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The Parish Magazine is also available online, free of charge.

Google 'HHW Parish Magazine'.

For the HHW web site Google 'Hartford Hundred West'.

#### Rector's Article.

# ear All Significant moments

During Jesus's time on earth mountains were a significant part of his earthly ministry. When He was about to start his ministry Jesus went into the desert to pray. While Jesus was in the desert the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and promised to give them to Jesus if Jesus would fall down and worship him (Matt 4: 8-9). Jesus declined.

It was on the Mountain, where Jesus taught about The Beatitudes. The Bible makes it clear that He sat down and began to teach his climbing followers.

Often Jesus went up to the mountain to pray (Matthew 14:23, Luke 6:12, John 6:15). He also performed miracles on the mountains. In Matthew 15:29-31, huge crowds came to Him bringing with them the sick, lame, etc to heal.

Mountains were solitary places and Jesus needed quiet places to pray, to commune with His Father, for guidance and strength. Mountains are places for revelation and healing. Besides the glory of God being seen, angels were also seen on Mount Transfiguration (Moses and Alijah talking to Jesus).

Today we have other solitary places besides mountains where we can withdraw to and seek God's face – Retreat Homes or an equivalent place. One of my significant experiences in my journey of faith was on a wet and windy Saturday in mid - July. I set off with other women to climb Mount

Snowdon. After a tricky ascent in difficult conditions. I reached the summit of Mount Snowdon, I was cold, wet and tired and as we climbed, the group that set out had split into smaller groups of just two, three people or more as different levels of stamina and fitness became apparent. I had determination and faith that I would get to the top. After a couple of hours. I reached the summit. As soon as I got to the summit with my friend we praved fervently. The feeling I experienced there is indescribable, not something that is easy to describe particularly in those conditions.

I had been warned that the descent would be almost as difficult, with strong winds, driving rain, mist and tired legs. With God's determination, I started walking down, I saw God's faithfulness in his word Psalm 91: 11-12 (For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone). I descended safely.

I learnt a great deal that day, about myself and my faith. I was in unfamiliar territory doing something that was quite different from anything I had done before, but I felt a great sense of achievement. With perseverance and faith in God you can succeed in any challenge you set for yourself. God's faithfulness will always be there to support and guide us. It was a significant moment.

Revd Theresa Musiwacho

#### **Prayer Share**

Lord, I ask You to keep me strong. Help me to persevere and finish the race. Even when things seem like they're going well, help me to not grow complacent. When things are hard, empower me not to grow weary. Amen



#### Weddings, Baptisms and other matters.

**Saturday Registration** is held on the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  Saturdays of each month at 10.00 am to 11.30 am in Little Berkhamsted Church. No appointment necessary



#### **PARISH REGISTER**



#### **Baptism**

 $30^{th}$  July 2023 Ottilie Rosamund Louise BLUNDELL, Little Berkhamsted D.O.B 01/09/2022

#### Wedding

22<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Victor Charles PAGE Danielle DIGBY

Little Berkhamsted

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

#### Sunday 3rd September, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon

9:30 am Family Service Ponsbourne

11:00 am Parish Communion Brickendon

#### Sunday 10th September, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Parish Communion, Bayford

11:00 am Family (Harvest) Service Little Berkhamsted

#### Sunday 17th September, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Parish Communion, Ponsbourne

9:30 am Family (Harvest) Service Essendon

11:00 am Family (Harvest) Service Brickendon

#### Sunday 24th September, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted

11:00 am Family (Harvest) Service Bayford

6:30 pm Evensong Essendon

#### Sunday 1st October, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon

9:30 am, Family (Harvest) Service Ponsbourne

11:00 am, Parish Communion Brickendon

#### Wednesdays

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

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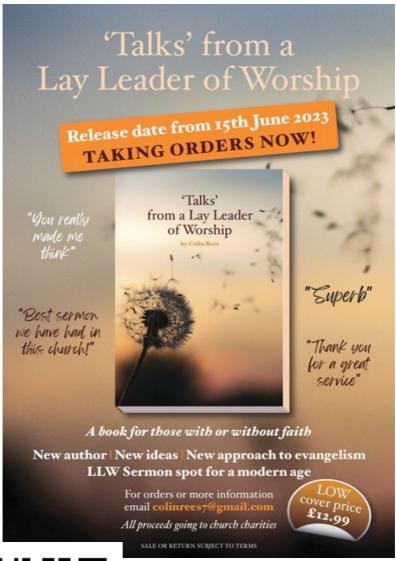
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If you love singing (music readers and non-music readers included) and would like to join the community choir please drop Katie Nielsen a What'sApp message on 07962 232535.

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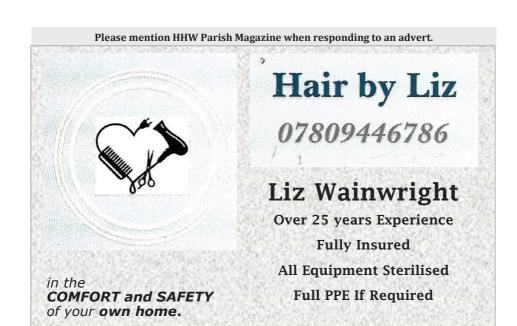
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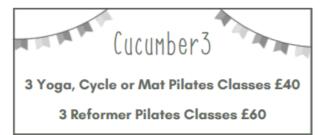
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#### **Bayford**

#### Scrabble Club

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#### **Hertford Symphony Orchestra**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** (conductor Daniel Hogan) Ware Drill Hall 7.45pm This wonderful concert includes **Mozart's Clarinet concerto** and Mahler Symphony No.1

Conductor Daniel Hogan (currently studying for a professional diploma at the Royal Academy of Music) has worked with HSO on several concerts over the past year or two and we are delighted to welcome him back for this concert.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** (conductor Jonathan Mann) Ware Drill Hall 3pm **HSO Christmas Spectacular** – our programme is yet to be confirmed but it will include carols and Christmas music to be sure! This is a great event for all the family and a lovely introduction to orchestral music.

Saturday 9th March (conductor Jonathan Mann) The Old Palace, Hatfield House time (evening) tbc

Verdi La Forza del Destino Overture, Hummel Trumpet concerto and Brahms Symphony No. 4

HSO is honoured to have been invited to perform at The Old Palace, Hatfield House and looks forward to a wondeful concert which will hopefully be prefaced with a special pre-concert reception featuring chamber music and wine! (Watch this space for more information!)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** (conductor Michal Oren) Ware Drill Hall 7.45pm Mozart Marriage of Figaro Overture, Hindemith Mathis der Maher, and Mendelsohn Symphony No. 3

This is Michal's debut with HSO - she came to the UK last year to study and worked with us as a dep for a rehearsal last season. We thought she was amazing and are thrilled that she has agreed to work with us for this concert!

Sunday  $30^{\rm th}$  June (conductor Jonathan Mann) two performances 2pm and 3.15 pm

HSO's children's concerts are really popular with primary school children and their families - audience participation is encouraged and orchestra and audience alike wear fancy dress! Don't miss this concert - it's the perfect opportunity to introduce your little ones to the joy of orchestral music!

### Community Interest Company

Katie is setting up a Community Company with colleagues. It is a national non-profit organisation focussing on training and supporting the workforce practitioners. library assistants. volunteers, teachers) involved in music-making with 0-5s and their families - called The Family Music **Hub**. I am posting in the hope that local people might be interested in donating a little cash to help us off the ground - we are currently applying for £100K from Youth Music but need about £10K match funding (some of which I have already secured). would love to write an article about my work if you felt that was appropriate/acceptable. If you want to check us out our website is www.thefamilymusichub.org - For all those making music with families (FYI my colleagues and I did secure a £30K grant from Youth Music Last vear but those funds have now run out

and we are all currently working for free until we get the next grant!!) Katie Nielsen.

#### **Ebony Ride**

Kate Noble of Danes Farm hosted the charity Ebony Riding Club from Brixton over three days at the end of July. Inner city kids enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of Danes Farm and the horses enjoyed some well deserved grazing and fabulous hacks. Kate, helped by family and friends, assisted riders and the Ebony staff with hacks around our beautiful countryside, keeping the young people entertained and provided with lots of snacks and food. Delighted villagers saw the ride in and around Little Berkhamsted. The ride stopped to enjoy an amazing lunch at the Beehive PH on the Saturday and were the centre of attention in the beer See posts on Instagram garden. @ebonyridingclubbrixton Danes





# **Bayford**

St. Mary's Church

Bayford Church is open Mondays, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

#### CHURCH CLEANING SEPTEMBER

Sarah Heath and Vicky Court 11th and 25th

#### **FLOWERS**

Sarah Heath, 10th and 24th

#### **BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

#### The Baker Arms

After a lively discussion at the PC meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, Cllr Oliver Riley has stepped forward to lead the campaign to keep the pub open. We have applied for ACV registration. (see opposite)

#### Carole Swain.

It is with much sadness that we heard of the death of Carole Swain. The family have lived in Bayford for many years. Many people will have had their gardens and hedges tended by Les and Michael. Our thoughts are with Les, Michael and Tina.

### **Road Safety**

The meeting with HCC finally took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> July. For some reason the traffic survey, which was carried out a few years ago cannot be used. Another survey, using a

roadside device, will be carried out, hopefully in September. This is the first step to obtaining some traffic calming measures.

#### Meetings.

#### 25th September, Monday

Please check the web site.

Michael Wainwright (Dr), Chairman.

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ACV Registration. We have applied for ACV (Asset of Community Value) registration for the pub. This gives us six weeks from the announcement of the sale of the pub to decide if we want to make an offer. The offer need not be accepted by the owner. We then have six months to complete the process. So this is by no means a 'silver bullet' . MW.



## The Knitting Group

Following the closure of the Baker Arms, the knitting group is meeting at The Farmer's Boy in Brickendon.

We continue to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8pm. All knitters and crocheters from beginners to experts welcome.

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

# Community support behind a bright future for Baker Arms

News of the sudden departure of Baker Arms landlords ,Martin and Bev, was met by a strong show of support from the village and beyond at the closing nights and a subsequent Parish Council meeting.

There has been a pub on the site for over 200 years. It one of the last true village amenities, the post office, shop and blacksmith having departed long ago

A working group has now been formed to explore options for a viable future for the pub.

Some 180 pubs in Britain have been successfully taken on by community groups, which is one model being considered. Some of these democratically run pubs have evolved to meet the needs of their patrons, incorporating cafes, shops and creative spaces.

Whatever the way forward, your support for the Baker Arms will be crucial to its success. We intend to hold a public engagement event in the Autumn; please stand by for updates and meanwhile any ideas or queries are welcome; please address them to me.

Oliver Riley, Chair, Friends of the Baker Arms.



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# **Brickendon**

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#### **Brickendon Services for September**

11:00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Communion 11:00 am 17<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival 11:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> October Parish Communion



#### HARVEST FESTIVAL Sunday 17th September at 11.00am

This is a short Family Service and it would be lovely to see you all to celebrate this special time of year. Any gifts of food and vegetables would be most welcome. They will be sent to the Food Bank in Hertford.



**Flowers**Diana Abbott
Janet Burger

**September** 31<sup>st</sup> August 15<sup>th</sup> September **Cleaning**Julie Pickering
Alison Blakey

### **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)

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.

#### **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



#### **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

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#### **Meetings**:

28<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> November

#### Brickendon Petanque Boules Club

Play at The Farmer's Boy

#### **Summer Play Times**

Sunday 9.30am - 12 noon Tuesday 5.30pm - 7pm Thursday 10am - 12 noon

Further information and enquiries Contact Janet 01992 511515



#### Brickendon Fete & Dog Show 2023

will be held on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** 11.30am - 3.30pm -Save The Date!!



#### Sponsored Bike and Hike, Saturday 9th September 2023

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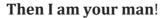
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#### **Tennis Courts**

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To join the club or any questions please contact,

Nicki Whitelaw 07946300512 nicki.whitelaw@sky.com Essendon Tennis Club Committee

#### **Essendon Cricket Club**

We are looking for a scorer for the 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
12<sup>th</sup> September

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.

Clerk: Nerine Chalmers essendonparishcouncil@gmail.com

## **Gardening**

I am writing this in a rather waterlogged early August and it will be interesting to see if I have to make major adjustments before it goes to print!

Once climbing roses have finished flowering start pruning using sharp secateurs to remove dead, diseased and dying bits and prune old stems to about 10cm above soil level. Prune back side shoots on the main stems to about three good healthy buds tying in new growth and spread it all out well. Lift any maincrop potatoes still in the ground before it gets any wetter to prevent slug damage and let them dry out well before you store them. Late flowering weeds are still setting so catch them!

It may be the last opportunity to take

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cuttings of penstemons, salvias and verbena so that you are ready for any winter weather losses. Remember to take indoors any house plants that have been 'summering' outside before it gets too chilly. Plant Springflowering bulbs such as crocus, daffodil and iris but tulips can wait until November. Iris reticulata need very good drainage so try and get them going planting them quite thickly in gritty compost in a 'pan' then plant them out. Keep 'deadheading' your dahlias right back to the leaf joint every few days. With your summer raspberries cut this vear's fruiting stems back to their base and tie in this year's new growth ready for fruit next year.

Germander Speedwell

#### ESSENDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In mid August Essendon W.I. travelled the short distance to our local Dutch Nursery and Garden Centre where a special afternoon tea was enjoyed. The sun shone, everyone dressed in their best summer outfits and delicious sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and dainty cakes were served in tiered stands with pretty napkins and cloths decorating the tables. Tea and coffee with plenty of top ups were available and a few glasses



of sparkling wine were seen to be appreciated. Plenty of retail therapy about the garden centre and fancy goods boutiques rounded off a relaxed and pleasurable afternoon.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th September at 8.00 p.m. in Essendon Village Hall. The speaker will be Elizabeth Hamilton, a geographer and ecologist. She is a keen walker and gardener and will be talking about A Walk of Discovery down the Lea Valley.

Visitors are always very welcome.

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More details in the next issue.

#### **Essendon Nature Notes**

falconry has had a renaissance: an sonnet 'The Windhover', a knave.

It might be low in the courtly pecking order and whilst it doesn't have the drawn Falcon, in his riding speed of a peregrine or the brute power of a goshawk, the kestrel has steady air, and striding found a different way of mastering the High there, how he rung upon the rein air. Its ability to hover and hold its of a wimpling wing



It is perhaps because of the remarkable head completely motionless as it fans resurgence of our larger birds of prey, out its tail is a magnificent adaptation the peregrines, kites and buzzards, and for hunting over fields and margins. It further afield, ospreys and white-tailed is this sublime skill which captures our eagles, that the kestrel has become wonder and has justified its place in increasingly overlooked. At one time our literature. The Victorian poet this small falcon was the only bird of Gerald Manley Hopkins, a few months prey we were likely to see but now it before his ordination as a Jesuit priest, seems the medieval hierarchy of honoured the eponymous kestrel in his eagle for an emperor, a peregrine for a Hopkins's rejoicing in the glory of prince, a merlin for a lady, a kestrel for nature's creativity we can sense the confirmation of his faith:

"dapple-dawn-

Of the rolling level underneath him In his ecstasy!"

As usual, a kestrel has been scouting our adjoining field over the summer looking for the voles which form the majority of its diet. I don't know if it nested somewhere in the village this vear but it often sits motionless on the telegraph wires surveying the scene and its small size means other birds are unperturbed by its quiet presence. They are truly elegant, exquisite creatures with dark spots on their smart brown plumage, the males distinguishable with their grevish-blue head. For me they are our finest bird of prev, so I am content to keep my place as a knave.

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£5 a ticket for lunch Tel: Sandie Ash on 01707 875221

#### St Andrew's Church

August was holiday time for most people. For me it's time to catch up with friends and family.

But in September we have several events in the Church.

## SPONSORTED BIKE & HIKE Saturday 9th September 9-5pm

We are planning a walk starting at 9.30 outside St Andrew's Church Little Berkhamsted ending at St Mary's Church Ponsbourne. We will be providing refreshments in the church. Anyone can join the walk, families, dog walkers, friends from other villages and schools the more the merrier!

We will have a leader and support along the walk.

If you would like to take part or donate to St Andrew's Church contact Sandie Ash 01707875221

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#### ALPACA WALKS

Many villagers that use the bridle path between the village and Henderson place may well have seen the six Alpacas kept in fields to the west of the path or met Andrew, their keeper, who is often found coming and going from the field or chatting to people in the village. Andrew, who is an ex-resident of the village, has been keeping his Alpacas in Little Berkhamsted for over a year now, will soon be growing his herd and looking to start some Alpaca experiences and walks. If you are interested to know more or to be notified when the experiences and walks are ready to commence please fell free to call, message or email agreen@pemberton-Andrew. group.co.uk or **07538 857615**.



#### News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** 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.

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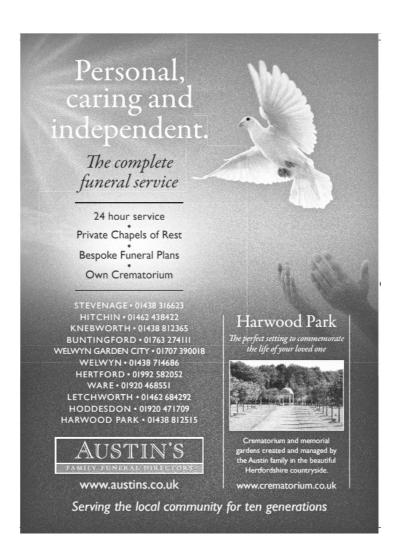
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