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Updates needed. You will notice that the above information has several gaps. Some of these posts have yet to be filled, but if you know of any replacements please let me know for next month's edition. MW

Dear All

The Hartford Hundred Group Confirmation Service

The 13th of March 2022 was a great day in the Hartford Hundred Group of Parishes. Some people from all the five villages descended on Bayford Church. It was a confirmation service that happened in our group for the first time after many years. Not only did people from the Hartford Hundred Group come together but also relatives and friends of the candidates from near and far a field came to witness this special occasion.

Different groups had worked together to ensure that the service would run smoothly. These included: the confirmation candidates, the choir led by Paul the organist, Churchwardens, providers of refreshments etc.

Prior to the service the group choir consisting of members from some of our Churches had rehearsed for this service. They also came together well before the service to practise for the occasion. While practising they were graced by the arrival of the Right Revd Michael Beasley Bishop of Hertford

The procession then commenced from the back of the Church with the choir all robed up in their beautiful gowns in front, then the Rector, followed by the Churchwardens holding their staffs of authority, the Bishop and then Heather Ross the Ordinand who acted as the Bishop's chaplain on that day. Everything managed to establish a lovely sense of welcome, order, unity and involvement. God's presence was among us.

At the start of the service a warm

welcome on behalf of the community was done by the Churchwardens. The main focus was on the six candidates for confirmation. They sat at the front of the Church with eyes full of expectation, joy and a bit of anxiousness. It must be mentioned that they were all immaculately dressed. The six varied in age from 13 years to mid-fifties.

The Bishop led the Service. A clear explanation of what confirmation is was given at the start. This included giving the history of this ceremony. Most people were reminded of their baptism vows at this service. The confirmation concluded with the Holy Communion. The newly confirmed candidates were the first people to receive communion followed by others. Many children and adults also came for a blessing.

After the service there was further fellowship amongst the people who had attended. People also had a chance to speak to the Bishop and some prayers were said for others. There were also photo opportunities for firstly: the candidates with the Bishop and then other congregation members who wished to have a photo taken. It indeed became a joyous occasion for all who attended.

One of the congregation member commented afterwards "This is the best service I have attended for years, another one said, " We were all happy". To God be all the glory. One of the Confirmed candidates, Paula, wrote" It's a journey that will never end and it's completely unique to me. I learn something new everyday and I look forward to seeing where God will lead me next". We continue to offer faithful

prayers for those confirmed and all His Church.

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus said “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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.

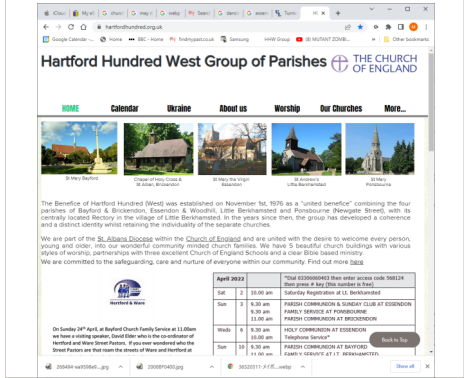
If you, or someone you know, is interested in a wedding or baptism, or just have a question for our Rector, we will be happy to see you.

All are welcome, you do not need an appointment, just turn up.

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Thank you.



Parish Register

Deaths

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 24 th February | Eileen Yvonne Mercer (Aged 94) | Brickendon |
| 2 nd March | Thomas Michael Sutcliffe (Mike) (Aged 88) | Ponsbourne |
| Date unknown | Evelyn Ansell (age unknown) | Bayford |
| Interment of ashes | | |
| 27 th February | Jennifer Ann Brock Rowley R.I.P 22/1/20 Aged 82 | Bayford |
| 28 th March | Eileen Yvonne Mercer R.I.P. 24/2/22 Aged 94 | Brickendon |

MAY CALENDAR

Sunday 1st May, 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 am, Parish Communion & Sunday Club, Essendon

9:30 am, Family Service, Ponsbourne

11:00 am, Parish Communion, Brickendon

Sunday 8th May, 4th Sunday of Easter,

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Bayford

11:00am, Family Service, Little Berkhamsted

Sunday 15th May, 5th Sunday of Easter,

9:30 am, Family Service, Essendon

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Ponsbourne

11:00 am, Family Service, Brickendon

Sunday 22nd May, 6th Sunday of Easter,

9:30am, Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted

11:00am, Family Service, Bayford

6:30pm, Evensong, Essendon

Sunday 29th May, 7th Sunday of Easter,

10:00am, Group Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted

11:30am, Zoom, Online

Wednesdays

9:30 am Parish Communion, Essendon

10:00 am Telephone Service Free

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

Updates needed to PCC and Churchwarden lists.

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On-Line Bible Study Group

The Bible Study happens twice a month on a Wednesday in the 1st week (Zoom 7-8pm) and 3rd week (in person 7-8.30pm). We take a break in December and April as well as the summer months. We choose a theme, then follow a programme which runs for about six weeks but each individual evening study is self contained. If you are interested in joining us or wish information please email: mckellartrish@gmail.com

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Passing motorists and walkers did not disappoint this year. A bumper crop was harvested.



Mass and Memorial for Celia Rochford

Mass: 12 noon on Saturday 28th May

At the Catholic Church of St Joseph and Immaculate Conception, St Johns St., Hertford SG14 1RX

Parking is limited so please plan to use the car parks nearest the Church.

Reception to follow: Joseph Rochford Gardens, Pipers End, Letty Green. SG14 2PB

Please respond to lizzer@btinternet.com if you would wish to attend. If you are unable to attend but would like to be able to join in celebrating her life we are hoping to have a video link to the service. Please contact Lizzer for this link.

The Parish Magazine is going on-line

As part of the ongoing development of the Parish Magazine, we are now trialling during 2022 the option for subscribers and advertisers alike to be able to access the latest monthly offering both in hard copy and on-line.

Access to this month's and subsequent months' magazine can be gained by typing the following link into the address bar of your internet web browser:

www.begesford.co.uk/ParishMag

Then click on 'Enter' on your PC keyboard or 'Search' on your mobile device (tablet or 'phone) to navigate to the latest magazine, as well as all back copies in the months ahead.

Not only will current subscribers and

advertisers be able to access the magazine on-line, but this development will allow access to a much wider audience of readers and thus potential customers to our existing advertisers at no cost to them.

We hope that our current hard copy subscribers will take the opportunity to access the on-line version on occasions during the year to assist them in making a conscious decision on their preferred format going forward into 2023.

Please do not hesitate in coming back to our editor, Mike Wainwright, with any feedback, either positive or negative, on this progression in order that we may take further steps in meeting the needs of our readers.

MW



Maypole Dancing. Francis Hayman, RA

Now is a good time to fill up your log store. Log usage will slow in the next months and any logs left over will have the whole summer to dry out, and thus not cause any problems in clogging the flue.



The Bridge. C. DALE YOUNG

I love. Wouldn't we all like to start a poem with "I love . . ."? I would. I mean, I love the fact there are parallel lines in the word "parallel," love how words sometimes mirror what they mean. I love mirrors and that stupid tale about Narcissus. I suppose there is some Narcissism in that. You know, Narcissism, what you remind me to avoid almost all the time. Yeah, I love Narcissism. I do. But what I really love is ice cream. Remember how I told you no amount of ice cream can survive a week in my freezer. You didn't believe me, did you? No, you didn't. But you know now how true that is. I love that you know my Achilles heel is none other than ice cream—so chilly, so common.

And I love fountain pens. I mean I just love them. Cleaning them, filling them with ink, fills me with a kind of joy, even if joy is so 1950. I know, no one talks about joy anymore. It is even more taboo than love. And so, of course, I love joy. I love the way joy sounds as it exits your mouth. You know, the word joy. How joyous is that. It makes me think of bubbles, chandeliers, dandelions. I love the way the mind runs that pathway from bubbles to dandelions. Yes, I love a lot. And right here, walking down this street, I love the way we make a bridge, a suspension bridge—almost as beautiful as the Golden Gate Bridge—swaying as we walk hand in hand.



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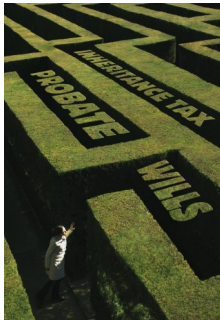
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Adventure for Dementia.

None of us are getting any younger and we don't know what our future may bring.

During lockdown I decided I'd like an adventure or two! I also read the Salt Path. So my husband and I are walking the whole SW coastal path... and "yes" the kids did rather twist his arm to accompany me on the whole way!

Why? In a word "Margaret"!



Margaret

Much loved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, friend.

Who? Our mum. She has end stage Alzheimer's. and is in St Christopher's care home, sadly spending much of the last few years without visitors due to Covid, including her 80th Birthday. I have nothing but thanks and admiration for those who cared for her and continue to do so.



Margaret lived in Wild hill. Her daughters were married in Essendon church and her grandchildren were also christened there. You may remember her.

I would like to raise some money for Alzheimer's whilst we are walking. The Alzheimer's Society was instrumental in helping my father cope with the onset of mum's illness. I would also like to support the research through Alzheimer's Research UK, so our children's generation may not have to suffer my mother's fate.



Walking the SW Coastal Path

Thank you for reading my story , and a huge thank you for your support.

Paula

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adventure-4-alzheimerssociety>

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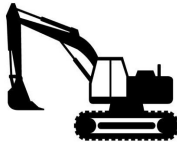
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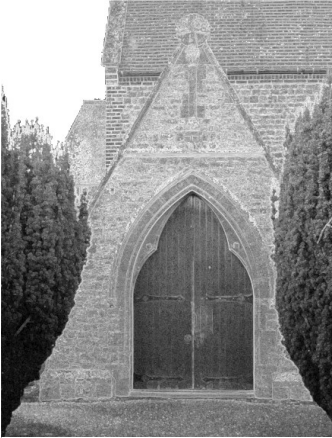
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Bayford

St. Mary's Church

The Church is open on Wednesdays.

Annual Church Clean

The annual spring clean of Bayford St Mary's will take place at 10am on Thursday 5th May. Please do come to help if you can as we have an important village wedding the next day! For more information please call **Caroline Fletcher on 07919 317212.**

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

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

Following the upsetting death of the beloved cat on Ashdene Road, I would like to assure parishioners that we are still pursuing ways to slow traffic through the village. We have to follow the procedures laid down by Herts Highways, which have proved to be extremely protracted. See Chairman's Report online.

Rose Triangle

The Parish Council is looking of ways to improve the appearance of the rose triangle. Over the last several years it has been gradually eroded by traffic.

We are considering putting bollards at the three corners, and granite sets to form a kerb along the edges.

It is not clear at present if we are able to undertake this work or whether this will be a job for HCC.

Meetings.

The next meeting:

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
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The Parish Council has purchased a tree, which has been planted on the Village Green to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

The Baker Arms.

Accommodation available.

Please call or pop in for a chat

01992 511235

We look forward to seeing you all

Martin & Beverley



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Friday 3rd June

Bayford will be holding a picnic to celebrate the Queen's Platinum jubilee on Friday 3rd June from 2pm to 5pm on the village green (in front of Willow Corner). We are seeking Herts CC's permission to close Ashendene Road from the rose triangle to the Memorial Hall for the afternoon to ensure everyone's safety. Bring your own picnic. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided. For more information speak to Jason Ruben (07515 490387) or Caroline Fletcher (07919 317212)

Knitting and Crocheting Group

The knitting group is going strong with Easter chicks completed and jubilee bunting now in production. Everyone welcome. First and third Wednesdays of the month, 8pm at the Baker Arms. For more information please call Caroline Fletcher on 07919 317212.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Bayford

Maureen and I are keen to make a small exhibition of **Bygone Bayford** for our afternoon celebration at the Cricket Field on the afternoon of 3rd June.

We would love to borrow any old photographs you have of the village (with your name on the back for their return). Much has changed over the years and it would be lovely for 'newcomers' to see photographs of how things used to be. Although we have both lived in the village for decades we sadly do not have many photographs so if you are able to help us to put together a decent display we would be very grateful.

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 Cathy Gibbens 13th
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 Brenda Lambie 27th

Cleaning

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Sunday 1st May - Parish Communion at 11.00am

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

For enquiries about the Chapel please contact Richard Haryott 01992 511575
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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 511558**

Gardening Club - Sadly the Brickendon & District Gardening Club has closed with immediate effect. JR

Friendly Club - meets third Monday afternoon every month in Fanshaws Room (the village hall), contact **Beryl Mathews on 01992 511617**

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 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 £10 per hour. All Government guidelines concerning Covid must be followed by hirers. Phone 01992 511551 for further information or to make a booking.

PLANS FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Brickendon Liberty Parish Council and Fanshaws Room Committee are planning a Picnic on the Green on Sunday 5th June from 12 noon to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. All residents of Brickendon Liberty are welcome to attend, music etc will be provided, bring your own picnic. The Parish Council are also considering commissioning a sculpture to be erected in the Parish to commemorate this jubilee.

Eileen and Gerry.

On Saturday 9th April many friends and parishioners gathered in Bayford Village Hall to say a fond farewell to Eileen and Gerry, and to thank them for everything they have done for the Parish over many years. They will be greatly missed.

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. Last summer the courts and pavilion were 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
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Brickendon Petanque Boules Club

Play at The Farmer's Boy

Winter Play Times

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

Further information and enquiries
contact Janet **01992 511515**



The Farmer's Boy

After 6 successful years at the helm of the Farmers Boy in Brickendon, Kevin and Mitch have decided not to renew their lease on the pub, Kevin will be retiring abroad and Mitch is beginning an exciting new project in London.

We understand the owners of the freehold have decided to take the site on themselves and run it as a managed premises.

We in the parish will be sorry to lose the present crew but wish them all the very best for the next stage in their professional and private lives. BL

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St. Mary the Virgin



Flower Arrangers:
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Penny Figgis
Lesley Reith

Tennis Courts

It has been good to see so many members playing tennis on the court now it is open again and we always welcome new members.

To join the club or any questions please contact,

Nicki Whitelaw 07946300512

nicki.whitelaw@sky.com

Essendon Tennis Club Committee

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!



The Village Hall.

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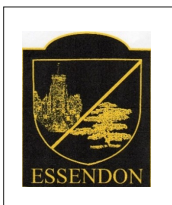
All Sorts Dementia Group.

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

www.allsortsdsg.co.uk



ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL



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.

Anne Mitcheson

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the date of Anne's farewell party, as it was too near the date of her operation and there was no way we could risk her getting COVID a week before. However, the new date is Saturday, **28th May in Essendon Village Hall from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.** when drinks and canapes will be served. We very much hope that some of you would like to come to say goodbye to her, even if you cannot stay for the two hours.

As we need an approximate figure of the numbers coming, we would be grateful if you could ring Judy Rennie – **01707-658322** or e mail her at judyrennie135@btinternet.com if you intend to be there.

Many have asked if they can contribute towards a present for her and, if you wish to do so, would you please give cash or cheques made out to Essendon P.C.C. to David Mitchell or one of the churchwardens in the group. Alternatively you can put money straight into the bank Essendon P.C.C. Nat West Hertford Reference Anne Sort Code 60-10-39 Account No. 28599527. The party is being given by Hartford Hundred West.

Paul Wombwell, Colin Taylor, Sandie Ash, Virginia Haryott, Judy Rennie

Church Organists

With one of our super, long standing organists shortly leaving HHW group, and some attending university who are only available during holidays, we thought it sensible to ask if there are any people in the villages who play the organ and could come and play for us at services. Advanced piano players grade 6 and above, any age, are also welcome as there are some experienced organists available willing to give conversion lessons.

Would anyone interested or able to help please contact **Colin, 07540 351 530**

or email colin4444@yahoo.com.

Thank you.



Essendon Nature Notes

The hawthorn hedge I planted the January before last will be in blossom this month. Each plant has been transformed from tiny 'whips' into head height fledgling bushes and it is easy to see why it is called quickthorn. Hopefully it won't be long before the hedge is dense enough to be full of nests for our native birds and summer migrants. Unlike the blackthorn, the hawthorn blossom appears after the leaves and it is one of the magnificent sights of May, its clouds of white flowers lining the hedgerows like late spring snow. The haws can be used to make jelly or wine come the autumn but even in spring the flower buds and leaves can be eaten and are called "bread and cheese" in Wales.

The hawthorn has deep roots in our landscape and is steeped in mythology and folklore. Indeed the Glastonbury thorn, the twice-flowering version that grows in Somerset, is supposed to have sprung from a staff thrust into the ground by

Joseph of Arimathea. According to Gaelic legend, the hawthorn is believed to be the home of the fairies and marks the entrance to the otherworld. It is bad luck to cut down a 'Fairy Thorn'. So, if you see one in the middle of a farmer's field, he or she is likely to be a superstitious sort.

In Celtic folklore, the hawthorn is said to heal a broken heart and recent research has shown that the berries and flowers do indeed have a medicinal impact on cardiac troubles. So this spring if you are crying over a lost love, pick a few leaves and make some hawthorn tea. You might help yourself find a new amour by washing your face on Mayday with the dew from blossoms, as it is supposed to bestow youth and beauty...but watch out for those thorns.

DC



Sunday Club St Mary's Church, Essendon

The first Sunday of the month in the Church Room.

9:30am—11.00am

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You are very welcome to leave your children and enjoy the morning with us.

If you would like any further information please contact **Pauline Alleyne on 07979 505104.**



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!

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?

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

This June is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It would be lovely for the Village to celebrate this together. We need a Committee! Would representatives from all the Village Societies, ie Parish Council, Cricket Club, Playing Field Association, WI, Village Hall, Essendon Society, Tennis Club, School and any I have missed like to join Mandy Nevel and me to start planning events? The National Event is scheduled for Sunday 5th June, but the Bank Holiday starts on Thursday 2nd June and runs to the Sunday.

PLEASE contact us! Mandy 07967 500289 Hilary 07974 231206

Essendon Women's Institute. March
Stained Glass. Not just for churches. Anna Conti.



The talk was illustrated by many pieces of Anna's work showing how a design is made up. Anna has been a maker of stained glass for over 35 years, and besides church work, she has made many pieces for people's homes, and refurbished many older pieces. Her first work was for Richard Branson. She designs both traditional and contemporary windows, screens and panels. Anna can be contacted at anna@annaconti.co.uk or through her website www.annacontistainedglass.co.uk

The WI meets 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. KG

Gardening in May

Taking over a new garden is exciting! I have nothing like as much to look after and have inherited the most beautiful deep red Camelia. The garden is going to be a complete change, very much smaller and a lovely terrace area both for a table and chairs and big pots right outside at the back. The bulbs have been amazing and it now looks tidy but my new lawn needs some work! The perennial Salvias in their big pots have been cleaned out, the plants re-shaped taking out any dead wood and they look fine. I brought my Dahlia corms with me but labels have vanished in the move so height and colour could be interesting this Summer!

Shop for the summer seasonal plants that are attractive to pollinators such as Antirrhinum, Calendula, single poppies and Nicotiana.

Prune Spring-flowering shrubs, cutting back the flowering stems of Forsythia and Flowering Currant to lower stems to keep their shape. You can also carefully move self-seeded annuals from last year to new positions and sow Sunflowers directly into the ground.

As the weather gets warmer house plants that need a humid atmosphere will benefit from being grouped together to make 'misting' simpler. Continue successional sowing of carrots, beetroot, spinach and other salad crops and parsley and coriander can be sown directly into the ground by the end of May. Sow climbing, runner and French beans under cover ready to plant out, keep 'hand-weeding' round your young plants such as garlic, onions and leeks and 'earth up' your early potatoes as they show through. If you have a pond, remove duckweed and blanketweed but leave it to dry out to give aquatic life time to get back into the pond!

Keep an eye on your roses for blackspot, mildew and rust which are difficult to control without using fungicides but it greatly helps if you remove and destroy any leaves showing signs of any of this.

Germander Speedwell

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David Mitchell

Over recent years St. Mary's, Essendon has been blessed with a succession of competent and caring Church Treasurers. Sadly, with their imminent move, David will be leaving. Being Treasurer of anything is always a responsibility. When it involves the care of very ancient and precious buildings and their contents and the people involved with all of this, it becomes an even bigger job and David's quiet, calm, thoughtful way of carrying out all of this has been a wonderful example to us all. Decisions were always carefully thought through and the right people consulted which, in the difficult world we are living in today, has been vital. He has given so much of his time to keeping things in order, his friendly manner with everyone will be much missed as will Sue's wonderful Church flowers and the many other jobs she has quietly carried out. We hope they will come back and see us all often!

We will say goodbye to David on Saturday, 28th May together with Anne Mitcheson.

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Plans are well on the way for our wonderful event
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- A flower arrangement representing the Queen's years.
- A garden in a biscuit tin
- Bring a jam jar of flowers to decorate the church.



The church is now holding a **Coffee & Chat** on Tuesday morning in the church 10-11.30am to welcome new Parents. and little ones. It can make a difference having a chat and making new friends. The church is a calm, warm and welcoming space why not come along and join us.

Ukraine Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated to our appeal on Saturday 19th in the Church. It was fantastic. Also a thank you to everyone who helped on the day. We are planning another collection for Ukraine on **SATURDAY 7TH MAY** in the church. Please look in the shop and noticeboards around the village for a Donation List as the requirements may change.

Services this month.

Sunday 8th May Family Service 11am.

Sunday 22nd May Parish Communion 9.30am

Sunday 29th May Group Parish Communion 10am



News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

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

The Cricket Season has arrived again and the **Little Berkhamsted Sahibs** are hoping to do even better in their league this year. There are games every Saturday and some Sundays usually starting at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch, join the team and their visitors for tea (around 3.30pm) and have a drink at the bar. Interested in playing? Please contact Peter Eldridge petermud@hotmail.co.uk phone: 07776 235251

VACANCY

Little Berkhamsted Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. This is a rewarding voluntary role in which you can really make a difference in your village. To obtain more information or to apply for the position, please contact: Clerk to the Council, Laura Brooks-Payne by email clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk or phone 07803 906291.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND, 2nd-5th June

A wonderful opportunity for us all to come together and celebrate this once in a lifetime event.

Thursday 2nd June from 6pm

At 8pm there will be a short ceremony to mark the planting of the oak trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project and at 9.45pm the Village Beacon will be lit. Come along and enjoy live music, a BBQ and drinks at the cricket pavilion.

Sunday 5th June 1pm

The Big Jubilee Lunch will be held on the recreation field. Bring your lunch (and a little to share) ready to sit down altogether at 1pm. After lunch there will be children's activities, games and races, a family cricket match and raffle. Please get in touch if you are able to help in any way. Thank you. penny.stokes@littleberkhamsted.org.uk



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For further details contact: Sandie Ash 01707 87522
or clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk



Just some of the volunteers who helped with the Spring Litter Pick on Sunday 3rd April. We collected an amazing amount of rubbish from along the road sides and were treated to a delicious sandwich lunch by The Five Horseshoes afterwards. Thank you everyone!





CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE in ESSENDON

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, 2022

Draft Schedule of Events – all timings and events subject to change (weather!)

Events in Essendon on the Playing Field:

Thursday 2nd June, 6-10pm

- * Barn Dance All the family welcome.
- * Bar and BBQ (to buy or BYO picnic)
- * Piper, Cryer and Lighting a Beacon 9.45pm

Sunday 5th June, 1-7pm

- * Children's races, Bouncy castles
- * Red, White, Blue and Platinum fancy dress Pageant. Prizes for adults and children!
- * Big Jubilee tea-party (sandwiches, cakes and tea/squash - free)
- * Evening entertainment 5-7pm – live music, bar and picnics (BYO)



National Events:

Thursday 2nd June

- * The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)
- * Lighting Beacons across the country 9.45pm

Friday 3rd June

- * Service of Thanksgiving:

Saturday 4th June

- * The Derby at Epsom Downs
- * Platinum Party at the Palace

Sunday 5th June

- * The Big Jubilee Lunch
- * The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

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Book Exchange.

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What's On in Newgate Street

Table Tennis: Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Village Hall. £1 pay and play

Tennis - Tuesday mornings 9.30-10.30am Village Courts. Term time only. Contact 07710 507 215

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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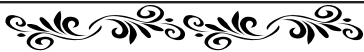
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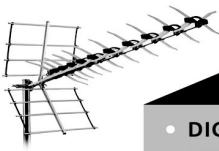


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