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Dear All

Thankfulness is an attitude of the heart. There are various words that can be used to describe thankfulness, such as gratitude or appreciation. With thankfulness, we often reflect back on things which have occurred in our life or the lives of others. In moments of reflection, if we look back at good moments or situations that might have occurred, a feeling of gratitude starts building up within us and can often be expressed in a variety of ways such as word, action or song.

It has been scientifically proven that the effects of gratitude on the heart and brain are vastly different to those cultivated when in a state of stress. In cultivating gratitude, the heart has smooth rhythms and the body comes into a greater state of homeostasis. Whereas in stress states such as frustration the heart rhythms become more erratic and it becomes more difficult for the brain to think coherently. The importance of thankfulness can clearly be seen from the science as well as the bible. Apostle Paul encouraged believers in Ephesians 5: 19-20 *'speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'*, He emphasised how

we should be thankful to God in all circumstances.

It can be difficult to cultivate thankfulness during hardships. The feeling of gratitude can seem like a contradiction to how we feel inside. Yet, often this is when thankfulness is most important, when we don't feel like it. For thankfulness takes our minds off the present difficulties we might be facing, (not to ignore them),

We are thankful to God that we have started another year, 2022, after being through uncertain times over the past two years.

We are thankful for all the key workers who have worked tirelessly in this period to keep us and our loved ones safe

but to become aware of other blessings bestowed upon us. As we focus on the blessings in our lives, (e.g. the gift of life) hope begins to arise from within. Hope that beauty lies ahead of us in the journey of life despite current challenges.

We are thankful to God that we have started another year, 2022, after being through uncertain times over the past two years with the corona virus situation. We are thankful for all the key workers who have worked tirelessly in this period to keep us and our loved ones safe; such as healthcare workers and cleaners. We are grateful that we are able to meet with one another even in our Churches encouraging each other in faith. We are grateful to God that He is always with us and that his mercies for us are new each day.

As we continue through this new year may we foster an attitude of gratitude. Maybe it is difficult to find things to be

grateful for. That's fine, we can always start with something simple. Maybe finding a sense of gratitude for a hot cup of tea or coffee. Maybe you could find a sense of gratitude for the gift of life or possibly you might decide to take out a paper and a pen and note down a few things you are thankful for and read them to yourself thinking of the positive aspects of life because

of those things. In the development of this heart posture, may we ever move towards the reality of Psalm 9:1, *'I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.'*

Revd Theresa Musiwacho

Weddings, Baptisms and other matters

Saturday Registration is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month
10.00 am to 11.30 am at Little Berkhamsted Church.

If you, or someone you know is interested in a wedding or baptism, or just have a question for our Rector, we will be happy to see you.

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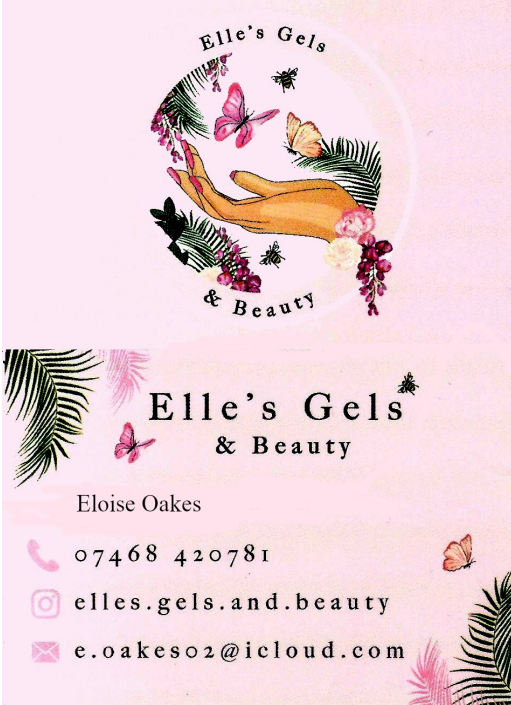
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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday 6th February 4th Sunday before Lent

9:30 am Parish Communion & Sunday Club

9: 30 am Family Service

11:00 am Parish Communion

Essendon

Ponsbourne

Brickendon

Sunday 13th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

9:30 am Parish Communion

11:00am Family Service

Bayford

Little B

Sunday 20th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

9:30 am Family Service

9:30 am Parish Communion

11:00 am Family Service

Essendon

Ponsbourne

Brickendon

Sunday 27th February Sunday next before Lent

9:30am Parish Communion

11:00am Family Service

5pm Zoom

Little B

Bayford

online

Wednesdays

9:30am Mid -week Parish Communion

10:00am Telephone Service

Joining instructions for both the Zoom and telephone services are available from hartfordhundred@outlook.com

Essendon

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PARISH REGISTER



Deaths

Malcolm Storey, RIP 2/12/21 aged 89 – Essendon

Peter Lee Kent, RIP 12/12/21 aged 64 – Lt. Berkhamsted

On-Line Bible Study Group

every Tuesday at

7pm for 40 minutes on Zoom

Joining instructions can be obtained

from

Heather at heather.ross46@gmail.com

Possible future COVID-19 lockdown. In the event of a further lockdown in the New Year, the Parish Magazine will be available online at begesford.co.uk/ParishMag. If you are unable to view the online version, the Church and Parish news sections of the magazine may be available in printed version, by special request. Editor.

CHURCH WOODYARD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

In order to fulfil the increasing orders for our popular, HHW Group woodyard, we need more people to enjoy the wonderful surroundings of Letty Green and operate the simple log splitter for any hours you might be able to spare us. Our customers now are coming from Enfield, Hatfield, Hertford, & Welwyn Garden City as well at the HHH villages.

The woodyard has three basic operations; harvesting, chopping and delivering. Its the chopping that takes the time and a huge thank you to Jamie and Sjoerd McAdam who use the axe and Tony Wright from Bayford who uses the easy-to-operate-electric log splitter, for helping me out.



But as demand rises in the cold weather, we really need more help. Could you spare us some time please? Call or text **Colin on 07540 351 530** for more info so we can keep everyone warm and green. Thank you.

Subscription Renewals. £6 per annum (£18 postal)

We trust that receipt of the magazine each month has in some way played a part in our readers getting through what has been a most demanding past twelve months for many of us. Hopefully, better times are ahead of us in 2022.

Annual subscription renewal for delivery of the magazine to your home was due in January and is reverting back to the pre pandemic rate of £6 for twelve copies. Your local distributor will be calling this month to collect the monies, cash being preferable but cheques, payable to 'Hartford Hundred West Parish Magazine,' also being acceptable.

For those living outside of the five parishes who wish to continue to receive the magazine, the price has increased to £18, reflecting the current Second-Class large letter rate together with the cost of the magazine. Cheques again should be made out to 'Hartford Hundred West Parish Magazine.'

We thank you for your ongoing support and wish you well in 2022.

Opportunities to Join the Parish Magazine team

As if by magic and as regular as clockwork, each month the magazine drops onto the doormats of 480 homes within the five parishes. This is primarily down to our dedicated team of distributors and sub-distributors, to whom we are all indebted.

Due to changes in personal circumstances, we now have the following voluntary openings for anybody living within the parishes who wishes to make a small contribution in maintaining this quality of service:

General Distributor: Receipt of boxes of the magazines from the printer each month, splitting these between the distributors and then liaising with them for the delivery or collection of their allocation.

Little Berkhamsted Distributor: Liaising with the General Distributor for delivery or collection of their monthly allocation and then in turn ensuring that five sub-distributors within the parish are in receipt of their rounds. In addition, delivering to Emmie Murphy's Village Store and covering for any of the sub-distributors.

Should you be interested in playing a part in village life as we know it or wish to learn more about what is involved in any of the above roles, please feel free to contact in the first instance either:

Peter Chivers, Treasurer: peterchivers53@gmail.com or on 01707 642622

or

Mike Wainwright, Editor: parishmag@begsford.co.uk or on 01707 875970

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Notice is hereby given that the Members of the Bayford Memorial Hall Committee will hold an Annual General Meeting on 22nd February 2022 which will commence at 7.30pm. in the Hall.

All residents of Bayford are encouraged to attend.

It will assist the Members if those persons wishing to attend will advise a Trustee as soon as possible.

The Members are;

Mr. Jason Ruben (Acting Chairman and Treasurer),

Mrs. Tracey Bensted, (Trustee),

Mrs. Christina Parker (Trustee),

Mr. Anthony (Tony) Wright (Secretary).

The Agenda will include;

Agree Minutes of previous A.G.M. of 21st. May, 2015

Report of Acting Chairman, Report of Treasurer

Any Other Business.

The A.G.M. will be followed by a Committee meeting.

Anyone resident of Bayford Parish wishing to be elected to the Committee should contact Tony Wright (511479) before 15th February, 2022

The Members look forward to seeing you on 22nd February, 2022.

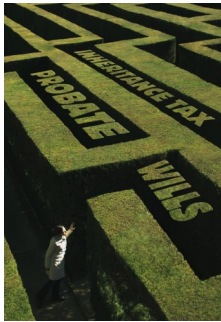
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or visit www.bayford.herts.sch.uk (details under 'Our School' then 'Policies')

The deadline for Applications is 25th February 2022

Parents who qualify for up to 30 hours free childcare can split their entitlement
between more than one provider.



Steve Gibson
Painter and Decorator

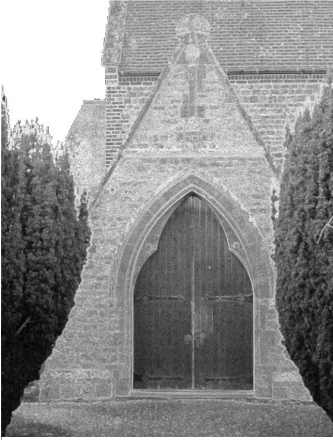
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The advertisement for Steve Gibson, a painter and decorator, features a background image of a paintbrush with a black handle and a silver ferrule, resting on a white surface with a grey brushstroke. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout, including contact information and a circular icon of a paintbrush.



Bayford

St. Mary's Church

CLEANING ROTA

The Church is open on Wednesdays.

Church Cleaning.

For February (13th and 27th)

Jane Honeyman and Liz Sitwell

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

To read the accounts, minutes and agendas just Google 'Bayford Parish Council' and follow the link to 'Minutes'.

Bayford Lane

The state of the roadway in Bayford Lane has been the subject of a long, and so far fruitless, exchange between The Parish Council, Ken Crofton, local residents and HCC/Ringway. Ringway have on several occasions replied that no further action will be taken, in respect of the many outstanding issues, relating to pot holes, sunken drains etc. We have been advised to log occurrences of damage to vehicles. Please e-mail or telephone any Councillor if you have suffered any such damage.

Some repairs have taken place in January.

Meetings.

We have returned to the Memorial Hall for our meetings. Members of the

public are invited to attend. Masks should be worn and hand sanitiser will be provided. Seating will observe 'social distancing' recommendations.

The next meetings:

21st March, 16th May.

Please see the web site for information and minutes. Michael Wainwright (Dr), Chairman.

pc@begesford.co.uk,
01707 875970.

Please check the web site
www.begesford.co.uk

The Baker Arms.

We would like to say thank you to all those who gave us such a warm welcome, and for your continued support.

We will be open on **Valentines Day** (Monday), please check the website or call into the pub for a menu or to book a table.

Should you need accommodation or to book a table please give us a ring on
01992 511235.

We look forward to seeing you.

Bayford and Brickendon PCC Treasurer

Eileen Gay is stepping down after many years of faithful service as Treasurer of the PCC when she and Gerry move away to live permanently in Gibraltar.

It is an important task, but not too demanding in time, and it would be much valued and appreciated if a volunteer could be found to take over. You do not need to be an accountant or skilled in figures, or a member of the congregation – just a willingness to help our local parish affairs.

If you are willing to help, or can suggest anyone who can do so, please contact **Gerry or Eileen Gay – 01992 465304** or **Colin Taylor – 01992 511041**

"Knitting and crocheting - new group

Do you knit or crochet? If not, would you like to learn? A group of us will be getting together in the Baker Arms at 8pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Whether you're an expert or would like to try for the first time, do come and join us. For further information, please call Caroline Fletcher on 07919 317212."

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11.00amSun 20th – Family Service

11.00am Sun 6th March - Parish Communion

You are welcome to stay for a chat and coffee/tea after the services

Flowers

Maureen Reid

Maureen Reid

Janet Burger

Janet Burger

February

4th

11th

18th

25th

Cleaning

Alison Blakey

Virginia Haryott

Dear Parishioners

You are welcome to stay for a chat and a cup of coffee/tea after the services.

I am looking for more helpers to clean the church and with flower arranging. Even if you could help only once or twice a year it would be so helpful. Thanks, **Virginia Haryott 01992 511575 virginia.haryott@gmail.com**

Do phone if you wish to know more information.

Churchwardens:

Gerry Gay 01992 465304

Virginia Haryott 01992 511575

Village Hall

We are continuing to follow Government Covid rules but they are now considerably relaxed so the Hall is up and running having been recently

re-decorated both outside and inside. Hire charge for non-residents is £10 per hour. Phone 01992 511551 for further information.

Pilates. In the Village Hall, Tuesday mornings 9:15am. Harriet Barton. *pilateswithharriet@hotmail.com.*

The Brickendon and District Garden Club

The meetings are in **Brickendon Village Hall**.

Please ring **Janet Burger** on **01992 511099**

Tennis Courts.

Bookings for courts should now be made via the village website: www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Go to the 'Things to do' section, select Tennis and you will find a calendar which allows you to book to play. The key should still be collected from The Farmer's Boy, as before.

The fee is still £5 per court per hour for everyone. This summer the courts and pavilion have been renovated and are in excellent condition.

Brenda Lambie

Parish Council

Meetings 2022

Meetings are normally held in the Fanshaws Room at 7.30pm and all parishioners are welcome to attend and to raise any issues of concern. Agendas are posted on Noticeboards at least 3 days before the meeting.

Meetings:

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne
Brickendon Liberty Parish Council
PO BOX 81, Knebworth, SG3 6YZ

Email clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk
Mobile 07803 906291

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Tennis Courts

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To join the club or any questions please contact,

Nicki Whitelaw 07946300512

nicki.whitelaw@sky.com

Essendon Tennis Club Committee

The Village Hall.

For clubs, remember to check with your governing body for any specific COVID related requirements.

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Essendon Connect Coffee Mornings:

We meet in the Village Hall on Friday Mornings 9.30-11.30 - drop in any time - tea, coffee, cake and conversation - all free. We have a "swap" facility for books, DVDs and puzzles - you might just find something ideal to while away a few hours! We start again on 7th January - Covid situation permitting.

Essendon Playing Field Association

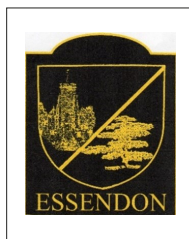
The EPFA website has links to application forms for events and an updated "*Guidance and Rules of Use*". Please visit **www.EPFA.uk**

All Sorts Dementia Group. Social and activity group for people with mild to moderate dementia starting at Essendon Village Hall every Wednesday 10.30am till 3pm from 12th Jan. Spaces limited so please call **01279 498938** or email allsortsdg@gmail.com for more information. Website: www.allsortsdg.co.uk



All Sorts
Dementia Group

ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL



The next meeting of the Essendon Parish Council will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday February 15th. The agenda will be available on the PC website, (<https://www.essendonpc.org.uk/>) and on noticeboards in the village. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.



**FRIENDS OF ST MARYS
ESSENDON**

SAVE THE DATE

DINNER JAZZ

with the ISOBEL GATHEROLE QUARTET

12 March 2022

7.00pm - 7.30pm

Essendon Village Hall

Tickets: £25.00 (inc Dinner)

Raffle ~ Licenced Bar

Essendon Nature Notes

Having come down this morning to see a fresh dead rabbit on the lawn I wondered which opportunists would be first on the scene. A pair of magpies duly obliged and, as is their macabre habit, they took the eyes. A couple of jays clacked around excitedly and a mewling buzzard kept a watch on proceedings from the old oak. When I returned a little later the carcass was gone. As it was daylight I doubt the foxes were up and about so I suspect the red kites had taken it.

In the Middle Ages the kites were welcomed for the benefit of their scavenging in cleaning up the foul cities but in later times persecution to protect game on estate land brought them to the edge of extinction in the UK. There was only two or three sightings in Hertfordshire through the whole of the nineteenth century. I saw my first kite in mid-Wales at a time when they were clinging on in their last stronghold so it was really something to see the first reintroduced pairs above the beech woods of the Chilterns, some thirty years ago now. The explosion in their numbers since then has been dramatic and they are a daily sight above Essendon's fields as they search

for carrion - the presence of this marvellous raptor over the past decades is a wonderful success story. It perhaps says something about our modern way of life that this bird is now flourishing due to the food provided by the large numbers of creatures killed on our roads and it can't be long before they are taking advantage of the rich pickings of city life like their counterparts from centuries ago.

The red kite is easily told apart from the buzzard by its giveaway forked tail and they are amazingly graceful as they float effortlessly on the breeze. The playing fields in Essendon are a great place to watch them tumble and turn but if you see one majestic at rest they are truly magnificent with their red plumage and pale head. They like to renovate old buzzard nests and there are recent stories of them using all sorts of contraband to line them with. This doesn't appear to be a new trick - Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* gives the warning 'When the kite builds, look to lesser linen', so when you are hanging out your washing this spring, first check the skies or you might be missing a few items.

DC

Essendon Family Services, 2022

Services for families of all ages.

3rd Sunday of every month at 9.30.

(some details are still to be agreed so this calendar will be updated regularly)

Everyone is welcome!

January 16th, 9.30am – New Year welcome. Introduction of the new Family Service and a blessing of children for their safety in the New Year.

February 20th 9.30 am – Gran n Gramps. A celebration of grandparenthood.

March – Mothering Sunday, A big thank you for all mums.

April – Chickens, eggs, ducks and some very important bits for Easter. (Easter day 17th April)

May - Pet Service; All pets are part of our families. Let's bless them.

June – Fathers Day. A special day for Dad.

July –Children's service – A special service run by the children

September – Harvest – A time to give thanks and think of others. Farming families most welcome.

October – Teddies: How many can we collect this time for children in Syria who have lost theirs?

November – Remembrance Thinking about those who gave their lives for us so we can live in freedom.

December – Christingle. Remind me, what's the orange for? Oh yes, the Children's Society.

Christmas Day – The big day is here. Jesus's Birthday. So did you get any presents?

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Essendon Sunday Club

Essendon Women's Institute

There is not a report from the Essendon WI December meeting as it was cancelled due to the large increase in Covid cases – however we are starting again in January but ask everyone who attends to wear a mask whilst in the hall.



We are a friendly local group who meet on the third Wednesday of each month in Essendon Village hall at 7.30pm for 8.00pm and we always welcome visitors to our meetings – our next few months talks are:

19th January - The National Parks of England and Wales

16th February – Noel and Ivor

16th March – Stained Glass – Not just in Churches

20th April – A Year in a Hertfordshire Garden

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Gardening in February

On January 2nd the first Aconite appeared so it has beaten the Snowdrops this year and brought a bit of cheer to the very variable weather. Both aconites and snowdrops flourish in clumps but these need splitting and now, unusually, is the time to carefully lift them and replant and do this whilst they are flowering. The very early short pretty light purple Iris, always known here as 'Mary Stansfeld' after that wonderful gardener in Wild Hill, is in full bloom but what extraordinary weather we are having! Have a good look at your herbaceous perennials, removing old growth and letting the new shoots through and keep 'dead heading' your winter pansies to encourage continuous flowering. If you are a Dahlia lover set up your tubers in a shallow tray of potting compost and put them in a warm, light place to encourage them to shoot and, once they have reached a good inch of healthy growth, take a sharp knife, and divide the tubers, pot them up and just make sure they avoid the cold.

Prune your autumn-fruiting raspberries, cutting them down to ground level and apply a general -purpose fertiliser. Keep feeding the birds and make sure they always have water and finish your winter pruning in good time remembering that birds will be starting to nest in March.

Germander Speedwell

Essendon.

Essendon Event August 2022

A number of us are looking to gauge interest and garner support for a proposed Community Event on August Bank Holiday 2022 to be held on the Essendon playing field, .

Although a long way off, the process of gathering said support and commitment starts now.

If you would like to be part of the team and could help in any way, please let Ian know which one (or more) of the following you would like to be involved with:

- 1) Joining the committee which meets 6 times a year from February all the way up to the event in August. Traditionally, a 1 hour meeting held in Essendon Village Hall.
- 2) Assisting with setting up the field on the Sunday before the event on the Monday.
- 3) Assisting in running or helping on a stall.
- 4) Assisting in the advertising/marketing of the proposed event
- 5) Assisting in the clear up process post event .

We live in a community and it has been shown in these more challenging times that we can all work together. With the pandemic suspending fetes, village days, open days etc.,

our belief is that an event such as this would bring people even closer together and any funds raised would be channelled to local worthy organisations and charities.

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The food box is outside the church during the day. Please support it if you can.

News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall. The agenda is published on the website and village noticeboard the week before the meeting and residents are welcome to send questions and comments to the clerk beforehand, clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk or attend the meeting and ask in person.

Dementia Friends Information The Community Café Session

Unfortunately, the January date for this session had to be postponed but it has been rearranged for:

Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

This is a free session lasting about an hour, run by a volunteer Dementia Friends Champion. You will learn more about dementia and how you can help to create dementia – friendly communities. To book a place please visit www.dementiafriends.org.uk and click on ‘Become a dementia friend’ and then ‘Find an Information session’. We look forward to seeing you there.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm.

This is not a Parish Council meeting, but is usually chaired by the chairman of the PC who will report on the council’s activities over the previous year. The floor is then open for residents to comment and ask councillors questions. The meeting will be followed by an informal social evening.

This is held every Friday morning in the Cricket and Community Pavilion from 10.00am to 12.00. Come and enjoy tea and coffee, delicious homemade cake (very often) and good conversation with your friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome!

Volunteer Parish Rights of Way Surveyor Required

Do you like walking the footpaths and bridleways across the parish? As a volunteer you can help to survey, maintain and improve the network of routes and this role can be undertaken in whichever way suits you. For further information and to get involved please click on the link on the home page of the website www.littleberkhamsted.org.uk

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Book Swap - Pre read books to buy £1 or swap 50p, in the Village Hall Post Office Tuesday & Thursday mornings.

Village Chat - WhatsApp group for people living in the village. To join the group contact 07710 507215

Village Pub Social - 8pm the second Friday of every month in either The Crown or The Coach & Horses Pubs, come along to meet friends and make new ones. See Village Chat Whatsapp group or Village website for details.

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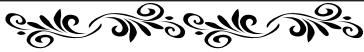
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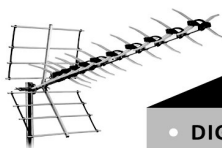


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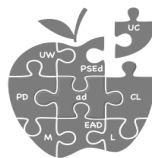
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