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Rector's Article.

Dear All
The Coronation of King Charles III was a momentous occasion celebrated across the kingdom, but nowhere was it more eagerly anticipated than in the five local villages. Residents had been preparing for months, eagerly looking forward to the three-day event which was set to be a highlight of the year. The excitement was palpable as the day finally arrived, and most people in the five villages gathered together to celebrate the crowning of our new king.

To celebrate the Coronation, Hartford Hundred West Group held a Family Group Service, which saw the local community choir coming together to sing hymns and celebrate the occasion. Many people came to pay their respects to the new king, and the atmosphere was one of joyous celebration as the choir sang out in unison. As the service came to a close, refreshments and time of fellowship followed. *"I enjoyed the service, the choir lifted our spirits high"* said one of the community members who had just attended. *"People paid attention to the sermon and the prayers for the King were said in style"* added another one. There were plenty of smiles and chatter as people reminisced the aspects of the service. Surely, it was a revival in the life of the Church and the Community. Afterwards, the crowds spilled out to their community events, eager to continue the celebrations. Some of the celebrations had started as early as Friday. The crown competition/displays and the live concert held at Little

Berkhamsted Church brought many people into the Church.

Over the whole weekend, the villages came alive with a series of parties and events that brought most people together. Village parties were held on the fields, with tables laden with food and drinks for everyone to enjoy. People chatted and laughed as they caught up with old friends, while children ran around playing games and making new friends.

The food was delicious, with local delicacies prepared specially for the occasion. There were platters of fresh seafood, succulent meats, and colourful salads, along with plenty of bread, cheese, and fruits. In some villages, drinks flowed freely, providing refreshment for the crowds. Some even brought their own homemade cakes etc to share with their neighbours.

The weather held up on Sunday, with bright sunshine and warm temperatures adding to the festive atmosphere. People lounged on picnic blankets, soaked up the sun and enjoyed the music and entertainment on offer. There were live bands playing folk music. Children could be seen running around with painted faces, playing games and having fun. Many expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate a shared moment of history.

There was a sense of satisfaction and contentment in the air, as people reflected on the memories, they had made over the coronation. For many, the coronation of King Charles III

Rector's Article.(concluded)

would be a moment they would never forget, and the celebration service and events in the local five villages would be a cherished memory for years to come.

As I give all the glory, adoration and praise to God, I would want to thank Hartford Hundred Group of Churches for what we witnessed at Essendon

Church on the 7th May 2023, the community organisers for community events which reflected unity and support for our King.

Revd Theresa Musiwacho

Prayer Share

God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Weddings, Baptisms and other matters.

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

No appointment necessary

Bayford School.

New Passenger Assistant required for the school bus.

We are looking for a friendly Passenger Assistant to join us in September or before if required.

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their safety on the bus whilst in motion and



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If anyone would like any more information then please contact Rachel Adams or Caroline **01707 334040**

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday 4th June, First Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am, Parish Communion, Essendon
9:30am, Family Service, Ponsbourne
11:00 pm, Parish Communion, Brickendon

Sunday 11th June, Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Bayford
11:00 am, Family Service, Little Berkhamsted

Sunday 18th June, Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am, Parish Communion, Ponsbourne
9:30am, Family Service, Essendon
11:00 am, Family Service, Brickendon

Sunday 25th June, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

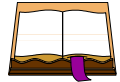
9:30 am, Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted
11:00 am, Family Service Bayford
6:30 pm, Evensong, Essendon

Wednesdays

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon
10:00 am, Telephone Service Free

For joining instructions see
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PARISH REGISTER



Baptism

15th April 2023 Octavia Leonora Rose MARTIN Little Berkhamsted
D.O.B 20.09.2022

Interment of ashes

9th May 2023 Elsie Linda Brooks Ponsbourne
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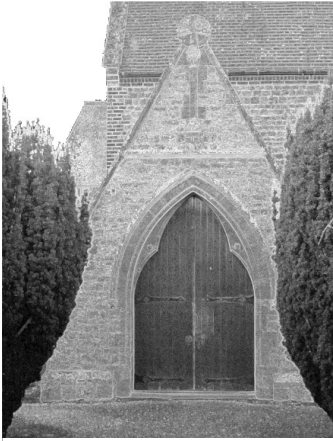
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BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

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

100 years of Minutes.

I have photographed the first hundred years of Parish Council minutes and placed them online, together with the minutes we already have electronically. They start on 13th December 1894.

The Coronation Picnic.

Everyone involved in the Coronation Picnic deserves a huge round of applause. Contrary to the earlier forecast, the weather was warm and sunny. A most enjoyable afternoon.

It is easy to assume that these events just happen, but in fact many hours of preparation and planning are required.

So thank you to the bakers of cakes, riggers of gazebos, sitters on committees, postbox knitters, planters of trees, closers of roads, barbequers,

hay bailers, jazz band hirers, crown crafters, speech makers and of course **everyone who turned up, laughed and chattered.**

Meetings.

19th July Wednesday

Please check the web site.

Michael Wainwright (Dr),
Chairman.

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The Baker Arms.

Darts night 1st Tuesday of the month.
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FATHERS' DAY, booking essential. 18th June

Kind regards, Martin & Bev
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The Knitting Group

We hope everyone loved our Coronation postbox toppers as much as we enjoyed making them.

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ESSENDON NEWS - September 1902

Coronation festivities (King Edward VII):

Our Coronation festivities, which had been postponed from June 26th due to the King's illness, were successfully enjoyed on August 8th. The original programme was to be carried out with the exception of the bonfire which we had on June 30th. The weather was not all that could be desired, but we consoled ourselves with the thought that during this summer, it has often been worse. There was some keen competition in the sports which were held in Bedwell Park. Nearly 200 children had tea in the reading room and about 300 adults sat down to a substantial repast in the schoolroom. A really excellent display of fireworks kindly given by Mr. Phillip Coldham on the evening of the Coronation day in the cricket field was much enjoyed by a large crowd, which dispersed about 10pm. after joining heartily in "God save the King". It has been decided to hand over the balance of the Coronation fund about £6.00 to Parish Nurse Fund.

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16th & 23rd

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Julie Pickering

Brickendon Clubs:

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Book Club - meets every first Tuesday of the month at 8pm, contact **Andrea Trendler for venue - 01992 511588**

Pilates - Every Tuesday morning in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) at 9.15am, to register contact **Harriet Barton, 07944 500504 or pilateswithharriet@hotmail.com**

Fanshaws Room

(the Village Hall)

The Village Hall in Brickendon is a lovely space for meetings, children's parties and other gatherings. More details and photos can be found on the village website www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Hire charge for non-residents is £15 per hour (£10 per hour for residents of Brickendon Liberty parish)

Phone **01992 511551** for further information or to make a booking.

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Parish Council

Meetings

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.

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

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

Minutes: Brickendon website
www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk for .

Meetings:

27th July

28th September

23rd November

Tennis Courts.

The fee for hire is still £5 per court per hour for everyone. Last summer the courts and pavilion were renovated and are in excellent condition.

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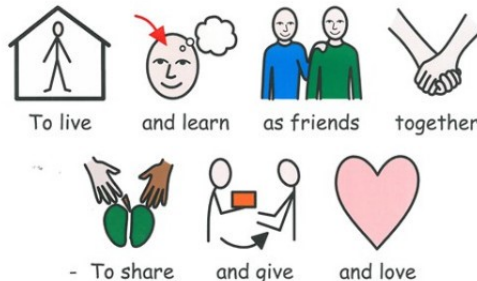


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New season starts 1st May. The prices are £40 family, £25 individual and £15 for a junior. New members always welcome. To join the club

To join the club or any questions please contact,

Nicki Whitelaw 07946300512

nicki.whitelaw@sky.com

Essendon Tennis Club Committee

Essendon Cricket Club

We are looking for a scorer for the coming 2023 season and beyond, ideally Saturday and Sunday, but if someone only wanted to do Saturdays or Sundays that works. Saturday is the day we are struggling with as having your own scorer in a league game is very important. If anyone is interested please contact me.

Ian Venables 07764777343

Essendon CC Captain

ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL

ALL MEETINGS AT
ESSENDON VILLAGE HALL, @ 7PM
14th June

Agendas will be available on the PC website,

(<https://www.essendonpc.org.uk/>)
and on noticeboards in the village.

Minutes of all meetings are also available on the website.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

Ian Venables (Chair)
Rex Jones (Vice-Chair)
Keith Venables
Fran Christensen
Mike Brown
Tracey Willetts

Clerk: Nerine Chalmers
essendonparishcouncil@gmail.com



**The Friends of St. Mary's
Essendon**

Progressive Supper on Saturday 8th July.

Singles or groups of two, three or four can be booked.

Friendships were formed at the last Progressive Supper, by introducing strangers. We hope that by only guaranteeing seating together for small groups that this will happen again.

Everyone to meet in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm for drinks and canapés.

At 7.30 pm everyone will be allocated a house to go to for the main course.

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CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Essendon decided to celebrate King Charles III Coronation with a Picnic **Fit for a King!** Luckily, we held it on the Sunday when the sun came out, all day!!

Our day started at 3 o'clock with the **Sky High Duo** who played for us at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we had three bouncy castles for the children. At 4 o'clock the children's races started, with lots of fun and laughter, ending with a parents' and children's relay, all efficiently organised by Vanessa Spragg. All were awarded stickers and sweets and at the end of the races, each participant was given a Charles III commemorative mug. There was a Prosecco and Real Ale Bar and a constant supply of barbeque burgers and sausages.

Sky High Duo played three sets of thoroughly enjoyable music and in one of their rests, Kit, Shaune Amette's grandson played and sang to us. The entertainment ended with an egg throwing competition which became rather messy!!

About 200 people came, the day had a lovely, happy feel to it and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Lots of tables and chairs and rugs and some lavish picnics were seen and envied!

Our thanks go to our sponsors, without your generosity, the day could not have happened and to all whose hard work made the day such a success.

LONG LIVE THE KING!!

ESSENDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In April the WI welcomed Geoff Bowden to Essendon with his audio tracked presentation "Noel and Ivor". He gave a fascinating insight into the lives, careers and music of two legends of the 20th century's entertainment scene, Noel Coward and Ivor Novello. Geoff has always had a strong interest in the world of musical and performing arts and his often amusing theatrical nostalgia of two great composers and playwrights was enjoyed by his audience.

On the 21st June, the WI will be welcoming **Suzi Clark**, author, artist and company director talking about her eventful life in the events industry and beyond – catastrophes galore and spectacular "wins" along the way.

Essendon WI meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Visitors are always very welcome.



Gardening

After not an easy time for gardeners in the early months of this year and there is still so much that needs doing but Nature has a wonderful way of gradually getting things back to normal!

If you are tidying up around Hellebores, carefully save and pot up seedlings, they may not flower in the future exactly like their 'parents' so can be a lovely surprise!

If you have climbing or rambler roses that seem to be getting out of hand, tie in stems as horizontally as possible so that they send out more side shoots so more flowers. Don't forget to keep 'earthing up' your early potatoes. Begin regular feeding of potted plants using a high potassium feed but don't overfeed them!

Keep a good eye on your frames and greenhouses with your fruiting plants. Tomatoes, peppers, aubergines etc.

need regular watering to help them to fruit well and give them a weekly high potassium feed. Check the greenhouse thermometer in hot spells, using shading and ventilation to keep temperatures down.

Plant out your Dahlias in a warm sunny spot with good soil and where you can see and enjoy them and make sure you have good stakes ready for them! The famous 'Chelsea Chop' is around now, cutting off fading flowers to encourage more and continue to collect up the bits.

Above all, enjoy all you are doing, exchange plants with friends and neighbours and it is surprising how different gardens, often close together, vary in what grows best!

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Earlier this spring listening to a female tawny owl in the garden at dusk it was obvious to see that it had drawn other attention. The owl was calling from the top of the Scot's pine, home for the last few years of a crow's nest and the crow clearly did not welcome this intruder on its patch. A fearsome battle commenced and after much hissing and commotion eventually the owl drove the crow off, the two birds silhouetted against the darkening sky with the owl in pursuit. The same scene was played out the following evening but this time it was the owl which decided that discretion was the better part of valour. Nonetheless the crow must have decided to look for a more secluded residence and there was no nest this year.

The best way to find nests, if you want to avoid the old schoolboy's trick of using a stout stick to flush the sitting birds, is to stay stock-still. Before long you notice the same bird heading back and forth, perhaps with nesting material, perhaps to feed the young. Last year I was surprised to see a pair of great tits disappearing underground through a hole in the bottom of the old pear tree but they raised a brood successfully from this unlikely site.

This year for the first time the open-fronted nest box at the back of the clematis was used, taken by a pair of robins and they laid five eggs. Sadly a couple of weeks later the eggs had been taken, showing what a precarious business this is. However, in the field opposite the jackdaws have found a safe hole in the branch of an oak. I have been keeping an eye on their noisy

house party for the last few weeks and lower down in the same tree last year a mud-plastered hole signalled the presence of nesting nuthatches.

Now its June and whilst first broods might be fledging, some birds will be starting their second lay. Find a quiet spot, keep watch and see which new neighbour gives the game away.

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On Friday 5th, there was a gathering in the churchyard where those who attended were entertained by the **Ware Ukelele Band** and were invited to enjoy a glass or so of wine or elderflower cordial. It was a lovely evening with the chance to catch up with other villagers and the band was excellent. The church was then open, as usual, for the rest of weekend and parishioners were invited to view the selection of model castles and crowns which had been displayed within the church.

Finally, on the afternoon of Sunday 7th there was the chance to enjoy tea with cakes in the churchyard while being serenaded by **Flute Cocktail** who gave their usual superb performance. Once more, it was a chance to chat to the other parishioners and reminisce about the weekend celebrations.

Our thanks to all the people who contributed to the weekend as entertainers, modellers of castles or crowns and, as always, those manning the wine bar and the tea table and those who made the cakes for the Sunday tea party.



The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 18th July** 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.

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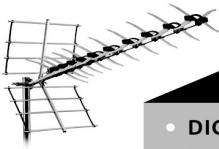


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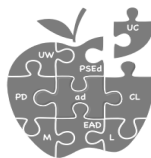
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