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LETTER FROM

The Editor

It was great that the sun shone for our VE Day celebrations on 8th May - you can see photos and a report on the day on p.8.

Lovely to see so many people turned out for the street party, memorial and exhibition at the Manor House.

I hope that many of you will also go and enjoy the event at Layston Gardens on 7th June to celebrate Herts Rivers Week, hosted by Riverwatch who do so much to preserve and maintain the river Rib here in Buntingford. See details on p.10

June also sees lots of events down at the library to celebrate the Centenary of Hertfordshire Libraries, we have a double spread on p.14 outlining all the events going on, including a 100 word poetry competition and a Lego workshop where children are invited to imagine the libraries of the future and build them out of Lego. I hope there will be some great photos to share next month from that!

This month there is also a heads up on the latest show to be performed by the Dramatic Society, and it looks like it is going to be a show like no other...details on p.23.

Our History Society have a great article this month on the lost pubs of the area, which makes you wonder how many more we might lose over the coming years if the cost of living crisis continues! Let's get out and enjoy them and the amazing sunshine we have been treated to while we can - Met Office data shows that we've already had more sunshine this spring than the whole of last summer!

Anne

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ON THE COVER

Mayor, Duncan Wallace at the VE Day Celebrations

Early May saw the town commemorate the 80th anniversary of the ending of World War 2 in Europe on the 8th May 1945. Events organised by the Town Council, supported by the Civic Society and the Royal British Legion, to commemorate this historic anniversary were a 40's themed street party on Market Hill, a service at the War Memorial, followed by the lighting of the Beacon. The whole event ran smoothly, with many complimentary comments and our congratulations to all who helped to make it such a success. You are too many to mention by name, but you know who you are.

Running alongside these events, and over the weekend, the Civic Society hosted an Exhibition in the Council Chamber at the Manor House. On display were many artifacts from WW2, including 3 plaques that were awarded to the town by the UK Government in recognition of their fund-raising efforts during the period between 1939 to 1945.

The display that attracted most attention was by the students from the "A" "year (Year 9) at Freman College who researched some very personal recollections from family members who served in WW2. Our grateful thanks go to Mr Mark Trapmore from Freman College for the loan of the military artifacts, BCS Committee member, Jennifer Keeling whose enthusiasm and knowledge was indispensable, Carol Emery, from the Local History Group, and those committee members who came to help over the 3 days.



Up-coming events include the "Buntingford in Bloom" Competition, which members should have received an entry form for in the May issue of the Journal. Don't forget, entries by the 9th of June.

On **Saturday the 14th June, "Civic Day"**, we will be leading some guided walks around our historic High Street. Places on the walk will be limited on a first come first served basis, but we will be running some more later in the year for those that miss out this time. If you would like to take part in the walk please email, chairman@buntingfordcivic.org.uk, giving your name and number of places. The walk will start at 10am at St Peter's Church.

Graham Waite

Chairman, Buntingford Civic Society



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Following local elections at the beginning of May, Terry Smith (Reform) was elected as the County Councillor for the Buntingford division. We hope to meet with Councillor Smith very soon to discuss how we can work together in the coming months.

The VE Day celebrations on the 8th May were very well attended and we thank the local organisations and businesses that supported this event. Thanks also to those who helped organise, without those volunteers events such as these could not take place.

The gardener has been busy starting to plant the many new planters in the High Street, this has to be undertaken as and when the plants are ready, but should be fully planted by the end of the month.

The Town Council holds a Civic Reception to thank the local organisations for their work in the town. Invitations will be issued shortly but if you are part of a voluntary organisation and have not received an invite, please contact the Clerk's office.

Plans are well underway for the town event planned for Saturday 12th July at the

Community Centre. This will be similar to past events with live music, bar, food outlets, free fun fair and face painting. Further details to follow.

The Manor House is licensed for Civil Ceremonies and many local residents have held their marriage ceremonies in the Grade II Listed Building. Ideal for small ceremonies of up to approximately 30 guests. All enquiries to the Clerk's office where we will be happy to show you around and answer any questions.

The management of the Multi Games Area is now back with the Town Council. If you wish to hire the MUGA, please contact the Clerk's office and we will check availability.

Layston Cemetery is owned and managed by the Town Council, please call us if you have an enquiry.

Details of the June Council meetings below.

In line with GDPR Regulations, the Town Council has published a number of Privacy Notices, these can be viewed on the Town Council web site.

Jill Jones PSLCC Cert HE -Town Clerk

Town Council meetings for the months of June are:

Thursday 5th June	7pm	Amenities Committee.
Thursday 12th June	7pm	Planning and 7.15pm Resources Committee
Thursday 26th June	7pm	Planning Committee and 7.15pm Full Council

All meetings held at The Manor House unless indicated otherwise.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN BUNTINGFORD

Duncan Wallace

The 8th May saw communities across the nation come together to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Buntingford was to be no exception, as, under sunny skies, our community made its own memories as it rejoiced and commemorated this historic event.

The event was organised by the Town Council, but it received help from the Civic Society and Buntingford's branch of the Royal British Legion.

The evening began at five o'clock with a street party where old and young alike feasted on home made delights or that purchased and supplied by local vendors No 6 Cafe and Efes. It was a pleasure for the council to provide a basic picnic for the substantial number of cadet, scout and guide associations, who represented their respective organisations impeccably.

The presence of an authentic WWII military vehicle and period music by the Buntingford Community Choir and local vocalist Tammy TJ added to the celebratory mood.

Our branch of the Women's Institute made significant contribution by baking an impressive commemorative cake for the event. So impressive and clearly made with thought and dedication, it bore no reflection to my expectations when I casually approached a member as said 'could you bake me a cake?'

At 8 o'clock, crowds moved to the memorial where we held a respectful and touching service, with prayers led by Deacon Paul from our local Catholic Church, an address by myself as Mayor on behalf of the council, proclamation and Kohima epitaph read by chair of the British Legion Mr Phil Hare. And

finally, the reading of the official tribute by Deputy Lieutenant Janie Wentworth Stanley which followed the lighting of the beacon where she was assisted by Air cadet Cpl Baran Durgut.

The service also included brief interviews by the venerable Dave Austin of four VE Day veterans who provided insight to their recollections 80 years ago.

And if that was not enough, our Civic Society delivered an exhibition at the Manor House, not just for the day, but which ran over the weekend period, which was both tasteful and informative.

As Mayor, I wish to place on record my sincere gratitude to all who contributed and for demonstrating the strong community spirit we enjoy here in Buntingford. Importantly, I wish to thank you, the public, who fully embraced the event, making the hard work of those involved so worthwhile. Without your support, the event would have been just a good idea led by someone with a seriously questionable wardrobe choice!

Thank you all once again on behalf of myself and your Town Council.

Duncan - Town Mayor





RIVERWATCH BUNTINGFORD

Dr Derrick Guy

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust,
- Living Rivers Champion
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Friday 30th May to Sunday 8th June has been designated as Herts Rivers Week. I could list here all the wonderful works being carried out by our very own Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust and other NGO and volunteer groups on behalf of our local River Rib and other Herts rivers. But better still, why not take the opportunity to come see for yourself on **Saturday the 7th June 12 till 3pm**. Buntingford volunteers regularly monitor the health of the river and we will be setting up a demo in Layston Gardens (right next to the river) with gazebo, tables and yes, live aquatic invertebrates and anything else we might find, to show what some of us do on your (and our) behalf in our spare time.

If that tweaks your interest, then feel free to join us: 'RiverWatch - Buntingford' is a closed WhatsApp group (over 50 members) for announcing and organising volunteering events, and also a closed Facebook group (over 100 members) of the same name for those interested to know what is going on but less likely to join in with active events (- still very welcome of course).

Please come along and be

River Explorers

as we take a deep dive into the creatures that live in the river.



Use your skills to identify creatures using our ID charts.
Look closely and count the legs and tails and watch out for the predators

Saturday 7th June, 12-3 pm

Layston Gardens



This event is suitable for all ages.
We will be outside so come prepared for the weather



Buntingford Riverfly Monitors Group

Derrick Guy, Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust, - Living Rivers Champion (volunteer)

Send a joining request to the WhatsApp and / or the Facebook group or contact me via email : love.your.chalk.stream@gmail.com

THE BRAUGHING SHED CLUB IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Jacqui Thorne

Who are we?: Men and women from the local communities who get together to use existing skills, and learn new ones, to make and repair things. There is no upper age requirement or specific skills needed but you must be over 18. We were originally part funded by Braughing Parish Council as part of its overall wellbeing strategy and we received a grant from East Herts District Council.

Where we do it?: We meet on **Wednesdays** in a barn at Brook Cottage Farm Riding School, Furneux Pelham, SG9 0LL, from **noon until 4pm**, although you can come and go within these core hours as you please, to fit in with your life.

Our aim: We provide a venue for local people to help relieve feelings of isolation, create friendships and offer support while working on projects and share ideas with a cuppa and cake.

We make and repair items for sale, for charity, or to support residents or village community associations to build and mend items for themselves with help as required. We do this through up-cycling using donated and reclaimed wood, pallets and other materials for projects. We may work with new materials as required. We sell the items we make in order to be self-funding whilst making financial donations to local charities. We make hedgehog houses, bat boxes, bird tables, bird feeders, bug hotels, wooden storage crates, garden planters etc., or whatever you want to make.

What do you need?: You do not need to have any specialist skills but if you have any, they would be welcomed or you can come along and learn new skills. You are free to make whatever you want. You can either work alone or team up with others.



We use tools that belong to the club that have been kindly donated and members often bring their own tools for particular projects. The club will buy tools as and when required.

What does it cost?: The club cost £2.00 a week to go towards materials, such as nails, screws and tools and refreshments.

Want to find out more?:
Contact Jacqui Thorne

Email: Jacquithorne664@gmail.com

Phone: 07557 966 526

I'm moving and will be renting somewhere on my own for the first time. It feels like there's so much to think about, I'm worried I'll forget something important. Do you have any advice on what I should do when looking for a new home?

Most properties available for rent are listed online or with lettings agents.

If you have the chance, renting directly from a landlord might be a bit cheaper before you move in, as they may ask for fewer references and you might not need to do a credit check. But you'll have to deal with them directly if any issues arise during the tenancy. It's worth noting some landlords use a lettings agent to find their tenants and then manage the properties themselves. If an agent is managing the property then you'll deal with them rather than with the landlord directly, for instance, if you need to get any repairs done.

Beware rental fraudsters

Remember, never pay any money before you've seen the property as this is a common tactic used by rental fraudsters. If you can, take someone with you when viewing properties for a second opinion. If repairs are being done when you view a property, it's a good idea to take pictures of the issues and follow up after the viewing with an email so you've got a record of the issues and that you were told they'd be sorted before you move in.

Things often happen very quickly when trying to find somewhere to rent so always

ask the landlord or letting agent some key questions to make sure properties you're considering are safe, affordable and meet your needs.

Key questions to ask include:

- How much is the rent? Is it payable monthly or weekly?
- How long is the tenancy for?
- Are bills included in the rent?
- Are any appliances or furniture included?
- Is there a break clause allowing any fixed term to be ended early, if needed?
- Does the landlord need a guarantor?
- Is there a tenancy deposit, how much is it, and how will it be protected?

It's also good to ask whether the tenancy is for a self-contained property, or whether there are shared facilities, whether or not it's a joint tenancy with other people and, if relevant, if you can have pets. Make sure you're happy with the arrangements.

Holding deposit?

Check if you'll need to pay a holding deposit while the landlord carries out pre-tenancy checks. A deposit can't be more than a week's rent and should be returned to you at the start of the tenancy. You should also ask your landlord or letting agent what documents you'll need to provide when you agree to rent the property including evidence of your Right to Rent.

Avoid subletting

Avoid 'subletting' which is when you rent directly from an existing tenant, as they might not have the landlord's permission to rent to you, which could cause problems further down the line. If a tenant is showing you around the property on behalf of the landlord they should give you the landlord's contact details.

If a landlord refuses to rent to you because of who you are, this may be discrimination - for example because of your race, religion or sexual orientation. A 'no kids policy' or refusing to rent to you because you get benefits could also be discrimination. You only need to tell a landlord or letting agent you receive benefits if they ask.

Come and join us!

Citizens Advice East Herts is looking for general support volunteers in Buntingford. If you can use a computer, like office work, and can spare three hours a week, or more, please email Karyn at jonesk@citizensadvicееastherts.org.uk Expenses will be paid and you'll be working with a small but friendly and welcoming team. There are opportunities to work from our office in Buntingford and/or from home.

A driver is also wanted to deliver items to our hubs and contact centres, throughout East Herts, on an ad hoc basis. Expenses will be paid.

Come and join us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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- Toys

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If so, we would love to hear from you!

For more information contact Madela
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phone: 07778 298605

The Buntingford Community Project

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF HERTS LIBRARIES

Telephone Enquiries: 0300 123 4049 | www.hertfordshire.gov.uk



2025 sees Hertfordshire Libraries celebrating its centenary, with a range of exciting events planned throughout the year across the county. Here at Buntingford, we will be holding a range of events in the month of June, as well as throughout the year.

On Friday 6th June (10am-12.15pm) we will host the **Dancing Through the Decades** workshop, a whistle-stop tour with Sam Moss through some of the most popular dance styles over the last century. Come along and try your hand (or your feet!) at everything from the Charleston, to rock 'n' roll, to disco, to 1980s musical film routines.

Libraries have come a long way, and today's spaces and the range of services we offer would undoubtedly blow the minds of those who established Hertfordshire Libraries in 1925. Our **Library of the Future Lego Club Session** on **Friday 6th June** (4-5pm) will see us inviting children to imagine what our libraries might look like in 2125, and to recreate this using Lego.

We are very excited to welcome author and poet, Maggie Brookes-Butt, to the library for a Q&A, reading and open mic night on **Tuesday 10th June at 7pm**. At

the **Lipstick and Wishes** evening, Maggie will be talking about the key themes in her poetry and novels, including the strength of women and hope in the power of love. The Q&A and reading will span her poetry collections, from 'Lipstick' to 'Wish', and her two historical fiction novels, 'The Prisoner's Wife' and 'Acts of Love and War'.

Other centenary events taking place at Buntingford Library in June include our two special **Baby Rhyme Time** sessions (**Monday 16th June** at 10:30 and 11.30) and our **Centenary Story Time** on **Thursday 19th June** at 10.30. Both of these events are free of charge, but donations are welcomed. All children who attend the sessions will receive a commemorative certificate to mark the occasion.

We have also been staging a **100-day poetry festival**. Not only have we seen a number of poets visiting libraries across the county for reading and open mic sessions, but we are also encouraging our customers to enter into the spirit with the **100-word poem challenge**, open to adults and children. Poems should be 100 words long exactly and should explore one or more of the following themes: libraries, creativity and reading for pleasure. The deadline for entries is 21st June, and they should be submitted using the following link: <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/100wordpoem>.

We will also have a memory book at the library throughout June, and we would love it if you could jot down your reflections on libraries or your memories of using them. This could be a memory from childhood, or another stage of your life, or just some thoughts on what libraries mean to you.

If you'd like to know anything more about these events, our weekly events, or our

THE BUNTINGFORD DAFFODILS

Jean Cook

I have read lots of lovely messages on Facebook about the Buntingford Daffodils saying how nice they were and how much they are missed so I thought that perhaps now is the time to explain how they came to be there.

I was a Buntingford Town Councillor from 1999-2016 and in 2001 I saw an advertisement for 'free daffodils to decorate your town or village for the Queen's Golden Jubilee.' So I ordered a bag, gathered half a dozen friends, and one Sunday morning in the October, my husband Norman dug the holes and we planted the bulbs along the bank to the right of the entrance to Snells Mead.

The result was so beautiful that we repeated it over the next few years and in 2017 (see photo) they had grown into a lovely display - (sadly some of the grass cutters employed by the County Council couldn't be bothered to steer round the later groups and mowed them down so these displays weren't as nice as the first ones.)

Daffodils leaves need to be left to die naturally as they provide the food for next year's bulbs so we planted the bulbs in groups to help with the grass cutting - I popped five bulbs in each hole and my ladies filled the holes in.

When the work started on the Shared Footpath I spoke to the people in charge of the work and said that if they were going to dig up the bulbs would they put them on my front lawn so that I could distribute them, as these were 'Queen Elizabeth's Daffodils.' They later came back to me and said they wouldn't be digging them up. Unfortunately they buried the bulbs deep under so much soil that they were unable to grow through.

I think a few new daffs were planted (and wild flower seed sown) and some of our 'Queen Elizabeth Daffodils' did make an appearance but this week our grass verges have been cut including the daffodils. As the leaves have not been left to die back naturally, the display next year will be impoverished.

I do not know what company was given the task of 'landscaping' these banks but I personally would suggest that if a group of local people, who have a genuine interest in their own community, came forward, applied for grants to buy more daffs and planted them themselves, these banks could be returned, not just to their previous glory, but even better.

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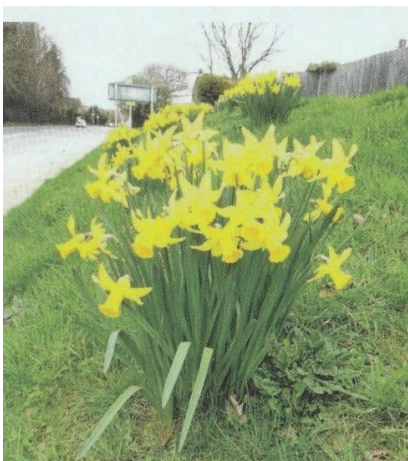
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2002: Spring – the first
flowers ↑
 →



2017: Spring - established
flowers ↓





The Mah Jonh Group at The Bull, Cottered :-

Liz Cooper (Group Leader), Jenny Newington, Dinah Geere, Mike Cooper (Group Leader), Evelyn Smith, Val Reedman, Barbara Watkins, Maggie Bell, Graham Fray, Lesley Stevens, Carolyn Pryor, Annie Austin, Marion Ling, Anne Moore (hidden), Ann Brunt, Howard Baker, Sue Hounslow, Alma Andrews,

Christmas is always a very busy time for everyone so some of our groups choose to meet for a meal at a different time of the year and one of those group is Mah Jong. Recently they enjoyed a lovely meal and get together at the Bull, Cottered.

Our Speaker for **Monday 9th June** is Mike Barbakoff: "Bletchley Park WW2 History" – Mike, a volunteer Guide will tell us about the Code Breakers.

Membership of the u3a is open to anyone not in full time occupation.

We meet at the Seth Ward Community Centre on the Second Monday of the month - 1.30pm
Please visit our website for news and details of all our groups.

www.u3asites.org.uk/buntingford
- **New members always welcome.**

REED GARDEN CLUB

Sue Huggins

11th June 2-4pm

Reed Village Hall

Speaker : Amanda Sutherland

" Re-use, recreate and restyle your wardrobe"

£3 entrance tea/coffee.



The VE day celebration on the 8th May was a great success and a great opportunity for the Choir to once again sing at a community event in Buntingford. We were absolutely delighted when we were invited to be part of the celebration.

The event gave us an opportunity to sing some well-known Second World War songs plus a Military Medley of popular songs from the era. In between we did manage to sing three songs that are part of our current repertoire, which seemed to go down well with the audience. We also proudly led the congregation at

the service with the hymn "I vow to thee my country" and the National Anthem. I would like to give special thanks to the organising committee lead by Duncan Wallace, to Paul Hutton for being our Sound engineer, to Steven Berkeley at St Peters for allowing us to use the Church as a base for the evening, and especially to Jean for the tea and wonderful cakes.

If you are saw us on the night and would be interested in singing with us either just turn up to Millfield School in Monks Walk on a Monday evening at 7:20 for a 7:30 start, or email us at the address above.

BUNTINGFORD GARDENER'S CLUB

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 4th June

At: The URC Hall, Baldock Road

Doors open: 7:45pm for 8pm start



Strawberries you say... in June?

With the weather on our side then yes, you can start enjoying British grown Strawberries. It's also that time of the year to add some colour to your garden borders.

The start of June is the perfect time to plant out summer bedding plants as the risk of frost has usually passed. When planting outside, make sure they're sitting in some good compost and treat them to some plant feed during the growing season.

This month we are pleased to have Louise Vickers who started our local lavender farm, Mentley Lane Lavender Farm. Louise will be talking about her work on the farm and there will be produce to purchase. The farm is located just off the A10 at Great Munden, Ware and open throughout the summer to visit.

Our meetings are monthly and always on the 1st Wednesday of the month, apart from January and August when we don't have meetings.

We like to book interesting speakers throughout the year, giving talks on relevant subjects, as well as demonstrations, outings and socials with quizzes. Not forgetting our monthly competitions too!

Annual membership cost is only £20. Your always welcome to come along on a night of your choosing if you wish instead for just £3.

If you would like any more information, then please contact our secretary by telephone on: 07757 259 689

Hope to see you there.



a piece.. The cake really was a work of art so well done Joan!

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday June 12th at 7:15pm for 7:30pm** at the URC Hall (opposite Budgens) and our guest will be Sherry Hostler, who is making a return visit to us. Her talk this time is entitled 'If Books can kill'. Visitors are welcome to all our meetings so if you are new to Buntingford (and even if you're not!) just turn up on the night and come to see what Buntingford W.I. is all about.

Our May meeting was somewhat different this year – we joined everyone at the VE Day celebrations on Market Hill. We proudly displayed the beautiful commemorative cake which was home made by one of our members, Joan, and cut by our Mayor and I hope you all managed to get

REED CHURCH EVENTS

Liz Jakeman

Our events in June follow each other in quick succession so we have decided to hold them all in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's, Reed. Please note that this is a change of location for our Jazz event.

Strawberry Tea Saturday 14th June 2pm - 5pm

An afternoon of family fun including a wide range of stalls, children's games and a bouncy castle will be held in the churchyard. Besides the usual cakes, strawberries and cream, scones, cakes and savoury items, there will be a licensed bar selling Pimms and Prosecco. Visitors are invited to stay beyond 5pm to enjoy the summer sunshine.

Soup Lunch Friday 27th June 12 noon – 2pm

Our June Soup Lunch will be held in the churchyard to take advantage of the

warmer weather. Do join us for the usual homemade soup, bread and cheese, and delicious homemade cake.

Jazz at Reed Church

Sunday 29th June 12 noon – 4pm

Music will be provided by the Rockin' Chair Band. Listen while you enjoy a delicious buffet lunch with drinks from the licensed bar. Tickets cost £25 for adults and £5 for children and are available from (stmarysreed.sumupstore.com) or by contacting Liz Jakeman 07596 597042.

As always, if you need further information about any of our events, please look out for details on our Facebook page; on posters around the village; on the Reed Village WhatsApp group; and via the Reed Parish Council (reedparishcouncil.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you and thank you all for your continuing support.

Reed and Buckland PCC

BUNTINGFORD SCHOOL OF DANCE



Zoë Eaglesfield www.buntingfordschoolofdance.co.uk

Buntingford School of Dance | [buntingfordschoolofdance](https://www.instagram.com/buntingfordschoolofdance)

As we prepare for our show 'Dancing Through Life' on Sunday 8th June at South Mill Arts, Bishop's Stortford, here are some photos of our classes rehearsing.

We hold classes in the centre of Buntingford for all ages from toddlers to adults and offer Baby Boppers, Ballet, Commercial, Modern/Jazz and Tap. If you wish to trial/register for classes, please use the QR code below to register or for more information email us.





BUNTINGFORD BOWLS CLUB

Dave Murphy

Buntingford Bowls Club held its two annual open days on May Bank Holiday weekend.

27 members of the public came along and had an enjoyable introduction to the sport.

Cindy Greaves, who recently passed her level 1 coaching badge, ran the days, helped by coaches, Richard Foster, David Bantick, Colin Clear and Dave Murphy and other members of the club.

Many showed a keen interest to return to our 4 free coaching lessons over the coming weeks. In fact 20 came to the first coaching session on the 6th.

We would like to thank all those for coming and making the weekend so successful and hoping many continue and join the club.



BUNTINGFORD DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS LAST QUIZ NIGHT IN EARTH

It's official. It is the end of the world as we know it – and what better way to spend the last night on Earth than down the pub taking part in a quiz?

Landlady Kathy and quizmaster Rav are hosting, but with an asteroid racing towards us, things take a wild turn. Unexpected guests Bobby, ready to settle old scores, and Fran, searching for one last shot at love, bring chaos and comedy to the night.

Alison Carr's "The Last Quiz Night on Earth" is a ground breaking immersive comedy-drama that encourages YOU to be part of the action.

We're turning the Bunters Suite upstairs at Seth Ward Community Centre into The Four Horsemen pub, with the audience seated at quiz tables of four, a licensed bar, and complimentary bar snacks on the tables. Join in a real interactive pub quiz where you'll team up with others on your table, answer questions and be part of the last quiz night on Earth.

Join us for a very different performance where we change almost everything we have done before.

Tickets available at www.buntingforddrama.uk and Sanctuary Estate Agents on the High Street.

THE LAST QUIZ NIGHT ON EARTH

by Alison Carr

an amateur production

by arrangement with Nick Hern Books

3rd 4th 5th July 2025

One pub. One quiz. One last round.
One last chance to win before the world ends.

Seth Ward Community Centre

Buntingford Dramatic Society



@buntingforddramaticsociety



Help Isabel Hospice Protect End-of-Life Care Amidst National Hospice Funding Crisis

Isabel Hospice is urgently appealing for community support to protect its vital end-of-life care services as a nationwide hospice funding crisis continues to deepen.

While the cost of running the hospice has surged —driven by the sharp increase in national insurance and energy costs to name a few – the government funding that covers just 30% of Isabel Hospice’s costs has remained stagnant for the last two years.

Helen Glenister, CEO of Isabel Hospice, said:

“Every day, our dedicated team of nurses and doctors witness the profound impact our care has on patients and their loved ones. But right now, we are facing a national hospice funding crisis that threatens our ability to continue providing this essential support.

“We are doing everything in our power to beat this crisis, but we urgently need the



Isabel Hospice Nurse, Jess, caring for her patient, Jennifer.

community’s help to bridge the immediate gap we face and ensure that no one has to face life’s hardest chapter alone.”

Isabel Hospice’s Cost of Caring Urgent Appeal seeks to raise funds to help keep it’s vital services running.

Just £28 could pay for an hour of nursing care. To donate, please call Isabel Hospice on 01707 954850 or visit isabelhospice.org.uk/CostOfCaring. Every pound will help local families by protecting their access to vital end-of-life care.

THE BUNTINGFORD SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Summer Time is here. Time to think about booking trips to the coast so why not join the SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB for tea coffee and bingo.

We meet every Monday (except Bank Holidays) 1:30pm for 2pm in the Church Hall opposite The Post Office in Baldock Road.

For more information please call Val on: 01763 272019

The first thing to mention is the great success of the Home Start Aquathon! As planned, we certainly were the team who displayed the most swimming styles from Aquacise to Waterpolo! £1080 was raised by our intrepid band of swimmers who braved the slightly chilly water of Royston swimming pool on the 27th April. A big thank you must go to all who sponsored us. The money raised will be divided between ourselves and Home Start, the charity who organised the event.



The Pool Group had a meeting with officials and councillors from both the county and district council on 8th May at which we presented our updated business plan and requested that a lease on the pool be granted. Following this, the county council will be consulting specialists in the field regarding the plan's feasibility, before compiling a report to be presented to the newly appointed Resources and Performance Cabinet in July. It is at that meeting that we are expecting a decision to be made regarding the grant of a lease for the pool to the Pool Group. We are confident that our business plan is robust and will provide a long term future for the pool.

It is not yet clear which of the newly elected county councilors will be chosen to make up this committee, so in the meantime do please, if you can, contact your new county councillor on our behalf and raise the issue of the pool's future with them. (Terry.Smith@hertfordshire.gov.uk for Buntingford Division).

Without a lease on the building, we cannot undertake any of the plans we have been working on. Several grant providing organisations also require a lease to be in place for us to apply for funding. It is therefore crucial that a lease is granted as soon as possible.

Once the county council agrees to lease the pool to our charity we will require professional support to negotiate and complete the legal process. If you have the skills to help with this we would love to hear from you. The less money we have to pay for professional services, the more we can spend on refurbishing the pool! Similarly we would also like to hear from anyone with project management experience who could oversee the refurbishment process.

As the summer approaches, do look out for us at the local village fairs and the Braughing Wheelbarrow race where we will again be selling second hand books (please get in touch if you've got any to donate) and our exclusive shopping bags. There aren't many left so get in quick!

BUNTINGFORD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Carol Emery

buntingfordlocalhistorygroup@hotmail.com

This month's talk was inspired when I read that The White Hart in Puckeridge had closed its doors. It got me thinking how many pubs had closed their doors over the years, so the research began. It is believed that monks brewed some of the first ale as it was safer than water which was drunk straight from an often contaminated well. During the 16th and 17th Century hops were added to the brew and it became more popular. In the 18th and 19th century during the industrial revolution the brewing process became mechanised and different beers were produced on a commercial basis.

There were a variety of different sorts of pubs. Inns usually provided accommodation for guests as well as serving all forms of alcohol. Most of these were originally on coaching routes where coaches could stop, change horses and get food and refreshment.

Public houses were licensed to sell spirits as well as beer and cider. Following the Beer house act of 1830 any rate payer could sell beer and cider from their own domestic dwelling after paying a license fee of £2 guineas. There was no duty payable on beer in an attempt to cut the consumption of spirits especially gin which was a favourite of the very poor as it was cheap, often distilled in dirty backstreets and containing very dangerous ingredients, it would get the consumer drunk very quickly and for a time would make them oblivious to their poor lives.

Buntingford had many pubs that are now long gone. In the High Street there was The Bell, The George, Indian Star, Carpenters Arms, The Globe, The Angel, White Hart, Cock Inn, and The Swan.

There was the Windmill, off London Road, Adam and Eve and The Railway both in Station Road, Waggon and Horses (now Bridewell House), The Kings Head (stood where the Manor House is) and finally the Jolly Sailors.

Aspenden had the Red Lion which burnt down in 1917. At first it was thought the landlady Mrs Brightling had died in the fire but her body was never found. A further search of the remains of the pub where the earth and ashes were sieved revealed no sign of her body. No one could give an explanation as to what happened to her.

In Cottered, there was The Chequers, which changed its name to The Bell at some stage. This is now a private house and opposite that was the Old Off License that also sold beer to be consumed on the premises. The Bell closed in the 1990's and the Off License in the 1950's.



The Bell

In Hare Street and the Hornead's they had The Swan which closed in about 1909.

The Bell which straddled the parishes of Great Hornead and Layston, ceased to trade in about 1930 but changed to a sweet shop and also sold milk from the cows kept in the back garden of the building.



The Swan



The White Hind

In the 1500's there was another one called The Three Jolly Butchers which was a timber framed building that caught fire in 1890 and burnt down. It was replaced by a brick-built pub that called itself the Jolly Butchers. That closed in 1960 and is now a private house. The last one was the Red Lion which only lasted from 1854 closing in 1878.

In the parish of Thunderidge the White Hind is at 54 Ermine Street, but closed and is now a private house.

At 18 Ermine Street there was the Windmill presumably as this is at a high point in the village there was originally a windmill nearby. The following have also been long gone, The George near 15 Ermine Street, The Bull that was close to 32 Ermine Street, The Wrestlers near the river, and the White Swan which was opposite the Sow and Pigs (now called Malton's).

The Anchor closed its doors a few years ago and was up for sale at £800,000. It was then reduced to £600,000 with permission to convert it into 2 houses.

The next parish is Standon, and the White Horse, High Cross, built in the 17th century closed its doors in 2017 and is now a private house. The White Horse.

The Lamb and Flag in Colliers End was bought originally by The Ware Charity Trustees but in 1890 it was given as an endowment for Ware Grammar School. Many years later it became a Thai/ Chinese restaurant but that too has closed.



The White Horse

In Barwick the Smokeless Powder Company bought a lease of 126 acres in 1888 and the company set about building a factory to produce smokeless gun powders for the munitions industry. Their product was so popular they were supplying companies such as Remington, Winchester, Kynoch, Eley and the Royal Small Arms with powder for their gun cartridges. In addition, they manufactured powder for torpedoes, artillery shells and for mine blasting. They changed the name of the company many times over the years but continued to make and supply highly sought after smokeless powder. Along with the factory they built a pub called the Factory Arms but later renamed The Duke of Wellington. The company eventually closed as a munitions manufacturer and at auction a man called Harry Sears bought 33 acres with buildings and produced the snaps for Christmas crackers. Eventually that closed as well, and the pub closed in the 1990 and is now a private house.

BUNTINGFORD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP CONT...



In Standon village there used to be at least 3 pubs now all closed. The Windmill, the Falcon, and the Red Lion.

Moving now to Chipping, as well as The Countryman originally called the Red Lion, it closed as a pub in 2020 and is now a tea room. The Royal Oak a few yards away from the Countryman was demolished after closing in 1995 and is now a small housing development called Royal Oak Close.

Further up the A10 towards Royston was the White Horse which stood on the west side of the A10 at Buckland. The landlord from 1910 was Edmund Cole and family. His wife Martha died in 1917 and her sister Emily Preston came to look after the 2 young children. Her bedroom was on the top right of the picture and she hated the squeaking noise the pub sign made in the wind. To stop the noise, she kept a goose feather tied to a stick which she dipped in oil and hanging out of the window would oil the sign at night to stop the noise.

This picture shows how narrow the A10 was originally so the pub along with another called the Chequers and the houses on the west side of the road were all demolished in the 1960's to widen the road and the new council houses were built further back from the road.

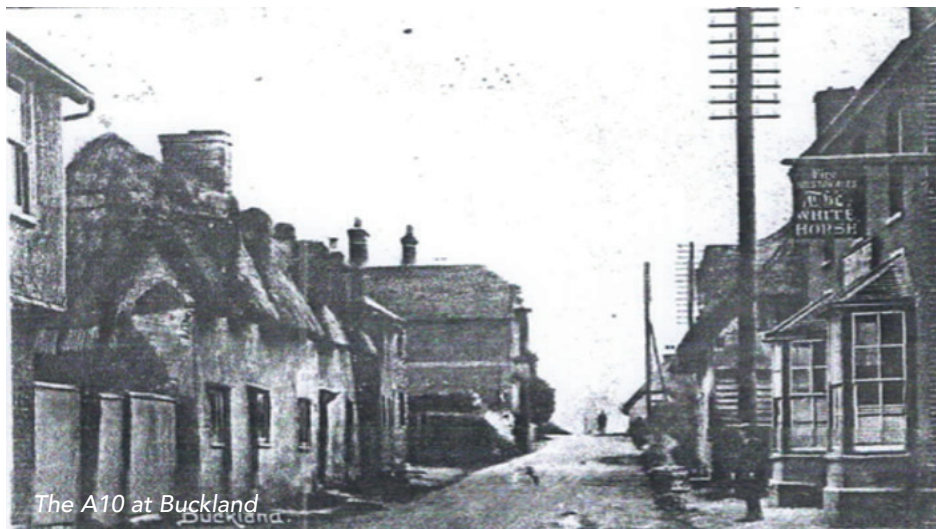


Royston, another coaching stop had about 55 pubs and beer houses over the years. Only a few remain whilst several new ones have appeared they are more like restaurants than drinking establishments.

Ware was also a stopping point for coaches and according to a post in the Old Bulls Head there were over 130 different pubs over the years. This number has been disputed by a local historian who thinks 61 is a more realistic number. Again, only about 11 are now in existence, and some of them appear to be new establishments.

Within parish of Little Munden, at Green End there was the Red Lion, the Bell and the Rest and Welcome at Haultwick all disappeared sometime ago and the Boot at Dane End closed last year.

In Great Munden, the Three Horse Shoes at Nasty, at Levens Green it was the Horse and Groom again closed sometime ago. My favourite was the Plough at Herringworth Hall. This pub was due to close and was put up for sale by the brewery. Mr Carrington bought it with the intention of turning it into a house for his family. The locals protested and persuaded him to keep it open which he did. His son Gerald Carrington was an organ builder and in 1965 when he took



The A10 at Buckland

over the pub, he bought a Compton organ that had been in The Gaumont Theatre in Finchley. He enlarged the lounge area and installed the organ. This became a great attraction which unfortunately I never witnessed with people coming from great distances to see it in action. When Gerald died in 1982 it was bought several times with the organ remaining in use. The final owners in the 2000's finally closed the doors with the organ being sold. The pub was demolished and new houses erected on the land.

Government statistics state that in 2024 34 pubs a month closed their doors either to be sold or let as going concerns or to be turned into private houses or new developments. Many publicans put this down to the rising costs of utilities, the increase in national insurance contributions and the general cost of living stopping customers from going out so much. How much longer will the very British institution be able to survive.



The Plough

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN VENUE FOR OUR MEETINGS...

Our next meeting will be on the **10th June at 2pm** but the venue will in future be the **UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL IN BALDOCK ROAD**. The price is still £2 per person which will include tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Ken McDonald, Secretary



We know that being outside is good for our wellbeing, both mental and physical. Besides the open

countryside, we are fortunate in The Hundred Parishes to have parks and gardens where we can walk, sit and enjoy nature. I will mention just a few. Bridge End Gardens in Saffron Walden was created by a local businessman and Quaker, Francis Gibson, in the 1840s. It is now managed by Saffron Waldon Town Council. Delights to explore include the hedge maze, rose garden and Dutch garden.

The Gardens of Easton Lodge in Little Easton have limited opening hours which can be found on our website www.hundredparishes.org.uk. They were designed by Harold Peto in 1902 for the Countess of Warwick who lived at Easton Lodge.

In Sawbridgeworth, Pishiobury Park was redesigned by Capability Brown in the 18th century as an enclosed park. It is a registered historic park and includes wet woodland, grazed fields, an oak walk, meadows and part of the River Stort.

Birchanger Wood comprises 69 acres of ancient coppiced woodland, managed and owned by the Birchanger Wood Trust. Three miles of all-weather, wheelchair-friendly paths make it easy to explore.

In Stansted Mountfitchet, the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve is a 25 acre woodland with six man-made ponds. It was originally part of the park and

garden of Aubrey Buxton's house. He was a co-founder of the World Wildlife Trust and donated the land to Essex Wildlife Trust. Today you can enjoy circular walks passing the ponds through the wood.

June is the month when many private gardens open to the public, even groups of gardens in Duxford and Ickleton – details appear on the What's On section of our website.

We hope you enjoy the summer and explore some of our wonderful parks and gardens.



Little Easton - Gardens of Easton Lodge



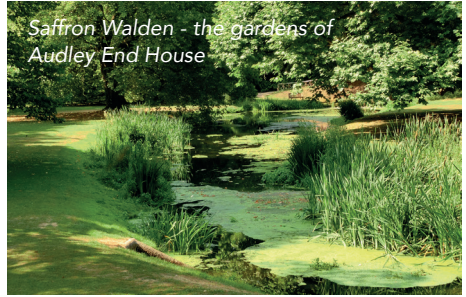
Sawbridgeworth - Pishiobury Park



Saffron Walden - Bridge End Gardens



Birchanger - Birchanger Wood



Saffron Walden - the gardens of Audley End House



Much Hadham - Henry Moore Foundation in Perry Green



BUNTINGFORD FILM CLUB

Bringing Cinema back to Buntingford

David Woollcombe



Film Club Annual General Meeting

Friday 20th June @ 7.30pm at the Stables, 57 Wyddial Road, SG9 9AX

Come along to review the way your Film Club works, elect a New Committee, and help us agree new Policies & choose the films – or the kinds of films – you want us to screen in the 2025 / 26 Film Club season. As usual, drinks and snacks will be served!

FIRST SHOW OF THE 2025 / 26 SEASON

Ariana Grande

In



– Friday September 12th at 7.30pm – Sword Inn Hand, Westmill –

(Open Air Screening: doors open at 06.00 – meals, drinks and Barbecue food on sale)

WICKED is one of the most successful film musicals of recent years, taking \$750 million at the global Box Office. It was nominated, among many other awards, for 10 Oscars – and it won two: for Costume and Set design. These were richly deserved as the film looks spectacular! Critics were generally positive, with one calling it “*– a genuinely enjoyable spectacle! A sugar-rush fantasy with the star presence of Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande as the unlikely school friends, Elphaba and Glinda, Michelle Yeoh as the stately school principal and Jeff Goldblum as the droll Wizard.*”

The stage Musical took \$5 billion world wide, so it was inevitable that it would follow the 1939 Judy Garland classic *Wizard of Oz* – to which it is the Prequel – into the cinemas. It now does so in two parts: what you are seeing here is an expansion of the first half of the Stage story; the second half comes out this autumn.

It is the perfect film for a late summer evening – so bring your coats, rugs and comfortable picnic chairs and relax with the Sword Inn Hand’s excellent food and drink service - and enjoy a world class musical on our big open air screen.

All tickets: £8.00 *(bring your own chairs and warm rugs: it may get wickedly cold later!)*

At: www.tickettailor.com/events/buntingfordfilmclub

or at Sanctuary, 42 High St. Buntingford

or at the Bar of the Sword Inn Hand, Westmill

BALFF- BUNTINGFORD ADULT LEARNING FOR FUN



Wednesday Lectures start at 10.30am. Coffee is served before the meeting from 10.00am. Any further information please phone Julia Peacock on 01763-272584 or Joan Jones 01763-273341

Our September Course Is The Collapse Of The USSR Through The Witness Eyes

Our Tutor is Marina Burrell

The Course Starts on:
Wednesday 10th September 2025

The dissolution of the Soviet Union was one of the most significant events of the 20th century. What caused the largest Communist empire to collapse? What did democracy and market economy bring to ordinary Russian people?

Based on the Lecturer's experience, including the case studies on the Baltic States, Kazakhstan and the Caucasus, illustrated with period artefacts and videos, the course also encourages its participants to discuss current affairs and relate Russia's recent past to its present.



Charity Bingo Night

Join us at Melwood Grange Care Home for our Bingo Night Fundraiser in support of the **Home-Start** charity.

Enjoy exciting bingo games, tasty refreshments and great entertainment, all whilst helping to support children and families in the local community.

 **Thursday 5th June**
From 6:30pm

 **£10 per person**

Tickets are £10 per person with all proceeds going to Home-Start. Additional bingo sheets can be purchased for £2 each.

To book, please scan the QR code which will take you directly to our event on Ticket Tailor.



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SERVICES at 11am / JUNIOR CHURCH IN THE HALL at 11am

June	1	Holy Communion	Rev John Proctor
	8	Morning Worship	Richard Lewney
	15	Morning Worship	Rev Allen Morton
	22	Morning Worship	Rev Sue Fender
	29	Morning Worship	Rev Sue Fender
July	4	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Fender

Regular Events

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

We are holding a new Ecumenical Bible Study on the first Wednesday of each month.

We will meet for lunch from 12.30 and our bible study will run from 1.00 – 2.00 pm.

Entitled Influential Women we will look at the stories of the women of the New Testament. Some only get a brief mention and we may not remember them, others have played a significant part in the life of the early church. All of them have story to tell us.

COFFEE & COMPANY

Meets every Thursday, 10:30am to 12:30pm, in the URC Church Hall. If you're elderly, living alone, new to the area, perhaps working from home, and would like some company, come along to share Coffee, Cake, Company and Chat. All are welcome. Just turn up and give a small donation for the refreshments.

It's been a busy and exciting few weeks at Attend2Health! We're pleased to announce the addition of a new treatment now available at the clinic – Lymphatic Drainage Massage.

This gentle, soothing massage helps stimulate the lymphatic system, aiding the body in removing waste and toxins more efficiently. Lymphatic drainage can be focused on the face, helping reduce puffiness under the eyes and around the chin, while also improving skin tone and complexion. Alternatively, it can be applied to the whole body, supporting detoxification and promoting deep relaxation. Appointments are available on Tuesday and Friday mornings – do get in touch if you'd like to find out more or book a session.

We also loved seeing the local community come together for the VE Day celebrations. A special shout-out to our wonderful receptionist, Caroline, who took part in the choir and helped bring some beautiful music to the occasion!

On Saturday 10th May, our chiropractors Homam, Ashleigh and Louise enjoyed a fantastic day at the Barkway Village Market. They met lots of friendly faces and shared advice on managing back and neck pain. It was a brilliant event with a lovely atmosphere – thank you to everyone who stopped by!





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and Westmill

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Reverend Kirsty Wainwright



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OUR SERVICES FOR JUNE 2025

Sunday 1st	9:30am	All Age Worship	St Mary the Virgin, Westmill
	9:30am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Aspenden
	11:00am	Holy Communion	*Edwinstree Middle School
Sunday 8th	9:30am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary the Virgin, Westmill
	9:30am	All Age Worship	St Mary's, Aspenden
	11:00am	All Age Worship	*Edwinstree Middle School
Sunday 15th	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Aspenden
	11:00am	Holy Communion	*Edwinstree Middle School
Sunday 22nd	9:30am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary the Virgin, Westmill
		No Service	St Mary's Aspenden
	11:00am	Morning Worship	*Edwinstree Middle School
Sunday 29th	9:30am	Benefice Together Holy Communion	*Edwinstree Middle School

*Please note whilst St Peter's will be closed as restoration works are being carried out, our ministry and mission will continue. Our weekly Sunday services will relocate to **Edwinstree Middle School, Norfolk Road, SG9 9AW**. For further information about the restoration project please visit our website.

Please visit our website for the latest information about our services, events and courses and you can also follow us on our social media channels.

Direct links to our 3 church Service and Event pages:

St Mary's Aspenden: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7834/service-and-events/events-all/

St Peter's Buntingford: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7839/service-and-events/events-all/

St Mary the Virgin Westmill: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7851/service-and-events/events-all/

UPDATE ON REGULAR EVENTS DURING RESTORATION



Prayer for Buntingford Walk

A time of open, informal prayer for the town and local community. Held 8:15am – 8:45am weekly on Fridays.

Meeting at 8:15am outside St Peter's Church, join us for a Prayer Walk around Buntingford.



Morning Prayer

9am Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, we pray together via Zoom using the Church of England Daily Prayer book, with bible readings, a reflection and a psalm. It is a quiet, gentle gathering to prepare for the day ahead. Please contact us for the link.



Monday Morning Coffee at The Crown Pub

10am – 12pm (except bank holidays). The Crown Pub has kindly offered us the space to continue offering Tea, Coffee and biscuits whilst our restoration works are being carried out. All welcome.

St Mary's Church Aspenden
Website



St Mary the Virgin Church
Westmill - Website



St Peter's Church Buntingford
Website



Scan here



Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Aspenden

Saturday 28th June 2025

10am - 12:30pm

Join us for a coffee and some delicious cake. There will also be a raffle and plants for sale too. All donations will go towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.



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Monday to Friday: 9am–9pm Weekends: 9am–4pm

Or confidential email: kim@mailpurple.org

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As a Christian school, we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone.

As a community, we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.

We would like to advertise our Summer Fayre; we have run this event for the last 2 years and it will be taking place this year on **Saturday 5th July 2025**. The Buntingford Community will be very welcome to attend.

This term the Christian value that we are exploring is 'Thankfulness' and we have already discovered that we need to regularly celebrate the beautiful nature and the town that we are so lucky to live in. Our Summer Fayre highlights the work that the school has been doing to support our students to learn our values, and to look after the environment that we live in.

Our Fayre is an opportunity for our students to raise funds for our wildlife projects including:

- Protecting and relining our pond.
- Providing the resources to continue to grow produce for our Food and Nutrition lessons.
- Providing protection for our Woodland trust tree planting scheme.
- Supporting the avenue of trees that we are planning, to celebrate King Charles Coronation and the Queens passing (We have been saving for this for the last two years through the Fayre earnings).

Students, alongside our Edwin Tree School Association, will offer a variety of goods that they have made and/or



recycled to purchase, as well as show casing some of their talents with an offer of:

- Fishing lesson from our keen angler.
- Scones with cream and jam, or cake made by our bakers.
- A variety of sustainable products made by our Technology team and Textiles club.
- Sustainable games to play with small prizes.
- Art and face painting opportunities.
- Car boot sale.



May we also take the time to remind you it is **No Mow May**. We are actively encouraging our students to allow their gardens

to become overgrown, to support the insects. Do you think you can help? Weeds are good!

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Laura Kennedy-Weeks, Headteacher

As we sail into the Summer Term we have already shared and created lots of special moments here at Millfield.

School Trips

Our curriculum has been enriched with a range of school trips for the Summer Term, so far these include:

- Standalone Farm for Nursery children
- Shepreth Wildlife Park for Reception children
- Hatfield Forest for Year 1 children
- Botanical Gardens in Cambridge for Year 2 children
- Wrest Park for Year 3 children
- Residential Trip to Hautbois Activity Centre in Norfolk for Year 4 children

PTA Discos

Millfield PTA arranged fantastic discos for Reception, KS1 & KS2 children, who all had great fun showing off their dance moves and enjoying time with their friends.

Dental Assembly

Thank you to Buntingford Dental Clinic who visited Millfield to host assemblies to highlight the importance of good oral health for Reception, KS1 and KS2 children.

Football Tournament at Royston

On Tuesday 6th May selected Year 3 and 4 children represented Millfield at a Football Tournament at Royston Town Football Club. Staff were very proud of their learning behaviours and the effort shown on the pitch playing together as a team which led to Millfield winning the



tournament and bringing home the trophy. Well done to the children and their coach, Mr Rome, this is a fantastic achievement!



International Day

Millfield recently held an International Day event which was a great success! The children had a fantastic time exploring different countries, learning about new cultures and getting involved in a range of creative activities. Some of the exciting countries

the children explored during the event were Norway, Kenya, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Mexico and Australia.

VE Celebrations

We had a wonderful time celebrating VE Day at Millfield. The children worked brilliantly together to create beautiful window displays in their classrooms. Everyone looked fantastic dressed in red, white and blue, adding a vibrant touch to the day. The children shared a snack outside and enjoyed a fantastic outdoor party filled with music, fun and lots of dancing! A huge thank you to the History Faculty for organising such a special event, helping us all to remember and honour an important moment in our history.

Walk Around Buntingford

Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed their Spring Walk around Buntingford. They were keen to explore nature, spot blooming flowers, listen to birds sing and enjoy the fresh air. It was a wonderful adventure full of curiosity and joy! Nursery children represented Millfield very well.

Times Tables Rockstar Day & Number Day

Here at Millfield, we held a Timetables Rockstars Day for KS2 children. It was wonderful to see the great efforts the children made to look like 'Rockstars'. The children had a fantastic day engaging and taking part in a range of fun and exciting times table games.

EYFS and KS1 children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Number Day where they dressed in all things related to numbers!



EYFS Places for September 2025

We have places available in our Reception to start in September 2025. If you are interested in a place for your child, please contact the School Office for further information.



Report on our showcase of young musicians and vocalists at Buntingford Music Live on Saturday 26th April in Seth Ward community centre.

Huge thanks to all our talented performers who put on such an incredible event enjoyed by a large audience of supporters.

Thanks also to our fantastic panel of musical experts, TJ, Jon, and Dan, and to our Town Mayor, Duncan Wallace, for presenting our performers with a certificate of their participation.

The Buntingford Live Team are thrilled to be able to support upcoming talent. All shortlisted performers will now have an opportunity to record a track at Martin Gimson's recording studio, the Music Bunker at Braughing.

Maytime Music on Friday 2nd May

This was another successful event featuring 20 of the talented young musicians from nearby St. Edmund's College under the direction of Andrew O'Brien. The church was packed with an appreciative audience once again. There was no charge for this event but donations at the end of the evening were shared by the church and the local Air Ambulance charity. We look forward to welcoming Andrew with his pupils again next year. The photo shows the group with Duncan Wallace, our Town Mayor who is an enthusiastic supporter.

Westmill Art Exhibition 2025

Saturday 31st May 10am- 5pm

Sunday 1st June 11am-5pm

Come along and support the 35th year of this wonderful event, featuring local artists' work for sale at affordable prices. All funds raised will go towards Westmill Church.

Summer Jazz Event

Sunday 8th June 1pm-3.30pm we're

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Dates For Your Diary

Friday 8th August Author Talk 7.30pm

Bunters Suite. Details on next issue

Friday 19th September 7.30pm Comedy Night in Bunters Suite Seth Ward

Thursday 25th September 7.30pm Haileybury Music Students at Westmill Church

Saturday 11th October 8pm, A Cabaret evening of Jazz with The Alex Jones Trio, at Seth Ward Hall

Friday 21st November 'A Christmas Carol' with Guy Masterson!

Saturday 29th November 7.30pm, Blues & Booze Evening, Seth Ward details to follow

The next issue will also have date of a **Candlelit Carol** event in December.

Please use our website: buntingfordlive.org

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REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS:	TUESDAYS:	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS:	FRIDAYS:	WEEKENDS:
From 8.30am: Buntingford Market	7.30–9pm: Braughing Sing Community Choir in Jenyn's School Hall	Buntingford Meditation Online at 8 pm and once a month in Saint Peter's Church. To join the group the best way is to contact me via the website - www.mindful-worklife.com/buntingford-meditation New meditators are welcome and guidance is given on how to meditate in the sessions.	10.30am–12.30: Coffee & Company in the URC Church Hall		Sun, 9am: Norfolk Road Playing Fields Junior Parkrun
10–11.45am: Chatter Table at the Manor House – 1st & 3rd Mondays			2–3pm: Mind & Music at Standon & Puckeridge CC		Sat, 10am: Walking Football at the MUGA, Norfolk Road Playing Fields
Morning Coffee 10-12 St Peter's					
EVENTS IN THE LIBRARY:					
10.30–11am & 11:30 -12pm: Baby Rhyme Time (songs, rhymes, actions and puppets, for ages 6 weeks to 3 years)	10.30–12.30: Jigsaw & Chat club	11am: Chair Yoga with Kim	10.30 – 11am: Storytime (storytelling with props, for ages 2-5 years)	4-5pm: Lego Club for children	
11.45am–12.45pm: Forever Cycling at the Community Centre -1st & 3rd		10-11am Chatter & Natter, Buntingford Coffee Shop			
1.30 for 2pm: Buntingford Senior Citizens' Club at URC Hall		12- 4pm Braughing Shed Group			
7.30–9:30pm: Buntingford Community Choir at Millfield School					

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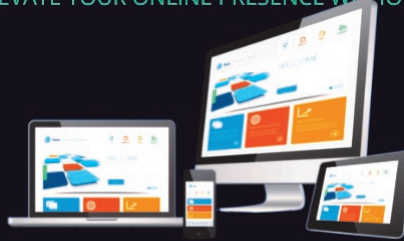
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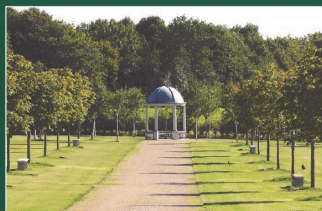
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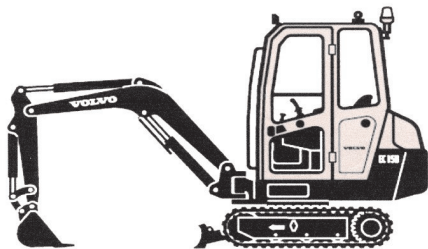
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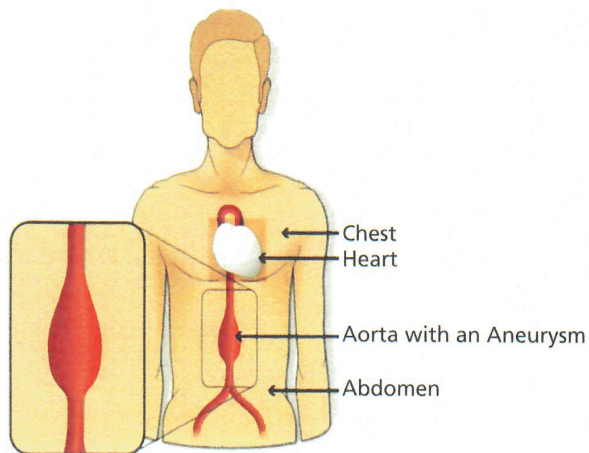
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WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

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Restored the town pump twice and Town Cage once

Initiated erection of Christmas lights in the High Street and Market Hill

Present an annual school civic award

Updated the set of Town Trails with the Discovering Buntingford booklet.

Erected a Town Sign and replaced it on a like for like basis in 2018

Installed a seat on the hill to Layston Cemetery and paid for works at the Layston Cemetery

Erected Town Gateway signs complete with Planters and currently pay for the plants

Contributed financially to the Fremam College sports hall, Buntingford Film Club, previous

Buntingford Carnivals, Summer Arts in Buntingford 2022 weekend, and gave a grant to the

Friends of the River Rib and Quin

Paid for the Local History Group competition prizes in 2023

Done River Rib and town cleans

Fitted a sign in the Police Station Community Garden and paid for new plants there in 2019.

Were actively involved with the production of the Neighbourhood Plan

Arranged Buntingford in Bloom competitions

Updated the circular walks on local footpaths leaflet in 2017

In 2024 paid for roses and a plaque in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and for the Coronation of

King Charles III at the new cemetery

Hosted 2 annual Civic Day walks

WHAT ARE WE PLANNING TO DO?

Monitor future housing development and continue to work with local organisations for the benefit of Buntingford, including the River Rib Project. Are now sourcing a replacement plaque for The Cage. Are looking to host a third Civic Day Walk, arrange a fifth Buntingford in Bloom competition and be part of a D Day commemoration event in May

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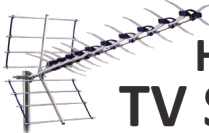
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