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Welcome

Dear Friends

As I write this forward, the holiday season is upon us, the days are long and we've had some extraordinarily hot days. Someone said to me as we moaned about the heat that we would've paid good money to fly out to somewhere to get these temperatures!

We love talking about the weather don't we? We never seem to be content with it; too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry, too still, too windy. However, I think its one-way we Brits have developed as an ice breaker and to start a conversation. Years ago, working as a postman in Wiltshire, I often saw the same characters day by day on my round, many of those conversations were about the weather!

When we talk to each other rather than at each other and more importantly listen, we acknowledge the other person's humanity and dignity. Talking about the weather may be a trivial example, but civil conversation has become fraught nowadays especially on social media. I do have personal opinions about this and that and strong political views and I often disagree with others, but gracious disagreement with a thought through argument is always better than unkind comments.

For Christians, Jesus came to show a better way, not to acquiesce and roll over against our own conscience, but to show love and understanding in our dealings with those we disagree with. Listening, really listening, is one of the keys to reconciliation, forgiveness and understanding. An old pastor friend of mine always liked to say in his sermons from time to time – that's why God gave you two ears and one mouth so you listen twice as much as you speak.

Our conversation may end at the same point of disagreement but at least we understand the person we disagree with better. Maybe, on reflection, our own views may moderate and middle ground can be found. Social media, at best, is an incredibly powerful and useful tool for communication. At worst, it is incredibly harmful and far from being social at all. Agree or disagree, the banning of social media for under 16s has not come out of nowhere and all this despite the lobbying of incredibly powerful global corporations.

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

Words do matter and this wonderful gift of language we have has allowed us to do great good and sometimes great evil, sadly. In speech, we ought to follow the creator of Peter Pan J.M Barrie's advice, 'always try to be a little kinder than necessary'. Or as the writer of the book of Proverbs wrote, 'anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.' (Proverbs 12:25).

The balance in all this is remaining meaningful, authentic and truthful in speech. We can't

be so hamstrung that we cannot express our thoughts and opinions because of fear. However, if we can find the sweet spot in trying to be gracious and kind at the same time what a better place our increasingly digitalised world would be?



Wishing you a wonderful holiday season

Revd Lance Sharpe

From the Registers

Funerals

Olga Tzinavou
St Paul's, West Wycombe



Weddings

**Stephanie Callaghan
and Carl Koch**
St Mary's, Radnage

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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

Community Get Together Day

Sunday 30th August from midday

Piddington Village Hall

Swing and Soul Band

Sunday 30th August 2026

Royal British Legion, Radnage

Art Exhibition

28th - 31st August

Village Hall, West Wycombe

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Snip and Sip

Friday 28th August,

Rosie Petal Patch, West Wycombe

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Street Food Evening

Friday 28th August,

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

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SEPTEMBER

SEND Coffee Morning

Friday 11th September

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

Open Mic Night

Saturday 12th Sept

St Paul's Church, West Wycombe

Badgers Auction House Race Night

Saturday 19th Sept from 7:30 pm

Piddington Village Hall

OKTOBERfest

19th September

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

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Street Food Evening

Friday 25th September,

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

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OCTOBER

Bucks Art Week

Thurs 1st to Sun 4th October

Bradenham Church

Easily Does It Painting Party

Monday 5th October

Piddington Village Hall

SEND Coffee Morning

Friday 9th October

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

Horticultural Society Autumn Quiz

Friday 9th October at 7.00pm

Piddington Village Hall

Pumpkin Fest

From 17th Oct

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

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Friday 23rd October –

Piddington Village Hall

Fright Nights

24th, 25th, 26th, 30th Oct & 1st Nov

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AUGUST 28-31
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Friday to Monday
10am-5pm

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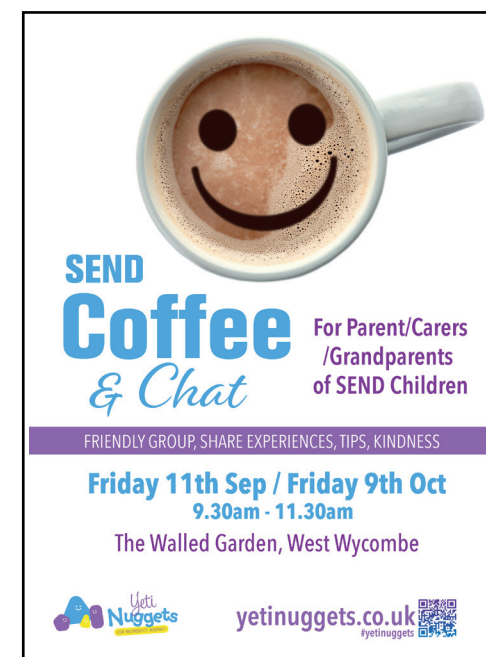


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Bledlow Ridge

News from St Paul's Church

Throughout August and September, all our Sundays are numbered as 'after Trinity' – we continue in ordinary time and follow St Matthew's gospel. Our colour is green.

Green is significantly the dominant colour in our trees and fields of the Chilterns. I am at present in Scotland and similarly enjoying the green here of the trees and the hills.

There are other similarities here as the four local parishes are trying to work together following their rector's retirement. They, too, have financial problems and this last weekend they opened their gardens for us all to enjoy and also raise some funds.

I was struck by the colours of the flowers set against the backdrop of green and remembered a prayer poem.

God

What a fabulous colour green is -
every shade - tucked into every plant - every
blade of grass - every leaf
subtly different - a million billion shades of the
one colour
like touching fresh flowing water or the smell of
summer morning .
And God of Blue
What a big colour that is stretching for a
thousand acres above us

*like the touch of cool or the smell of snow
And red God
of petal and beach tree - of rock and earth - of
blood and fruit –
of berry and bird
like the touch of soft warmth and the smell of
apple pie
And God of caramel
and chocolate and amethyst and butterscotch
and gold and orange
and sunset and leaf and beach and earth and
grain
and skin - the touch and the smell of life
And God of purple
rare - royal - sacred
special - deep - flowing
like the smell of ancient churches and the touch
to love
How big is your imagination O God
how fabulous your tartan - how warm your
smell
how colourful your laughter - how wildly
wonderful your world*



The Ridge Evening WI
At our July meeting we were pleased to welcome quite a few visitors to hear our excellent speaker and lawyer Bruce Wakeling talk about Estate Planning.

He outlined many points about wills, trusts, power of attorney, care home costs and inheritance tax and as well as answering some specific questions, his talk triggered many people to reconsider the arrangements they had already made.

Visitors welcome (£3 donation).

Just turn up on the day or enquire at
ridgeeveningwi@gmail.com for further
information about the WI

JOIN US AT NEXT MEETING
Wed. 5th August 7.30pm
Village Hall, Bledlow Ridge

Guest Speaker Lydia Martin and a four-legged friend to tell us all about Dogs for Good and the work they do supporting people with life challenges.

Wednesday 2nd September

We will hear about the Life and training of a Paramedic.



Services at
St Paul's,
Bledlow Ridge

Benefice Eucharist
Sunday 16th August 11am
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Sunday 6th September 11am
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Sunday 20th September 9.30am



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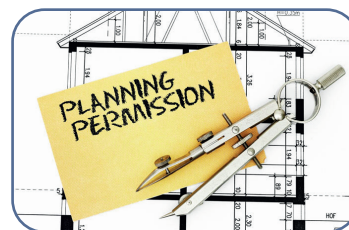


Parish Council News - Bledlow-cum-Saunderton

The next meeting: Mon 10th August, 7.30pm at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

The Parish Council met on Monday 13th July 2026 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

- There remains a vacancy for a Saunderton ward councillor, as no candidates have yet come forward.
- The Council also considered the emerging Buckinghamshire Council Local Plan, which is expected to go out for consultation later this month.
- Councillors discussed the recent Neighbourhood Plan exhibition, held on Saturday 11th July, which attracted strong local interest and valuable feedback from residents.



Planning Applications in our Parish

For more detailed information visit
www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk search using the below reference numbers.

		Buckinghamshire Council Decision
PL/26/02381/FA	The Orchards Chinnor Road	Conditional permission
PL/26/03354/FA	Spring Cottage Chinnor Road	Conditional permission
PL/26/03302/FA	3 Gables Drive Saunderton	Conditional permission
PL/26/03646/FA	78 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge	Conditional permission
PL/26/02010/FA	Brew House Farm Perry Lane	Withdrawn
PL/26/02011/HB	Brew House Farm Perry Lane	Withdrawn
PL/26/03394/HB	Manor Farm Cottage Lee Road	Consent Approved
PL/26/03406/FA	The Orchards Chinnor Road	Approved
PL/26/03750/FA	The Orchards Chinnor Road	Approved
6007354 /25/06696/FUL	OS Parcel 3622 Chinnor Road	Appeal Dismissed
PL/26/03816/TP	7 Ridgeside	Approved

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PL/26/04136/FA	3 Manor Close Church End	No objection
PL/26/03129/FA	Little Acre Perry Lane	No objection providing recommendations
PL/26/04588/FA	Dragons The City	No objection
PL/26/04640/FA	9 The Crest	Objection
PL/26/05019/PIP	Bledlow Mill North Mill Road	No objection providing recommendations
PL/26/04312/FA	Cutlers Orchard Perry Lane	No objection
PL/25/3225/OA	Os Parcel 7124 Bledlow Road	Maintains previous objection
PL/26/05299/PAHAS	Little Acre Perry Lane Bledlow	To be decided under delegated authority
PL/26/05130/KA	6 Lyde End Church End	No objection
PL/26/05360/VRC	Radnage Bottom Farm, Radnage Lane	No objection



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

Parish Clerk: Tracey Martin (Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.)
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Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

The gardens at Bourton House and the National Trust's Hidcote were the destinations for the 32 of us on our annual coach trip on 7 July on a very hot day. And it was Bourton House's gardens that stole the Show. Exuberant, exotic and beautifully maintained, well worth visiting.

After the usual summer break, we are back to monthly events, the first of which is our Annual Show on Saturday 5 Sept at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. It's open to all, free to visit and free to enter an exhibit. The Show Schedule which has details of the classes is on our website (www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk) for anyone to access. The Village Hall Committee will be selling refreshments for their funds, so you can really take your time looking around the Show whilst helping support a vital part of the village.

The Show Schedule itself now includes hints and tips for exhibiting, so we hope that more people will try their hand at entering something. The entry form is also on the website and has to be submitted by 9pm on Thursday 3 Sept. Just go to the website, scroll down to the "Annual Show" box, select "Online Entry" and press "Send" when you've completed it. Then all you need to do is bring your exhibit(s) along to the Hall between 8.30 -10.30 am on the Saturday.

With 70 varied classes, the Show is not limited to flowers, fruit and veg. We have Domestic classes with some recipes in the Schedule for cakes and biscuits, plus scones, quiche and preserves, as well as classes for Photos and Flower Arranging.

So if you think that you've nothing you can put in, think again. Whether you have a large or small garden, an allotment, pots, hanging baskets, indoor plants or no garden at all, there are indeed classes that you can enter..... have a go this year!

And finally just a bit of advance notice that our next evening meeting is on Thursday 15 October at 8pm when Carole Petipher will reveal all about "Monet's Garden".

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At the time of writing and following a weekend when all three teams were victorious, the 3rd XI with its mix of youth and (euphemistically!) experience sits comfortably mid-table, the 2nd XI has begun to move up their division after a difficult start to the season and the 1st XI sits on top of – yes at the top of – their division.

This last weekend, as proof of girl-power (as if any were needed) Molly Carter took 5-19 for the 3s, Jovan fell just a few runs short of a century for the 2s at Bledlow Village (nothing to do with girl-power by the way), while at home Alex' 84 included nineteen boundaries (I'm trusting the reader to be able to do the maths). Less easy to explain is the report with dodgy video evidence, that Dakes took a "worldie" of a catch at second slip in this match. No one know what he was doing there for the first time after 30 years and there is still a suspicion that Al was involved in the final edited version.

Talking about skulduggery the club has been threatened with a writ by those City types who represented The Champagne Super Over at the Six-a-Side owing to the erroneous report in last month's Contact that Blakey's Bashers had won the Plate Competition. This could have been a Sub-editor's oversight however it seems likely that Blakey hired a hacker to intervene just before the final edition went to press and replaced the name of Oli Robson's team with that of his own. For the same reason it is also suspected that he is now on Dakes' payroll (see above).

**Our Big Cricket Week,
Monday 3rd to Saturday 8th August:**

Mon 3rd : v Cherwell Cricket League
Representative XI. 1pm start

Tues 4th : v The MCC.
All day match. 11.30am start

Wed 5th : v Trinity Midwhitgiftians.
1.30pm start

Thur 6th : v Labb.
1pm start

Fri 7th : v Risborough Rugby for the
Tommy Beattie Trophy. 6pm start.

Sat 8th : Full League Programme,
2nd XI home v Kimble.
1pm start

Spectators are welcome for all the games of which the MCC fixture is both a "first" – and a special game - for the club. On the Friday night the outdoor nets will be formally opened by a senior official of the MCC.

New players welcome to practice Wednesday at 6pm
or contact John Rolfe 07873 516568 • j.rolfe444@btinternet.com,



Nature Notes

You may have seen clusters of black caterpillars munching on nettles - if they are spiny they will become peacock butterflies, and if bristly will become red admiral butterflies.

Purple knapweed and pink marjoram flowers attract these and many other butterflies. The chalky footpaths look like white ribbons winding through fields, and grasshoppers spring away from our feet as we walk, their buzzing songs serenading us. Camomile crushed underfoot and hay and straw drying in the sun are such evocative summer scents. In the mornings skylarks

fly high singing all the while, then on warm evenings we often see swallows swifts and house martins flying and swirling overhead and hear their twittering calls. As the sun sinks below the horizon and the first stars emerge, crickets begin to chirrup, and bats come out to feast on flies and moths.



Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

Wimbledon is on as I write this and it really feels like we are at the height of tennis season. Although with the high temperatures that we've been experiencing it has pushed many of us to take advantage of the light evenings to play when it's a little cooler.

Summer means tournament season at Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club and we began in style with a combined tennis and pickleball singles tournament on Sunday 28th July. The turnout was great and it is always lovely to watch people enjoying playing matches.

Our winners and runners up were:

Ladies' Pickleball winner:

Julia Noakes

Runner up:

Cathryn Hawthorn

Men's Pickleball winner:

Richard Woodward-Court

Runner up:

Andy Gowers

Ladies' Tennis winner:

Natasha Rogers

Runner up:

Debs Digby

Men's Tennis winner:

George Lawrence

Runner up:

Ben Lawrence

The tournament could not have run without our volunteers behind the scenes, a huge thank you to Jane Lawrence, Fiona Light, Alistair Light, Erin Rogers and Alex Murray.

We will hold our mixed doubles tournament on 26th July and our Men's and Ladies' doubles tournament on 6th September.

We have been running our popular Tennis Aces sessions on a Friday evening for kids. This is the second summer that we've run these, and as it runs alongside the junior tennis it really adds to the buzz at the tennis and cricket club on summer Fridays. A big thank you to Charlie Lawrence for running these sessions.

The Risborough festival took place on the first weekend of July and as part of the festival we held Pickleball taster sessions in the Wades Centre and also up at the tennis club. The sessions proved to be popular and many people came along to test out pickleball for the first time.

Dates for Your Diary

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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Bradenham

St Botolph's Church

Our Services continue with a well-attended Family Service and our regular service of Holy Communion at the end of the month.

The Church continues to be a place of openness and refuge, offering refreshments to walkers and even their dogs. Many people call into the church because of a link in the past such as the burial of a loved one in the churchyard or having once lived nearby. Many visitors continue to place a prayer on the prayer tree, which is then read out at our monthly service of Eucharist.

The Church also had its regular meeting of the Parochial Church Council and if anyone would like to become a member and join us in meeting around six times a year to discuss the work and future plans of St Botolph's they would be very welcome. Volunteers are also needed to attend to the coffee station and deliver Contact magazines. We are very grateful to those people who currently do such jobs and especially to Hazel for the lovely flowers we receive every month.

Events

The Church (with the welcome assistance of the Cricket Club) continues to be a successful venue for free concerts, readings and amateur clubs.

June saw the church being a venue for Bucks Art Week and artists displayed a wide variety of art and sculpture during the week of June 17th. Visitors felt the displays were excellent and enjoyed seeing such a display in the historic surroundings of the church.



The church intends to put on another display independent of Bucks Art Week so open to all and this will take place the week of Thursday October 1st to Sunday 4th.

If you are a budding local artist and would like to show off your art, please contact us on: bradenhamnews@gmail.com. There is no charge but a donation to the church on any sale would be appreciated.

The Church this month saw the annual John Hamden Grammar School concert of poetry and music which features over 15 individual pieces of music and a wide range of students singing and performing instruments. The highlight was a rendition of SO LONG< FAREWELL from the Sound of Music but there was also music ranging from Handel to Chopin. These were

interspersed by readings on the theme of "Hello and Goodbye". The Church is always grateful to Steve and Paul for the use of the cricket club bar and facilities at such times and big thanks to Pete our Church Warden and his team for helping to get the church ready. Also, by the time this magazine is published we will have had a Guitar Concert on July 18th in which 12 guitarists, led by international star Raymond Burling, played an inspiring programme of music from pop to classical.

If ever you would like to host a club or event at the church please contact the church wardens or on: bradenhamnews@gmail.com

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Bradenham Pond

The pond in Bradenham, which was put in by the Parish Council in 2002 and to which many residents contributed financially, is in a sorry state.

For the first time, a female duck successfully raised ducks and this time, they weren't eaten by the White House cats. But alas, they fell prey to another enemy - the drought. Although the mother took refuge on the duck island in the middle of the pond, a combination of the hot weather AND A LEAK, meant the pond was very shallow and we guess any fox could just

wade across. So, in September, there is a call going out for volunteers to again, clean out the pond, put in a proper duck island and check the lining for leaks. If the lining is split and can't be mended then there will be a subscription started to get a new one.

If you would be willing to volunteer or give money or time to help Bradenham's pond, please email: bradenhamnews@gmail.com and we will get the ball rolling.



Bradenham Fête 2026 & Calendar

Bradenham fête 2026 has now been judged a resounding success by volunteers and visitors and we are delighted to inform everyone we raised just over £1,500 for our charities.

The next event for Bradenham is the 4th Bradenham Calendar. Residents enter their photos which will be judged by our own professional photographer and winning entries entered into our beautiful calendar.

The theme is Spirit of Bradenham. These calendars can then be purchased in our local post offices in West Wycombe and Naphill,

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The summer heat has now continued for several more uncomfortable weeks, and looks likely to continue for a while yet as I write this.

All credit then to everyone in the village who had worked so hard to maintain their gardens ahead of the Open Garden event, and to keep the village as tidy and attractive as possible. The lack of rainwater has been particularly harsh for the allotment holders in Piddington, who have no water supply on the site, and as there is only so much rainwater that can be captured over the winter months it is not surprising that many are struggling to keep going. I recall that before the brambles overcame it, there was an old cast iron stand pump close to the junction of Piddington Lane and The Old Oxford Road, which suggests that back in the day there was a borehole that fed the pump. It's a bit of a long-shot, but if anyone has any recollection of the history of the pump and when it was last in use, can you please post on the Piddington Village

WhatsApp site, as it would be great to see if we can access the water source again.

**Sunday 30th August -
Community Get Together Day.**

You are cordially invited to bring your families to a community get together from midday until 4 pm, on Sunday 30th August. Just bring along 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. All that we ask is that you help us clear up after the event by taking your rubbish home with you. There will be a band at the pub that evening from 6 pm.

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Piddington Horticultural Society News

The 80th Annual Village Show – Saturday 22nd August

The Annual Village Show will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd August with viewing from 3pm. The annual auction of produce etc. will take place after the presentation of the prizes at 4pm. A reminder that anyone living in Piddington and West Wycombe, Wheeler End to the “Chequers”, Bolter End Lane up to and including New Road and Dashwood Hill to the New Hill junction is eligible to

participate. Schedules will be distributed to all dwellings in Piddington and will be available at West Wycombe Village Store/Post Office and The Chequers at the beginning of August.

Autumn Quiz

Date for the diary – the autumn quiz will take place on Friday 9th October at the Village Hall. Further details will follow in the October edition of Contact and on Facebook. We hope to see you there.

Piddington Village Hall

Thanks to all of the committee members and volunteers who continue to keep the hall in good working condition and for the energy that they put into organising events and tending the building surrounds.

In addition to the Annual Village Show in August, the following events are planned for the Village Hall during the next few months:

Saturday 19th Sept – Return of Badgers Race Night.

This will be third year that the team from Badgers Auction House in the village will host our annual race night, which will start at 7:30 pm. It is always a lively and entertaining evening and tickets will cost £10 per head, with the cost including food. Tickets will be available from members of the Village Hall committee at the end of August. So come along and join the fun!

Monday 5th October – Easily Does It Painting Party.

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Friday 23rd October – An Evening with Natalie – Psychic Medium.

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News From St Mary's Church

What a great Garden Sunday!!! We all had such a wonderful time, attending the service then spending the rest of the day with friends, family and neighbours, visiting the open gardens.

Thank you so much to Neil and Michelle Skidmore, their team and all the owners of the open gardens. Your hard work was much appreciated and enjoyed, especially the swimming pool and bouncy castle!!! Thank you, Jeremy and Anne!!! It was good to see the Reverend Lance working behind the bar for a shift....now, that's what we call pastoral care!!! We raised a large amount of money that will help to support the fabric of the church as well as contribute to the parish share that helps to pay for our interim rector.

It has been decided that there will be one service per parish in August as this is a holiday month when many people are away and unable to attend our church services.

Please remember to bring your children and grandchildren to the Family Service on 20th September, being the third Sunday of the month!!!

I am delighted that Caroline Hands has agreed to write a short article every so often about different aspects of the church. She has great knowledge and writes very well! We hope you enjoy these additions to the Radnage pages. If you would like to submit an article, please do so.

Finally, a note for your diary....

**Autumn Tea at the Church
on Sunday, 18th October.**



Services at
St Mary's,
Radnage

Benefice Eucharist
Sunday 2nd August 11am
Eucharist
Sunday 6th September 9.30am
Family Service
Sunday 20th September 11am

Stories about St Mary's by Caroline Hands:

A memorial brass in St. Mary's opens a window onto one Radnage family in the reign of Henry VIII. It asks the parishioners to pray for William Este, a yeoman, who died in August 1534, his wife Sebell and their 13 children. Sadly, the figure of Sebell and her scroll have been lost.

The children are named, although not all are still legible. On the left the eldest boy, Nicolas in civil dress is shown holding a Book of Hours, as are the third, Robert, the seventh and eighth. The second, Christopher, and the fourth, Richard hold rosaries and may not have been literate or may have died young. The fifth, Edmund, is dressed as an Augustinian Canon holding a book.

Two of the girls hold rosaries but it is interesting that in a rural backwater such as Radnage three are shown holding Books of Hours, which suggests that they were

sufficiently well-educated to read. The main source of learning for girls in Tudor times would have been a nunnery. Only two years later Henry VIII began closing down all the monastic institutions depriving many girls of an education.

Books of Hours were often beautifully illustrated books containing a calendar of all the saint days and feast days, prayers, psalms and devotional texts, dedicated particularly to the Virgin Mary.

The church registers show that the Este family remained a presence in the village until the latter years of Charles II.



Our July meeting was entitled "Beauty in Sculpture" – by Graham King. A very enjoyable and inspiring evening watching the very skilled master floristry artist Graham King blend his unique crafting skills into the creation of 5 contemporary flower arrangements that he titled "Beauty in Sculpture".

We were impressed by his interesting and stunning designs. These were raffled at the end of the evening, and 8 ladies won one of the flower arrangements to take home.

August meeting - This will be our Summer Social held in the village hall. This will be a fork supper with salads and desserts. Wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be available at the bar.

In September our speaker will be Gail Ayres on the Geology and Landscape of Radnage.

Radnage Womens Institute

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Radnage Parish Council

Next Meeting

The next PC meeting is on
Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 7.30pm at Radnage Village Hall.

Your Parish Council:

Chair: Cllr Mr Darren Ungless
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up, serve or clear up please message
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Thanks go to:- Carol & Nigel Turner, Jenny
Bowie, Gerry Gallagher & Zulya for all
their help.

Craft Group

The craft group has moved to
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News from St Paul's Church

As I write, we have just had our Benefice service led by Archdeacon Rev. Casse Messervy, who preached on the parable about the seed scattered on the ground, in the gospels Matthew 13 verses 4 - 8, and Mark 4 verses 3 - 8. which is well worth looking up if you are unfamiliar with it.

It was good that people from the other parishes in the Benefice attended, though perhaps not as many as anticipated, as unfortunately the excessive heatwave was adversely affecting some people. We are always thankful to our musicians Pearl Chub and Veronica Wayman who, perhaps we should mention more often, as they make all the difference to our worship and, as ever do those who kindly provide the welcome refreshments at the end of each service, giving the opportunity to catch up with one another.

By the time you read this we hope you had a chance to enjoy cream teas last month, and are now looking forward to the MUSIC and REFRESHMENTS from 3 - 4pm in the church on 16th August and the 'OPEN MIC' Evening with bar in church on 12th September, for which further details are obtainable from viv.argent89@gmail.com.

Happy holidays for anyone going away or, if not, there are few better places to be than our own home in and around West Wycombe.

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Services at
St Paul's,
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Benefice Eucharist
Sunday 9th August 11am
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Sunday 13th September 11.00am
Eucharist
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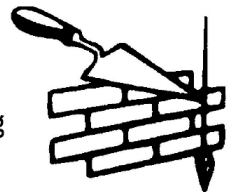
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West Wycombe Parish Council News

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Masque Players of West Wycombe

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This is the moment when the company begins to buzz with ideas, anticipation, and the excitement of building a brand-new show from the ground up.

Our first step is to appoint a director, who will then choose this year's script. At Masque, we have a long tradition of embracing both classic pantomimes and those with a delightfully unusual twist. Whether it's the cosy charm of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, a magical fairy-tale adventure, or a romp through the Wild West, there truly is a panto for every taste. This variety is one of the reasons panto is such a welcoming entry point for new members — it offers endless possibilities for creativity, comedy, and community.

Our annual panto play readings are often when people first join Masque Players. They provide the perfect opportunity to meet the group, get a feel for our style, and explore how you might like to be involved. There is genuinely something for everyone. You might want to dip your toes in with a chorus role, or step forward for a solo or a main part. And of course, the old adage "there are no

small parts, only small actors" is especially true here. Our pantos evolve throughout rehearsals, and it's not uncommon for a modest role to grow into a show-stealing moment as the production develops.

We are also actively seeking people with creative vision to support the production behind the scenes. Set design and construction, choreography, singing coaching, sound operation, and lighting design are all essential to creating the high-quality shows our audiences love. If you enjoy problem-solving, crafting, organising, or bringing artistic ideas to life, we would be thrilled to hear from you. Children are welcome to join us for panto too, and they bring wonderful energy and enthusiasm to the stage.

Although casting dates are not yet confirmed, it is likely to take place in early September. If you think you might like to take part — onstage or backstage — please contact us via our website or social media. We would be delighted to welcome you into the Masque family

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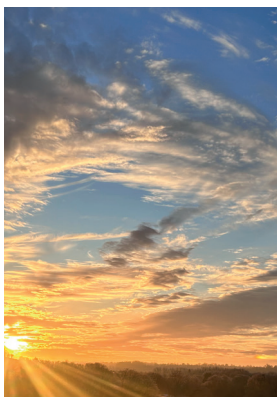
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21 st June	12	27	3	36
28 th June	15	33	20	72



West Wycombe Art Group

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

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August

*Due to the summer break, there will only be one service a week during August

Sunday 2 Aug Trinity 9	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	Isa 55.1-5 Rom 9.1-5 Mt 14.13-21
Sunday 9 Aug Trinity 10	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	1 Kings 19.9-18 Rom 10.5-15 Mt 14.22-33
Sunday 16 Aug Trinity 11	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Isa 56.1, 6-8 Rom 11.1-2a, 29-32 Mt 15.21-28
Sunday 23 Aug Trinity 12	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Isa 51.1-6 Rom 12.1-8 Mt 16.13-20
Sunday 30 Aug Trinity 13	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Jer 15.15-21 Rom 12.9-21 Mt 16.21-28

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September

Sunday 6 Sept Trinity 14	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	Ezek 33.7-11 Rom 13.8-end Mt 18.15-20
	11.00am Family Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Rom 13.8-end Mt 18.15-20
Sunday 13 Sept Trinity 15	9.30am Family Service	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Rom 14.1-12 Mt 18.21-35
	11.00am Baptism	St Paul's, West Wycombe	TBA
Sunday 20 Sept Trinity 16	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Jon 3.10 - 4.11 Phil 1.21-30 Mt 20.1-16
	9.30am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	Phil 1.21-30 Mt 20.1-16
Sunday 27 Sept Trinity 17	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Ezek 18.1-4,25-end Phil 2.1-13 Mt 21.23-32
	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	

October

Sunday 4 Oct Trinity 18	9.30am Eucharist	St Mary's, Radnage	Isa 5.1-7 Phil 3.4b-14 Mt 21.33-end
	11.00am Family Service	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Phil 3.4b-14 Mt 21.33-end
Sunday 11 Oct Trinity 19	9.30am Family Service	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Phil 4.1-9 Mt 22.1-14
	11.00am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Isa 25.1-9 Phil 4.1-9 Mt 22.1-14
Sunday 18 Oct Trinity 20	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Isa 45.1-7 1 Thess 1.1-10 Mt 22.15-22
	11.00am Family Service	St Mary's, Radnage	1 Thess 1.1-10 Mt 22.15-22
Sunday 25 Oct Last after Trinity	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Lev 19.1-2,15-18 1 Thess 2.1-8 Mt 22.34-46
	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's, Bradenham	

A Church for the Whole Family

FAMILY CHURCH SERVICES

Sun. 6th Sept, 11am— St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Sun. 13th Sept, 9.30am – St Botolph's, Bradenham

Sun. 20th Sept, 11am – St Mary's, Radnage

Sun. 4th Oct, 11am – St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

Sun. 11th Oct, 9.30am – St Botolph's, Bradenham

Sun. 18th Oct, 11am – St Mary's, Radnage



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