombe, HP14 3AH
Adults £12 Concessions £10
www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-wycombe-chamber-choir
Musical Director Barry Hodgkinson Accompanist Paul Annetts



IN AID OF ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, WEST WYCOMBE

Come Join the Fun MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Easter Holidays and May ½ term Holidays

Holiday Camp - Millbrook School
Mini Cricketers (18 months to 4 years old)
West Wycombe CC U12/U13 team
All Stars Cricket at West Wycombe CC
Dynamos cricket at West Wycombe CC



Contact Chris : 07579 794731
highwycombe@active-sport.co.uk

activesport



www.active-sport.co.uk

Book your tickets today through Eventbrite 



Family - £15
Adults - £5
Concessions £3.00
(Under 16 Free)

Snowdrop Walk

Sun 8th Feb. 10.30am - 3pm
West Wycombe Park

Refreshments Served & Craft Stalls
in Village Hall from 10.30am - 4pm

Only assistance dogs allowed in Park.

In aid of St. Pauls Church, West Wycombe



SEND **Coffee & Chat** 9.30am - 11.30am
For Parent/Carers /Grandparents of SEND Children

FRIENDLY GROUP, SHARE EXPERIENCES, TIPS, KINDNESS

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe
Mon. 20th Oct / Mon. 17th Nov

The Apple Orchard, West Wycombe
Mon. 8th Dec / Mon. 19th Jan
Mon. 9th Feb / Mon. 16th Mar

 yetinugets.co.uk 



Bledlow Ridge

News from St Paul's Church

February always seems a particularly dreary month with the tail end of winter and not quite time for spring. But hopefully the bulbs that are just beginning to show their heads, will fulfil their promise of bright, spirit-lifting flowers to come. As February begins we seek out the first snowdrops and then go on to enjoy their carpets of white challenged only by the gold of the aconites.



2nd February is the feast of the Presentation. We remember how Jesus is brought to the Temple and is recognised by Simeon and Anna. This completes the way in which during the season of Epiphany

we have come to recognise that the baby born in Bethlehem is truly the Messiah. The festival is sometimes known as Candlemas because it used to be the day on which the candles to be used during the year would be blessed. It becomes a watershed moment as we take our last look back to Christmas and we turn towards Easter.

The Sundays of February seem to have no standing of their own as they only count the days to Lent and Easter. Sunday 1st February is the last Sunday of Epiphany or it could be The Third Sunday before Lent. We prepare to prepare. It is also known as Septuagesima indicating 70 days to the Saturday at the end

of Easter Week Easter. A lot to think about at our Family service at 11.00am.

Our eucharist service at St Paul's will be on 15th February at 9.30am on the last Sunday before Lent which really begins on Ash Wednesday 18th February when Eucharists with Ashing will be held at Radnage at 11.00am and Bradenham at 7.00pm.



During Lent the diocese of Oxford invites us to 'Come and See' looking at how we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. Bishop Steven offers daily reflections and encouragements. For details and to sign up go to www.oxford.anglican.org

- headaches
- neck pain
- postural problems
- trapped nerves
- muscle strain
- tendonitis
- back pain
- sciatica
- tennis elbow
- frozen shoulders
- sports injury
- knee pain

www.bledlowridgeosteopaths.co.uk |

Nicholas Coe DO
Registered Osteopath

Bledlow Ridge Osteopaths

info@bledlowridgeosteopaths.co.uk | 01494 481713
Ridgeland, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge, Buckinghamshire HP14 4AJ



Parish Council News - Bledlow-cum-Saunderton

The Next Meeting: Mon.9th Feb, 7.30pm at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

The Parish Council met on Monday 12th December 2025

- Comments for planning applications were reviewed and formally approved.
- The precept was considered and set. Details can be found on the Parish Council website.
- Terms of reference for the review of the Neighbourhood Plan were adopted.



Visit our website for Meeting Minutes and Agendas
• Local Information • Club information

Parish Clerk: Tracey Martin (Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.)
Email: clerk@bcspc.org.uk • Mobile: 07843 975097.

Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

PL/25/4807/TP Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

Raise low canopy to 8m to clear sight screens x 1 Oak (T338)

PC Comment: No objection

PL/25/4999/FA 9 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge

Detached double garage outbuilding to front of dwellinghouse.

PC Comment: No objection

PL/25/4253/FA Pound Scots Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Construction of a self-build 3-bedroom detached dwellinghouse, carport, shed/bike store, and vehicular access together with associated hardstanding and landscaping works.

PC Comment: No comment to submit

PL/25/4321/FA Firs Lodge Routs Green Bledlow Ridge

Householder application for replacement front porch, single storey side and rear extensions, part-removal of existing single-storey/two-storey rear flat-roofs/cat-slide roof and replacement with extension of existing single storey/two-storey rear pitched roofs incorporating parapet, rooflights and solar panels together with internal alterations and external alterations including fenestration alterations, replacement windows and removal of existing tile hanging and replacement with render.

PC Comment: No objection

Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

24/06221/VCDN Routs Green Farm Routs Green Bledlow Ridge

Removal of condition 3 (agricultural occupancy) attached to pp W/737/75 (Erection of two new agricultural workers cottages plus garages)

Application Permitted

PL/25/5145/FA Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

Replacement of the 2-lane external non-turf cricket practice nets

PC Comment: No objection

PL/25/4776/VRC 18 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge

Removal of condition 6 (biodiversity enhancements) and variation of condition 7 (Preliminary Roost Assessment) attached to planning permission 25/06487/VCDN (Variation of conditions 2 (plan numbers) and 3 (materials) attached to 23/06926/FUL (Householder application for reconfiguration and extension of existing split level dwelling and conversion of garage outbuilding to gym and workshop use with wc.) to allow for an alternative roof tile and reduce the height of the entrance gable) to allow for one further bat survey.

PC Comment: No objection

25/06696/FUL OS Parcel 3622 Chinnor Road

Erection of 5 no. detached residential dwellings utilising existing access off Chinnor Road and associated works

Application Refused

PL/25/2870/FA Dragons The City

Proposed single storey rear infill extension
Refuse Permission

Help revise Bledlow-cum-Saunderton's 2017 Neighbourhood Plan

In January the Parish Council approved terms of reference for a team to update the existing Neighbourhood Plan. The project will be led by a Working Group consisting of Parish Councillors and volunteers who helped develop the existing Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans set out a community's vision for the future of an area and influence planning decisions. Most of the policies in the existing 2017 Neighbourhood Plan are still valid, but the overall plan needs updating to reflect changes in planning regulations and to align with Buckinghamshire Council's new Local Plan.

While a Neighbourhood Plan must not seek to prevent development, it can help preserve the character of the area. An effective plan influences the scale and nature of development by encouraging controlled development in appropriate places.

We are looking for people willing to engage with the community on the Plan and to contribute to a number of policy panels. We are particularly interested in volunteers with specific domain skills in the Rural Economy, Urban Design, Landscape and Community Engagement. We are also looking for a skilled Landscape Photographer to document the

many attractive views and sensitive areas in the Parish.

All households in the Parish will be invited to take part in a survey and, as work progresses, draft policies will be presented for feedback at exhibitions in village halls. The Working Group hopes to complete the update by the end of 2027.

To volunteer, register your interest or for more information please email

NP@bledlowcumsaundertonparishcouncil.gov.uk or complete the contact form on the Parish Council website Contact | Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council

You can also join the Parish Council's mailing list to ensure you receive timely, relevant updates about matters affecting our parish by subscribing here: <https://mailchi.mp/520567427dc7/sign-up-to-newsletter>

Guaranteed Delivered by 7am



Traditional Milk & Groceries

Potatoes • Eggs • Bread
Yoghurts and much more...

Tel: 07359 311817 • antsdairy@gmail.com

Now delivering 3 days a week in your area • No delivery charge!

Join us in shaping the future of Insurance.

Your journey starts here

JOIN OUR GROWING TEAM

We are a successful online provider of insurance, specialising in sports, leisure, and commercial insurance. Due to our rate of growth, we're on the lookout for dynamic and proactive individuals to join us in various roles.

ABOUT US

Based in Stokenchurch, our business is driven by innovation and teamwork. As we continue to grow, we're committed to fostering a supportive culture where every member can thrive professionally and personally.

YOUR ROLE

We're hiring for various roles including underwriting, software development, customer service, project management and more. If you have experience in these fields or desire to start a career in Insurance, follow the QR code below to see what roles we have available now.

WHAT WE OFFER

Competitive salaries, Comprehensive training and development opportunities, Access to NVQs and industry-specific qualifications and Consideration of Apprenticeships.

HOW TO APPLY

Excited to join us? Take a look at the roles available on our careers page via the QR code or visit our website. To apply now, send your CV directly to recruitment@starpeakuk.com or give us a call on 01494 484800 for more details

WE ARE HIRING

**Head to our careers page to
find out more**



STARPEAK



The Ridge Evening WI - theridgeeveningwi@gmail.com

Our 55th Birthday Party in December was a happy occasion with excellent food, wine and company.

The photo competition of the Committee members provided some amusement and comments but one clever member came up with the answers! Our takings from the Christmas Raffle for a local charity, plus a fee donation and other contributions totalled £200, and this was sent to the organisers at St. Andrew's Church, who provide lunch and tea for vulnerable and lonely people in High Wycombe on Christmas Day with the help of their amazing volunteers.

Our February meeting will welcome Ian Merry, who will be talking about natural

make-up and what is in ours.

At the March meeting, we will be welcoming back Dr. Jill Evers, whose talk is "Volcanoes - the Fires of Life".

Visitors are very welcome for £3 donation and will receive a warm welcome. Our new financial year now starts at our April meeting, when subscriptions will be due, so why not come along for a couple of months without commitment and see whether you may like to continue.



Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

In January, we kicked off our 2026 activities with the very welcome return of the knowledgeable and entertaining Timothy Walker. He's one of our members favourite speakers so if you didn't make it, I'm sure we will be seeing him again next year.

So, what have we still got for you in 2026? There's our Annual Show, a Plant Sale, the remaining 4 Meetings with interesting speakers, a full-day coach trip into Gloucestershire to visit the gardens at Bourton House and Hidcote Manor, a free visit to RHS Wisley for members, and of course the Annual Supper.... All this, and the Annual Membership is still only £10!

Our next meeting is at 8.00pm on 19 Feb when Marcel of Floyd's Clematis and Climbers will cover the best and latest plants to grow as well as old favourites and will explain how to prune and care for them. As with his last visit several years ago,

he will be accompanied by an impressive selection of plants from the nursery for you to purchase after his presentation, so come prepared!

Then it's on to Saturday 21 March for our Annual Supper in the Village Hall, which includes a sit-down buffet with a tempting range of food and homemade dessert and complimentary liquid refreshment in a convivial atmosphere. This year's professional entertainment is provided by Eddie Cullen (TheVoice of the Legends) who really wowed us last year, so consequently he is back by popular demand.

As with all things these days, the costs associated with the Supper have significantly increased, but because of the catering help we get from members, we are pleased to hold the price for a fourth year at £25 for members and £30 non-members, who are always welcome. It's a great value evening

and invariably sells out, so we'd advise you to get tickets early to avoid disappointment. They will be on sale at our Feb meeting, available through any Committee member or by using the Contact form on our website. www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk.



BEAUTY
by Ames

Eyebrow and Eyelash tint • Eyelash lift • Brow lamination
Gel manicure (BIAB) • Gel manicure • Gel pedicure • Gel removal
Nail design • Nail file and tidy
Waxing (various)

To book or for more information contact Amy on:
07889 471405 [f beautybyames](https://www.facebook.com/beautybyames) [i beautybyames32](https://www.instagram.com/beautybyames32)

**TIRED OF POTHOLES
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING
FLY-TIPPING LOOSE PAVING?**

REPORT THEM TO THE COUNCIL WITH
 **FixMyStreet.com** by mySociety



Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club
www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk

The cricket season never quite goes to sleep; it just snoozes with one eye open because the new season will be upon us sooner than we know. It was therefore very encouraging that the AGM on 4th January was the best attended in recent memory.

The previous year's minutes were signed off and the various reports discussed. The Treasurer noted the particularly high level of income generated from various sources especially the bar and BBQ, whose teams were duly thanked. He cautioned that although the club's financial position is strong, much of the capital is ear-marked for machinery purchases and development projects.

Of particular interest was changes in the make-up of the management committee, changes made from strength, very different

from the era when it was hard to find members prepared to volunteer for roles. As planned, Dave Wells stood down as Chair after three years' service, although he will continue as vice-Chair and will concentrate on revenue streams from fundraising. He has passed the baton to Oli White who presented Dave with a framed photo of the Bear Carving in thanks for his huge impact on the club.

Mike Stevens retired after 30 years as Treasurer with everybody's thanks and the mysterious promise that his service would

be recognised later in the season. The mind boggles: his own woodcarving perhaps or an authorised biography – who knows? His large shoes will be filled by Robbie Mitchell although he can keep his favourite parking spot as Robbie lives so close.

In a particularly popular upgrade, Gemma Reddington is taking over from Ian Murdoch as Secretary although Ian remains on the committee in the role of "Taggart". The club thanked Paul Cheshire for having continued as Membership Secretary for 18 months after his family moved to the US and Manoj Chandran has now agreed to step into this role. We are expecting a lot more graphs and the odd pie-chart.

On the playing side Oscar Heath has agreed to share the 1st XI vice-captaincy duties with Alex Perry while Sam Rolfe remains as captain, so it should be a more talkative side. Ben Hillary takes over as 2nd XI captain from Jovan Sahota so the same applies despite Jon Gardiner's calming influence as vice-Captain. It is hoped that personal

circumstances will enable club record-keeper Martin Middleton to combine with Simon "Fats" Martin and form a 3rd XI leadership dream-team. Quick singles may be in short supply but young players who will benefit from their considerable experience will more than make up for it.

Key dates were announced of which the most imminent is indoor nets at Princes Risborough school for seven consecutive Sundays starting on 15th February: 4-5pm for juniors, 5-7pm for seniors. All prospective new members are welcome – either just turn up or contact me in advance: John Rolfe, on 07873 516568 or j.rolfe444@btinternet.com.

Looking further afield we are delighted to announce that the MCC has granted us a fixture on the Tuesday of our Cricket Week, August 4th, a real showcase opportunity for our club ... this on the back of confirmation that our 1st XI has moved up to Tier 3 for the coming season. The future is bright.



Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

Large modern, clean & well-equipped hall with smaller committee room, stage and parking for 18 cars
IDEAL FOR PARTIES, EXERCISE CLASSES, MEETINGS.

BOOK THE HALL TODAY via email - bookings@brvh.co.uk

Nu-Look Renovators Ltd



Established
1972

- General Building, Alterations Renovation
- Conservatories, Swimming Pools
- Underpinning, Property Management
- Landscaping, Driveways
- Decorating & Interior Design
- Planning & Design Build

MONKS MILL
PERRY LANE
BLEDLOW
BUCKS
HP27 9QR

Highly Commended for Building Works in the Chiltern Building Design Awards 2012

Tel: 01844 344266

E-mail: sales@nu-look-group.co.uk

Website: www.nu-look-group.co.uk



MOSSINATOR
ROOF CLEANING SYSTEMS

Roof
Cleaning

Bird Proofing

Chimney cowl
installation

mossinator.co.uk
01494 623021

CHILTERN MARQUEES

MARQUEES FOR ALL OCCASIONS

MARTIN COLE

07477146784

ENQUIRIES@CHILTERNMARQUEES.CO.UK
WWW.CHILTERNMARQUEES.CO.UK



Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

The new year is well underway, and January has been all about starting 2026 on the right foot. While winter can occasionally throw icy conditions our way, tennis at Bledlow Ridge continues whenever it is safe to play, and it has been great to see familiar faces back on court after the festive break.

Before Christmas, we rounded off 2025 in the best possible way with our annual Christmas Tournament. This year's event included both tennis and pickleball competitions and plenty of festive flair. Congratulations to Dirmuid Jennings, who won the tennis tournament, and to Gill Tope, who claimed the pickleball title. The prize for Best Costume went to Dan Turner, who fully embraced the spirit of the day dressed as an

elf. It was a relaxed and fun morning, full of festive spirit and friendly competition, and a fitting end to another busy year at the club.

Through the winter months we are continuing to keep both sports going. Our tennis doubles teams are continuing to play fixtures against other local teams through the winter and our weekly indoor pickleball sessions at the Wades Centre in Princes Risborough are proving a real hit. These

sessions offer a warm and welcoming space to play through the colder weeks and dark evenings. Sessions run every Tuesday between 6.00 and 8.00pm and are open to club members, costing £8 per player on a turn-up-and-play basis. It is a great way to stay active and social through winter.

Looking ahead, there is plenty to put in the diary as the year gathers pace:

- **Saturday 9th May – Working Party**
- **Sunday 21st June – Men's & Women's Singles Tournaments**
- **Friday 18th September – Annual Dinner**

Spring will be here before you know it, so now is a great time to ease back into

regular play, whether that is tennis under the floodlights, pickleball indoors, or simply planning ahead for the busy summer season. As always, we are delighted to welcome players of all abilities and we look forward to seeing many of you on court very soon.



FREE DRINK FOR MUMS
at the Village Hall

Daffodil Sunday

Sunday 15th March

ADULTS £5
Concessions £3.00
(Under 3s FREE)

West Wycombe Park
10.30am - 3pm

Refreshments Served in Village Hall from 10.30am - 4pm

Only assistance dogs allowed in Park .

In aid of **St. Pauls Church, West Wycombe**



Country Notes

The year began with proper winter temperatures, snow, sparkling frosts, blue skies, and a golden super moon at night which lit up snowy fields and gardens.

The green spikes of emerging snowdrops paused in the cold. Yoesden hosted winter grazing cattle and as you picked your way through the cow pats, you could see many tiny white snail-shells scattered around in the grass. These are glass snails, species name *Oxychillis Calcerucus*, Yoesden's are more chalky than glassy, but the dark

snails are visible hibernating inside their shells. Ants being in short supply at this time of year, a green woodpecker resorted to pecking vigorously at the last apple left on the tree. Blackbirds skulked in hedges rehearsing quietly for the dawn chorus which will become more vibrant as Spring approaches.



Bledlow Ridge Village School
www.bledlowridge.bucks.sch.uk

Spring Term Highlights

Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after a restful break, and we are looking forward to an exciting spring term ahead.

Children across the school will also have the opportunity to take part in a poetry competition, and we are very much looking forward to seeing them perform some of their favourite poems.

Some year groups will be heading out on fantastic educational visits. Year 4 will be visiting Science Oxford, a trip that always inspires curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Year 6 will be visiting Harry Potter World to support their study of the Harry Potter books, bringing their reading to life in a memorable way.

Later in the term, we will hold another enrichment week, themed We Are Authors, with a strong focus on writing and reading across the school. Finally, we will end the term with the much-anticipated annual Easter Egg Hunt, which is always an exciting event for everyone involved.

Read Easy
Helping adults learn to read

Need free help with reading?
tel: 01494 926171

www.readeasy.org.uk/groups/chilterns/
Read Easy Chilterns - Registered Charity No. 1201262

Sharley Domestics

Repairs to most makes of:
Washer-Dryers-Electric Cookers-Oven-Hobs -
Microwaves

Tel: 01494 485926
Mob: 07858 453224

Email: sharleydomestics@outlook.com



Bradenham

St Botolph's Church

Christmas is always a busy time for any church, and St BOTOLPH'S is no exception.

After the church had been decorated beautifully by the volunteers, with particular thanks to Hazel & Lee for their kind donation of the beautiful tree, together with donations from Margareth and Angela for Christmas decorations, the church was packed to standing room only for the 5 o'clock Christmas carol service.

We were particularly delighted to welcome to the service the Bradenham singers who not only raised our carols to a new level, but thrilled the congregation with the antiphon: JUBILATE. The sight of people singing their hearts out and then streaming out of the church, down the path with candles, to celebrate the festival, was a truly Christmassy sight.

The church also held a midnight Mass and over 35 people attended to take communion followed by a round of home-made punch and mince pies to see Christmas in.

The church looked at its beautiful best and huge thanks not only to Rev. Lance and his family, but to the church wardens, members of the council and all the volunteers who gave so much.

Please do sign up to our WhatsApp group. It not only tells the times of the service but gives details of forthcoming events, including our popular book club and preparations for the 1000th Year anniversary of the Church! Text the Churchwardens: numbers at front of CONTACT.

Bradenham Manor

There is still little news of any developments on the hiring out of the Manor. To many residents, this five-year delay in renting out the Manor seems inexplicable and we would urge the National Trust to prioritise finding a tenant as soon as possible. To many, the Manor would seem a perfect candidate for a luxury hotel so close to Gatwick and

Heathrow and within easy reach of London. This continual lack of occupation can only lead to a gradual decline in the standard of forensic care, (although the Trust do a good job of maintaining the structure) and to a diminution of garden variety.

PREMIUM Plumbing and Heating

Specialists in Plumbing,
Heating & Bathroom Installations

Tel: 01494 256175

Or: 01844 346946

Michael: 07737 007809

Glynn: 07834 734491

info@premiumplumbingandheating.co.uk

www.premiumplumbingandheating.co.uk



The Village

It wasn't only the church celebrating Christmas in fine style. At the beginning of December, the Bradenham Events Committee, working closely with the Red Lion Tea-rooms, celebrated a Christmas get-together for the 3rd year.

Mouth-watering food was provided by hosts Trevor and Lisa who wonderfully catered for all tastes. A fun game was enjoyed by all with prizes for the winners. Bradenham residents really enjoy this get-together in lovely surroundings marking the real start of the Christmas celebrations. The cricket pavilion was also taken over for the great big Christmas quiz on December 19th. Fantastically organised by the members of the events committee, many villagers turned up to take part in the prize draw, party games (with very good prizes) and to answer quiz questions and generally show what an articulate and educated lot Bradenham villagers are!



Allen Landscaping



All aspects of garden landscaping

- Driveways
- Patios
- Brickwork
- Fencing
- Decking
- Design
- Turfing
- Hedge Cutting
- Mowing

"Fully insured with over 40 years experience!"

Visit our website or call Richard for a free quote on:

01844 353 685 07973 831692

info@allenlandscaping.co.uk www.allenlandscaping.co.uk

MOORE PLASTERING

OVER 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE • COMPETITIVE PRICES

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
CONVERSIONS & REFURBISHMENTS
RENDERING & PEBBLEDASHING
FLOOR SCREEDING
ARTEX CEILING COVERED
TACKING & COVING

ALL WORK CARRIES 2 YEAR GUARANTEE
BACKED BY BRITISH GYPSUM CERTIFIED PLASTERER SCHEME

07831 244199

23 BRADENHAM ROAD, WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS

Bradenham Fete

BRADENHAM VILLAGE FÊTE will be taking place for the 2nd year and promises to be an event not to be missed with its unique traditional activities taking place on SUNDAY 7TH JUNE FROM 1PM TO 5PM in the beautiful surroundings of Bradenham Village. This event is unique because it is organised and funded by the residents of the village bringing together communities, charities and local businesses all together for a funday to be enjoyed by all ages.

We have a surprise main arena act, stilt walkers, Morris Dancers, fabulous children's area filled with amazing activities such as splat the rat, wellie wanging, Punch and Judy, hook a duck and the old saying "so much more". There will also be a coconut shy, helter skelter, bouncy castle and of course not forgetting the DOG SHOW. What more could you want....Tombola's and raffles.

We are now working on STALLS - if you would like to have a stall at this event and join in the fun we would welcome you. Please

ring the events team on 07776148165, leave a message and we will get back to you providing all the information needed.

This is a charity event with funds raised going to our charities St Botolph Church and YoungCarersBucks. We are working in partnership with Bradenham Cricket Club and St Botolph Church.

Hope to see you all and for more information on any of the above please ring 07776148165.

Bradenham Village Fete The Green

Sunday 7th June 2026

1pm - 5pm



EVENTS TEAM ENQUIRIES 07776148165
bradenhamfete2025@outlook.com

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

EVENT CHARITY: **Young Carers Bucks**



Piddington Village Hall

The Village Hall enjoyed its traditional Christmas events, with the Family Party seeing more children and accompanying parents than there has been for many a year, with the entertainer “Simon Says” keeping all ages highly amused as the little ones eagerly awaited the arrival of Santa.

The following weekend we staged the annual Christmas Concert with the West Wycombe Brass Band in full seasonal flow along with the mulled wine, and those who came had a great time. We had altered the time of the concert in the hope of making it more attractive to the younger members of the community, but perhaps coming the weekend after the Family Party it was not a good move and we will probably revert to the usual timings next year. Our thanks go to all the committee members who helped set up the hall for the festive season and ran the events. Without their stalwart efforts over the holiday period (especially when the hall’s boiler broke down before the concert and all hands rallied to provide temporary heating to keep enable the event going!) and throughout 2025, the Village Hall would not be as active and vibrant as it has become. Well done and many thanks to all!

Prior to the Christmas events, we held our AGM and completed the essential governance actions to satisfy the requirements of the Charity Commission. The financial position of the Hall has recovered to the level of reserve that we need to ensure our future operation and we have been able to continue to maintain the hall and provide necessary upgrades. Happily, the heating boiler was repairable but it will not be able to go on for ever

and plans for a separate alternative hot water supply are under consideration, with funds being grown to allow for a boiler replacement when that time arrives. In line with Charity Commission guidelines for the rotation of trustees after some 9 years or so in post, Paul Thomas has stepped down from the committee and Robert Nikiel has kindly agreed to take on the role of Chair. After many years as a committee member and former Chair, Noel Billington has “retired” from tending the external grassed areas of the Hall and our appreciation goes to Noel for all that he has done over many years. The remaining stalwart committee members have agreed to continue with their excellent work, and we remain keen to welcome new members from the local community to keep up the good work and establish a healthy succession plan. So, if you fancy joining us, please let us know via social media or by emailing the Hall, you would be made very welcome.

We are planning the 2026 events programme. There will be more information from the Horticultural Society in the next edition of Contact Magazine. We also welcome back all our regular users and wish them continued success in 2026, and we remain open for private booking via the Hall’s web-based booking system. Here’s to an active and enjoyable 2026!

EMAIL: gary@gslpropertyservices.co.uk • TELEPHONE: 07932473502

The Window Doctor

CARE & REPAIR FOR ALL YOUR UPVC & ALUMINIUM WINDOW & DOOR PROBLEMS

- Replacement of broken down sealed units - misting up inside glass
- Adjust front & back doors that do not shut
- New handles, hinges and door locks
- Replacement of patio door wheels
- New security handles with keys
- New door panels and cat flaps
- New Georgian style or leaded style sealed units
- All insurance work • Burglary damage • Servicing



PLUS INSTALLATIONS OF NEW UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS



Call us for a FREE Survey and Quotation,

No call out charge

Friendly Family Established Business

Cowling & Co.

Tel: 01865 891776

Mob: 07860 435742

www.windowdoctor.co.uk

email: cowlingandcothewindowdoctor@gmail.com

20 Years Experience

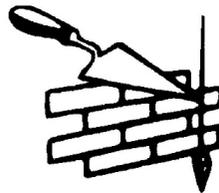
S. K Rouse Brickwork

Extensions, Flintwork, Patios, Fireplaces, Walls, Block Paving

Free Estimates • Friendly Service

92 Chorley Road, West Wycombe Village
High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 3AR

Tel: 01494 448201 • Mobile: 07798 846793 • email: steve@skrouse.co.uk





ROWLANDSCAPES

CREATIVE LANDSCAPE GARDENING

- Patios & paths • Brickwork • Planting & hedging
- Fencing • Driveways • Wildflower meadows
- Lawns • Garden maintenance • Tree surgery
- Woodland management • Agricultural fencing

Telephone: 01844 351919 **Mobile:** 07718 257104

Email: rowlandscapes@googlemail.com **Website:** www.rowlandscapes.com



Join us for
our next
event



Ridley Manor care home,
Lane End

Monthly community café

Last Tuesday of every month,
3pm - 5pm

Join us for our monthly community café
where you can meet like-minded people in
the community for a chat over a hot drink
and freshly baked treats.

Trusted to care.



To book please call **01494 304 678**
or email hayley.devereaux@careuk.com



Radnage

News From St Mary's Church



We were delighted that so many of you attended the Christmas services, whether in the Village Hall or in the church on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. Thank you, Lance and Lucy, for these and thanks to the readers from the WI, the Royal British Legion, The Radnage Charity, the Parish Council, the School and the Garden Sunday Committee.

Please note:

Plastic flowers and plastic wreaths are not permitted

Individual gardens and shrubs are not allowed

Cut flowers and silk flowers are permitted but will be removed when decaying or faded

Glass, plastic, stones, etc should not be placed as they can endanger those who care for the churchyard

Should any unsuitable items need to be removed, these will be placed by the shed for collection.

These regulations also apply to the Parish Burial Ground. Any enquiries re this civic burial ground should be sent to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

We now look forward to Spring and the Snowdrop teas in February. The churchyard will look wonderful with the snowdrops blooming as well as all the trees and hedges beginning to bud.

As you know, the churchyard is managed to encourage wildlife with minimal tidying. However, periodically, the ashes plots are trimmed so the ledger stones are clear. There is guidance on the churchyard (from the diocese of Oxford) in the porch.



The Foot Clinic

Home Visits

Treatment for nail care, verrucae, corns,
ingrown nails and callus

Tel: 01494 481535 • Mob: 07944 083014
Email: sjwilliams4@btinternet.com
Susan Williams MAFHP MCFHP

A HILLS ELECTRICAL

Domestic Electrician

Free Quotes

No Call Out Charge

No Job Too Small

All Domestic Work Undertaken

Part P registered

Call Andy 07864 128150

hillsandy010@gmail.com



St Mary The Virgin, Radnage Snowdrop Teas

Sunday 8th & 15th February, 2-4pm

Homemade Cakes, Tea or Coffee

Enjoy the profusion of Snowdrops
in the Church Yard.

Donations will go towards the maintenance
of the church and Growing Hope.



Radnage Womens Institute WI NEWS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2025

As this report is being written we are looking forward to enjoying our Radnage Annual WI January Fish Supper in the Village Hall, which is our major fund-raising event for the year. Thanks in advance to all those who have contributed to making this a very enjoyable and entertaining social evening.

Meetings for 2026 are as follows:

February - 'The Physical Chain' by Neil Hussey. Neil Hussey is a local PT & fitness coach. He will take us through the benefits of exercise and how exer-cise affects all aspects of our physicality at all times of our lives

March - 'The White Mouse – Nancy Wake' by Paul Barwick

April - 'Volunteering for the Prison IMB' by Amanda Hucks

May - RESOLUTION MEETING followed by "Life at the Royal Ballet School" by Neil Skidmore

June - GARDEN VISIT 'Red Kites, Bledlow Ridge' by Les and Mag Terry

July - "Beauty in Sculpture" by Graham King

August - SUMMER SOCIAL Venue tbc

September - 'Geology & Landscape of Radnage' by Gill Ayres

October - "Pictures from the Past" by Nigel French

November - AGM - "Line Dancing" by Tim and Tracy Mullett

December - 'Exploring The Arctic' by Mary Scott



EST. 1966 **R.S. TROUTT & CO**
ENGLISH BUTCHERS

• SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH QUALITY MEATS •

WEST WYCOMBE

TELEPHONE - 01494 526880

RSTROUTT@OUTLOOK.COM

ALSO AVAILABLE AT TROUTTS, HAZLEMERE 01494 711803

WI Coffee Mornings

These continue to be very popular. Further meetings are in the pipeline, but the venues are yet to be announced! Emails will be sent with details. Please just turn up if you would like to join us, or if you would like a lift just let Jane know as there are a couple of ladies with space in their cars

BRING AND BUY TABLE

Have a declutter and bring along anything that you no longer have a use for, books, kitchenware, sewing/ knitting odds and ends, or general bric-a-brac.

After Christmas, there is always something that could have a new home!! This is a useful and fun way to add to our funds.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US!

We are a thriving and social group, and our numbers are growing. We have now over 50 members. Tea and cakes at every meeting. (Sometimes wine!) We always celebrate Members birthdays with some chocolate! We have interesting speakers, and there is always a lively discussion after the meet-ing. If you are new to the village, come along to one of our meetings to see what we are like before you join! There is a nominal charge of £5.00 for non-members. Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month, we meet in Radnage Village Hall. Please aim to arrive at 7.15 for a 7.30 start.



Radnage Parish Council

Next Meeting

Village Hall, Wednesday 12th March 2026 – 7.30pm

Your Parish Council:

Chair: Cllr Mr Darren Ungless
Cllr Mr Aidan Hancock
Cllr Mr Keith Mathews
Cllr Mr Sam Martin
Cllr Mrs Charmaine Gallagher
Clerk: Ms Lisa Stibbs

New Councillor!

There is also now a new Councillor – Charmaine Gallagher she can be contacted on charmaine@radnage.net



DRIVE CAREFULLY
20MPH plenty when kids are about



PICK UP AFTER YOUR POOCH!



RADNAGE PARISH COUNCIL HAS A NEW WHATSAPP CHANNEL

Email: parish.clerk@radnage.net • www.radnage.net

• Planning • Fly Tipping • Dog Fouling
• Waste & Recycling • Rights of Way

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Potholes: Report a problem
www.fixmystreet.com



Opening Times

Fri. 6:00 to 11:00pm
Sat. 8:00 to 11:00pm
Sun. 12.30 to 5.30pm

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 7th February 2026
Six Nations Rugby
England v Wales @ 4:40pm

Saturday 14th February 2026
Six Nations Rugby
Scotland v England @4:40pm

Saturday 21st February 2026
Six Nations Rugby
England v Ireland @2:10pm
Fish & Chip van @ 6:30pm
(Please pre-order your food in the Legion)
Followed by Bingo at 8:00pm

Saturday 7th March 2026
Six Nations Rugby
Italy v England @ 4:40pm

The Royal British Legion



Their Name Liveth Forever More

Saturday 14th March 2026
Six Nations Rugby
France v England @ 8:10pm
The Fish & Chip van will be at the Legion at 6:30pm for a chippy tea while you watch the rugby if you fancy it!
(Please pre-order your food in Legion)

Winter Lunch Club

(LAST ONE OF THE YEAR)

23rd March 2026 at 12.30pm

at Radnage Village Hall

Cost £6.00 for 2 courses, plus Coffee / Tea / soft drink.

Open to all villagers over 60

We would love to see you there.

To Book contact - Jenny Bowie on jennyb2801@btinternet.com 07771 602144
or Kay Brown on 07984 530664 brownsskoda@yahoo.co.uk

The Radnage Charity

We are pleased to announce that Steve Head has been appointed as Clerk to the Trustees, in partnership with Robert Nikiel.

As an update, the committee comprises the following...

Education Branch - Caroline Strange and Lindsay Wilcox

Poors' Branch - Richard Wheeler and Robert Nikiel

Church Branch - Rosy Oliphant and Jennifer Stringer

In addition, our incumbent, the Reverend Lance Sharpe, is a trustee for all three branches.

Please send your applications for a grant or a bursary to Charity.clerk@radnage.net as per the flyer.

Visibility



In the dark days and evenings of Winter it's important to be seen whether you're jogging or dog walking. Drivers tell me they quite often come across people in dark clothing with their backs to oncoming traffic and they can hardly be seen – IT'S DANGEROUS!

For everyone's sake please wear some form of Hi-Vis clothing and walk on the correct side of the road (ie: facing the

oncoming traffic) otherwise, especially in country lanes, there is the potential for a tragic accident. Thank you.

Radnage Afternoon Tea & Cake

We meet on the third Thursday of each month from 2.30 - 4.30pm, as a village social activity at Radnage Village Hall. Tea, coffee and cakes are included. A £2 per person donation is asked towards hall costs and charity.

Please join us if you can, we would love to see you.

If you can help set up, help serve teas & coffees or bake a cake please email Charmaine Gallagher on ggalla8301@ntlworld.com.

I also run a craft group every Tuesday afternoon 2.30-4.30pm in Radnage Village Hall. Please bring your own project for a chat, tea, coffee and cake while you are crafting! £2pp donation asked to cover hall

costs. Please just turn up or email me on the above if you're interested.

Charmaine Gallagher
ggalla8301@ntlworld.com.

Ever thought about joining your local, friendly choir?



Find new skills, new friends, new experiences



Call for more info 07795 680253
westwycombechamberchoir.org.uk



The Crown

It appears our only Public House is open again. Initially just for drinks, but this may have now changed to include food as well.

As Radnage Correspondent
may I wish everyone
a Happy & Prosperous 2026

Peter Hague

Brezza
CARPENTRY

SKILLED CARPENTER
25+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

FROM SMALL FIXES TO BIG PROJECTS
- WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

- KITCHENS
- DOORS
- HOUSE RENOVATIONS
- AND MORE!

AFFORDABLE. RELIABLE. JUST A CALL AWAY!

MOB. 07752630427
EMAIL. BREZZACARPENTRY@OUTLOOK.COM

extremeclean.co.uk
Superior Cleaning and Application of Protectors

Carpet, Upholstery, Leather
Modern & Oriental Rugs
Curtains
Tile & Grout/Stone Flooring
Anti-Allergen Treatment
Specialist Stain Removal
Wood Floor Refinishing

Paul Brooker
35 Place Farm Way, Monks Risborough
Bucks HP27 9JJ
T: 01844 346379 / 344735
M: 07866 376934 E: jijj@uwclub.net

www.extremeclean.co.uk

AUTUMN COTTAGE LIMITED

Friendly Local Accountant

- Accounting for Limited Companies
- Final Accounts for Sole Traders
- VAT and Tax Returns
- Payroll Services
- Proactive Accounts Analysis

Lucy Stupples MAAT FICB PM Dip

01494 730937

lucy@autumncottage.net
www.autumncottage.net

aat AAT Licensed
Accountant

Lucy Stupples is licensed and regulated by AAT under license
number 1004968

John James & Partners

For all your
electrical, plumbing
carpentry, flooring,
tiling, decorating,
household repairs &
property maintenance

The Local Experts

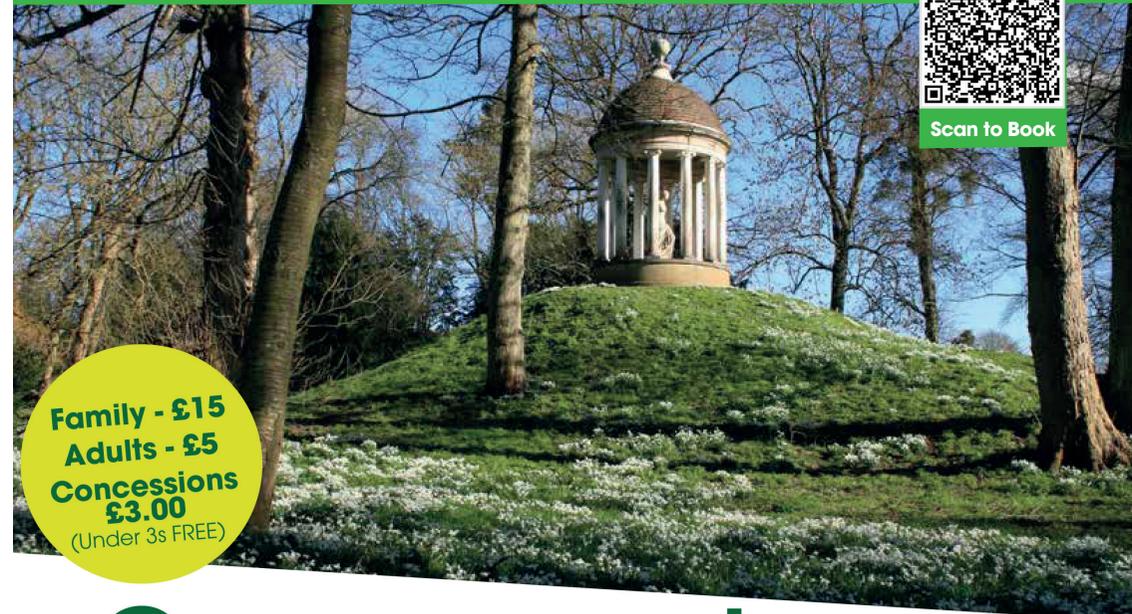
a team of local, mature
and experienced craftsmen
providing a friendly and reliable
service at sensible prices

01844 351165
07710232349

Book your tickets today through Eventbrite



Scan to Book



Family - £15
Adults - £5
Concessions
£3.00
(Under 3s FREE)

Snowdrop Walk

Sun 8th Feb. 10.30am - 3pm

West Wycombe Park

Refreshments Served & Craft Stalls
in Village Hall from 10.30am - 4pm

Only assistance dogs allowed in Park .

In aid of **St. Pauls Church, West Wycombe**

RADNAGE VILLAGE HALL

A great modern venue, in a quiet rural setting, suitable for Weddings, Family parties, Classes, Corporate Events and Meetings. Plenty of space for a marquee to cover the patio to extend the hall area or for a larger one on the playing field for a big event. Free WiFi for all visitors.



Main Hall area : 50' x 30' (15.2m x 9.1m).
Full Catering Kitchen. Modular stage. Large car park.
Patio area with picnic tables.
Open onto village playing field and children's playground.

CALL 01494 485705 or E Mail: radnagevillagehall@gmail.com



West Wycombe



Parish Council News - West Wycombe

The Next Meeting: Wed 11th Feb, 8pm at West Wycombe Village Hall.

News from St Paul's Church

Whatever the weather, Spring never misses it's turn, so watch out for the snowdrops.



extremely grateful if the local community could help support St. Paul's in the High Street, to ensure ongoing maintenance of the building for services, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Please see the insert in your copy of Contact asking for regular contributions to St. Paul's Church.



Snowdrop Sunday is on February 8th and tickets can be purchased in advance through Eventbrite.com. Scan QR

code to book. We would be hugely grateful for any volunteers to help on the day and all offers of cakes to sell in the Village Hall.

One advance notice for next month, as Daffodil Sunday will be on March 15th, which is also Mothering Sunday.

Last but not least - we wish everyone a Happy and Health New Year.

Beverley Cope

But first of all, thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas Tree Festival. The Christingle and Crib service filled the church and raised £103 to send to the Children's Society.

The vestry roof has been replaced, so no more floods, thankfully. A whole set of pre-loved kitchen units were very kindly donated by a member of the congregation and installed by the donor. We also have better lighting and heating in the vestry, which has been very costly, so we would be

**TIRED OF POTHOLES
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING
FLY-TIPPING LOOSE PAVING?**

REPORT THEM TO THE COUNCIL WITH
 **FixMyStreet.com** by mySociety

Clean and Tidy Decorators

All aspects of the trade internal and external protection, preparation, painting and paper hanging
Locally based, professional, friendly and reliable
With over 30 years experience



'Quality work without cutting corners'

Call Steve: **07932749510** alternatively
email: cleanandtidydecorators@gmail.com

News from your Parish Council

You may have seen that Council tax bills are set to rise again this year by up to 4.99%, under the draft budget plans approved by the Council's cabinet.

The cabinet-approved medium-term financial plan assumes the maximum council tax increase allowed without a referendum for 2026-2027, made up of 2.99% rise in core council tax and 2% rise in adult social care precept.

Each year a portion of your council tax (precept) comes to West Wycombe Parish Council, this funds the work that we do. At the time of writing we are to set to confirm the precept for West Wycombe Parish at our January meeting.

Join the Parish Council

Have you thought about joining the Parish Council? We currently have a vacancy for a Councillor with West Wycombe Parish Council. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in this position, it really is a voluntary however it is an extremely rewarding role. Most of our current Parish Councillors have full-time jobs, so how much time it involves is within your control. If you are considering and you would like to see how we operate, please feel free to join us at our February, March, or April meetings. Please if you are interested and you would like to talk to our current Councillors to

see what it entails before you commit, please get in touch. Please contact Sarah the Parish Clerk on 07843 990085 or email at clerk@westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

West Wycombe Parish Council meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding August) and are held in West Wycombe Village Hall at 8pm. Agendas and minutes of the meetings are available to view on our website, there is also information on Parish Council activities, Bucks Council, Thames Valley Police as well as footpaths and lots of other community information. Please visit: www.wycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Facebook

Please follow us on Facebook for local news and information.

FixMyStreet

The Fix My Street website to report potholes, damaged kerb stones, broken signs etc. – please visit www.fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Visit our website for Meeting Minutes and Agendas
Parish Clerk: Sarah Smith (Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.)
Email: clerk@westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk
Mobile: 07843 990085



Local Independent Recruitment Agent with over 15 years experience.

Finding people who fit, not just fill, your vacancies.

GET IN TOUCH TO DISCUSS YOUR RECRUITMENT NEEDS

- 📞 07870 813301
- 🌐 www.elite-sourcing.co.uk
- ✉ jodie@elite-sourcing.co.uk



For all your plumbing requirements from a local and reliable plumber

Bathroom re-fit • Installation of cylinders
 Installation of water tanks • Showers/Shower Pumps
 Radiators Valves • Washing Machine Valves
 Stopcocks • Power flushing of central heating

01494 883148
07877 071231



SERVICE & BREAKDOWN REPAIR for OIL FIRED BOILERS

Back under original family management. Providing the service WE would like to receive.



Tel: **01844 208444**

www.valeburnerservices.co.uk

CLEANSWEEP

• Est. 1976 •

**CHIMNEY SWEEP
 STOVE INSTALLATION
 SERVICING**

- Fully Insured
- Chimney Repointing
- Birdguards & Cows Supplied and Fitted



Scan to Visit Our Website



01494 881909

Or Email darenspring@btinternet.com



Weather news from Chorley Road

Thank you to Eileen Chapman

Week Ending	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm	Sunshine hours
7 th Dec	-2	12	43	11
14 th Dec	0	14	33	11
21 th Dec	1	12	30	16
28 th Dec	3	12	6	16

Total Rainfall (mm) comparison

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Nov	Dec
2024	65	93	159	110	77	40	111	64	186	128	158
2025	63	124	24	64	34	81	53	62	108	99	112



West Wycombe Chamber Choir

Our Christmas Concert was a big success with the most amount of tickets ever sold. St Lawrence Church was packed and there was a great atmosphere.

The new portable staging purchased by the church was a big success, not only in improving the sound quality but also in the audience being able to view the choir more easily. We were able to donate £1,500 to St Lawrence Church, towards the purchase of the staging.

We are about to start our 20th Anniversary Year celebrations, and so it is an exciting time ahead for us. In March we are having a Black Tie Dinner and as well as having present members there, we have invited former members, accompanists and instrumentalists, who have been associated

with us throughout those 20 years.

Our Easter Concert is on Saturday 28th March 2026 7 p.m. at St Lawrence's Church, West Wycombe. Once more we are donating the money raised to St Lawrence's Church. Our repertoire will include much of the music we are performing on our fourth European tour, this time to Madrid, Spain. To celebrate our special anniversary we will be staying in a 4 star hotel and singing in three cathedrals. So far we have 53 people touring, choir members and family.

Our Summer Concert is going to be a very special event. We will be performing on the steps of West Wycombe House by very kind permission of our patron Lady Lucinda Dashwood, and afterwards, to picnic in West Wycombe Park. This will be a free concert for friends, family and faithful supporters and the music will be drawn from previous summer concerts starting with our first concert 20 years ago on 29th July 2006! If you wish to attend then please contact Michèle as below as this concert will be by strict ticket admission only, as it is a private event for our choir. How fortunate are we!!

We have started rehearsals now for the Easter concert and there are many choir favourites on the programme. It is made up of religious choral music and a few secular songs. So far this term we have welcomed 4 new members but there are still a few vacancies available should you wish to join this friendly and enthusiastic choir. You don't have to read music! You can find out more by calling Michèle our Choir Manager on 07795 680223 for further details.

Barry Hodkinson. Musical Director



West Wycombe Preschool
www.westwycombepreschool.com

What a lovely start to the term, with some wintery weather for the children to enjoy.

This helped form our teaching for the children, jumping in with some learning in the moment that saw us making snow globes and talking about the process of melting. It is incredible to be able to be flexible in our methods, to follow trends, interests and weather and this sees some of our best interactions as the children are engaged and intrigued. Lots of painting with cold colours, being wrapped up in our outdoor clothing and even enjoying some hot chocolate after spending time in the chilly garden!

Learning takes on many forms here, whether it is pre planned with a single child in mind or more of a group delivery where many children benefit from an interaction. Our team are incredible at seizing the moment, changing with the needs of the children and having fun with them.

Hands on opportunities offer the children the chance to explore for themselves, set their own boundaries and see what they can achieve and we jump on this whenever we can. Allowing the children to slice their own fruit, butter their own toast and pour their own drinks during café can be empowering and confidence boosting whilst also allowing our little ones to learn from any wobbles that happen. With staff onboard to help, we are aiming for the children to become self-sufficient with an attitude that shows they believe in themselves.

We are currently having a little revamp of our downstairs reading space which is very exciting. We use this space for quiet times, listening to the team share a book with a small group, letting the children work the Tonie box to hear their favourite stories or to share poems, which we put huge value on.

It will be so lovely to have a newly renovated space for these moments to happen in.

Although we are currently full this academic year, we are currently booking for fulltime children for September '26. Do reach out if you are interested in your little one joining us, either email: wwpspg@gmail.com or call us on 438996 and we can arrange for you to view our preschool and meet the team.

Sarah Gowers, Deputy Manager

BRIAN R KINCH Painter & Decorator



OLD DASHWOOD HILL
STUDLEY GREEN

brkinch@gmail.com
07801 810874

West Wycombe Village Hall westwycombevillagehall.co.uk • westwycombev@gmail.com		
Mon	Morning	Pip - Phonics with Robot Reg • pip@robotreg.co.uk
	Evening	West Wycombe Art Group • wwag.secretary@hotmail.com
Tue	Evening	Jennifer Zumba • jennifer.morais.zumba@outlook.com Masque Player • masqueplayers2022@gmail.com
	Morning	WW Toddler Group • wwbabytoddler@gmail.com
Wed	Afternoon	Crochet Club 4.30pm , • ga.watkins@yahoo.co.uk
	Evening	Cycle club (first Wed of every month)
Thur	Morning	Flow Pilates By Gabbi MyFlowPilates@outlook.com Or @flow_pilates_with Gabbi
	Evening	Masque Player • masqueplayers2022@gmail.com Happy Hounds Dog Training • www.huntshappyhounds.co.uk/
Fri	Afternoon	Flow Pilates By Gabbi MyFlowPilates@outlook.com Or @flow_pilates_with Gabbi
The hall is available for private and regular hire. Email Emma at emma009797@icloud.com for further information.		



News from St Lawrence Church

2026 is set to be an exciting year for St Lawrence.

We have a number of projects running at the moment to:

- Submit our application to the Charities Commission to be registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Design branding for the CIO which will represent the identity and new role of St Lawrence in our community
- Develop a sustainable plan for local fundraising for our running costs
- Plan a series of events including Sunday openings through the summer
- Hold our second annual public meeting 7-9pm on Tuesday 24th March to share our progress, achievements, plans and schedule of events

Other news: the mystery of the missing bench has been solved and a replacement bench has been installed.

Thank you to everyone that supported us during 2025. It was a pleasure to welcome you all and we were privileged and thrilled to hear your own history and experience of St Lawrence Church. We hope to see you all again during 2026 and look forward to welcoming many new visitors too.

Sara Eaglesfield

Chair of St Lawrence West Wycombe Community Association



West Wycombe Community Volunteer WhatsApp group

To help our community thrive we need volunteers to help.

Could a big role like a trustee, or help on a litter pick.

I've created a Whats App group to help let people know about these opportunities. Scan the QR Code to join.

If you are need of Volunteers please email me the details, so I can share. susie@theyetis.com

Susie,



A Church for the Whole Family

FAMILY CHURCH SERVICES

Sun. 1st Feb. 11am

St Pauls, Bledlow Ridge

Sun. 8th Feb. 11am

St Pauls, West Wycombe

Sun. 15th Feb. 11am

St Mary's, Radnage

Sun. 22nd Feb 4pm

St Pauls, West Wycombe



Parish Office - 07598 738037

admin@westwycombebenefice.org.uk

Church Services

For information contact Administrator on
admin@westwycombebenefice.org.uk or 07598 738037

February

Sun 1 Feb <i>Candlemas</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-end Luke 2.22-40</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	
Sun 8 Feb <i>2nd Before Lent</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer	St Botolph's, Bradenham	<i>Genesis 1.1-2.3 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-end</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Paul's, West Wycombe	
Sun 15 Feb <i>Next before Lent</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>Exodus 24.12-end 2 Peter 1.16-end Matthew 17.1-9 Lk 2.1-14</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	
Wed 18 Feb <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11am Eucharist w. Ashing	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>Joel 2.1-2,12-17 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.10 John 8:1-11</i>
	7.00pm Eucharist w. Ashing	St Botolph's, Bradenham	
Sun 22 Feb <i>Lent 1</i>	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	<i>Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11</i>
	4.00pm Family Service	St Paul's, West Wycombe	

For pastoral visits requests for those who can't get out so easily.
 Please contact Rector on 07938 762570

March

Sun 1 Mar <i>Lent 2</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	
Sun 8 Mar <i>Lent 3</i>	9.30am Family Service	St Botolph's, Bradenham	<i>Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42</i>
	11.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	
Sun 15 Mar <i>Lent 4 Mothering Sunday</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>1 Samuel 1:20-28 Colossians 3:12-17 John 19:25-27</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	
Sun 22 Mar <i>Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)</i>	9.30am Family Service	St Paul's, West Wycombe	<i>Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45</i>
	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	
Sun 29 Mar <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54</i>

From the Registers

Baptisms

Benjamin Cooper (pictured)
 St Mary's, Radnage

Oliver Cooper (pictured below)
 St Mary's, Radnage

Fox Hamilton Walters
 St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge



Eucharist - A traditional service of thanksgiving sharing consecrated bread and wine together.

Family Service - a shorter, more relaxed church gathering designed to be accessible and engaging for people of all ages, including young children.

Funerals

Ann Dowdy
 St Mary's, Radnage

Elaine Britnell
 St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Burial of Ashes

Eileen Maunder
 St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Clara's Corner

Protect Little Skin With Organic Products



[SHOP.CLARASCORNER.CO](https://shop.clarascorner.co)

ALSO AVAILABLE AT WEST WYCOMBE WALLED GARDEN