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Welcome

Dear Friends

As I write we are coming to the end of the Easter season through Ascension Day and then 10 days after on the Day of Pentecost which falls on the 24th May this year. In English, the traditional name for Pentecost is Whitsun, meaning 'White Sunday'. It was this day when people in the early church would be baptised in white robes and start their new lives as Christians.

They chose to be baptised on this day as the anniversary of the beginning of the Christian Church, fifty days after Jesus' Easter rising when the followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and enabled to tell people about God's love through Jesus Christ. These mainly working-class people, 'turned the world upside down' (Acts 17:6).

The radical and disruptive message of Christianity in the first century of our age is well documented and it turns my thoughts to our present time of multiple 'radical and disruptive' messages from all directions competing for our allegiance. I have thought for a long time, the answers we are looking for are not in a renewal of politics whether left or right, but in a national renewal spiritually. This is not about institutions, like church denominations or political parties, it is a change of the human heart at a fundamental level.

I found out very recently that I am a direct descendant of William the Conqueror's Great-Grandfather, Richard the Fearless, Duke of Normandy. I believe William the Conqueror is my 2nd Cousin 23 times

removed! Google tells me, therefore, that the King is my 26th Cousin. It may sound impressive to be related to royalty, but the truth is most British heritage people are probably related to each other anyway. There would just be too many unique ancestors otherwise.

The point of all that is our common humanity. We all are brothers and sisters whether we have British heritage or have family who have come in more recent generations to our shores. We are all made gloriously in the 'image of God'. In that ability we have a unique moral agency in creation. We can choose to love others which is the very essence of God himself.



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From the Registers

Baptisms



Arthur Grinstead
St Lawrence, West Wycombe



Ophelia Hastings-Stringer
St Mary's, Radnage



Alexander Argent
St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Funerals

John Landon
St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Gracie Anne Bandy
St Mary's, Radnage

Burial of Ashes

Roy Hawes
St Botolph's, Bradenham



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Event Calendar

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JUNE

West Wycombe House open
Monday 1st June 2pm
West Wycombe Park
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Paranormal Evening
Friday 5th June
George & Dragon, West Wycombe

Help Look After
Saturday 6th June 11am-2pm
West Wycombe Hill Carpark
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Bradenham Fete
Sunday 7th June 1-5pm
Bradenham Village Green

Prize Bingo
Sat 13th June 7pm
Village Hall, West Wycombe
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Wolf Boy Outdoor Theatre
Sat 13th June 11am - 2pm
The Walled Garden, West Wycombe
www.thewalledgarden.com

Bucks Art Week
17th - 21st June
St. Botolph's Church, Bradenham

Quiz Night
Friday 19th June, 7pm
Piddington Village Hall

Quiz Night
Friday 19th June, 7pm
Village Hall, West Wycombe
in aid of West Wycombe Cricket Club

Summer Solstice
Sun 21st June 5pm - 9pm
The Walled Garden, West Wycombe
www.thewalledgarden.com

Paranormal Evening
Friday 26th June 8pm - 2am
Hellfire Caves, West Wycombe
www.hellfirecaves.co.uk

Samaritans Charity Cycle
Saturday 27th June
West Wycombe Park
www.samaritanscycle.com

Summer Fete
Saturday 27th June
Radnage C of E Primary School

West Wycombe Brass Band
Sunday 28th June 2.30pm
West Wycombe Park
www.wwbb.co.uk

St Lawrence Church Open
Sunday 28th June
St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

Wellness Festival
Sunday 28th June
Piddington Village Hall

JULY

Party at the Boot
Saturday 4th July
The Boot, Bledlow Ridge

Radnage Garden Open
Sunday 5th July,
in aid of St Mary's Church, Radnage

St Lawrence Church Open
Sunday 12th July
St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

Hellfire Motor Vehicle
The Big Meet 2026
Saturday 18th July, 10am-4pm
The Walled Garden, West Wycombe,
hellfiremotorvehicle.club

English Guitar Orchestra
Saturday 18th July
St. Botolph's Church, Bradenham

Vintage Day Car Event and BBQ
Saturday 18th July 12:30 - 5:30pm
Royal British Legion, Radnage

Community Picnic
Sunday 19th July 12-2pm
West Wycombe Hill (by school),

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

West Wycombe Brass Band
Sunday 26th July 2.30pm
West Wycombe Park
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Cream Teas & Entertainment
Sunday 26th July
St Paul's Church, West Wycombe

St Lawrence Church Open
Sunday 26th July
St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

AUGUST

St Lawrence Church Open
Sunday 9th August
St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

West Wycombe Brass Band
Sunday 23rd August 2.30pm
West Wycombe Park
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St Lawrence Church Open
Sunday 23rd August
St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe



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Bledlow Ridge

News from St Paul's Church

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our APCM in May as originally planned. Once again, we failed to do one of the things that Eileen did so efficiently each year. Notices should have been sent out two weeks beforehand and it was too late when it was realised.

So now the APCM will be held on the first Sunday of June (7th) immediately following the 11.00am Family Service. It is important that as many parishioners as possible attend.

In our services 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. And then at Trinity we celebrated 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 preaching of Jesus as

we find in the gospel of Mark. This is the shortest and most direct of the gospels. He wastes no time. He seems to say, "The sooner we get the message, the better off we will be, for the message is good, incredibly good: God is here, and he's on our side."



Our APCM - we urgently need new members for our PCC, please consider what is only a small commitment and essential to the continued existence of our church.

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Parish Council News - Bledlow-cum-Saunderton

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 8th June 2026 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

The Parish Council met on Monday 11th May 2026 at Bledlow Village Hall.

- New .gov.uk Email Addresses: A reminder that the Parish Council has moved to a .gov.uk domain. Please update your records: the Clerk's email address is now clerk@bledlowcumsaundertonparishcouncil.gov.uk (replacing clerk@bcspc.org.uk).



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- Chairman and Vice Chairman Elected at the Annual Meeting: Cllr Breese was elected as Chairman of the Council and Cllr Bridgman was elected Vice Chairman.



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Parish Clerk: Tracey Martin (Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.)
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Services at
St Paul's,
Bledlow Ridge

Family Service
Sunday 7th June 11am

Eucharist
Sunday 21st June 9.30am

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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The Ridge Evening WI

At our May meeting, our presenter Sue Mitchell, did not disappoint, as we all gazed in wonder and amazement at the four different owls sitting in front of us on their perches.

Sue explained that owls had to have fur and feathers in their diet, the females are one third larger than the males and barn owls screech, while tawny owls twit-twoo. Several types of owls are crepuscular, active during twilight hours of dawn and dusk, a few active during the day, but most are nocturnal actively hunting their prey in darkness. Owls can rotate the head 270 degrees, have asymmetrical hearing, can pinpoint the heartbeat of a mouse, and have binocular vision. Generally, owls do not like to be touched, have a close look at their talons and beaks, but the Barn Owl called Aero was very happy to be petted, we could see her smiling! We learned that the white faced tiny owl Yoga from the Sahara was able to kill scorpions, Elmo the owl from Paraguay is a woodland forest bird and the owl from the Ural Mountains of Russia with large ears can hear mice walking on the solid iced ground. Sue talked about other Raptors generally, eagles, vultures, kites and hawks etc. and the members and welcome visitors enjoyed a thoroughly great evening.

JOIN US AT NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 3rd June 7.30pm
Village Hall, Bledlow Ridge
Guest Speaker Sarah Slater

At our June 3rd meeting, 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Blue Badge Guide for Hampton Court Palace, Sarah Slater, will be in full costume talking about "Secrets, Scandal & Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court 1660 - 1830".

Visitors welcome (£3 donation).

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Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

The weather wasn't looking very favourable leading up to our Bring and Buy Plant Sale on 10 May which is our biggest fund raiser, and we were toying with the idea of having to bring the Sale into the Hall rather than using the carpark which always creates a good market-like atmosphere.

We need not have worried as we took the risk and the weather, though cold, was ok. There was quite a crowd patiently waiting for the "off" and over half the stock was snapped up in the first 20 minutes! So a very successful event, raising sufficient funds to enable us to subsidise some of our other events for members. The Village Hall Committee, who were managing the refreshments for the first time, were also pleased with their takings which went to the Hall funds. So a big "Thank You" to all of you who supported the event and especially to those who helped at the hall and donated plants....Your support is very much appreciated.

Our next event is on 9 June when we have a full-day free visit for members to the RHS Garden at Wisley. Normal entrance fee would be £17.20 so members are immediately in credit against our £10 annual membership fee. It's a "Drive yourself there" to arrive by 10.45am, and

once you've collected your tickets, the day is yours to come and go as you wish

Then it's a day trip into Gloucestershire on 7 July to visit the gardens at Bourton House and the National Trust's at Hidcote. Price for members is £45pp which includes entry to both gardens, coach and driver's tip. The additional premium for non-members is £5pp. However, National Trust members can take £15 off the prices as long as they bring their membership cards with them. If you want to know more or use the contact details on our website...www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk...or just talk to any Committee member. You are very welcome to join us on the trip.

There's a break in August and then it is onto 5th Sept with our Annual Show. You can find the 2026 Schedule in the "Show" box on the "What's On" page of our website, and with 70 varied classes for flowers, house plants, shrubs, fruit and veg classes, plus flower

arranging, domestics, and 2 photography classes, there's really something for everyone. Entering any exhibit, as well as the admission to visit the Show is free, and to help those who may be entering for the first time, we have now included "Hints and Tips" within the Schedule to give you some guidance on how to present your exhibits. So why not have a go this year?

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At the time of writing the 18-week league season is under way after a pre-season programme in which we won 4 of 5 fixtures including our 1st XI defeating Aston Rowant 3s who had not been beaten for 2 years.

Our 1s won their first league match at Thame, the 2s lost on the last ball at home to Oxford 3s and the 3s won at Haddenham. Broadly speaking our teams are packed with teenagers (exciting) and veterans (worrying) and with the possible exception of the 1st XI (hybrid) not much in between. The six-week Academy programme, now completed is set to show dividends as is the new nets facility (no spikes please) which is proving predictably popular.

The ground and particularly the square is looking picture-perfect (well done Charlie), the junior Friday nights practices and matches are under way, while the All Stars and Dynamos will have started mid-May.

Diary dates: Senior Six-a-Side Sunday 7th June, all day BBQ (well they'll have a break for tea) from 9am, plus café, bar,

cricket, raffle, prize-giving and ShakEy on commentary picking out those who drop catches! The Junior Tournament is provisionally scheduled for Sunday 12th July. And remember our cricket week in the first week of August with a fixture against the MCC on Tuesday 4th August, 11.30 start.

In other news, and for Facebook-watchers especially, I am pleased to report that there have been no further sightings of elderly gentlemen fly-tipping old plants near the pavilion, and I am delighted it has been proven that men are capable of keeping their youngsters under control after school, albeit the sample of one, is rather small.

Please contact us via the website or contact me, John Rolfe, direct: j.rolfe444@btinternet.com



Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

On the weekend of 9th and 10th May we held our annual Working Party to give the Tennis club a spring clean and refresh. A huge thank you goes to Gary Coward, who did a brilliant job organising the weekend, from planning the jobs list to arranging materials and keeping everything running smoothly.

A brilliant group of members turned up across the weekend and, fuelled by tea, cake and good humour, achieved an enormous amount. The clubhouse was cleaned and painted inside and out, the courts cleaned, fencing wires tightened, weeds cleared, fence posts painted and a new gravel path to the pickleball court was laid. By the end of the weekend the whole club was looking ready for a busy summer ahead.

Of course, no Working Party would be complete without refreshments. Huge thanks to everybody who baked cakes, muffins and scones, kept the tea and coffee flowing, and even brought along a pizza oven to make homemade pizzas for the volunteers.

Coinciding with the Working Party weekend, Pickleball celebrated its first birthday at Bledlow Ridge, marked in proper club fashion with a cake. Pickleball continues to grow in popularity, probably encouraged by some

lovely dry spring weather. We were delighted to welcome our 50th pickleball member. One of the nicest things about pickleball is how accessible it is for all. Our youngest member is just 4 years old, while our oldest, at 79, is still playing regularly and enthusiastically.

Our tennis players have been enjoying the spring sunshine too and have been on court for box league matches, social doubles sessions, coaching, practice against the ball machine or with friends. Our Friday evening tennis sessions for 5-11 year olds have returned for the second summer: Tennis Aces takes place for 8 weeks from 15th May until 3rd July from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. We also hold Junior Club night sessions for 11-17 olds on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

The winter league season of competitive doubles matches has now come to an end and attention is turning towards the summer



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leagues and tournaments. Our teams have enjoyed another busy season of doubles matches against clubs across the area.

The mixed doubles team recorded two hard-fought draws, first against Widmer, with Ben Lawrence, Dirmuid Jennings, Jane Lawrence and Sue Vince representing the club, and then against Wingrave, where Alex Godfrey, Sue Vince, Jane Lawrence and Tom Dawson played.

The ladies doubles team also earned a draw in their match against Stewkley, with Jennifer Litchfield, Carol Tribe, Sara Evans and Harriet Gresty-Evans taking part.

Meanwhile, the men's doubles team completed their season with two home matches, against Tring and Horsenden. Although both ended in losses, the team finished the league in a respectable 5th position after a competitive winter campaign.

As always, we are very pleased to welcome new members, whether you are interested in tennis, pickleball, social play, or competitive matches

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 21st June –
Men's & Women's Singles Tournaments

Sunday 26th July –
Mixed Doubles Tournament

Sunday 6th September –
Men's & Women's Doubles Tournament

Friday 18th September –
Annual Dinner

Saturday 10th October –
World Pickleball Day

Sunday 14th December –
Christmas Tournament

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Half term is just around the corner, the children have had a busy half term. They are now looking forward to a well-earned break with their families.

The Ridge Off Roader took place in June. As the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, it attracts runners from across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and beyond to take on the challenging course.

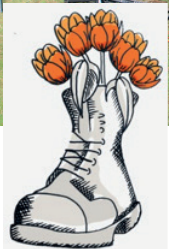
Year 3 had a fantastic time visiting West Wycombe to meet Geology Jill and carry out some fascinating research in the local area.

Our enrichment week this term, We Are Artists, promises to be a wonderful celebration of creativity, and we are looking

forward to seeing the amazing creations the children produce.

Sports Day will also take place this term, with children giving their all in every event and, most importantly, enjoying themselves. Fingers crossed for sunshine on the day!

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The Boot at Bledlow Ridge

Coming soon on Saturday 4th July 2026

Last year in July Bledlow Ridge village had a party at The Boot. The great news is that it is happening again this year on Saturday 4th July starting around 1pm. It might be American Independence Day but everyone will be able to be independent themselves while letting their hair down and enjoying another great occasion in the garden and pub. A great opportunity for the local community to get together.

Like last year, Andy Gowers and his band will be providing the music which inspired a number of 'guest' vocals during the course of the afternoon and evening. Is this Bledlow Ridge's answer to Channel 4's 'Your Song'. (Check it out if you haven't seen it!) There will be plenty available for the youngsters as well with a bouncy castle and craft area, just like last year. Food will be a BBQ – more details to follow, but if it's like last year then there won't be much left!

So, we hope that everyone who is around on the 4th in the village can pop in and

enjoy a drink and maybe some of the lovely BBQ. It will be a great chance to catch up with other locals and friends as well as meet people you may only see from the car as you drive through or bump into on a dog walk. Obviously feel free to invite and friends or colleagues who may fancy a Saturday out in the country. Hopefully see many of you there.

Another possible note for the diary will be the approaching football World Cup. With the extended licensing hours and the presence of two British teams there will be lots of national interest. The Boot is hoping to have a TV available for folk to enjoy a number of the matches. Full details on what to see and when will be promoted nearer the time. Keep your eyes open to come along and join other fans watching (probably behind the sofa!) the games unfold.

We mentioned last month and wanted to draw people's attention to the fact that a number of people over the years have moved away from the village or sadly passed on.

Their shares are not held by locals anymore and so do not have the same emotional and supportive link that they once may have had.

Therefore, a number of shares exist which could be purchased by those of you who are interested.

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Country Notes

We ended April with glorious sunshine and blue skies, perfect for wandering through woods and marvelling at bluebells.

Holly blue butterflies are numerous this year, they prefer to hang around hedges unlike the Adonis, chalkhill, and common blues which favour open grassland. If you haven't spotted any at Yoesden keep looking as they should still be active in June, and also look out for the tiny but beautiful small copper and small heath butterflies. We often see hares in the fields between Bledlow Ridge and Lodge

Hill, usually one or two lolling about but sometimes a 'down' of hares lying still and keeping watch on each other. Fallen beech flowers made a soft golden blanket on the dry footpaths. Hawthorn exploded into blossom filling the air with pungent scent, and the bubbling squeals of swifts flying high overhead confirmed that summer is coming.

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Bradenham

St Botolph's Church

The main highlight of this month has been the concert given to commemorate the 100 years of David Attenborough on May 9th.



to us all. David Attenborough's message that, after 10,000 years in which Nature looked after us, it was now time for us to look after Nature, was a timely reminder to us all.

With thanks to Rev. Lance and all the volunteers who read poems and served tea and coffee, as well as for the provision of the Cricket Club for refreshments.

On another positive note, we are delighted at the growing success of our monthly Family Service. If you happen to be parents with children who are not playing sport on a Sunday morning, why not bring them along to the 45min, very informal service at 9.30pm. We sing songs and hymns, say a few prayers and play games. There are many rewards – both materialistic (sweets! Coffee and cakes!) and spiritual (seeing into the heart of things) and many parents say it is a moment for them to reflect or say a quiet prayer whilst at the same time introducing their children to an historic building like a church and an awareness of something other than the physical world.

This was very well attended and the evening saw a collection of poems associated with nature from Wordsworth to Kipling, read by able volunteers and a series of video clips projected on the big screen taken from David Attenborough's life. The evening was superbly complimented by the musicians of the Blue in Green Trio, led by Joan Izod. Not only was much needed money raised for the upkeep of the church but it was a wonderful occasion to pay tribute to one of the most remarkable living Briton's and an inspiration

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Events Coming Up:



From Wednesday June 17th until Sunday 21st June, the church will be playing host to a wide range of artists as part of Bucks Art Weeks. If you would like to purchase a small drawing as a gift or have a painting commissioned, this is the place for you. It is also not too late to exhibit works of your own!

Entrance, which is free, is all day from 10am – 6pm and late nights on Friday and Saturday until 9pm.



Saturday 18th July at 7.30pm, the church is delighted to host the English Guitar Orchestra – a collection of 12 guitar soloists who will be playing a variety of music from pop to classical.

Again, entrance is free, but first come, first seated.



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Bradenham

Family Service
Sunday 14th June 9.30am

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Bradenham Village Fete

Preparations are nearing completion for our Village Fete on Sunday June 6th from 1pm. Win a prize of a gift voucher for the person who guesses the main arena act.

It's worth a try. Leave your idea and contact details on 07776148165 to enter. If there are numerous entries one winner will be picked on the day by the events team. Clues are two different animals, one very dominant who tries to persuade the other to perform!! Any guesses?

Our beautiful St. Botolph's Church will also be open all day to enable visitors to browse, look at the stained glass windows and have a chat to Pete the Church Warden about the history of this fascinating church. But

for those with children it's also a chance to have a go at ringing our thirteenth-century church bells!

The Treasure Hunt ends in the church with a go at archery and the winner must find the brass-rubbing figure to win a prize from the lucky pick basket.

The church will be open for tea and cakes too.

Bradenham Village Fete

The Green

Sunday 7th June, 1pm- 5pm

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



- 1pm. Fête opened
by local author Kat McFarlane.
- 1.15pm. Fancy Dress Competition
8yrs and under
- 1.30pm. Whitchurch Morris Dancers
- 1.30pm. Punch and Judy show.
- 2pm. Main Arena Act.
- 2.30pm. Dog Show
- 3pm. Punch and Judy/Ballooning
- 3.30pm. Main Area Act.
- 4pm. Whitchurch Morris Dancers
- 4pm. Band EQUALLY AWKWARD.

Also - Helter Skelter, Face Painting, Charity And Craft Stalls, Refreshments From St. Botolph Church, Candy Floss, Children's Area, Tombola & Raffle, Traditional Afternoon Tea with Scones And Cream.

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Piddington



Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council: Best Kept Village Competition 2026

The Piddington and Wheeler End Parish has entered in the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition 2026. 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 bits of litter every time you go for a walk, keeping hedges trimmed or even planting a hanging basket outside your house.

Judging takes place between 1st June and 14th July. Let's see if we can beat the 'Highly Commended' which was our best ever finish.

Please contact our Parish Clerk, Hayley Glasgow, clerk@piddingtonandwheelerend-pc.gov.uk if you have any questions or comments.

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; herbs at the Village Hall for community use; Wheeler End Common and the War Memorial.

Piddington Horticultural Society

Enter your garden in the 2nd year of The Hidden Gardens of Piddington, Sunday, 12th July, 2pm-5pm – last year's inaugural event was a fantastic success with so many compliments paid to last year's entries, so, if you have a lovely garden, please don't keep it hidden, share it!

Now is the time to book your garden gem for entry into this year's "Hidden Gardens". To view the gardens on the 12th, have a cup of tea and cake and visit the plant sale come to the Village Hall where you can purchase a ticket along with a map showing all the gardens on display. There's plenty of street parking nearby. If you are interested in opening your garden to visitors, or would like to learn more, then you should contact Louise on 07772 672753 or email Louisehammond0@icloud.com

On Sunday 26th April, 10 children gathered at the village hall and planted sunflower seeds with guidance from Lesley and Fiona. We hope they will be showing their flowers at the Village Show on Saturday 22nd August.

As mentioned above – the Annual Village Show will take place on Saturday 22nd August. Now is the time to start planning your fruit, vegetables, flowers, handicrafts and cookery entries ready to make the 80th Show bigger and better than previous years. Schedules will be distributed nearer the actual Show date.



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We held a very successful quiz night on 17th April although the number were down, 6 teams all took part with HWH3 coming first. Thanks to Tom for setting the questions and Melanie for being our compere for the evening. Profit from the evening will go towards the Seniors' Annual Dinner. A donation from part of the raffle proceeds will be sent to the "Make A Wish" Foundation for children with life limiting illnesses.

On Saturday 2nd May the Horticultural Society laid on a coach trip to the RHS

gardens at Wisley for Piddington residents. Unfortunately, the uptake was not as good as we thought it would be, in the end 36 residents and friends took advantage of the day out. Without any major hold-ups we arrived at Wisley in time to grab a quick coffee before entering the gardens where there was the added attraction of the annual craft fair. The weather was warm and sunny and everyone all had a good time.



Piddington Village Hall

Many thanks to the members of the working party who got to grips with the undergrowth at the rear of the village hall; the difference between the before and after images is impressive!

The events programme in the Village Hall continues and recent activities have helped to raise welcome funds that will help the hall committee update some of the hall's ageing infrastructure, with the heating system at the top of the list. Looking forward, the following events are coming up over the next few months:

Quiz Night 19th June with a 7.30 pm start. Entry cost £12 a head and each team of 6 will have a charcuterie board. Please bring your own drinks. All monies raised goes towards the hall

Wellness Festival 28th June from 10 am – 4 pm; come early to book your taster sessions. Refreshments will be available, and a raffle too.

September 19th Race Night with Badgers Auction House; ticket only with food .

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Radnage

News From St Mary's Church

Thank you to all who attended the APCM on 17th May. Thanks are also due to Rosy Oliphant on her retirement from the position of churchwarden which she has held for seven years, having completed another stint some years ago.

She will remain an ex officio PCC member as she will continue as Synod representative, as well as running her very successful fundraising Snowdrop teas and Autumn tea. We are delighted that Debs Digby is joining the PCC.

There is very good news about the bells in the church. They were recently serviced and are in working order now. The four date from 1634, 1637, 1729 and 1763!

A very successful Family Service was led by Caroline Strange on 19th April. Hymns were chosen by Olivia, Iris, Ivy, Amber, Daisy, and Dan with the prayers led by Olivia and Teddy. The collection was taken by Daisy, Bertie, Jamie and Olivia. The readings were by Bertie, Ivy and Amber.

We would like as many children as possible to join in at each Family Service. Please contact Caroline Strange (church.secretary@radnage.net) if you would like to choose a hymn, ring the bells, take the

collection, do a reading etc..

Special 11am Benefice Eucharist at West Wycombe, to be taken by the new Archdeacon Cassa on 12th July. This will be the only service on that Sunday.

Garden Sunday

St. Mary the Virgin, Radnage on 5th July.

Starts with 9.30am Songs of Praise (no Eucharist) in church, where the flower ladies will have created fabulous arrangements.

Refreshments will be served during the day at several venues, starting with bacon butties at The Old Rectory!

It's a great day for visiting many gardens in Radnage and spending time with family and friends.

Programmes and raffle tickets are available before and on the day. The day ends with a barbecue and sundowners at the Village Hall.



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Radnage Womens Institute



May was our Resolution Meeting. We voted on two resolutions, one to be forwarded to the NFWI. The voting was close, the second resolution won by 2 votes.

1. Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health, and social inclusion = 16 VOTES

2. Action on women's homelessness = 18 VOTES

After the vote, we were entertained by Neil Skidmore, a Radnage resident. He spoke to us about his life in dance, his twelve years with the Royal Ballet Company, and his life afterwards. We enjoyed hearing and seeing him dancing in ballets. It was fascinating to learn of his Morris dancing and TV appearances. He showed us examples of the splendid parties and events he now organises. We very much enjoyed his fascinating talk.

Our **June** meeting will be a garden visit. We are visiting RED KITES, Bledlow Ridge. Hopefully it will be a warm sunny evening!

Our **July** meeting is entitled; Beauty in Sculpture – by Graham King. An evening watching the very skilled master artist Graham King creating unique flower arrangements. There will be a raffle of these at the end of the evening.

Our **August** meeting is a social evening at the village hall.

WI COFFEE MORNINGS:

Meeting at 10.30am are as follows:

FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2026 (Jane is away)

Meet at the Potting Shed Café at Studley Green Garden Centre (2nd Friday of the month is always here now)

FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2026

Meet at The Clubhouse Cafe (Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club), Chinnor Rd, HP1 4 4AA

CHARITY SALES TABLE :

Please bring lovely sales table items that you feel someone else might like to re-home. The sales table is now raising funds for a charitable donation (TBC at the end of the year for us all to vote on) - all sales table income will be segregated going forward for charitable giving. If you don't have cash for the sales table, please transfer your donation to our WI bank account direct after the meeting, thank you. BACS details are: Radnage Woman's Institute – Sort Code 30-94-28 and Account Number 00543806

IF YOU WOULD LIKE 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 meeting. If you are new to the village, come along to one of our meetings to see what we are like before you join! There is a nominal charge of £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.

To get in touch with us please email Radnage.wi@outlook.com or phone Jane on 01494 482046



Radnage Parish Council

Next Meeting

The next PC meeting is on Wednesday 9th July 2026



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Saturday 11th July 2026

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Saturday 18th July 2026

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Saturday 8th August 2026

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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.



Gallagher, Barbara – and everyone who has helped and contributed by making cakes, setting up & clearing away.

Lots of children have also been visiting after school and love their cakes & juice! Please join us if you can, we would love to see you.

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!

A £3/£4pp donation is asked according to numbers turning up.

£500 has been raised from this event and the money will go to Macmillan

Thanks go to Carol & Nigel Turner, Shelley & Aidan Hancock, Robert & Lucy Green, Graham & Dee Pearce, Jenny Bowie, Gerry

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West Wycombe

News from St Paul's Church

Welcome to a - hopefully - warm - June. We are very much looking forward to next month's 11am Benefice service in St. Paul's on 12th July, when the new Archdeacon of Buckinghamshire, The Revd. Cassa Messervy will be taking the service. It will be a privilege to meet her this early in her new role.

The Social and Fundraising team have come up with some great propositions for coming months, right up to and including December!!

The first one will have taken place before this issue, namely:- 'Guess the weight of the cake', and 'How many sweets in the jar' at the **West Wycombe School Fete** in May. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

June: A stall at **Bradenham Fete on 7th**. This is proposed to be Hoopla so please look out for us there.

July: On 26th - Cream teas with entertainment in church Tickets £8 with kind permission available at West Wycombe Post Office/stores.

September: On 12th. An Open Mic evening, with bar, in church.

October: On 11th. Bring and Share Harvest Lunch in church after the Harvest service.

November: On 22nd. Craft and Cakes in the Village Hall.

December: Date T.B.A. The Christmas Tree Festival. As this will be the 10th Anniversary the theme will be Tin.

It goes without saying that there will be repetitions in further issues of Contact but, at least this gives an outlook of cheer for those of us who don't look forward to winter. Stay cool/stay warm in this our beloved homeland.

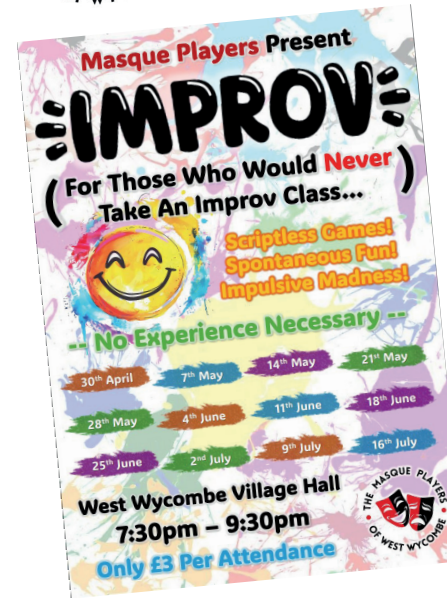


Masque Players of West Wycombe

Masque Players were delighted to receive some excellent reviews for our evening; Do Not Touch the Artwork.

with comedy", and the representative from NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) wrote, "Everyone from The Masque Players, on or off stage, played their part in this innovative production with the result that a very entertaining evening was had by your audiences. Congratulations to you all."

Masque Players are currently meeting on Thursday nights and are running Improvisation sessions, "For those who would never take an improvement class." These evenings are all about not having to think about what is coming out of your mouth, just say it anyway. We explore devices such as the three-headed expert, the interpreter, freeze frame, and many others. There is no ongoing commitment, just turn up and see if you like it. It really is a fantastic escape for a couple of hours and the evening is full of fun and laughter.



Rita Carpenter from the Bucks Free Press said, "Masque Players have a strong group of performers and they always do well

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West Wycombe Chamber Choir

Thank you to everyone who sang, helped or came along to our Spring Concert. We were able to give a donation to St Lawrence's of £1000 thanks to your usual generosity.



with refreshments being sold to the general public whilst we rehearsed. We have three concerts to perform and some sight seeing to do, and I will tell you more about it in the next issue of contact.

Our Summer Concert is on Saturday 11th July at 3pm In West Wycombe Park. This concert is free and the invitation is to family, friends and loyal supporters who have supported the choir over many years. It is a ticket only event and tickets are available from Michèle on 07795 680253. This concert is to celebrate our 20th Anniversary and our repertoire for the occasion is drawn from the many songs we have sung in our previous summer concerts. It was a mammoth task to select our favourites from our vast repertoire, and hopefully one of yours will be sung. Please bring along a picnic to enjoy whilst we sing, and hopefully plenty of sunshine. Our thanks go to Lady Lucinda Dashwood, our patron, for allowing us to use the park for this special occasion.

Barry Hodkinson. Musical Director

As I write this we are looking forward, and getting very excited, about our forthcoming tour to Spain at the end of May. We have been practicing our repertoire in St Lawrence's on Sunday afternoons, along

Community Picnic Sunday 19th July 12-2pm



I wanted to create a Community event to bring everyone together. There has been a lot of new neighbours joining our community. Lets all come together for a big picnic on West Wycombe Hill (by the school.)

Bring your picnic blankets and food (please no BBQ or Fires). Please take your rubbish home. Please keep dogs on leads so no one has their sausage roll stolen!

There are public toilets in Meads Yard (below the school).

Also being the lower part of the hill, if you want to get an ice cream from one of local businesses it is just a short walk.

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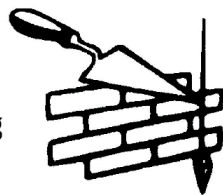
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West Wycombe Baby & Toddler Group
Wednesday Mornign Term Times - Village Hall

Over the last few weeks we have had a fun-filled time! We have made our Mummies a Mother's day card; discovered our inner Picasso whilst painting some fabulous artwork. We have coloured and stickered a mini-me; transformed playdough into anything we can imagine!



We've created a Jurassic World meets dumper truck on our rice krispie play table and we've provided beautiful musical accompaniment for Nursery Rhyme time.

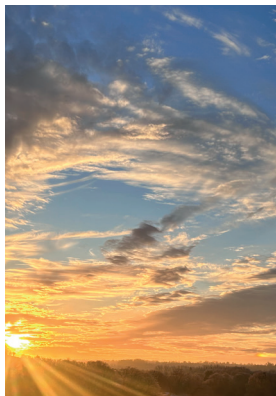
We even brought our favourite toys along for a teddy bears picnic!

We have a core few people that faithfully come most Wednesdays but we need more! If you are a parent, grandparent, carer or childminder of little ones (from newborn to nursery age), we would love to have you!! We meet in term-time at West Wycombe Village Hall, Wednesdays 9:15 - 11.15. A cuppa and friendly chat await!

Also if you are able to volunteer in any way, we'd love to hear from you. We especially need help setting up and putting away the tables, chairs and toys. If you're more the creative type, we're always on the look out for fresh craft ideas.

Weather news from Chorley Road
 Thank you to Eileen Chapman

Week Ending	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm	Sunshine hours
5th Apr	2	17	trace	23
12th Apr	0	23	trace	37
19th Apr	0	18	5	33
26th Apr	0	21	0	62



Help Us Look After West Wycombe Hill

Join us to help look after West Wycombe Hill with a relaxed, family-friendly volunteer session. Drop in anytime to help with litter picking and path clearance while enjoying the outdoors together.

This event will take place on Saturday 6 June 2026, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, and participants are welcome to stay for as little or as long as they like.

Visitors can lend a hand with practical tasks such as litter picking and clearing vegetation from paths, helping to keep the hill safe, accessible, and welcoming for everyone. No previous experience is needed, and all tools and guidance will be provided.

The session is suitable for all ages, and families and children are very welcome. (Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.)

Meeting point:

West Wycombe Church car park (at the top of Church Lane, near the Church of St Lawrence)

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Parish Council News - West Wycombe
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St Lawrence Church

The church will be open from 2pm on Sunday 28th June, 12th and 26th of July for tea, coffee and cake. Meet some of the team seeking to secure the churches' future.

St Lawrence Church remains open for Weddings, Christenings, Funerals, Concerts and Other Events.

We are looking for volunteers to help us, in particular to plan and run events.

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June			
Sunday 7 June <i>Trinity 1</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>Hos 5.15-6.6 Rom 4.13-25 Mt 9.9-13,18-26</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	
Sunday 14 June <i>Trinity 2</i>	9.30am Family Service	St Botolph's, Bradenham	<i>Ex 19.2-8a Rom 5.1-8 Mt 9.35-10.8</i>
	11.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	
Sunday 21 June <i>Trinity 3</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>Jer 20.7-13 Rom 6.1b-11 Mt 10.24-39</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	
Sunday 28 June <i>Trinity 4</i>	9.30am Family Service	St Paul's, West Wycombe	<i>Jer 28.5-9 Rom 6.12-23 Mt 10.40-42</i>
	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	

July			
Sunday 5 July <i>Trinity 5</i>	9.30am Garden Sunday	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>Zec 9.9-12 Rom 7.15-25a Mt 11.16-19,25-30</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	
Sunday 12 July <i>Trinity 6</i>	11.00am Benefice Eucharist (Archdeacon Cassa)	St Paul's, West Wycombe	<i>Isa 55.10-13 Rom 8.1-11 Mt 13.1-9,18-23</i>
Sunday 19 July <i>Trinity 7</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>Isa 44.6-8 Rom 8.12-25 Mt 13.24-30,36-43</i>
	11.00am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	
Sunday 26 July <i>Trinity 8</i>	9.30am Family Service	St Paul's, West Wycombe	<i>1 Kings 3.5-12 Rom 8.26-39 Mt 13.31-33,44-52</i>
	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	

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.

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



Join us for a special Benefice Eucharist with the Archdeacon Cassa - a time of worship, fellowship, and blessing for all

Sunday 12th July 11am
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A Church for the Whole Family

FAMILY CHURCH SERVICES

Sun. 7th June, 11am

St Pauls, Bledlow Ridge

Sun 14th June, 9.30am

St Botolph's, Bradenham

Sun. 21st June, 11am

St Mary's Radnage

Sun. 28th June, 9.30am

St Pauls West Wycombe

Sun. 5th July, 11am

St Pauls, Bledlow Ridge

Sun. 19th July, 11am

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