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*Philip came to me today,  
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as I whispered that "I know"*

Poem @Joanne Boyle

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We join others in prayer and thanksgiving for the life of Her Majesty the Queen. We also pray for the Royal family and give thanks to God for her long and dedicated Christian service and the privilege we enjoyed in her position as Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

## Prayer Share

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



## Weddings, Baptisms and other matters

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

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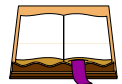


## PARISH REGISTER

### Death

24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Joy Susan ORME  
(59 years)

Bayford



5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Pauline Majorie WEIR  
( 72 years )

Essendon

### Interment of ashes

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 William Herbert JOHNSON  
R.I.P 28.11.2009 Aged 82

Essendon

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 Joan Edith JOHNSON  
R.I.P 25.06.2022 Aged 94

Essendon

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October , Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

10am, Parish Communion, Brickendon

## Wednesdays

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

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## The Parish Magazine—Online

As part of the ongoing development of the Parish Magazine, we are now offering access both in hard copy and on-line.

Access to this month's and subsequent months' magazines, can be gained by typing '**HHW Parish Magazine**' in to **Google**. We are usually the first hit.

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 to contact me with any feedback or suggestions.

MW

## Invitation

### From Ware Choral Society

This year Ware Choral Society will be performing 'The Messiah' at **Christ Church in Ware on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

If you enjoy singing and are free on Wednesday evenings, why not come along. All voice parts are welcome and no auditions are required.

We meet at the Riverside Hall in Ware on Wednesdays, 7.15 for 7.30 and rehearsals for The Messiah start on September 14<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to come and try a few sessions, without commitment.

If you'd like any more info and just might be interested, have a look at our website [www.warechoral.org.uk](http://www.warechoral.org.uk) or contact our membership secretary [gillwoollgar@hotmail.com](mailto:gillwoollgar@hotmail.com)

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Andrew Lessons, who has been distributing magazines in Stockings Lane, Little Berkhamsted since the start of the calendar year, is relocating to the West Country later this month. We thank him for his contribution to the distribution team and wish him and his wife well in their new surroundings.

We are pleased to announce that Andrew has successfully recruited his neighbour, Jane Holt, to the distribution team, with immediate effect. We are incredibly grateful to Jane in picking up the reins from Andrew and are confident that she will become an invaluable member of the distribution team. PC



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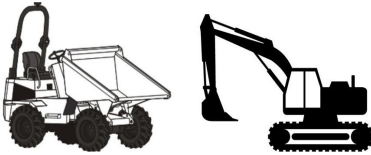
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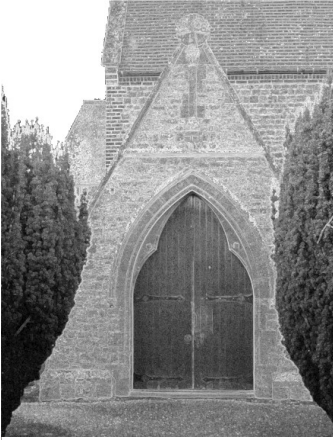
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# Bayford

## St. Mary's Church

Bayford Church is open 5 days-a-week. JM

### **CHURCH CLEANING.**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**Gill Finnessey and Sally Cunnane**

### **BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL.**

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

**Joy Orme.** Our village has been touched by a number of bereavements in recent weeks, both local and national.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Bob's wife Joy. Our thoughts are with Bob, Hannah and Christopher at this time. The service of celebration at Bayford Church on 14<sup>th</sup> September was very moving. Both Hannah and Christopher read poems.

### **Planning.**

The proposed **archery site** opposite Bayford Hall Farm appears to be going ahead, with concrete foundations and storage containers on site, in spite of the current status of the application (at 14<sup>th</sup> Sep) being 'awaiting decision'.

The plans have been submitted for the new residence on the site of the '**old playground**'. Gavin Nelson of Bonnel Homes has updated the PC and neighbours at all stages of this process. Gavin will attend the next meeting, for an informal discussion of the plans.

### **Meetings.**

Several meetings have been postponed in recent weeks, at short notice.

**3<sup>rd</sup> October.** 8pm

See web site.

Please see the web site for information, accounts and minutes.

Michael Wainwright (Dr),  
Chairman.

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If you would like to receive emails of PC news, please drop me an email.

Bayford

## The Baker Arms.

We deeply mourn the loss of our beloved Queen, may she rest in peace,  
**Long live the King!**

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We look forward to seeing you back in the Pub.

Join us at the Baker Arms for our  
Quiz Night 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.  
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## Knitting and Crocheting Group

The knitting group is thriving! We are currently making poppies to commemorate those in the parish who gave their lives during the two world wars. If you have any relatives who died in the war for whom you would like a poppy dedicated, please get in touch with Caroline. 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.

## Church Flower Rota.

Our village Church has been looking very sad lately with no altar flowers.

Now that the Church is open for visitors 5 days a week, we need somebody to create a flower arrangement rota. This small task would mean that our Church would look happy again.

It is not an arduous task and you do not have to be a 'flower arranger' but just to have an interest in the Church looking nice again.

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# Brickendon

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For enquiries about the Chapel please contact Richard Haryott 01992 511575  
Richard.haryott@gmail.com

### **Flowers**

Cathy Gibbens  
Janet Burger

### **August**

3<sup>rd</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup>

### **Cleaning**

Alison Blakey  
Virginia Haryott

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**, 18th September . We will be decorating the church on Saturday 17th September in the morning and would appreciate any gifts of flowers, fruit or provisions. Please drop them off at the Church. Thankyou!

### **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 pilateswithharriet@hotmail.com**

### **Fanshaws Room** (the Village Hall)

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



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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.

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

Email [clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk)  
Mobile 07803 906291

**Minutes:** Brickendon website  
[www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk](http://www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk) for .

**Meetings:**  
are on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 29<sup>th</sup> September and  
24<sup>th</sup> November

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**15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Paula Marshall**

**29<sup>th</sup> Judy Rennie**

**9:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Beresford and Joan  
Thompson's last service**

Please join us as we say goodbye to **Joan and Beresford**, who have served the Church and the community for many years.

**“We will be attending our last service at St Mary’s Essendon  
at 9:30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**and would love to share wine/coffee and cake after that service with the  
many friends in the Hartford Hundred with whom we have worshipped  
over many years.”**

## **Bible Study**

starts again in **September**.

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More information and dates for  
October from

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## **The Village Hall.**

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## **Tennis Courts**

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***nicki.whitelaw@sky.com***

Essendon Tennis Club Committee

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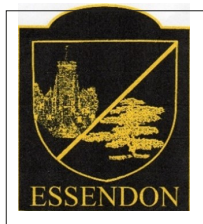
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## ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Essendon Parish Council will be held on **October 10<sup>th</sup>, with subsequent meetings on November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



## FLOWER ROTA

After many years of successful flower arranging, we have suddenly found ourselves short of members.

Are there any new candidates who would be prepared to do one period of two weeks? As the church is cool the flowers can last two weeks if watered regularly. We do not ask for anything more than you would do in your own home and no more than two arrangements. We can organize someone to help if you do not wish to do it on your own.

Do please ring me – 01707 658322 or e mail [judyrennie135@btinternet.com](mailto:judyrennie135@btinternet.com)

Judy Rennie



## Chess



at The Woodman.

**Tuesday evening, 7:30pm to 9:30pm**

We play in a couple of back rooms at the pub (with thanks to The Woodman) and, when the weather is right, are keen to play on the tables in the pub garden. Same weeks as school term.

- ◆ No fee,
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Hope to see you there.



## Scouts THE 1<sup>st</sup> NORTHAW Scouts SCOUT GROUP



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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@pscouts.org.uk](mailto:gordon.marshall@pscouts.org.uk)

## Essendon Nature Notes

It may be the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness but one part of autumn's bounty that has not been shared is the hazelnut. I have several hazels and one has grown beyond its usual form to become a sizeable specimen. However I have been unable to salvage a single kernel due to our plentiful grey squirrels. They have the frustrating habit of taking the nuts whilst they are still green and unripe and have stripped the tree bare. As if to tease us they do leave a few ripe specimens on the tree but these are 'blanks', husks with no nut inside that the smart squirrels have identified as a fraud.

The ground below the hazel tree crunches with the sound of discarded shells as you walk but they are worthy of inspection. Whilst squirrels crack the nuts open, smaller mammals such as the vole and the wood mouse make round holes and it is even possible to identify the culprit from the teeth marks. With a bit of expertise you might find evidence of the hazel dormouse, once common but now a rarity. More likely you will see some

opened by birds and, if you find one wedged in a crack of a tree, it will be our old friend the nuthatch that has used its powerful bill to get inside.

We have little affection for the grey squirrel in this country, branding it a foreign invader which has usurped our own and more beautiful red. It is a thrill to see the smaller species in its strongholds elsewhere but we can still admire our local grey squirrel's bold and streetwise antics. Recent research suggests that the elusive pine marten may be the secret to the return of the native. The grey, as a newcomer, has not evolved its senses to be wary of this aggressive member of the weasel family and this appears to be one of the reasons why the red does well alongside them as the grey declines. Pine martens have been spreading out of their Scottish strongholds of late. It may be some time before they venture this far south but it might be our only chance of scaring off the greys, helping the reds and getting our fair share of autumn's prize.

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## Family Services

### Essendon Services for families of all ages.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 9.30.**

**Everyone is 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?

## Gardening in October.

2022 has been a most extraordinary year in so many ways and 'in the garden' has been no exception. The weather will leave many long term changes in so many ways.

One of the most important things, whether our gardens are small or larger, is when and how we prune our different plants. Whatever size it is, it matters when and how you do it!

Whatever equipment you have, do keep it in top condition and put it away safely when not in use.

At this time of year we will be thinking about our late flowering shrubs and roses. Lavenders will have been clipped back in midsummer to keep their shape, they are not particularly long lived and don't let them become too 'leggy' so have another look at them. Bedding and Rambler Roses are the main late-flowering kinds so tidy up the H.T. and Floribundas ready for a good prune next Spring, removing any dead growth. In pruning an established climber, cut out the weak spindly growth and shorten side shoots and spread out and tie up what is left. With 'shrub' roses, they will have had their 'summer prune' but also be firm by cutting back older sections to a good young growth ready for next Spring.

To keep shrubby winter Honeysuckles that are young and relatively compact, remember to shorten over-vigorous shoots in the early months next year.

Whatever you do make sure that what is left after your hard work is securely and safely tied up and quietly check this throughout the winter and remember to put away all your pruning tools in good condition ready for next Spring!

Germander Speedwell

## Essendon Food Bank

**The Food Bank** in the Church Porch is being quite widely used and we are struggling to keep up with demand. [hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk) **07851 708470**, has more resources than we have.

Until now we have had a grant and we hope to get further funding but it is currently being sustained by a very small number of people and we need more money and/or food to meet the demand, which is steadily rising. We hope to keep the Church Porch Food Bank as a completely anonymous service for the village but, if any one person takes too much or we fail to meet future needs, we may be forced to monitor or ration what we can provide. Please help if you can.

If you are using the Food Bank or need to use it in the future, please could you limit what you take to 5 items at a time. If you can help, or need help, please contact me (on behalf of the food bank team) in confidence.

If you need more than that, the Hertford Food Bank Belinda Kent-Lemon 07976-447263

## Essendon Women's Institute Day Out



An 18 strong group of members spent a day out in Bedfordshire on an overcast but warm August day with just a possible threat of rain forecast. Arriving at Milton Ernest the majority of the party elected to have an early lunch. The café at the garden centre was very busy but management had kindly reserved four tables for us. The plant section was varied, colourful and beautifully maintained but it was the clothing section that attracted most of the ladies' attention!

Following the garden centre visit we motored to the pretty village of Stevington where Kathy Brown, her husband Simon, and dogs warmly welcomed us to The Manor House gardens. We were given an introduction by Kathy detailing the history of The Manor House which dates from 1870 when The Duke of Bedford purchased the original site and asked Henry Clutton, architect, to rebuild the house.

With Kathy acting as our personal

guide, a fascinating hour was spent walking through the 4½ acres which had been developed and maintained over 30 years by the Browns. We encountered lots of unusual plants, shrubs and trees in many individualistic settings and the magnificently majestic herbaceous border. During the afternoon a strong breeze developed so, instead of refreshments on the lawn we repaired to the Manor House conservatory and dining room to enjoy delicious homemade cakes with tea or coffee.

On arriving back in Essendon and alighting the coach we were greeted with a huge downpour of rain. Not fun for the passengers but very, very much welcomed by many parched gardens. Everyone weary from much walking, but with happy memories of The August Day Out.

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Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> 11am

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Everyone welcome.

## Group Remembrance Service

will be held in St Mary Ponsbourne.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

St Andrew's Church Family service will  
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## News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 16th November 2022** at 7.30pm in the village hall. The agenda is published on the website and village notice-board the week before the meeting and residents are welcome to send questions and comments to the clerk beforehand, [clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk) or attend the meeting and ask in person.

The Autumn Litter Pick

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at 10.30am.

It is not too late to volunteer!

We meet on the field and clear up litter in teams of 5-6.

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Please contact Elaine if you are available. Thank you.

[elaine\\_hunter@sky.com](mailto:elaine_hunter@sky.com)

### LITTLE BERKHAMSTED SAHIBS CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season has finished and the club would like to thank everyone for their support this year. If you are interested in joining the club as a social member or new player next season please contact:

Club captain, James Tancock  
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636205. Or Martin Squirrel at The Beehive Pub 01707 875959

They will be very pleased to hear from you.

At the time of writing the idea of a **BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS PARTY** in the village this November has not been ruled out but **volunteers** are needed! If you could help dig out the fire pit, steward on the evening, serve mulled wine or help in any other way please let the PC know.

### HIGHWAYS FAULTS

The blocked drains on [Robins Nest Hill](#) have been an ongoing issue for a long time now. We have been advised that work to clear the drains and CCTV them along the whole length of the road has been approved and is planned for this financial year, but no date has been scheduled yet.

The stretch of [Church Road](#) between Bush Farm and The Beehive has been deteriorating for a while and has been patched in places. We are in contact with Highways requesting that the whole stretch be repaired as it is very dangerous.

REMEMBER .....

YOU can report Highways faults at any time. There is a link at the foot of the website Home Page. It is quick and easy to do and a photograph can be added. Cllr Andrew Fellowes is leading on these issues. Please let him know of any outstanding faults you are reporting so we can build up a picture of the state of the roads in the parish. Thank you.  
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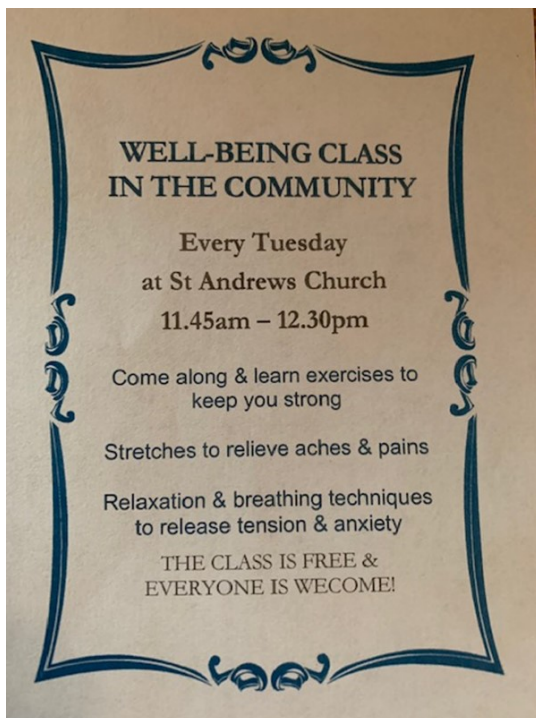
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## Baby Group

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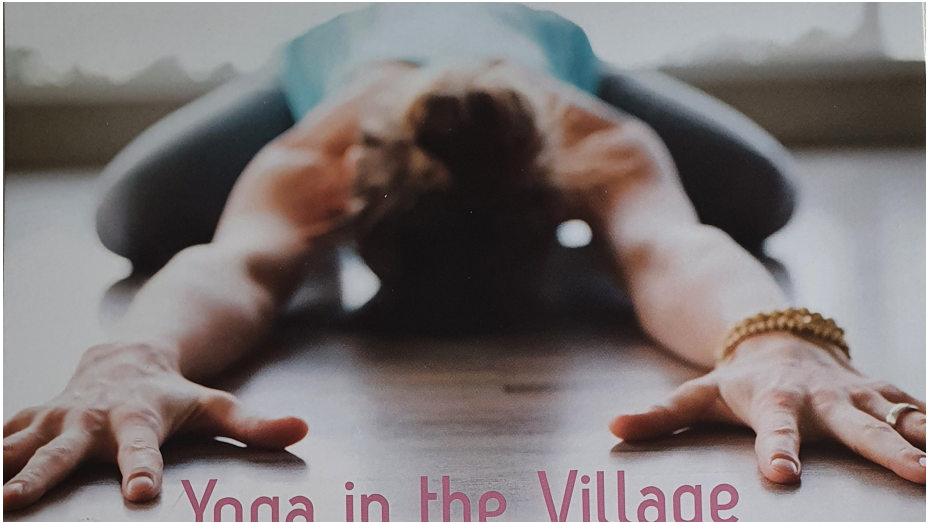
The workshops are typically a full day 10am-4pm with tea/coffee all day refreshments and a 2 course lunch included.

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Contact Sue on 07973 977192 or Judith on 01992 579199 for more information on our exciting Autumn programme.

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Follow the link to Hall Rental and Book the Hall .

### Book Exchange.

**A BIG THANK YOU** for the donation from the BOOK EXCHANGE which continues to run at the **Post Office** in Newgate Street Village Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings .



### 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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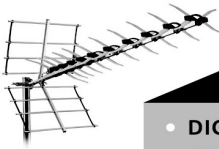


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