

Bayford, Brickendon, Essendon, Little Berkhamsted & Ponsbourne.

March **2023**

- This month we are in Lent.
- Two contrasting analyses of the 2021 census, both disturbing. (page 9)
- The Group Woodyard is back in business for orders and volunteers. (page 4)

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ear All We are approaching the period of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. It ends three days before Easter Sunday, on April 6th. This is a historical time of forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays) where Christians remember what led to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some traditions focus on giving up certain behaviour or food momentarily to fix eyes on Jesus, who was crucified on the cross for our salvation.

Let us shift our attention on the events towards Jesus's death and resurrection, which of course give some of us hope.

When Jesus was brought to Pilate, Pilate tried to avoid any further involvement with Jesus and sent him to Herod. When Jesus was led before Herod, Herod was glad to see Jesus since he had heard many things about him. Jesus was later sent back to Pilate. There was so much political pressure on Pilate to crucify Jesus. The mob, chief Priests and rulers demanded the death of Jesus and the release of Barabbas- a criminal who was in custody on death row. Jesus took Barabbas's verdict, sins and his place. This is profound grace. A notable illustration of spiritual worth of the death of Jesus Christ for his people. (Luke 23:8-25). However, in the procession to Calvary, where Jesus was going to be crucified, there were also two other criminals, scheduled for execution.

The rulers stood beside the cross mocking and challenging Jesus to save himself. Without lingering on the terrible details- there on the cross, they crucified him. (Good Friday).

Early Sunday (Easter Sunday) women made their way to the tomb.(Luke 24:1) When they arrived they found that the huge stone had been rolled away from the mouth of the tomb. As they were trying to reason, two angels (John 20:12) appeared and assured them that he was alive. Jesus had risen! They went back and told the disciples. He is alive, the reason of our faith.

So, to some Lent is a time to sacrifice for others as our saviour Jesus did. To others it is a time of reflecting on Jesus's agape love.

Revd Theresa Musiwacho

Lent starts on the 22nd February and ends on the 6thApril

Group Announcements

GROUP WOODYARD OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

The Church Woodyard has been having a break since Christmas due to unavoidable illness. Despite the build up of a huge stock pile last year, we sold out for the first time, and had to turn people away. We apologise to those customers of course but this raises the question of staffing.

In short, we need more volunteers to help with the process of harvesting, machine splitting and deliveries. Whatever time you can spare, just an hour or two here or there, If anyone can help us, we would really appreciate hearing from you.

The other thing we always need is wood! Preferably, trees already down for a while work best for us to collect, but if you have dead trees you do not mind us tidying up, do call us.

Last year, we collected over £5000 for our group of churches, but with your help, we could do even better. Contact Colin if you can help us: email **colin4444@yahoo.com** or call **07540 351 530**. Thank you.

2023 Subscription Rates

Increases in the cost of living now never seem to be out of the news, adversely affecting all of us whichever way we turn. The Parish Magazine has not been exempted from such price increases, which has seen the costs of printing significantly increase since the start of the year.

Against this backdrop and to allow for further year-on-year price increases, this year's subscription rates will be as follows:

Annual subscription:	£8.00
Monthly rate:	80p
Postal rate (2nd class):	£21.00

We believe that despite these increases, the magazine still offers excellent value for money and will allow us to continue to financially support both local and national initiatives that are compatible with our objectives.

With the magazine being such an integral part of the support network within our parishes, we trust we will be able to count upon your continued support,

The magazine, including back copies, continues to be available free of charge online. Just Google 'HHW Parish Magazine' or scan the QR code. PC



MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday 5th March Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 12th March Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 19th March Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

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

Sunday 26th March Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesdays

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

For Joining instructions see hartfordhundred@outlook.com

Prayer Share

Lord God, Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holv Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen

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. No appointment necessary

PARISH REGISTER

Away Wedding

4th February 2023 Ross MCKELLAR and Ella BOWEN St. Thomas Church Carthorpe (From Essendon)





Michael Hargreaves

Michael Hargreaves, formerly of Dene Orchard, Little Berkhamsted, died peacefully in his sleep at his retirement home in Letcombe Regis, Oxon on the morning of Monday 12th December 2022, two days before the anniversary of Joy's death.

They were popular, much loved members of our Parishes and were active members of St Andrew's Church and the village community. Michael, a local school governor during his retirement, supported Joy in her duties as Church Warden, the running of 'Tiny Tots' and her monthly Cookery Notes for the Parish Magazine. They helped with many fund raising projects including Progressive Suppers, Bridge Drives with Teas, Cake Stalls, collecting for the British Red Cross, to mention just a few.

His funeral service took place in January at South Oxfordshire Crematorium.



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You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

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- Driving licence (including provisional licence)
- Blue Badge
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- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

Please note: If you have a form of accepted ID that is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a **Voter Authority Certificate**. You can apply for this at **www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate**

Application forms will be available online to download and print, or you can request a paper application form to be sent to you by the **Electoral Services Team** at East Herts Council on **01279 655261**.

The deadline to apply for a **Voter Authority Certificate** for use at the elections in May 2023 is 5pm on Tuesday 25^{th} April 2023.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, go to **www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id** or call their helpline on **0800 328 0280**.



ONS Analysis of the 2021.

British or English

After every census the Office of National Statistics analyses the returns. A great deal of useful information is contained in these data. But caution should be exercised. Recently on the Radio 4 programme 'More or Less' the presenter, Tim Harford, looked at the section where people tick which nation or country they identify with. You can tick more than one. The choices were British, English, Welsh, Scottish etc. In the 2021 census, the order of the options was reversed for British and English with the result that many more people identified as British, compared with the last census, where the majority chose English.

Christian

Another analysis has shown that the average age of people identifying as Christian is now above 50, while the majority of young adults state that they have no religion. Nearly 3 in 10 people who identified as Christian are over 65 and over, up from just over 2 in 10 a decade ago (2011 Census).

The median age (exact midpoint) for people identifying as Christian was 51, compared with 45 in the 2011 census. This is the oldest average age among all main religions.

At the same time, the number of people aged 21 to 25 who identify as Christian has fallen from 5.1% to 3.9%.





Bayford St. Mary's Church

Bayford Church is open Mondays Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

CHURCH CLEANING

FLOWERS No flowers during Lent

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

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

The Rose Triangle

HCC Highways must be involved in any work. Jane is arranging a meeting with Highways to find out how we stand and what they recommend. A project undertaken by Highways is likely to be very expensive. We hope the meeting will take place this month , thanks to Ken Crofton, our HCC Councillor. Both HCC and EHDC seem to be experiencing difficulties recruiting staff and process requests in a reasonable time.

Wednesday.

We have decided to change our meeting day to Wednesday.

Meetings.

22nd March 8pm (**Wednesday**) Please check the web site.

Michael Wainwright (Dr), Chairman.

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Scan the QR code to go to the web site. Bayford The Baker Arms.

Please remember to book for Mothers' Day 19th March . Quiz Night 3rd Thursday of the month, (watch the boards for the actual dates) Darts Night first Tuesday of the month.

Thank you for all the support, look forward to seeing you all soon. Thanks Martin & Bev 01992 511235

Knitting and Crocheting Group

The knitting group has been making hats for premature babies. Barnet hospital use the bright orange hats to identify the babies who need extra care. We're hoping to have well over 50 to donate by the end of the month. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 8pm in the Baker Arms. All welcome.

Please contact **Caroline Fletcher on 07919 317212** for more details.

The Coronation King Charles III

Bayford Village will be holding a Coronation Day Picnic on the weekend of the Coronation Bank Holiday.

This is planned to be on the Village Green and The Baker Arms, similar to the great Jubilee Village Day we had last year.

Day and timings TBC very soon after the first committee meeting next week. Anyone who wishes to help/has ideas for the day just contact **Jen 07400 414466.** All Welcome !





Prizes Needed! Spring Raffle! Raising funds for Bayford School

We organising a fantastic Spring raffle to raise funds for specific class projects, upgrading and maintaining the school play equipment, which cannot be funded from the stretched school budget. If you or your business are able to donate a prize to help with this, please contact the school office 01992 \$1059 or: Fiona Smith: fsmith@bayting.bets.schuk



Village WhatsApp

Bayford has a village WhatsApp group which is a great way to keep in touch with neighbours and to share community information. If you'd like to join please get in touch with Marianina on **07951 725530** or Caroline on **07919 317212**





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Guest conductor: Daniel Hogan Tickets: £17 adults, £8 students





The Sun in Your Eyes

Sat 20 May 2023 7.45pm Drill Hall, Ware Beethoven Leonore Overture No. 3 Nielsen Helios Overture Grieg Morning Mood Schuman Symphony No. 3

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Sun 2 July 2023 2.30pm and 4.15pm Drill Hall, Ware (NB change of venue)

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Brickendon Liberty



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Sunday 5th March -11.00am Parish CommunionSunday 19th March -11.00am Family ServiceSunday 2nd April -11.00am Parish CommunionEASTER SUNDAY -11.15am Parish Communion at Bayford Church

For enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact Richard Haryott **01992 511575** or email richard.haryott@gm

Flowers	March
No flowers during Lent	3^{rd} and 10^{th}
_	17^{th} and 24^{th}

Brickendon Clubs:

We have some excellent clubs in Brickendon which are always happy to welcome new members.

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 *pilateswithbarriat@hotmail.com*

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Cleaning Julie Pickering Alison Blakey

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.brickendonliberty.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.

Brickendon Litter Pick will be held on Sunday 26th March - all helpers welcome. Please assemble in the hall car park at 10am to get equipment.

Brickendon Fete & Dog Show 2023 will be held on Sunday 3rd September 11.30am - 3.30pm - Save The Date!!

Brickendon Parish will be holding a **Coronation Social Event** on Sunday 7th May which will be open to all those living in Brickendon Liberty Council Parish (i.e. Brickendon Village and Wormley West End residents).



Brickendon Petanque Boules Club

Play at The Farmer's Boy

Winter Play Times

Sunday 10am -12 noon Tuesday 5.30pm -7pm Thursday 10am - 12 noon

Further information and enquiries Contact Janet 01992 511515



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:

23rd March 25th May 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.

For further information and to book see Brickendon website (www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk) Brenda Lambie







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Bayford Tree Planting.

I have planted 79 acres of trees in-line with government recommendation. There are 59 acres down by the river and a further 20 acres which are to join the various woods for wildlife pathways. The wildlife trust and natural England have recommended I plant Black Popular and also Alder and Willow. This has many uses, not least flood prevention. Some of that land will have public access which I am in the process of having a board printed, pointing out the various wildlife that may be seen!

Obviously, too much access will destroy the peace and quiet, which wildlife requires. Therefore, the pathways will be clearly marked.

The rest of the planting will be of indigenous trees, which suit that area, including Oak, Hornbeam, Wild Cherry, Hazel, Hawthorn, Aspen, Birch, and a few pine trees.

The entire planting will amount to 68,000 trees, which obviously carries an element of government subsidy. Some of the area has had an expensive deer and rabbit fencing, which the government in their wisdom felt necessary.

The remainder is planted in tubes, which I think do look a little unsightly, but we do have a rabbit problem. In fact, the rabbits managed to get in by the tall Pines and ate all of the cherry, so they obviously know what they like! These have now been re-planted. We also have a problem with badgers, which are powerful and have dug under the fencing allowing the rabbits in! We are going put Badger Gates in the fence as you cannot stop a badger's regular run.

The remainder of the farm will go into wildflower and wild bird cover. This again is the government's wish. The uptake of the scheme has not been as encouraging as was anticipated by the government! I hope as time goes on more people would take to the schemes on smaller farms like mine!

The government pay for the work and my reward is the opportunity to sell the carbon assimilation. This is a product which industries, such as airlines, will buy to neutralise their emissions. This product once sold is then no longer mine! I do not have to sell it and it gets worth more as the trees grow. The land and its value as land will always be there and in many years the timber will have a value if indeed we still use timber in a few hundred years!! Robert Sherriff



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Essendon



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St. Mary the Virgin

Flower Arrangers No flowers in Lent.

Bible Study All are welcome. More information and dates from mckellartrish@gmail.com

St Mary's Essendon Locks.

The PCC agreed recently to upgrade and modernise the church locks and this will have happened by the time the magazine is published.

For that reason, if you need a side door key, please text or email Paul or Colin.

Each key costs £8 so we are limiting the number of keys we distribute

Tennis Courts

New members always welcome.

To join the club or any questions please contact, **Nicki Whitelaw 07946300512** *nicki.whitelaw@sky.com* Essendon Tennis Club Committee



ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL REVISED MEETING DATES

Tue. 14TH Mar 2023 Tue. 18TH Apr 2023

ALL MEETINGS AT ESSENDON VILLAGE HALL, @ 7PM

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.

ESSENDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Scouts THE 1₄ NORTHAW Scouts SCOUT GROUP

Both our **Beaver Colony** (6-8 years) and **Cub Pack** (8-11 years) have resumed "normal "activities including hiking, camping and learning new skills and having great fun.

The numbers in both Sections are growing and we would love to welcome new members. We would also be really happy to have more adult helpers and leaders to support this. Beavers meet on Thursday and Cubs on Monday.

Meetings are based at our Headquarters in Northaw Village.

To find out more contact Gordon Marshall at

gordon.marshall@pbscouts.org.uk

The Village Hall.

Tel: 07442 499601 email:

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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. Spaces limited so please call

01279 498938 or email *allsortsdg@gmail.com* for more information. Website: *www.allsortsdg.co.uk*

The Friends of St Mary's invite you to a QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER ~ THE CURLEY CUP Saturday 18th March 2023 7.00pm Essendon Village Hall

The evening will include a home cooked two course supper (vegetarian option available) Quiz starts promptly at 7.30pm. Raffle Pay Bar - Draft Beer and choice of Wine Tables of 8

Tickets £15 from Hilary 079754231206 or Email : hilarypickard@hotmail.com NatWest: 60-10-39, A/c 30401682, Ref: Quiz

The Curley Cup will be presented to the Winning Team and is held for two years.

Gardening

March has the weather reputation of often 'coming in like a lion' and then going out 'like a lamb' or the reverse. This really means that it can be very unsettled and in our early season garden tactics we must always remember this and adapt accordingly.

If you have outdoor empty 'planters' should emptied thev he and thoroughly washed out before refilling with fresh compost for your new plants and you will find use for that old compost elsewhere. Before refilling, have ideas ready for what you are planning to put in them for the Summer ahead. As the weather begins to get kinder and the soil warms up, new green shoots appear and the slug population is much more active. Going on a 'slug-foray' in the early evening after it has rained means you can collect up huge numbers and dispose of them properly!

Plant faded indoor Hyacinth bulbs in a sunny place in the garden where you will easily see them next Spring and, should you see any pots of Grape Hyacinths in the Garden Centres, buy them and do the same with them. Some of the early daffodils and other bulbs will be over so 'dead head' them so they can build strength for next year and carefully 'pot up' any seedling Hellebores. Look out for bare patches in your lawn and think about overseeding them.

Gently prune your early Clematis, prune back your Group 2 ones and hard prune your late flowering ones. Also hard prune your Buddleias. Set up your Dahlias somewhere safe from frost with indoor protection and, once it is safe, gradually reduce the insulation in your greenhouses and cold frames. If you have forced Rhubarb it should soon be ready. If you haven't done so before buy a few early potatoes, put compost in a bucket, keep them carefully watered and you will have a delicious Summer lunch or two!

Finally, keep on top of those seedling weeds!

Germander Speedwell

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 Nature Notes

One of the strangest sounds in nature in is the call of the green plover or predators away from the nest. The lapwing. I heard one recently on the young are precocial, leaving the nest walk down along the River Lea from soon after they are hatched and this Essendon Hill and the fields on that gives rise to the name as a useful term stretch are a good place to watch out of mockery. Horatio in 'Hamlet' uses it for this declining farmland bird. It is for the foolish young Osric, 'the not hard to recognise with its lapwing runs away with the shell on iridescent green upper parts, white his head'. underneath and elegant crest.

The call has an almost electronic marvellous bird from our skies and sound, more like a whale than a bird fields given not just its beauty but also but it has a melancholic plaintive its place in our folklore. If we do quality that is hauntingly beautiful. Its conspire to lose it perhaps we should call gives it one of its other names, the all call ourselves lapwings then. peewit, but its more common name references its unusual flight. The word DC lapwing is from the Old English Hleapewince meaning 'leap with a waver in it'. а perfect poetic description of the tumbling and turning of its aerial display.

The collective noun for a group of lapwings is a 'deceit', its clever trickery

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It would be a tragedy if we lost this

Essendon Food and Warm Bank

Thanks to the generosity of many the cosy villagers and the splendid school November, and then move to the Harvest festival contributions, the Village Hall for December, We will Food Bank in the Church Porch has a serve coffee, tea and biscuits, with much more secure future than it had a bread and homemade soup for lunch few weeks ago. Please continue to from 12.00. This is in addition to the remember it, both for donations or if Essendon Connect coffee mornings you need to use it. There is a free food which continue in The Village Hall on bank – Jedidiah - at 138 Fore Street in Friday mornings. Hertford (near M&S food) which also has fresh food.

on 26th October, on Wednesdays from We hope to see you there. 10.00-13.00. This will run initially in

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It's open to adults and children. All Castles and Crowns will be a part of our exhibition in St Andrew's Church and judged for prizes.

Stretch your mind and have a go! If you Google Castles for school homework there lots of ideas. The Castle can be made of any materials.

The Crown should be suitable for a King again it can be made to any materials.

The King's Coronation weekend begins with the opening of the exhibition on Friday with music from Ware Local Ukulele.

Sunday there will be afternoon tea and Music from Flute cocktail. the full program will be in the Parish magazine next month.

BUDDIES BREAKFAST

We are planning a Buddies breakfast to tidy the churchyard ready for Spring. If you are free on SATURDAY 11th MARCH 9am-12noon. Contact me on **01707 875221**

Family Service.

Our Family service once a month is specially set up for families and children. The service is on a large screen and easily read and includes a story, hymns and prayers. It lasts about ½ hour there are crafts, books and toys for little ones. Why don't you give it a go!



Our **FOOD BANK** is in the church please feel free to use it. It is there for everyone.

News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 15th March 2023** 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.

FREE <u>First Aid Training</u>

Emergency Life Support Wednesday 29th March 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

A £12 fully refundable deposit is required to secure your place.

Please contact Penny 07956 312168 penny.stokes@littleberkhamsted.org.uk

The King's Coronation

If you would like to help organise a village event to celebrate the Coronation on 6th May, please contact Penny

details as above.



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Village Coffee Morning

No coffee mornings until further notice

What's On in Newgate Street

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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 507 215

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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