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Baptisms

Dear Friends

All four of the villages that make up our benefice have lovely churches. All very different in their architecture and age but all fulfilling the same purpose. They remind everyone of God's presence among them and they are open every day giving a welcome to the villagers, passers-by and visitors, offering a place of quiet and calm away from the noise and bustle of everyday.

Every resident of this country lives within a Church of England parish where they can go to mark each stage of their life – for baptisms (Christenings), weddings and funerals. It is the privilege of the clergy and congregations to share in these special milestones.

Recently we have enjoyed meeting families bringing their lovely babies for baptism. This is one of the special services called a

sacrament. When I was a child some things were very formal and I learned parrot fashion, "A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace". Now I try to explain more informally that the church will often use symbols and actions when things are hard to explain in words.

There are three special signs in the service of baptism

Sign of the Cross

First the baby's head is marked with the sign of the cross using oil that has been blessed by our bishop indicating that they will become members of the wider church.

The cross is the recognised sign of Christianity remembering God's love for us. It is the sign under which we live as Christians, not like a school or team badge by but the way that we live. They will know that we are Christians by our love. It helps to stress the involvement of the whole family if the godparents and siblings can be invited to reflect the signing.



Water

The sign most widely recognised is the water. If there are children present at the service they will happily tell you about water – that it is needed for life, that we are washed with it and even that we can drown in it. All this helps us to understand that we



are given new life in baptism and that we are cleansed from our sins. We only splash a little water on the baby's head but adults are sometimes given total immersion in the same way as Jesus was baptised by John in the River Jordan. This reminds us of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus and God acknowledged him as his son. We understand that the Holy Spirit comes to each child as they, too, become God's son or daughter.

Lighted Candle

Finally the child is given a lighted candle. Jesus came as a light to our dark world by bringing his love. The child is called to reflect that light. 'Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.'

If there is an older sibling it is good if they can relight the candle given to them at their baptism.

The service of baptism helps us to remember that we are all children of the same heavenly Father.

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Very best wishes to all our brothers and sisters in all our churches.

Revd Veronica Beaumont

From the Registers

Burial of Ashes

Romola (Rom) Sumpter
St Mary's, Radnage

Robert Slade
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Sunday 5th July,
Rosie Petal Patch, West Wycombe
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Radnage Open Garden
Sunday 5th July,
in aid of St Mary's Church, Radnage

SEN Coffee Morning
Friday 10th July,
The Walled Garden, West Wycombe
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St Lawrence Church Open
Sunday 12th July
St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

The Hidden Gardens of Piddington,
Sunday, 12th July at 2pm

**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

Sip and Snip
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Street Food Evening
Friday 31st July,
The Walled Garden, West Wycombe
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AUGUST

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

Piddington Village Show
Saturday 22nd August
Piddington Village Hall

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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Fri 12th June
Fri 10th July
9.30-11.30am

The Walled Garden,
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Bledlow Ridge

News from St Paul's Church

We held our annual meetings at the beginning of June and Geoff Ley and Andy Sage were re-elected as our church wardens. This is a significant responsibility, and we are most grateful to them for continuing in this role particularly as there is considerable maintenance work to be undertaken to maintain the fabric of the church.

Thanks were also given to those who have undertaken some of the many tasks that were done by Eileen in the past. Particular thanks to Wendy Newell for ensuring that the church is open every day offering a quiet space for villagers and passers-by.

In the church calendar we have now completed the major festivals and come to the Sundays after Trinity which we know as ordinary time. This is our opportunity to learn more about Jesus' teachings and to come to understand more the people and church that he wants us to be.

15th July is the anniversary of the dedication of St Paul's. This year it will be our 158th birthday. We learned at our meeting that our outgoings necessary to maintain our church way exceed our income. We are very lucky that we have funds through the generosity of Miss McMoran many years ago but this cannot go on for ever. We have to think seriously about the responsibility that is left to each generation and to consider

the future rather than relying on the past if we want it to continue for another 158 years.

Every time I come to write a bit for Contact I think about the Poem 'The Months' by Sara Coleridge (1802-1852) and I couldn't remember July so had to look it up.

*January brings the snow,
Makes our feet and fingers glow.*

*February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen lake again.*

*March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil.*

*April brings the primrose sweet,
Scatters daisies at our feet.*

*May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Skipping by their fleecy dams.*

*June brings tulips, lilies, roses,
Fills the children's hands with posies.*

*Hot July brings cooling showers,
Apricots and gillyflowers.*



*August brings the sheaves of corn,
Then the harvest home is borne.*

*Warm September brings the fruit,
Sportsmen then begin to shoot.*

*Fresh October brings the pheasant;
Then to gather nuts is pleasant.*

*Dull November brings the blast,
Then the leaves are whirling fast.*

*Chill December brings the sleet, Blazing fire
and Christmas treat.*

No doubt we will have the cooling showers whether or not it is hot, but I had my doubts about the apricots and gillyflowers until I discovered that it was the ancient name for sweetly fragrant, spice scented plants. My dianthus will fit the bill.

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Parish Council News - Bledlow-cum-Saunderton

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 13th July 2026 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm



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The Parish Council met on Monday 8th June 2026 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

- The Parish Council is delighted to announce that Nigel Cox has been awarded the Freedom of the Parish, honouring his exceptional dedication to the Council and his many years of service to the community.
- Cllr Phil Davison has been co opted onto the Parish Council to represent the Bledlow Ridge Ward.

- Works have been approved to bring the swings at Meadow Styles back into use, with completion expected within the next 1-2 weeks.

REMINDER - Neighbourhood Plan Public Exhibitions and Clinics

Everyone living or working in the Parish is invited to comment in person on proposals for the revised Neighbourhood Plan.

Walk-in public exhibitions:

Bledlow Ridge Village Hall
Saturday 11 July, 10am - 4pm

Bledlow Village Hall
Saturday 18 July, 12pm to 6pm

Clinics to ask questions of the Neighbourhood Plan Team one-on-one:

Bledlow Ridge Village Hall
Wednesday 22 July, 6:30pm to 8pm

Bledlow Village Hall
Wednesday 29 July, 6:30pm to 8pm

To be kept up to date on the revised Neighbourhood Plan as it evolves, and to receive occasional updates from the Parish Council, please visit www.bledlowcumsaundertonparishcouncil.gov.uk to 'Sign up to our newsletter' under the "Contact" menu.



Visit our website for Meeting Minutes and Agendas
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(cash only) it's worth a go! Line dancing is highly recommended for both physical and mental fitness, with these classes designed for people who want to have a fun activity without too much physical stress or strain! *Need more info? Contact Hilary Watson jgwhbw@hotmail.com*

The Ridge Evening WI



At our June meeting, Sarah Slater, Blue Badge guide at Hampton Court Palace and Windsor Castle, gave us a very thought-provoking history of the scandals, gossip and rather risqué life and activities of members of the Royal Court from 1660 to 1840.

Her genealogy details of the succession of the Royal Family was a lot to take in, with their arranged marriages, huge families, relationship issues, mistresses, illegitimate children and debts. This all ended with the crackdown during the Cromwell era when theatres, bars and even Christmas mince pies were banned. However, life returned to "normal" when Charles II took the throne. We were made aware of some of the intimate details of life for the very wealthy and the very poor women of the time, right through to the Victorian reign, which rather dispelled the myth that the Victorians were all rather "stiff lipped"!

**JOIN US AT NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 1st July 7.30pm
Village Hall, Bledlow Ridge**

Guest Speaker Silvertime Legal will be presenting details of Estate Planning covering Wills, Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Sideways Disinheritance and Inheritance Tax etc.

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Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

At the time of writing, there are still seats left on our 2026 Outing on 7 July to visit the gardens of Bourton House and Hidcote in Gloucs. As well as BRHS members, the trip is open to non-members and members of other local garden groups.

The price includes coach, drivers tip and entrance to both gardens, and is £45pp for BRHS members, £50pp for non-members. However, if you are member of the National Trust, you can take £15 off the price as entry to Hidcote for you is free. If you are interested please contact us asap on our website ...www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk or contact any Committee member.

Our Annual Show is on Saturday 5 Sept at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The Show Schedule is already available in the "Annual Show" box of the "What's On" page of our website, and this year we've included a Hints and Tips section to encourage you to enter an exhibit or two. It is free to enter exhibits and free to visit and is open to all whether you are a member or not.

There are classes for flowers, vegetables, shrubs, fruit, floral art, photography and domestics including some mouth-watering recipes detailed in the Schedule. So have a look now and see what you might be able to enter.

Refreshments will also be available, provided by the Village Hall Committee, with the proceeds going to help with the maintenance of the Hall.

Then for Oct and Nov we are back to meetings in the Village Hall....15 Oct "Monet's Garden" with Carole Petipher and 19 Nov AGM followed by "Horatio's Garden".

NGS - Garden Opening at Red Kites 14 July

When we started opening our garden for the National Garden Scheme in 2009, it was initially for garden groups only. After 11 years of public openings, we are considering reverting back in 2027 to "by arrangement only". So, unless you are a member of a garden group, this may be your last chance

to visit Red Kites and enjoy the garden, the views and the homemade cakes! So, it's **Tuesday 15 July 2pm - 5pm**, with the £6 admission and the £4 for tea/coffee & homemade cake all going to the National Garden Scheme and its charities.



Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club - Home of The RidgeBears
www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk

The Senior sides have got off to a mostly successful start to the season though at the time of writing some matches have been lost to the wet weather which followed the overbearing heat which in turn, might have returned by the time you read this.

The annual Sid Bird Six-a-side tournament took place on Sunday 7th June on a dry day and was ultimately won by Bird Dogs who beat the other favourites Bowl & Bear in the final though both teams came within a whisker of going out en route to the main final. The Plate final was won by Blakeman's Bashers who also sported the largest gazebo which briefly crashed the National Grid while it was being inflated. The Hampden Arms were thrilled to win the Wooden Spoon though in other respects, notably consumption of refreshments, they were clear winners. Cara Duggan was Player of the Tournament, George Keen was awarded Young Gun while someone known as "Torso" (obvious if you were there) won "Man* Most Likely to" and to everyone's surprise managed to compress his figure into the honorary hi-viz orange jacket. The day was supported hugely by various

armies of volunteers and of course by many villagers who came to support the event.

Cricket Week

In a month or so we look forward to Cricket Week which starts on Monday 3rd August and there is an all-day match versus The MCC on the Tuesday. The week ends with the Tommy Beattie Trophy Evening T20 against Risborough Rugby on the Friday evening when we expect the visit of a very special Senior MCC member (a real one, based at Lords, not Rolfey or Brooksie!) to formally open the outdoor nets. If he makes a short speech he will set a high bar before Tommy Beattie himself makes his!

Junior Cricket

Junior cricket is going from strength to strength despite a number of weather cancellations. At the older end, special

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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mention should be made of Tom Winson who has made two centuries for the Under 15s in T20 matches, while Tilly Fellows who plays for Beaconsfield Women on Sundays made a double century for them last month, a Beaconsfield allcomers record.

Projects

Finally (almost!) we are always undertaking some project or another. Humphrey Grimmett has installed a high-quality streaming system (thank you) through which our matches can be watched live from anywhere in the world.



Early one morning we saw a newly born fawn taking its first wobbly steps. At Yoesden orchids baked in the sun their leaves turning yellow, but the dry spell was just right for Adonis blue butterflies to flourish. It will be a 'painted lady' summer.

These butterflies migrate from North Africa and Europe and have arrived in great numbers this year. On a trip to Cumbria we saw them flying high over the fells along with skylarks, curlews and swifts. Lapwings tumbled and swooped above their moorland nest sites, the skies ringing with their eerie bubbling 'peewit' calls; cuckoos

Welcome

The club welcomes players of all ages, men and women, boys and girls. The 3rd XI are again playing home matches at West Wycombe (another beautiful venue).

New players can contact me, John Rolfe – 07873 516568 – j.rolfe444@btinternet.com, or just come to practice at 6pm on a Wednesday night. New friends and spectators are of course, very welcome also.

**This is in essence a demeaning award, which for all the right reasons, no woman player would ever qualify!*

Nature Notes

sang in the valleys. Heavy rain soaked the peaty hills transforming trickling becks into rusty brown torrents. Back home showers had revived the orchids, but butterflies retreated deep into the shelter of grass tussocks ready to emerge as soon as the sun shone again.



Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

Bank holiday weekends are notorious for tripping us up with wet weather, but not this year. The sun was shining on us when, on the late May Bank Holiday weekend, we held a fun tennis and pickleball tournament. The high temperatures forecast meant an early start for our players.

Each player got to play two games of both tennis and pickleball, playing each match with a new, randomly drawn partner. It proved to be a fantastic day, bringing together players from across the club and forging even more links between our tennis and pickleball communities.

Thank you to all who took part and a special thank you to those who brought along food to share. The tables were packed with a wonderful selection of homemade treats and refreshments.

Congratulations to all our winners:

- Women's tennis overall winner - **Leonie Coveney**
- Men's tennis overall winner – **Ben Lawrence**
- Women's pickleball overall winner - **Rachel Humphries**
- Men's pickleball overall winner - **Richard Woodward-Court**
- Best pickleballer playing tennis – **Gary Coward**
- Best tennis player playing pickleball – **Jane Lawrence**

The weather wasn't always so kind to our league players. Unfortunately, both of our scheduled mixed doubles fixtures fell victim to the weather and had to be postponed.

The women's doubles team enjoyed a victory against Aston Park, with Jane Lawrence, Gill Tope, Carol Tribe and Jenny Litchfield representing the club.

The men's doubles team played Horsenden, with Ben Lawrence, Joe Tuckey, Ivan Rogers and Wayne Gough taking to the court. Despite a determined effort, Horsenden came out on top on this occasion.

We are now also entering tournament season and have our first tournament: a men's and women's singles tournament taking place at the end of June.

Looking ahead, there is still plenty to enjoy at the club over the coming months.

Dates for Your Diary

- 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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St Botolph's Church

Our Holy Communion service continues and we were delighted to attend the Benefice Communion on May 31st. It is always a pleasure to meet up and celebrate with members of the other three churches in the Benefice.

June 14th saw another in our popular Family Service at 9.30pm. This Sunday was on the theme of The Beauty of Summer and we were delighted to see families with young children attend, many of whom took part in the games and songs in the service.

If anyone would like to introduce their young children to church-going, or even to get children used to entering an historic space like St Botolph's, this is a good 45min introduction. Parents are welcome too to organize the service in the way that works for them and their families. We are grateful to the Rev. Lance for leading our services. The church is open 24 hours for private prayer and meditation as well as coffee and tea – very welcome if you are on a walk around the Chilterns!

Events

This month saw the church moving back to normal after our very successful David Attenborough concert. This concert raised money for the installation of toilet and

kitchen facilities- plans for which are now proceeding apace. After an assessment and advice from the planning authorities at the Oxford Diocese, the Church was asked to commission a feasibility study from reputed architect, Libby Watts. This has now been delivered and we are pleased that our preferred option – to convert the old shed in the churchyard – is feasible and the most practical. Now the formal application will be made to the Chancellor's office and a final decision might be with us by the summer. Then comes another planning process – the village P.C.C and Bucks County Council. It all takes time.

The end of June saw the next event in our calendar – the St Botolph Art Week, in association with Bucks Arts – with local artists – exhibiting their work in the church. There were many interested visitors over the week and trade was brisk! The church looked beautiful and is a terrific venue for music and art.

Yet the highlight event coming up is

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the English Guitar Orchestra, who will be playing in the church on the night of Saturday, July 18th at 7pm.

This is a highly prestigious event and in some ways a coup for St Botolph's, for leading the

12 guitarist group, is the international star, Raymond Burley. Raymond is one of Britain's most experienced guitarists. As a soloist he has toured extensively throughout the UK, Europe, America and the Far East. He has performed and recorded with many of England's finest orchestras including the English Chamber orchestra, the Philharmonia and the BCC Symphony Orchestra.

With the football scheduled for 10pm, why not come and hear some fantastic guitar music – classical, folk and pop – in the delightful setting of our historic church.



Services at
St Botolph's,
Bradenham

Eucharist
Sunday 26th July 11am



Bradenham Village Fete

Well the 2nd Bradenham Village fête came and went but without the rain!!! The events team who worked so hard to bring this charity event to the village could not believe their luck that although not hot, rain didn't spoil the day.

The fete was professionally declared open by local author Kat McFaddon (pictured with children enjoying the Punch and Judy above). So much to comment on from sheepdogs rounding up geese, a super dog-show, judged by the expertise of the vets from the Crossroads practice, wonderful Morris Dancers and a Punch and Judy Show bringing a traditional feel to our community event. There was also a stilt walker, a Helter-Skelter bouncy ride and a coconut shy. The Face Painter was very busy creating intricate and wonderful designs and a large variety of stalls sold everything from honey to antiques to gifts of carved wood. There was even a second-hand bookstall manned by teachers from John Hampden Grammar School. Also St. Botolph's Church was open all day providing light refreshments and information on the history of the church supplied by our churchwarden, Pete.

So, a great variety of things to do and see and when people got peckish, a visit to the Cricket Club could provide traditional tea and scones, complete with jam and cream, provided by the ever-popular Red Lion Tea rooms here in Bradenham. A Bar was also provided at the Club for mums and dads as well as ice-creams for the children. We are grateful to Steve and members of the Club for their help.

We also wish to thank our sponsors - Walters Ash Garage - who not only provided monetary funding but provided a fabulous Raffle prize and contributed to our bottle tombola, and Walters Ash Co-op who also supported our fête with a hamper full of food and beverages.

Special thanks too for all those who came together to give up their time and volunteer, from manning the stalls and the church to

the hard work of setting out and packing up. Money raised will go to the beautiful St Botolph's Church and our local charity, YoungCarersBucks.

fête in a beautiful setting, with Red Kites flying overhead keeping their eyes on the activities.

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Yet the fete could not function without its visitors and thanks to all of you who visited the event and for your support. We hope you all enjoyed this very olde village



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Piddington

Piddington Horticultural Society

The Annual Village Show will take place
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entries ready to make the 80th Show bigger
and better than previous years. Schedules
will be distributed nearer the actual Show
date.

The Hidden Gardens of Piddington,
Sunday, 12th July at 2pm

To view the gardens on display on the 12th
of July, please come to the Village Hall where
you can purchase a ticket for £5, along with
a map showing all the gardens on display. A
plant sale and refreshments will be available
in the Village Hall. There's plenty of street
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*If you are interested in opening your garden to
visitors, or would like to learn more, then please
contact Louise on 07772 672753 or email
louisehammond0@icloud.com without delay.*

Piddington Village Hall



As the summer holiday period approaches, much of the Village
Hall committee's focus is currently on pressing maintenance
issues, including the major task of replacing the ageing oil fired
boiler that provides the heating and hot water, and the best time to complete the
work.

Funding the new boiler has been a major
preoccupation for the past couple of years
and the committee continues to seek
external funding to enable the project.
Support from the local community with
ongoing maintenance tasks, particularly the
external surrounds of the hall, is very much
appreciated.

In addition to the Annual Village Show in
August, the following events are also being
planned for the Hall:

Events

19th Sept – Race Night TBC

5th October –
Easily Does It Painting Party

23rd October –
An Evening with Natalie – Psychic
Medium

*More details will be provided in the August/
September edition of Contact Magazine.*

Community Get Together Day on Sunday 30th August

Calling all families in the Piddington and surrounding area!

You are cordially invited to bring your families from midday until 4 pm, along with your picnics, deckchairs, footballs and cricket bats to have an afternoon of family fun on the playground alongside the Roadhouse pub, which will be open to provide a drink or two.

This is not a fundraiser; it is simply a community get-together for families to enjoy during the Bank Holiday weekend.

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Radnage

News From St Mary's Church

We are all looking forward to Garden Sunday, on July 5th, starting at 9.30am with a short Songs of Praise type of service.

The church will be decorated with a floral arch at the entrance and many beautiful arrangements inside the church. Thank you to Carol Wheeler and the flower ladies for all of these. After the service, visit The Old Rectory for bacon butties and the Sir Charles Napier for a Bloody Mary as you wander around their gardens. From there, pop into Farthing Hall and White's Farm and onwards to other very hospitable Radnage residents who are opening their gardens. Finally, sundowners will be served in the village hall. Thank you to Neil and Michelle Skidmore and all their team of helpers for

organising such a wonderful day. There is a raffle too with all the proceeds of the day going towards the maintenance of the church.

Many of the St. Mary's congregation in Radnage will attend the Benefice Service on July 12th at St. Paul's in West Wycombe. This will be taken by the new Archdeacon. So, please join us all there at 11am for this special occasion.

Finally, we congratulate the two couples who are being married this summer in St. Mary's!!!



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St Mary's,
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Eucharist
Sunday 5th July 9.30am

Family Service
Sunday 19th July 11am

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Radnage Womens Institute
 Our June meeting was a visit to Red Kites, Bledlow Ridge, owned by Lisa and Mag Terry. The rain kindly held off for our visit, we were able to walk around this amazing garden and admire all the beautiful shrubs and flowers.

We also enjoyed a very welcome cup of tea and delicious cake. We paid £290 to the Terrys who will pass this amount on in full to NGS to distribute to their aligned charities.

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. If you are a flower arranger, or aspire to be one, this promises to be a wonderful evening. There will be a raffle (£2 per ticket) of the arrangements Graham has made at the end of the evening.

Our August meeting is a social evening at the village hall. This is a fork supper with salads and desserts. Wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be served. The cost is £15, please pay by bank transfer or drop the money into Jane. For BACS our bank details are: Radnage Woman’s Institute Sort Code 30-94-28 & Account Number 00543806

CHARITY SALES TABLE :

Please bring lovely sales table items that you feel someone else might like to re-home. 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.

WI COFFEE MORNINGS:

Friday 10th July 10.30am -11.30am
 Potting Shed Café,
 Studley Green Garden Centre

Friday 24th July 10.30am -11.30am
 Audley Place (hoping to be outside)

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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.



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.

Charmaine Gallagher runs these events and can be contacted on ggalla8301@ntlworld.com.

A £3pp donation is asked towards hall costs and charity.

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

Radnage Charity
The Poores Branch

Many of you will know that our ancient village charity has 3 branches. The Church Branch, the Education Branch and the Poores Branch. It is easy to understand the role of the first two:

1. The Church branch can give grants to support maintaining the fabric of St Mary's, as you will understand costs for upkeep of a Mediaeval church are very high, so this help is invaluable to supplement funds that are raised by the church.
2. The Education Branch, you will know from regular information here in Contact, invites applications for one off grants as well as longer term bursaries. It also gives regular support to the Village School.

The Poores Branch is not so clear cut and the Trustees would like to clarify the extent of the work of this Branch. Historically its main activity was the provision of clothing and firewood for the 'village poor'. In the accounts for 1701 five men received 'coats made of foul weather material', six women received 'one petticoat each' and there were two deliveries of 'half a load of wood. In more recent times this changed into 'coal and food parcels' which later became 'Christmas food parcels.' In addition to this the Poores Branch supports local organisations which provide social activities for villagers eg The Winter Lunch Club and The Friendship Club. Grants are also given each year to external organisations which benefit our community such as, Age Concern and the Community First Responders.

The Poores Branch also is always proactive in responding to any individual or family crisis or hardship when drawn to the attention

of the Trustees. New rules from the Charity Commission in 2008 enabled Poores Branch Trustees to consider need in a much wider context than just 'poverty' in its origin and simplest form.

Back to the Christmas Food Parcels, which we know are well received and enjoyed. The Trustees annually try to ensure that those who would benefit, and are eligible, are included. We don't exactly have a 'policy' for inclusion, but some guidelines we keep in mind would be: the very elderly; those living alone or socially isolated, if one of a couple was very unwell, or caring for a sick relative in the home. We can only do this based on Trustee local knowledge, whilst respecting people's privacy. So, it is possible that we have missed out someone for whom this would be of benefit. If you feel you know someone, or a couple, living in Radnage who could be included please do *email the Charity Clerk on charity.clerk@radnage.net* – this suggestion would be treated in confidence. We do of course have a budget for this help whilst still enabling us to support deserving local organisations.

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News from St Paul's Church

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 31st. May, and the members of the P.C.C. were each willing to continue their role.

Those in attendance had answers pertaining to any matters arising. It was a very useful meeting, but sobering in so far as our financial position which reflected a steady decline.

This was partly due to the repairs that had to be done following the Quinquennial Inspection, plus 28% of the parish share for the Benefice, and other essential expenses, averaging out at just under £2000 per month. Compared with average income of £500 ~ £1000, so we rely heavily on the Christmas Tree Festival, Snowdrop Sunday and Daffodil Sunday.

What we really need is a growing congregation, especially younger people so, if you have any young neighbours or know someone who might enjoy coming to one of our special services, such as **Harvest Festival on 11th of October**, when the church is beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit, with a bring and share lunch

following the service they would be more than welcome to join us.

But back to the present we have **CREAM TEAS with entertainment in church from 2 - 4pm on 26th July** at £8 per ticket, available by kind permission at the Village Post Office/Stores. Then on **16th August MUSIC and REFRESHMENTS from 3 ~4pm** in church. An advance mention of the 'Open Mic' evening with bar, in church at £10 each. For further details please email viv.argent89@gmail.com.

Right now we are greatly looking forward to the special 11am Benefice Eucharist service which will be led by our new Rev. Archdeacon Cassa Messervy.

Meanwhile hoping we have a beautiful summer.

Beverley Cope



Masque Players of West Wycombe

Masque Players is far more than an amateur dramatics group — it's a warm, lively community where adults of all ages rediscover confidence, creativity and connection. Everyone leads such busy lives, but we all value the time for joy and wellbeing.



For Kimberley, joining Masque nearly four years ago was a turning point in both confidence and mindset.

"Having been a member of Masque for what is now coming up to four years, I can confidently say that immersing myself in local theatre has significantly boosted my confidence, and helped me maintain a strong mental mindset. Starting out fearful to step on stage, my fellow friends at Masque encouraged me to face my fears and embrace the stage, in such a gentle and supportive way. Four years later, I have found that not only has this confidence grown on stage, but has also helped me find my voice in the problems thrown at you by general everyday life! For anyone of any age, and any acting ability, I would heavily encourage joining a local group like Masque!"

Her experience reflects something many adults discover: theatre isn't just about performing. It's about finding your voice, building resilience and being supported by people who genuinely want you to succeed.

Colin's story shows how accessible Masque is, even for complete beginners.

"I retired over eight years ago and moved to Buckinghamshire from London... Since joining the Troupe in 2019, I have appeared in several productions including a Murder Mystery, a Farce and, of course, several Pantomimes despite having no previous acting experience. The membership of Masque is diverse and the support, encouragement and inspiration I have received from fellow members has been very uplifting."

Masque Players offers adults a chance to grow, laugh, create and belong. For anyone seeking confidence, community or simply a brilliant hobby, it's the perfect place to start. We are currently running improv sessions on Thursdays in the Village Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm.

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Parish Council News - West Wycombe

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

The Precept is the sum of money that the Parish Council requests from Buckinghamshire Council and which comes from Residents council tax.

Finance & The Precept

The Precept was set at £46,500 for this year (1st April 2026/31st March 2027)

This money is then used to implement the everyday tasks for the Parish of West Wycombe. West Wycombe Parish Council handle key neighbourhood amenities like the Pedestal Play area, Chorley Road Allotments, and the Burial Ground at St Pauls Church.

- Where does my money go? Your money is spent on many things some of which include grass cutting, dog waste bins, street lighting, website, telephone, insurance, internal and external audit, software, internet, training, hire of the Village Hall, Chairmans Allowance, and PAYE/NI. As a local government employee there is a controlled salary structure and pension scheme for the Clerk. The Councillors

are not paid, they give up their time voluntarily.

- How are contracts and funds managed? The Clerk seeks quotes for all maintenance or new equipment that is required and the quotes are run past the Parish Council for a decision as residents want assurance that public money is being spent responsibly and legally.

Services & Maintenance

- What do we actually do? We own 53 street lights and two feeder pillars, we also have to maintain the upkeep of the lights which can be costly, every Christmas the tree lights are put up and taken down by contractors. We arrange grass cutting, emptying and maintaining the dog waste bins. The maintenance of the Pedestal Playing Field - a new swing was purchased last year, we maintain the

equipment, fences, gates, the car park, boundary hedge and the trees. Every time rubbish is dumped in the car park or fences are hit by vehicles using the car park residents money (the precept) pays to sort these things out.

- How do I report an issue? Please contact the Parish Clerk by email (clerk@westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call 07843 990085. The Clerk is always happy to answer and questions or queries you may have, please note that the Clerk only works part-time for the Parish Council.

To report potholes, fly-tipping please take a photo and use fix my street.

Meetings & Participation

- Can I attend or speak? Yes, we are happy for residents to attend and ask questions during the public forum. Our Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, at 8pm in West Wycombe Village Hall. (No meeting is held in August). The Agenda is published on our website www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk, noticeboards around the parish and our Facebook page.



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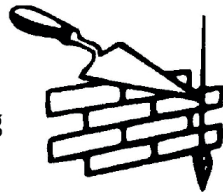
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Community Picnic Sunday 19th July 12-2pm

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.

Susie Chester
susie@theyetis.com



It is the time of year for reflection as we are in our final half term of the academic year.

We were lucky enough to win a prize during Bucks Communication Week for all the hard work we put into communication & have enrolled in a programme centred around story telling & speech.

We have been granted planning permission to make over the front play space for our children, which we are delighted with & will be pressing the green light on the instillation of our plans any day now. We will be adding soft, patterned flooring, a climbing frame, playhouse & communication hut. This has been achieved due to the fund-raising efforts of our committee & we are excited to move this forward. How lucky are the children to have such an amazing space to look forward to?

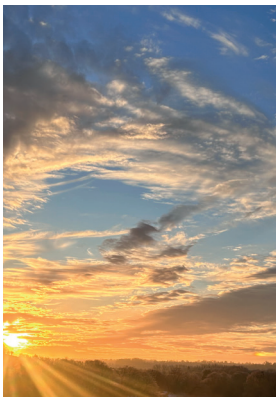
We are heading towards the end of term & this means it will be time to bid farewell to lots of our little ones. It is always an exciting time, if a little emotional too but means that we have helped the children reach their

West Wycombe Preschool

goals with us & we aim to send them off to school with a huge language bank, lots of self-confidence & with the ability to focus & see an idea through to the end. Coupled with this, it also means it is time to open our doors to lots of new families, learn about the children's interests & help with extending their knowledge which is always such an exciting time to be part of.

We have 1 full time space left for September, alongside a handful of afternoon session so there is still time of you are considering your little one joining our preschool. Jo is available to show perspective families around our preschool, so do drop her an email wwpspg@gmail.com

Thanks to the village & the other local businesses who have supported another wonderful year of preschool.



Weather news from Chorley Road Thank you to Eileen Chapman

Week Ending	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm	Sunshine hours
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Kensham Farm

The prolonged dry spell in the spring followed by an early heatwave has not been good for the crops. We would like to have seen more rain to coincide with peak growth of the wheat, sunshine is good for photosynthesis but not extreme heat which is very stressful for the crop.

Hopefully, the latest spell of rain will have come in time to salvage some yield potential although on some fields with more gravelly soil the yield potential has already been reduced.

We will shortly be starting the final fungicide application on the wheat now that the ears are fully out. This last fungicide application is particularly important for milling wheat as it protects the grain from naturally occurring toxic fungal diseases that reside in the soil. Once the wheat is harvested and in the store samples of grain will be sent to a lab to be tested for mycotoxin levels. There are legal limits for the fusarium mycotoxins deoxynivalenol (DON) and zearalenone (ZON) in wheat intended for human consumption with the strictest levels set for flour that is used in the production of baby food.

DON and ZON levels are always likely to be higher if there are wet conditions during flowering which is what we are experiencing

now. For each lorry of grain that leaves the farm we must complete a Red Tractor Combinable Crops Passport which includes a mycotoxin risk assessment and the actual DON and ZON lab test score for each variety of wheat. This risk assessment score is calculated by adding together scores for several key risk factors:

- Region
- Previous crop
- Type of cultivation
- Wheat variety resistance to fusarium ear blight
- Whether the wheat was applied with a T3 fungicide (ear spray)
- Total rainfall during flowering
- Total rainfall pre-harvest

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price for 2027 harvest.

Year	Cost of Urea	Avg. price of wheat sold
2021	£240	£231
2022	£380	£268
2023	£760	£241
2024	£455	£214
2025	£375	£182
2026	£358	£190 (estimate)
2027	£550 (estimate)	£ (Who knows!)

The war in the Middle East continues to have a severe impact on farming, particularly with the price of fertiliser. May/June is traditionally the time of year when the fertiliser manufacturers release their prices for the following season and currently these prices are changing every day due to the hostilities in the Middle East/Strait of Hormuz which is where most nitrogen fertiliser is manufactured due to the abundance of oil and natural gas. This is part of farming that is like placing bets at a horse race: is the price going to go up or down, when do I buy, what will the price of wheat be when I sell and will there be a profit margin?

See table showing the massive variation in granular urea nitrogen fertiliser price purchased and our average price for milling wheat sold for the last 6 years and estimated

Price is not the only factor that has to be considered: what will the availability be and will the fertiliser be on the farm when we need it and will we have room to store it? Most farms cannot store fertiliser until they have sold grain as the same shed is often used to store both: there must be careful planning to make sure there is the money to pay for the fertiliser and there is also room to store it. This means making sure that sale of grain and purchase of fertiliser are co-ordinated which is not always easy.

Hopefully, we shall have dry conditions for harvesting in late July/August so that we do not have too much grain drying to do - the grain dryer can consume up to 180 litres of diesel or £180 per hour when it is working hard!



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West Wycombe Art Group

WWAG Summer Art Exhibition is back on August Bank Holiday weekend (Friday 28th - Monday 31st August)

Planning (and painting) is underway for the annual exhibition. Admission will be free and many of the pieces on display will be on sale. We look forward to sharing more details soon but keep an eye on our social accounts for more information over the coming weeks

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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	<i>Rom 7.15-25a Mt 11.16-19,25-30</i>
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	<i>Rom 8.12-25 Mt 13.24-30,36-43</i>
Sunday 26 July <i>Trinity 8</i>	9.30am Eucharist	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	

August			
*Due to the summer break, there will only be one service a week during August			
Sunday 2 Aug <i>Trinity 9</i>	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>Isa 55.1-5 Rom 9.1-5 Mt 14.13-21</i>
Sunday 9 Aug <i>Trinity 10</i>	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	<i>1 Kings 19.9-18 Rom 10.5-15 Mt 14.22-33</i>
Sunday 16 Aug <i>Trinity 11</i>	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>Isa 56.1, 6-8 Rom 11.1-2a, 29-32 Mt 15.21-28</i>
Sunday 23 Aug <i>Trinity 12</i>	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	<i>Isa 51.1-6 Rom 12.1-8 Mt 16.13-20</i>
Sunday 30 Aug <i>Trinity 13</i>	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	<i>Jer 15.15-21 Rom 12.9-21 Mt 16.21-28</i>

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

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Sun. 19th July, 11am
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