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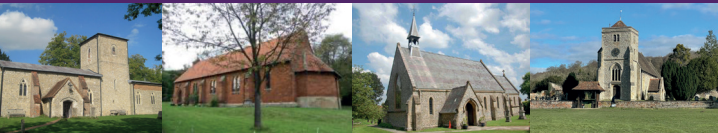
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Welcome

Dear Friends

As I'm writing this page in September I've got one more wedding to officiate this year. One of the great pleasures of my role is to work with couples to plan and deliver their wedding day in church. I always feel a great sense of job satisfaction when things go well and a memorable day is had by the couple and their family and friends.

A church wedding may seem a little old fashioned nowadays to some, but if there is connection to the church and the Christian aspect of the service is something that is important to the couple, it can be a really special moment making those time-honoured vows to one another before God, friends, family and the local community. It can also be cheaper than many venues with the fees being published on the Church of England website.

Of course, in juxtaposition to the joy of a wedding is the sadness and sorrow of a funeral. Part of being a Priest is to support families in their bereavement journey most often saying goodbyes to elderly spouses, parents or other much loved family members in funeral services. Apart from that, we do have a special service of remembrance coming up on the first Sunday in November that we call 'All Souls'. All Souls is a twin event to All Saints, the

older name being, 'All Hallows', the day after Halloween (All Hallows' Eve).

If you'd like to have a loved one remembered at our All Souls service please do get in touch, either with me or Kirsy our administrator so that we can include their name in our prayers and remembrance. Of course, you be most welcome to attend the service itself, please see the service rota at the back of the magazine for details or read the Bledlow Ridge Village page where the service is going to be held.

Weddings and funerals come under what we call in churchspeak, Occasional Offices. The other main Occasional Office is that of Holy Baptism or Christening. In the service we welcome the baptised into the Christian faith and community and they are most often infants. Our churches remain a provider for Christian baptism to the people of our parishes and we'd very much welcome

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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.

enquiries to arrange these services for them. The baptism itself is free, only associated costs are asked to be covered.

Baptism, of course, is available to adults too as is the service of Confirmation. This is where those baptised people are received into the church and reaffirm their baptismal promises before the Bishop. It can be a really joyous and meaningful service to those wishing to develop their Christian faith.

Coming back to weddings then, often couples choose St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians to be read, chapter 13 which is about love. Its words have become well known in English literature:

Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag; it is not puffed up. It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. It is not glad about injustice but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

In our increasingly fractured world, how we need more love to be manifest among people. May God help it to be so. Love is expressed in family and community which our services want to promote.



Every Blessing

Revd Lance Sharpe

From the Registers

Baptism

Arthur Harm

Charlotte Harm

St Paul's, West Wycombe

Wedding

Victoria Trafford & Gareth Elliott

St Botolph's, Bradenham

Funeral

Michael Thomas

St Mary's, Radnage

Burial of ashes

Denise Hunt

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OCTOBER

Bucks Art Week

Thurs 1st to Sun 4th October

Bradenham Church

see page 25

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

Quiz Night

Saturday 10th October 7pm

Village Hall, West Wycombe

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The Timeless Concert

Saturday 10th October 7.30pm

Bradenham Church

see page 25

Rossini's The Count Ory

Saturday 10th October

Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow

Bingo

Saturday 10th October 8pm

The Royal British Legion, Radnage

see page 36

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 11 October

St Pauls Church, West Wycombe

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Virtus Data Centre meeting

Wednesday 14th October 6.30pm

Bledlow Ridge, Village Hall

Pumpkin Fest

17th October - 1st November

The Walled Garden, West Wycombe

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Autumn Teas,

Sunday 18th October, 2-4pm,

St Mary's Church, Radnage

see page 33

Winter Lunch Club Begins

Monday 19th October 12.30pm

Village Hall, Radnage

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Psychic Medium.

Friday 23rd October –

Piddington Village Hall

Fright Nights

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

Hellfire Caves, West Wycombe

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Race Night

Saturday 31st October 8.30pm

The Royal British Legion, Radnage

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NOVEMBER

Radnage Quiz Night

Saturday 7th November

Radnage Village Hall

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Remembrance Parade

Sunday 8th November 11am

The Royal British Legion, Radnage

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Bonfire and Fireworks

Sunday 8th November

Bledlow Ridge

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Saturday 14th November 8pm

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Sunday 22nd November

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DECEMBER

Blue in Green

Saturday 5th December 7.30pm

Bradenham Church

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Panto - Nutcracker

11th-13th December

Village Hall, West Wycombe

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Christmas Concert

Saturday 12th December

St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe

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Bledlow Ridge

News from St Paul's Church

In the past, for Bledlow Ridge and for villages throughout the country, Harvest festival was very important. It reflected the core of their everyday lives – the sowing and reaping and the care of the land. It was the time to recognise God's gifts and to give thanks.



*Harvest Festival Sunday 18th October
Eucharist at 9.30am followed by an Auction*

We are bringing back this year our old favourite of auctioning off all the perishable goods. This has proved an enjoyable way of bringing the community together while raising much needed funds for both the church and One Can who will also receive the non-perishable goods. Please come and join us to make this a real village celebration

There will be a Family Service as usual on Sunday 4th October although not on 1st November when there will be Remembrance of All Souls, Sunday 1st November at 6.00pm

This service is our opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones and all those who are important to us who are no longer with us here on earth. *Please give the names that you would like to be read out to admin@westwycombebenefice.org.uk*

In the words of the hymn they acknowledged

*"All our efforts are nothing worth unless
God blesses the deed;*

*Vain our hopes for the harvest tide till He
brings life to the seed."*

We take so much for granted today, even when we grow some of our favourite vegetables we are not dependent on what we produce for our total livelihood. Harvest services are our opportunity to bring our thanks to God for all he provides and to pray for our farmers and all those who work to make our food available to us.



Parish Council News - Bledlow-cum-Saunderton

The next meeting: Mon 12th Oct, 7.30pm at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

There remains a vacancy for a Saunderton ward councillor, if you are interested in discussing the vacancy please contact the Clerk.

Public consultation on the revised Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan

Since January the Parish Council's Working group has been updating the Parish's 2016 Neighbourhood Plan. Apart from aligning with the emerging Buckinghamshire Local Plan, we are taking the opportunity to make the Neighbourhood Plan easier to use by those wishing to build, planning officers, councillors and others who will use it.

If all runs to schedule the first draft of the revised Neighbourhood Plan will be available for public consultation in mid-November.

The Plan, its Appendices, Modifications Statement, and a designated Comment Form for those who wish to submit their views on the Plan will be accessible on-line at www.bledlowcumsaundertonparishcouncil.gov.uk and as hard copies at a number of locations in the Parish.

Precise details on the public consultation will be shared in the coming weeks.

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
• Local Information • Club information

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Services at
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Benefice Eucharist
Sunday 16th August 11am
Family Service
Sunday 6th September 11am
Eucharist
Sunday 20th September 9.30am



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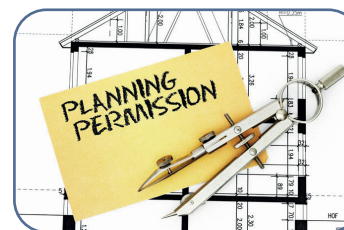
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6015027 (appeal)	Little Acre Perry Lane	No further comment to add to original submission
PL/26/03129/FA		
6015026 (appeal)	Little Acre Perry Lane	No further comment to add to original submission
PL/26/05299/PAHAS		
PL/26/07153/PIP	Bledlow Mill, North Mill Road	Comment still to be approved
		Buckinghamshire Council Decision
6005182 (appeal)	Groveway Farm Hinton Crossing	Appeal Dismissed
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The Ridge Evening WI



We enjoyed very different meetings in the last two months. In August, Sue our speaker, told us all about Dogs for Good, based in Banbury, who support people with immense challenges including disabilities, dementia, autism and other differences, so they can live happier, healthier lives.

The speaker, in her wheelchair, demonstrated how her Assistance dog Kiki helped her, and of course she was suitably rewarded with dog treats from the WI! These dogs are very special and provide a lifeline for many people.

At our September meeting, our excellent speaker Jo, told us all about her life as a Paramedic. We were all very interested and learned so much about her education, training, working life and challenges in this critical job. Overall, with such a wide range of issues they handle, their desire to save someone's life came through loud and clear. The following day she had a 12 hour shift.

JOIN US AT NEXT MEETING

Wed. 7th October 7.30pm

Village Hall, Bledlow Ridge

We will be hearing about Magistrates in the Community; how Magistrates are appointed, cases, sentencing, types of crime, and much more. Please come along as a visitor (£5 donation) and meet our friendly group.

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Come along to hear how things are progressing, ask questions, and share your feedback with the people delivering it.

Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

Wednesday 14 October - 6:30pm

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided on the day. To ensure we can facilitate all guests, please register in advance using the QR code in the top corner of the page.

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Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

It was no surprise that the Veg and Fruit classes at our 76th Annual Show were fairly short on exhibits after such a scorching summer and the lack of rain. It was surprising that we had what we had.

However, the number of entries in the other classes of Flowers, Domestic and Floral Art more than made up for it with a total of 256 submitted entries from 26 exhibitors, both being records for recent years. And it wasn't just the numbers, the quality of the exhibits was also impressive. So sincere thanks to everyone who submitted something.

Pleasingly, everyone who entered an exhibit managed to win some prize money, whilst the trophies went to.....

Angela Jennings - Fruit,
Ros Hilborne - Flower & Veg Collection,
Robin Eycott - Veg & Best Fruit Exhibit,
Carrie MacDonald - "Best in Show",
Pat Eycott - Highest Aggregate in the Floral Art classes
Julie Stringfellow - Best Exhibit,
Sharon Newman - deservedly winning all the other trophies.

The Village Hall Committee provided the refreshments for our Plant Sale earlier in the year with proceeds going to their funds. It was an undoubted win/win for both of us then, so we were pleased to welcome them

back for the Show... and seeing how busy they were, so were the visitors.

Our thanks must really go to all of those who supported the Show and it's preparation in some way, but especially to those who put in exhibits....without them we would have been sitting looking at empty tables. It's a traditional Village event and thus it's the taking part that matters. We therefore hope that more will be encouraged to take part next year after visiting this year's Show.

Our forthcoming events calendar is on our website and, with 98 paid-up members this year, we hope we can break the "ton" in 2027.

If you want a "taster" for who we are and if we are right for you, how about coming along to our next meeting at 8pm Thursday 15 Oct in the Village Hall, when Carole Petipher will introduce us to "Monet's Garden" ? It will only cost you £2 as a guest and that includes a complimentary glass of sherry !



Bledlow Ridge Bonfire and Fireworks – 8th November

This year's bonfire and fireworks will be going ahead once again but the venue and car park will be changing, in fact they are swapping around!

Car parking will be in the field adjacent to The Boot PH and the event will move to the field adjacent to Chinnor Road and Chapel Lane.

Advanced tickets can be purchased from The Country Store and The Boot PH both in Bledlow Ridge and, at West Wycombe Village Store (see below*). Ticket prices have had to increase slightly albeit by 50p to £1 as we will have the extra costs of hiring toilets, a generator and a water bowser.

The bonfire will be lit at approximately 5.30pm and the fireworks display will start at 7.00pm. The keen observers amongst you will note that we are putting the times back by half an hour. This is simply to give ourselves extra time in case the move proves difficult.

Food will be available along with hot drinks and a licensed bar from 5.00pm onwards. Please don't leave it late getting there

especially if you want anything from the catering outlets.

As in previous years the event will be run for the enjoyment of the community. Last year we were once again able to make small donations to local community groups which included; Bledlow Ridge Village Hall; B.R. Brownies and Rainbows; Radnage Scouts; West Wycombe Pre-School, Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Contact, to support the publishing costs of this valuable magazine. By supporting TVAA we even get our event name on one of their helicopters!

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Two months since the last report in *Contact* and in the first weekend of September the club ended the season in magnificent style. But a lot had happened in the intervening seven weeks...

Dedicated readers will remember that in July the 1st XI was top of its division. We then went on a four-match losing run (well less "run" than "stagger") as the team regularly got itself into winning positions only to expire through a shortage of wickets or runs or nerve or oxygen. Mid-August, the XI realised that the other teams at the top were also experiencing dizziness. Two victories left us needing to win the final match to be promoted to Tier 2, and so the XI went to Buckingham (a long trip for some but amazingly, still in Buckinghamshire) bowled the home team out for 40 (the lowest score any of us can remember) and knocked off the runs by ten-past-two, just before most of our hardy supporters arrived at the ground. Meanwhile the 2nd XI secured its place in Division 6 for 2027 and the 3s ending ended in a creditable 6th place in their division.

All this resulted in a what might be loosely described as enthusiastic celebrations back at the club including karaoke singing which might be accurately described as anything from reasonable to dire. The photographic and video evidence is available for anyone both willing to take out a subscription and to insure me against legal action. However...

This was merely a warm-up for the Bucks County T20 U17s final we were due to host the next day between our own Baby Bears (as lovingly described by the mums) and Gerrards Cross. Fortunately the start time was 3.30pm which gave the late-night U17 karaoke Bear-Cubs a much needed lie-in and who knows, breakfast (or lunch?) in bed.

The outcome was a wonderful afternoon's cricket played in wonderful sunshine in front of a wonderful Sunday crowd. Chasing 163 to win and with only three needed off the last over, a brace of Grimmetts kept us all on edge until Redders strode out with two balls remaining, hit his only delivery for four and strode back again with 'Keeno' 44 not out. Also played: Winson T (52 and 2-17). Ward T (2-19 despite Saturday night exuberance) and seven other young players who all made us very proud. The U17s (most of whom played 'up' at least one year) also won their league and expect to be playing in the top tier next year.

As ever the Junior Section, from Chris Palmer's All Stars and Dynamos upwards, is indebted to all the managers, coaches, car-drivers and other helpers for all their efforts this year under Jamie Unwin's guidance. The

U12s and U15s won their respective leagues too, so the future is bright.

In other news we extended our August Cricket Week to seven matches in seven days. The sun shone throughout and the highlight was our first all-day fixture versus a strong MCC XI in which we gave a good account on the pitch despite defeat, and an excellent account off it.

Talking of 'off the pitch'...the club continues to receive great compliments for the presentation both of the ground

in general and the cricket square and playing area in particular, despite the lack of rain. This is mostly due to the skill and dedication of our groundsman Charlie Carter and the support of a few others (you know who you are, if you are not too old to remember). We have also been fortunate to welcome some new sponsors who are contributing in various ways to the success of the club – thank you.

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Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

We are saying goodbye to summer with the last of our warm weather tournaments.

The popularity of both Pickleball and Tennis at the club was demonstrated earlier in the same week when our annual tennis and pickleball doubles tournament saw a record turnout. A huge thank you to everyone who played, helped out or simply came along to support the competitors and enjoy the day.

Congratulations to all our winners and runners-up:

Ladies' Pickleball winners -

Jane Lawrence & Fiona Light; Runners up - Cathryn Hawthorn & Julia Noakes

Men's Pickleball winners -

Dan Turner & Gary Coward; Runners up - Anthony Gould-Davies & Andy Gowers

Ladies Tennis winners -

Debs Digby & Louise Zymelka; Runners up - Clare Rogers & Natasha Rogers

Men's Tennis winners -

Stephen Davidson & Tom Dawson; Runners up - Ben Lawrence & George Lawrence

Finally, our league matches continued over the summer for all three of our teams, often in challenging temperatures. Our men's doubles team had success in both their matches, against Haddenham and Cheddington. Our mixed and women's teams played some fiercely fought competitive matches but unfortunately weren't able to convert their game successes into match wins.

As the summer season begins to wind down, there is still plenty happening at the club, with tennis and pickleball continuing throughout the autumn and winter.

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Sunday 13th December -
Christmas Tournament

Wednesday 13th January 2027 -
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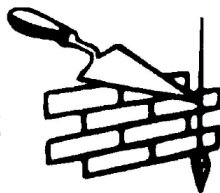
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Nature Notes

It was a summer of sunshine and blue skies. Lawn mowers fell silent, windows were flung open day and night.

Hares lay low in the middle of pale stubble fields, the V-shape of their ears giving away their location, while swallows and house martins swooped overhead feeding up for their long flight back to Africa.

Clouded yellow butterflies, their wings a much brighter golden yellow than their name suggests, were prolific this year as were hummingbird hawk-moths which

zoomed around our gardens like mini drones. Both migrate from Mediterranean Europe so perhaps they hitched a ride on the winds which brought in the painted lady butterflies. Rain came eventually and it was good to see cows grazing in green fields again. This time of year there is no birdsong at dawn but every morning I hear the deep croak of a raven patrolling the skies.

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Bledlow Ridge School

The autumn term is set to be a busy and exciting one, with a wide range of learning opportunities, trips, assemblies and community events taking place over the coming months.

In September Year 3 pupils will enjoy a visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum.

October brings our Harvest celebrations, with a dress rehearsal on 7 October and the main Harvest Assembly on 9 October. Parents of Year 3 and 4 pupils are warmly invited, and families are encouraged to bring donations for One Can Trust. Our Enrichment Week, #WeAreAuthors, will also take place, alongside a pizza-making day for Reception pupils and Parent Consultations for Reception to Year 6. The

school will close for half term from 26 October, reopening on 4 November.

November includes Remembrance and class assemblies, an exciting Year 1 trip to the Oxford Natural History Museum, and several open mornings for prospective Reception 2027 families.

December sees our Christmas celebrations, including Reception's Nativity and the Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show. The term concludes on Friday 18 December, when school closes at 1.30pm.

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St Botolph's Church

While August was a quiet month, the church remained open and attracted a large numbers of visitors, many of whom took a moment to put a prayer on the Prayer Tree, showing that faith continues to thrive, even if not always taking place in regular services.

Having said that, the two Benefice Communion services attracted a good number of people from across the Diocese. Not only that, the Church Whatsapp Group continues to grow and if you would like notices about services, or events or just what is going on in the church, do sign up. All you have to do is text a message to Richard, (07711053845) and we will do the rest. There is no obligation and you can select the groups you wish to join. You can also leave at any time if you don't like it!

As I write this, September is just beginning; so up and coming is our popular Family Service on September 13th at 9.30am. The theme is KINDNESS and this short, (45mins) very informal service is intended to give parents a moment of reflection (a break!) whilst the children simply get used to visiting a very old historic building and hearing about the everyday human principles which should govern their lives. There are games, songs and simple prayers. The next Family Service is on Sunday, 11th October at 9.30am and why not come along and try it?

For those who prefer Holy Communion, the next service at Bradenham will be as usual at the end of the month (October 25th at 11.00am.) For those who are baptized, it too has a simple message: a sense of being forgiven for trespasses (a better word than "sin" I feel), taking the bread and wine which represents the Christ who died for us, and resolving to live a better life.

Events

Our beautiful St. Botolph's Church is open all day to enable visitors to browse, look at the stained glass windows and learn about the history of this fascinating church. For those with children it's sometimes a chance to have a go at ringing our thirteenth century church bells. The church is open for tea and biscuits too.

As many of you know, the Church now has an active calendar of events and the two events that we would love to see you at are these:

Benefice Eucharist
Sunday 23rd & 30th August 11am
Family Service
Sunday 13th September 9.30am
Eucharist
Sunday 27th September 11am



The Bradenham Arts Festival Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th October 11am – 6pm

This event, which is now twice a year. The church will be full of work from local artists and we will also be running an Art Class on Friday 2nd October at midday and a children's workshop on Saturday 3rd at 11am. If you would like to come (entrance is free but donations welcome) then either turn up or drop an email to: bradenhamnews@gmail.com.

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



The Timeless Concert Saturday 10th October at 7.30pm

A definite date for the diary is the ever-popular TIMELESS group. The concert features a variety of jazz, blues and modern variations with the amazing Sharon Coutanche (singer) and the extraordinary Shima Kobayashi on concert harmonica. No charge but donations welcome.

Blue in Green Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm.

We also are hoping to have a pre-Christmas concert from Blue In Green, with readings including poems and prose taking a fun look at Christmas BEFORE Christmas arrives! It would be terrific if we could get in some younger readers, so if your son or daughter would like to practise their public speaking or read their own poem giving their view on Christmas, they would be very welcome!

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Bradenham Fete

We were extremely grateful to Susan and Lynne from the Bradenham Events Committee for attending the service on Sunday, 30th August and donating a cheque for over £700 which is from the funds raised by all the volunteers and members of the public at the 2026 Bradenham Fete.

The Parochial Church Committee is extremely grateful and this will go towards our Flush Fund. We are raising money to convert the churchyard storage shed into a toilet and kitchen facility. This toilet will be open to walkers, dog-walkers and anyone visiting the church or village and of course, to residents - if caught short! So far, we have raised around £10,000 against an estimated cost of £25,000 to £28,000 and are now applying for permission from the diocese. We are also using that amount to act as

a teaser for matching funds. Of course, if you yourself would like to donate, please contact us on: bradenhamnews@gmail.com.



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So a huge thanks to the Bradenham Event Committee and everyone who made the 2026 Bradenham Fete such a success. We are very grateful for the support of the village and others who live further afield.

Information Note

Just so you know: the church receives NO money from the central Church of England. Although occasional grants for repairs and building work can be applied for, these are exceptional and often of small amounts.



In the normal way of things the cost of providing a full time vicar and vicarage, training and a contribution to central services is provided from the bottom UP. We are asked to contribute along with the three other churches in the benefice – West Wycombe, Radnage and Bledlow Ridge – to an amount called a Parish Share, which totals over £60,000 for the Benefice. This amount becomes harder and harder to meet each year, as we also need to meet the need for repairs and improvements. So we are all

very grateful to those who support and donate to the church and only with your contributions, can St. Botolph's remain open and remain a place of worship, community care and a repository of local history. Over the last ten years, 254 churches have closed. Once closed, all this local knowledge is lost forever.

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Piddington

July and August proved to be a fascinating couple of months in the village with plenty going on. In addition to those events captured below, a number of us were treated to a first-class study of the partial solar eclipse from a strategic location on Wellfield Road.

Strategic insofar as we were camped outside Simon Cains' house making full use of the solar glasses and homemade pinhole camera that he had so kindly provided. The outcome was a very successful viewing for young and old alike and many thanks go to Simon for all of the trouble that he went to so that we could enjoy the spectacle, which included multiple near-perfect shadows of the eclipse cast on the side of his car courtesy of the many tiny holes eaten into the leaves of a nearby bush by insects! Who needs solar glasses when nature can offer its own safe source of viewing? That said, we are truly grateful to Simon for providing the glasses and for not making a financial killing by selling them beforehand on a well-known social media site.

The regular appearance of "Piddington" in the national media recently has been most bizarre. Whereas I normally have to spell out to family and friends where our small village is, I now find myself trying to convince them that we are not next to an MOD site in Bicester and expecting an influx of strangers, nor are we anticipating the arrival of a supporting house of disrepute as recommended by a former cabinet minister! Their eyes tend to glaze over when I point out that there are in fact three villages called Piddington in this region (the third being in West Northamptonshire), and still the ribald comments continue. It seems to be very much a case of "never let the facts get in the way of a good story".

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Piddington Horticultural Society News

The Hidden Gardens of Piddington on 12th July was a huge success. Despite the unusually hot weather, eight gardens were on display and attracted visitors from as far away as London and Brighton. Refreshments in the Village Hall for those who managed to visit all the gardens was very welcome with drinks and home-made cakes on offer.

The traditional plant sale was also very popular. The event will be repeated in 2027 at the same time of year.

On 22nd August the 80th Annual Village Show took place. Despite the very challenging growing conditions caused by heatwaves and drought, the Show had 32 entrants who staged an amazing 209 entries.

The trophies were presented by Cllr Orsoyla Hayday as follows:

Frank Redrup Memorial Cup - Louise Cloke

Mr & Mrs H J Martin Memorial Cup - Simon Digby

Mrs Picton Cup - Sharon Henson

Ken Drower Memorial Cup (red ribbon) - Sarah Hogg-Robinson

Floral Art Cup - Debs Digby

Rose Bowl - Lynne Atkins

Lady Dashwood Ladies Cup - Julie Russell

Children's Cup -

Arthur & Elsie Fitzpatrick

Christine Barry Cup - Wendy Pitcher

Jack & Joan Robertson Cup - The Pitcher Family

Rosette in memory of Alf Plumridge - Carrie MacDonald

Rosette in memory of Ken Stone - Wendy pitcher

Prize for the best sunflower - Elijah Smart

An auction of produce followed the presentations and our thanks to everyone who supported the 2026 Show.

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Piddington Village Hall

The committee members and volunteers continue to work hard to keep the Village Hall operating and busy, sometimes in the face of administrative adversities.

There are early signs that the much-needed heating upgrade could become a reality, which would be a relief after several years of a troublesome boiler and supporting system. Well done to all involved and please keep up the good work! The following events are upcoming:

Monday 5th October – Easily Does It Painting Party.

£30 a ticket and please book in advance. Please let Heather know if you are interested in joining this event at heatherwillis42@yahoo.com

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

Tickets for an audience with Natalie will be on sale soon; please go to website <https://www.ticketsource.com/booking/select/edykmvwjwep>

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News From St Mary's Church

We hope you all enjoyed a good summer and were able to attend the Eucharist services once a week as they were rotated around the four parishes.

We look forward to the following....

Autumn Tea

2-4pm on Sunday, 18th October

Rosy Oliphant is organising this again, and would greatly appreciate help and home-baked cakes. Please contact her on rosyoliphant@hotmail.com

Harvest festival

11am on Sunday, 18th October

This is a wonderful family service but no communion. Please bring your donations for OneCan. Their website will let you know what they need at that time.

Evening Prayer

6pm on Sunday, 15th November

This is a new offering!!! Please join us at the end of the day in our lovely church. It's a wonderful time to be in church, after a busy day of sport, shopping, cooking and family activities. This is instead of the family service that day! If a popular service, we will do this once a month!!!!

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Stories about St Mary's by Caroline Hands:

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Mary's from 1904 to 1962.

The lily represents St Mary, the dove and the star symbolise his faith. The microscope and scientific instruments are a reflection of the many hours he spent in the rectory attic conducting scientific experiments.



Services at
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Benefice Eucharist
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In 1925 his work on the “Orling Jet Relay”, was reported world-wide with headlines, “Clergyman’s Invention”. “From his old-world oil lit rectory on the slopes of the Chilterns, miles from railways and telephones, a grey-haired country rector has given the world an invention for speeding up transmission along ocean cables. He has just returned from France where he has been demonstrating his invention to the French government.” (Daily Mail)

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The deep blue background, the fish and the irregular shapes of the glass sections were designed to reflect these achievements.

Rev Corder also did pioneering work in the field of cancer research, experimenting with serum taken from cancerous rats. He predicted that cancer would one day be diagnosed by means of a blood test.

In addition to all this he found time to personally work on the fabric of the church which had suffered years of neglect. Whilst patching up the plaster he uncovered fragments of wall paintings and wisely called in experts to restore them.

He made a new altar, not the current one, and built a small vestry, now significantly re-designed and enlarged.

He was known to his parishoners as BJ, many of whom undoubtedly found him rather remote and unapproachable. When “Lady” Alexander was trying to decide whether to purchase Andridge House one of the negatives on her list of pros and cons was “disagreeable Vicar”. His reluctance to make the necessary repairs to the village school infuriated the Department of Education who described him as “difficult and stubborn”.

None of this should, however, detract from his successful scientific work and dedicated service to the church for more than half a century.

His personal scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings about his important achievements are lodged with the Buckinghamshire County Archives.



Radnage Womens Institute
Our August meeting was our Summer Social held in the village hall. We all very much enjoyed our fork supper with salads and desserts. A good attendance and great fun.

In September our speaker was Gail Ayres, who gave a fascinating talk on the Geology and Landscape of Radnage. She took us from a prehistory volcanic world to the chalk and flint rolling hills of the Chilterns. Also, it transpired that Radnage actually has a very special mix of clay, chalk and flints, the composition varying between the valleys and the higher ground.

October will be our birthday meeting, so we look forward to a delicious cake. Nigel French will be giving a talk entitled Pictures from the Past. He has an enormous collection of vintage postcards to illustrate

how things used to be!

CHARITY SALES TABLE :

Bring any items that are surplus to your needs. All monies raised will be donated to charity, which we will decide on at year end. 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

WI COFFEE MORNINGS:

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The Royal British Legion - Radnage

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Forthcoming Event

Saturday 10th October 2026
Bingo at 8:00pm

Bacon Rolls, Tea and Coffee on sale from
9:30am

Saturday 31st October 2026
Race Night at 8:30pm

Saturday 14th November 2026
Bingo at 8:00pm

Sunday 8th November 2026
Remembrance Parade at 11:00am

Saturday 12th December 2026
Bingo at 8:00pm.

The Annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal & Remembrance Day

The months of October and November are busy for the Royal British Legion. The focus shifts from the usual day to day running of the branches and clubs to the annual Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day commemorations.



Radnage RBL is no exception. With only 82 members, the local RBL branch is small by comparison to others. Out of the total

membership, there is a core group of about 15 who attend the monthly meetings and ensure that the branch remains active. Their responsibilities range from the maintenance of the premises and the grounds, organising entertainment events, ensuring that the bar is well stocked, dealing with licences, the FCA and everything else that is needed for running a successful branch. All of this is done on a voluntary basis.

One person is especially busy at this time of year, our Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator. He orders wreaths and arranges for boxes to be stocked with poppies, enamel badges, wristbands and collection boxes for donations. These are then placed in local businesses. When the appeal finishes, all the collection boxes are gathered from the outlets and the donations have to be counted and any money raised is forwarded to the RBL HQ. Last year, thanks to the

generosity of the local people and money collected from the outlets, Radnage RBL raised a total of £3,062.00 for the appeal. I think you will agree, that is not bad for a small branch.

On Remembrance Sunday, the people of Radnage gather at the War Memorial to pay their respects to the men of the village who gave their lives fighting for the freedoms that

we enjoy today. Hopefully, this year's Poppy Appeal total will be higher than last year's and that Radnage RBL will continue to be a part of the local community. Do drop into the branch during our opening times or even consider joining the RBL. Radnage RBL needs your support.

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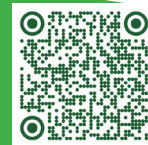


Radnage Parish Council

Next Meeting

The next PC meeting is on
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We welcome young people from Chinnor,
Radnage, Bledlow Ridge and the surrounding
area. Our Beavers section currently has a
waiting list, but we have immediate space in
both Cubs and Scouts, as several members
have recently aged out.

If you have any questions, or would like to
send a young person along, contact our
leadership team by email at radnage@chilternvalscouts.org.uk.



Radnage Afternoon Tea & Cake

Please join us on the third Thursday of the
month. We meet 2.30pm-4.00pm at the
Radnage Village Hall.

If you're able to bake a cake, help set
up, serve or clear up please message
Charmaine Gallagher on ggalla8301@ntlworld.com

Thanks go to:- Carol & Nigel Turner,
Jenny Bowie, Gerry Gallagher & Zulya
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Craft Group

The craft group has moved and will now
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Green from the 7th July. 2.30pm-4.30pm.

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5:30 - 6:45	7:00 - 8:15
	*This arrangement is for 2026 only. We will move to a different timetable in 2027 in consultation with parents.



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West Wycombe

News from St Paul's Church

We were delighted with the great success of the Music and Refreshments afternoon on 16th August. Budding star Summer Wayman sang so beautifully, loud and clear, and her parents Veronica and Phil played several amazing instruments of various shapes and sizes!

Unfortunately the Open Mic event failed to go ahead as insufficient interest was indicated. The same applied to the Cream Teas afternoon which, it was suggested, there may have been too much local competition. You can't win 'em all, but you don't know until you try.

We have started introducing a selection of Christian books in the church, so look out for those and borrow any that interest you, or please make a suitable donation for any that you want to keep. Also, if you have any books you would like to add to this - hopefully - growing library, they would be gratefully received, though we should stress that they need to be in accordance with the Church of England ethos, otherwise they will have to be removed.

Did you know that the church is registered as a 'Small Pilgrim Place'? that is part of the S.P.P.N. - 'Small Pilgrim Place Network, and therefore on the list of members belonging to this country-wide organisation.

As ever we would love to welcome anyone to our happy helpers, so anyone who has the odd hour or so, and enjoys some sociable voluntary work, please make enquiries to a church member.

Now we look forward to the highlight of **Harvest Festival on Sunday, 11th October**, at 11am, when the church will, no doubt, look it's best, decorated with an abundance of flowers, fruit and vegetables. All contributions of canned items and other non-perishable goods will be welcomed, to be donated to a charitable organisation, such as The One Can Trust. After the service we are having a 'bring and share' lunch, so please bring along any savoury or sweet items to add to the meal.

Wishing everyone a Happy Autumn as the leaves change colour and the nights draw in.

Beverley Cope



Services at
St Paul's,
West Wycombe

Benefice Eucharist
Sunday 9th August 11am
Baptism
Sunday 13th September 11.00am
Eucharist
Sunday 27th September 9.30am

HARVEST LUNCH
Bring-and-Share Community Meal
After the Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 11th October • 11:00am
St Paul's Church, West Wycombe

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St Lawrence Church

The team seeking to secure the Church's future, applied for charity status in July and have been successful at the first attempt.

We are now St Lawrence West Wycombe CIO. This is a major milestone for the team and followed many months of hard work. We are now working towards implementing a lease for the church.

The team still needs volunteers to help us especially to plan and run events.

To raise funds for our cause, we will be holding a **Quiz Night** at 7pm, Saturday 10th of October at West Wycombe Village Hall. Please look out for more information on social media.

For more information, email: info@stlawrencechurch.uk or call :01494 852963

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Parish Council News - West Wycombe

The Next Meeting: Wed 14th Oct 8pm, at West Wycombe Village Hall.

A huge thank you to the few who stepped out including all our Parish Councillors and rolled up their sleeves for our community litter pick on Saturday 12th September 2026! It was wonderful to see neighbours coming together, grabbers in hand, to clear our beautiful historic streets, verges, and green spaces.

Thanks to your incredible hard work, we managed to clear a staggering 25 bags of rubbish and 4 gas canisters from the West Wycombe Parish area.

While organised group clean-ups like today's make a massive dent, the battle against litter is an ongoing one. It doesn't take long for wind-blown crisp packets, dropped cans, and takeaway wrappers to build up again, making our lovely village look untidy.

The Two-Minute Challenge: Looking Outside Our Own Front Doors:

We are incredibly lucky to live in such a historic and picturesque area however keeping it that way requires a tiny bit of daily teamwork.

We are asking all residents to consider adopting the pavement, verge, or hedgerow directly outside their own property. Even if a piece of rubbish clearly isn't yours, spending just two minutes picking it up makes a world of difference. If everyone takes responsibility for the small patch of land outside their own home, we can instantly prevent our community from looking like a rubbish tip.

Why It Matters: Protecting Our Local Wildlife and Environment:

Picking up litter isn't just about keeping our streets looking pristine—it has a profound impact on the local ecosystem:



- **Protecting Wildlife:** West Wycombe is surrounded by wonderful nature and woodland. Small animals, birds, and hedgehogs frequently get trapped in discarded plastic, cut by broken glass, or poisoned by ingesting toxic debris.
- **Stopping Microplastics:** Plastic trash does not disappear; it breaks down into tiny microplastics that contaminate our local soil and waterways, eventually entering the food chain.
- **The “Broken Window” Effect:** A clean street naturally deters people from dropping litter in the first place. When an area looks cared for, people treat it with more respect.

Litter picking is also a surprisingly great way to get moving, clear your mind, and enjoy some fresh air.

Let's keep the momentum from September's fantastic effort going. By taking pride in the few metres outside our own front doors, we can protect our local environment and keep West Wycombe a clean, beautiful place to live. Thank you for doing your bit!



Visit our website for Meeting Minutes and Agendas
Parish Clerk: Sarah Smith (Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.)
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Masque Players of West Wycombe

We had our annual AGM on the 3rd September and are delighted that Jon Andrews is remaining as Chairman and all other officers remain unchanged.

We have just cast our Christmas pantomime which will be The Nutcracker by Hilary Mackelden. We chatted with Jo Oldach who is the director for this production.

What drew you to Panto?

This is my second year directing a panto at masque players. Last year's Beauty and the Beast was the first time I have directed a mixed age company. I have always liked being in charge and have a keen eye for what looks good on stage. When I got the opportunity to lead a Youth Group at my old Theatre I jumped at the chance and really enjoyed directing a couple of shows with the seven to fourteen age group. When I came to Wycombe for uni I quickly found Masque Players and after being in a couple of shows I decided it was time to try directing again!

Why this particular panto? I chose The Nutcracker for this year's panto because I wanted to do something that had a more Christmassy feel to it. While based off the ballet, the panto is full of jokes, high jinx, and chaotic duos.

What is the casting process and can people still join in?

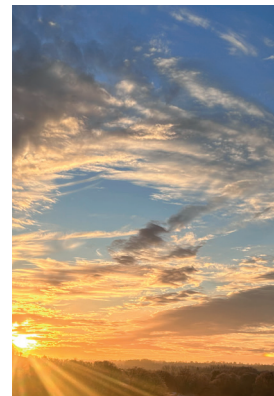
Our casting began at the beginning of September. We had a read through on the Tuesday and then an audition on the Thursday. From a casting point of view, I find the read through just as important as the full audition process - it's a sneaky way for me to gauge people's characters and relationships without them feeling self



conscious on stage! In the audition proper, our cast are given set scenes to act through, swapping scene partners and mannerisms as they see fit. On occasion, a group song or dance may be taught as well.

Even if you weren't at the audition for a named part, we'd love more cast members to join chorus, or help back stage and front of house!

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Weather news from Chorley Road

Thank you to Eileen Chapman

Week Ending	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm	Sunshine hours
5 th July	12	26	6	52
12 th July	15	32	0	65
19 th July	14	29	0	60
26 th July	8	27	0	57
2 nd Aug	11	32	5	55
9 th Aug	5	29	trace	59
16 th Aug	11	38	0	66
23 rd Aug	9	26	13	29
30 th Aug	6	26	25 +hail	34

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Kensham Farm

Weather, weather, weather! We have just experienced our second worst harvest on record after narrowly improving on the abysmal results of 2025.

Studying our past records, total yields are down some 15%, from a 2010-19 average of 8.13 t/hectare (3.29t/acre) to 2020-26 average of 6.94t/hectare (2.80 t/acre). For context, in 2019 a football pitch (0.71ha) produced enough milling wheat to make 8,700 loaves of bread. In 2026, that same football pitch has produced 5,900 loaves, a loss of 32%. This scarcity of supply means that prices must increase, but do not panic - the price of wheat that we sell makes up about 8% of a loaf of bread or 11p. The price of a food is inflated more by wages and energy costs of processors and supermarkets than primary production at farm level.

This significant reduction in yield is a puzzle to solve. We have been considering variables in our cultivation and planting equipment, timing of different actions, as well as weather patterns and concluded that it is likely a mixture of all three. We have been steadily reducing the amount of ploughing (total inversion of soil from 20-30cm depth) to save fuel, wearing parts, time, and soil structure. The alternatives such as sub-soiling or shallow disc cultivating are faster and cheaper but do not provide the same 'reset.' The appreciable reduction in yields also coincides with the purchase of our Dale Eco XL 'direct drill' in autumn 2019. This machine is able to go on ground in difficult

wet autumn conditions or without any tillage at all but has had issues with depth control. Green fingered Contact Magazine readers will know that plants and seeds can be fickle and require optimum planting conditions to thrive – imagine planting 3.11 billion seeds across 850 rugby pitches in the space of 47 days from 21st September to 7th November every year!

The added disappointment this year was the loss of potential – the farm was a picture in the Spring. The spraying and fertiliser programs were completed in a timely manner by our dedicated team. Farmers had cause for optimism and to rebound from last year's disaster, but it did not rain again, and the late-May heatwave killed crops stone dead when they still had grain fill potential – to photosynthesise and convert sunlight and nutrients into protein and yield.



On the plus side, the hot dry harvest meant no drying costs and all completed in record time! It has been a novelty to spend part of the summer holidays with my family and not working. We also only had one minor fire incident that was quickly controlled and, after hearing of incidents in other

parts of Thames Valley, we kept a tractor and cultivator on standby. I understand anecdotally through the National Farmers Union that in Berks, Bucks & Oxon 90%



of fire service callouts were met with a farm water bowser or cultivator already containing the fire. This demonstrates how our farmers were prepared for the fire risk and sought to take steps to mitigate. In parts of USA and Australia this has been standard practice for years and we have much to learn from harvesting under these conditions.

All of this takes a toll on a farm's finances and the farmer's mental health. I have been reflecting on what it means to be resilient (bouncing back and adapting after a shock) versus being robust (withstanding shocks without changing). I am reminded that, in the 71-year history of our family farming at Cadmore End, numerous challenging periods in the past have been overcome with a mixture of ingenuity and grit. Qualities that we need in all walks of life, but especially now in farming.

Alex Nelms

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West Wycombe Preschool

The summer has moved towards more Autumnal days & the restful building has been filled again with joy, wonder & exploration.

We reopened our doors following a slight makeover where one of the classrooms & the porch had some work to them during the quieter weeks.

Early signs are great, the children have already began to share their views with us & learning has commenced. We use a very natural pathway for our teaching, following the children's interests, scaffolding knowledge & weaving in new resources & spaces to explore. Someone who has only ever shown an interest in trains, may never know the joy that the mud kitchen

offers & we are here to help facilitate those opportunities for our little ones.

The staff team enjoyed a well deserved break & have returned with renewed energy to build relationships, expand knowledge, find teachable moments during free play & extend skills already secured. What a fabulous job we have to help these incredible children whilst in our care.

We have a couple of afternoon spaces available so please pop us an email if you are looking for a setting: wwpspg@gmail.com



West Wycombe Chamber Choir

The choir returned last May from their 4th tour, this time to Northern Spain on a real high note. 40 choir and 15 family members stayed in the four star hotel which was outstanding in every respect.

We were based in Segovia and where we were able to explore and take in the delights of this beautiful city. We performed two concerts, one in the cathedral at Palencia and one in the cathedral at Segovia, the second largest in Spain. We also performed a special concert in a rural parish outside of Valladolid, and the audience there were so pleased as they do not get many touring choirs visiting them. The intimate atmosphere of the small church was very special and the audience gave us a very long standing ovation. It was amazing singing in the large Cathedrals, but the small church in the hills will always be special to us. A really special thanks to Choir Manager Michèle for the organisational feat of getting us there, arranging the hotel, organising concerts and getting us safely back home, plus many more things that went on in the background.

Our annual Cream Tea and Radnage Walk was another very enjoyable afternoon organised by our Radnage folk in the choir. They have been running this choir social for more than 16 years baking hundreds of scones over the years.

We performed our 20th Anniversary Summer Concert in West Wycombe Park on Saturday 11th July. 300+ people attended our free concert for our families, friends and loyal audiences, as a thank you for supporting us over all these years. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped us put on this concert, and special thanks to Lady Lucinda and Sir Edward for allowing us to use this beautiful park.

Choir resumed after the summer break at West Wycombe School. We welcome new members to our very friendly choir, so if you would like to join or know more please ring Michèle on 07795 680253 or visit our website westwycombechoir.org.uk

The annual John Rutter Christmas Celebration trip on 4th December to the Albert Hall. Michèle has organised a coach to go from West Wycombe, so no worries about driving and parking in London. Contact Michèle if you're interested?

Don't miss our Christmas Concert at St Lawrence Church on Saturday 12th December at 7pm.

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October

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

November

Sunday 1 Nov <i>All Saints & All Souls</i>	9.30am Eucharist (All Saints)	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>Rev 7:9-17 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12</i>
	6.00pm Eucharist (All Souls)	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>TBA</i>
Sunday 8 Nov <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.15am Remembrance Service	St Paul's Bledlow Ridge	<i>Isa 2:3-4 Rev 21:1-7 Jn 15:9-17</i>
	10.45am Remembrance Service	War Memorial West Wycombe Hill	
	10.45am Remembrance Service	Bradenham Church Yard	
	10.45am Remembrance Service	RBL & War Memorial Radnage	
Sunday 15 Nov <i>Second before Advent</i>	9.30am Eucharist	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	<i>Zep 1:7,12-18; 1 Thes 5:1-11 Mt 25:14-30</i>
	6.00pm Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Radnage	<i>Ps 89:19-29; 1 Kgs 1:1-14 Rev 1:4-18</i>
Sunday 22 Nov <i>Christ the King</i>	11.00am Eucharist	St Botolph's Bradenham	<i>Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 Eph 1:15-end; Mt 25:31-end</i>
	6.00pm Evening Prayer	St Paul's West Wycombe	<i>Ps 93; 2 Sam 23:1-7 Mt 28:16-20</i>
Sunday 29 Nov <i>Advent 1</i>	11.00am Benefice Eucharist	St Mary's Radnage	<i>Isa 64:1-9 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37</i>

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