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Fun and Technology

For many years the primary schools of Potters Bar and South Mimms have taken part in a technology challenge organised by the Rotary Club of Potters Bar.

Each school sends a team of four year 4 pupils (7–8 year olds) plus a teacher, and this year Oakmere School once again kindly hosted the event on the morning of 4th May.

The challenge this year was about 'Jitterbugs', and was put on by Setpoint, an educational, training and information company. Each pupil was given a collection of materials, which included a small electric motor, a battery and other bits and pieces, to create a small model which travelled around a table top when the motor was switched on (a jitterbug). The Setpoint representatives explained to everyone how to assemble everything in order to build their own individual jitterbugs. The children learnt how the battery drove the electric motor and how, by changing the position of the motor or the battery, they could create a different motion backwards, forwards or sideways. They were then encouraged to embellish their bugs with various materials to create different creatures. During the morning the two Setpoint representatives and the three members of the Rotary Club, Helen Strand, James Thompson and Doug Fussell, moved between the school groups giving assistance and encouragement. At the same time James Thompson created his own bug and Helen Strand decorated a previously made hairbrush-based bug.

At the end of the morning each school showed the bugs they had created, and demonstrated how well they moved, in front of everyone.

The members of the Rotary Club then had the very difficult task of deciding which school had made the best bugs, based both on the creativity of the bug and its ability to move around. The standard was very high and it was very close. St Giles School, South Mimms was declared the overall winner and they were awarded the trophy to hold until next year.

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A message from the Editor

We continue to try and strike a balance between providing articles which, hopefully, are of interest to all ages, and factual information which is useful to everybody.

We are pleased to include requests for volunteers from various organisations and, for the first time, are featuring some fund-raising activities involving local residents. We are happy to include these, although the space available dictates how many of these we can cover in each issue.

We are also delighted to promote local sporting and recreational clubs, and it is very pleasing to note the acknowledgement from the bowls club on page 16.

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John Connell

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Interested in volunteering?

Ever thought of giving some of your time to help others in the community? Also look here for items wanted by organisations; you may be able to help them.

If you are a local organisation or charity and are looking for volunteers or looking for items for your group, why not email me at **editor@pottersbarcommunitynews.co.uk**.

Volunteering with the deaf

Brookmans Park resident Gabrielle Radnor is looking for volunteers for the charity she works for in North Finchley. The charity helps deaf people and those with hearing loss, with full details being shown on their website **www.jdeaf.org.uk**.

The role which Gabrielle is looking to fill most urgently is a facilitator for a current affairs discussion group, which is held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, 2–4pm. The group is a lively gathering of older people with varying degrees of hearing loss who still enjoy getting together and chatting but find it difficult in a conventional environment where people tend to all talk at once. The role of the volunteer will include:

- ensuring that people speak one at a time and that no-one is left out
- writing key words on a flipchart
- gently guiding one or two over-enthusiastic group members away from dominating the conversation
- speaking clearly with good communication skills

This is very rewarding voluntary work, and makes a huge difference to people who often otherwise become isolated. Full training will be given.

The other opportunities are for voluntary hearing aid technicians and Access and Inclusion volunteers for residents in care homes which hopefully will soon include those in and around Potters Bar, in addition to those currently covered mainly in the Barnet area.

The technicians:

- provide basic hearing aid maintenance
- identify appropriate equipment needs

The Access and Inclusion volunteers:

- provide companionship to residents who have a hearing loss
- improve access to activities to reduce their isolation.

Again, both these roles are very rewarding and full training will be given.

These short films highlight the vital work done to help deaf people:

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Adventure in the skies

71 year old local grandma Jean O'Sullivan has been an active fund-raiser for various charities over the years, with her activities including wing-walking on a Tiger Moth, parachuting, hot-air ballooning and parascending. Her next challenge is to fly an original WW2 Spitfire at Biggin Hill on 23rd September to raise money for the National Brain Appeal. This follows her daughter being treated at the National Brain Hospital in London for a brain tumour 4 years ago.

If you wish to support Jean, please visit her Just Giving page, accessed via "71 year old grandma".

Holly's Bake Sale for UNICEF

It was after seeing a news report one evening that Holly decided she had to do something to raise money for UNICEF to try and make a small difference to the children's lives.

After careful consideration she settled on bake sales and decided to hold them at her school, Dame Alice Owens, at Guides and then on the same evening at Rainbows and Brownies. As she helps out at Brownies regularly we know Brown Owl very well and she was more than happy to support Holly with this, as were the other guiding leaders and her school.

The local charity co-ordinators at Tesco Potters Bar were amazing and very helpful, kindly agreeing to donate lots of yummy cookies, donuts and muffins. They also gave a gift card donation which was very much appreciated.

The sales went incredibly well and, to date, Holly has raised over £270 including the online donations. She is still waiting for a couple more to come through, so think the total will be nearer £300.

She is very kind hearted and will always do her best to help in any way she can. In 2015 she cut her hair and donated it to the Little Princess Trust and raised £1,126.60, which I thought was an amazing achievement.

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Furzefield Centre celebrates its newly refurbished Changing Rooms

With an Open Day for the community!

Furzefield Centre, Potters Bar held an Open Day for the local Community in April, with lots of FREE activities on offer for all ages to celebrate the recent refurbishment of the Swimming Pool Changing Village.

Furzefield Centre, run by Hertsmere Leisure, has a large variety of sports on offer for the whole family, to encourage everyone to take those first steps to a healthier and fitter lifestyle.

Visitors were greeted at the entrance by the Centre's mascot, Fuzzy Bear, and by the local Police and Fire Brigade. In addition children were offered FREE soft play, face painting, and a bouncy castle. The Swim team also offered swimming with inflatables, lifesaving skills, and free swim assessments. For adults there were health checks, a tyre fitness challenge, free use of the Squash Courts, plus 'Bring a Buddy' to our Group Exercise classes.

Business Manager Sharon West said 'Thank you to all members of the community for attending our Open Day. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the wide range of facilities we have on offer for all ages here at the Furzefield Centre'.

Potters Bar Bus Garage Open Day

Saturday 22nd July 2017, 10.30am-4pm

All proceeds go to charity

On Saturday 22nd July, local bus operator Metroline will open the doors of its bus garage in Potters Bar High Street to local people, enabling them to see inside the premises from where 160 buses operate on local bus services.

The aim is to raise as much money as possible for charities, including those supporting Cancer Research and the British Heart Foundation. Admission will be by programme, priced at £2.50, available on the day at the garage door. This year's open day hopes to build on the success of last year's, which raised over £1,000 for charities – the aim is to raise even more money this year.

Attractions will include a display of buses, some dating back to the 1950s and 1960s right the way up to the modern day with some of Metroline's newest buses on show. There will also be a variety of stalls selling transport memorabilia, together with a fund-raising raffle. A selection of hot and cold food and drinks will also be available.

Like last year, there will also be an opportunity to enjoy free rides on show buses around the local area, including rides on Metroline's Routemaster bus which dates back to 1962, and now 55 years old, together with a New Bus for London, dubbed the New Routemaster.

The event is being organised by the local garage manager Ian McAllister, supported by his team of supervisors and engineering staff. So, if you fancy a day out with a difference, come along to the garage and support our fund-raising activities. The nearest car park is nearby in Oakmere Park, but why not come by bus!

Potters Bar Garage operates 160 buses on twelve local bus routes, comprising:

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Italy Trip

A group of 47 students of all ages had a fantastic visit to Italy during the Easter holidays. Their hotel was on the Amalfi coast, which is a UNESCO heritage site. During the week they visited Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii, Sorrento, Herculaneum and the Solfatara Crater as well as the Naples underground caverns. All the sites visited were amazing and the tour guides were superb. Parents were able to follow the trip on a Seesaw blog which was updated by both students and staff. It was a phenomenal trip – and a brilliant experience for all. Thank you to Miss Burlton, Geography Department, for organising the trip.

Mount Grace School Summer School 2017

Mount Grace School is running a Summer School again this year for students starting in Year 7 in September 2017. This helps them to get familiar with their surroundings and find their way around the site, have some fun and get to know others who will be in their forms, so that it won't feel strange on their first day at secondary school.

Summer School will run from Tuesday 25th July to Friday 28th July 2017 from 9.30am to 2.15pm and will include a wide selection of activities including arts and crafts, business dynamics, a treasure hunt, drama and dance, cookery, outdoor games and a picnic.

'Happy Hour' with the headteacher

Mr Baker, headteacher at Mount Grace School, regularly holds a 'Happy Hour' with students who have been nominated by teaching staff for special achievements or outstanding effort and behaviour. Students are invited to his office and are commended for their work and achievement and receive a treat. A special mention goes to Emma D in Year 8 who recently did some independent fundraising for the Macmillan Fund and raised £62.

Le Gros Primary Schools Netball Tournament

The Primary Schools' Netball Tournament was held at Mount Grace in May. 16 primary schools from around Potters Bar took part in the tournament. There was great support for the teams from families and friends, although the weather was miserable. Despite this they played on and, after a fierce knockout competition, Brookmans Park A Team succeeded in beating Stormont School 9–7. Abbie D from Stormont School was voted player of the match. Thank you to Mrs Jenkins for organising the event and to the Brookmans Park Rotary Club for sponsoring the trophies.

Congratulations to Mrs McMahon

Many congratulations to Mrs Jane McMahon who was presented with the Hertsmere Borough Council Civic Award for 2016–17 at a Civic Dinner on Saturday 29th April 2017. Hertsmere received a large number of nominations, and the decision was very difficult. The Mayor was delighted to announce that Jane McMahon was successful and he presented her with her award.

Jane was nominated by headteacher Mr Baker for her outstanding work for the school and the PTFA. Thousands of students have benefited from her work, both as a maths teacher and as Chair of the PTFA. Jane is always at the heart of all PTFA activities and can always be found before, during and after each event, organising everyone, inspiring helpers, serving selflessly, making endless cups of tea, baking and chatting to parents and other visitors. She is hardworking and generous and has served at these events for many years. She is an absolute marvel. Mr Baker said: 'She sets a fantastic example to students, she is dedicated to her work and has inspired generations of students, staff and parents alike.'

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Secretary of State visits Dame Alice Owen's

The School were honoured to receive a visit from the Secretary of State for Education on Thursday 30th March. Ms Justine Greening spent time in a variety of lessons where she saw some of the wonderful work going on in class and spoke to a number of students. She was delighted to hear the Senior Strings perform and to share some anecdotes about her own time in the school orchestra!

Her visit finished with a grilling by some of our students, who wanted to know how she intended to ensure that no one would be disadvantaged in society due to their gender, and how she planned to make sure that all young people had access to a high quality education regardless of geography. The staff were delighted to have the opportunity to discuss issues which concerned them around teacher training, recruitment and workload.

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At St John's Nursery Playgroup we will be very busy this term looking at the lifecycles of many different creatures. It is an exciting time for us all as we watch the growth and development of all the different species.

Our frogspawn have already developed into lots of tadpoles which we hope will continue to grow into little frogs, which we can then release back into their pond. We will look at books to find out the different types of frogs to be found in nature.

Our caterpillars have arrived, and as each day goes by they grow. We will wait for the cocoons to form and then watch with excitement as they emerge as beautiful butterflies, which are released into our outside play area where we look for them every day to see if they have come for a visit.

This year we have added a wormery to our nature study. The worms have been placed in a special observatory where we can see them wriggling their way from bottom to top to find the carrot peelings and other composted material.

The chick eggs have been set in our incubator. This year we are hoping to hatch 6 Polish Bantam chicks. For the last few days in the incubator the children are able to watch the chicks hatching. This is a fantastic experience for the children. For around six weeks we are able to watch the chicks grow and form their adult feathers. The children learn to care for them, clean them out and the older children show the younger ones how the chicks should be handled.

Later this term we will be off to Furzefield woods for our annual sponsored Barnardo's Walk which we combine with our end-of-term picnic and sports day. This is always a lovely day when parents and other family members join us for a day of outdoor activities. Last year we were trying to find all the environments from the 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' story. We ran through grass, paddled in the stream, walked through the mud and crept through the dark forest, although thankfully we didn't encounter a snowstorm. We think we even found the home of the Gruffalo. We look forward to further adventures this year.

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The Lochinver House school newspaper (The Scribbler) team took a trip to the Guardian newspaper offices. During this session at the Guardian's education centre we edited various stories to fit the size of the page allocated; placing the appropriate pictures next to the news articles best suited for them and adding captions to these pictures. We found that when we put the stories onto the layout it was fuzzy and kept on going over the page so our instructor told us how to code the computer so it would fit and when we printed it off it was not wavy at all!

Our journey to the Guardian began at 3.33pm as we left the station, the train ride to the Guardian was enjoyable, and we took the public train so we had to be on our best behaviour!

After riding the train to the station we made our way from Kings Cross to the offices at the Guardian, taking a quick detour over to the lazy lawn's grass steps. We sat there and had a snack and a wave to all of the boaters on the canal opposite us.

After this we walked the short distance to the Guardian. The highlight of the trip was creating our very own front pages, which looked ever so professional. We had to make important decisions about which stories of the day to include on our front page and had to be able to justify our picture choices, just as if we were real newspaper editors. We learnt all about headlines, by-lines and skylines and had to work well as a team. The day was fantastic and gave us lots to think about – overall we give the trip a googolplex out of 10!

Louise Plaut Year 5 and Jed Kearns
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He shared his captivating, inspiring and extraordinary adventure stories with the whole school. E R Reilly's tales are mysterious, breath-taking and unforgettable.

Once the talk was over, we rushed back to our classroom to share the news with our teacher. We were all desperate to have our own set of books, especially as the author had promised to sign them personally. Our teacher bought one of the books to read as our class novel. This book is called *"The British Spy School"* and so far it has been a huge page-turner so we want to carry on reading it every day. Many of us bought the books and we feel they are some of the best books we have ever read.

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The Great Outdoors

Ladbrooke JMI School has welcomed a brand new outdoor learning environment to their Foundation Stage Unit. Award-winning outdoor play specialists, Cool Canvas, landscaped much of the existing playground and installed a range of bespoke equipment. These include a brand new texture kitchen, a construction shed, bug hotel, wildflower and grass area (popularly known as the 'meadow') a whole new secret garden and, most popular of all, a natural climbing structure complete with rope bridge, balance beam and pull-up bars.

We wanted an outside environment that not only provides the right level of challenge for all the children but also promotes the development of physical strength, imagination and curiosity, as well as giving them the chance to manage their own risks through a range of open-ended activities.

It was important to us that our outside space felt more like a garden than a playground. We wanted the children to have opportunities to observe and care for nature and wildlife, and as a result the final design is very natural with timber and planting providing the structure for various zoned areas.

To mark the opening of our new outside space each child brought in a plant to grow in our large wooden planters and have since enjoyed caring for and nurturing them. We have also welcomed a bustling mini-beast community which has moved in since the build and they have been observed taking advantage of the luxurious facilities in our bug hotel.

Since opening our new learning environment we have seen a wealth of learning from baking muddy cupcakes in the texture kitchen to hanging upside down on the pull-up bars. One of our favourite spaces is the secret garden where children can hide away amongst the trees and engage in quiet conversation with their friends, a vital skill for all children to develop.

We are so proud of our new outdoor learning environment and look forward to watching it grow for years to come.

Science day delight at Oakmere School

On the 13th March Oakmere Primary School went science-mad as normal lessons were put aside for one day and the children took part in a whole day of science investigations.

From reception and nursery, where potatoes were planted, to Year 6, where impressive sculptures were constructed from nothing more than spaghetti and marshmallows, each and every child was given the opportunity to explore the wonder of science.

Ian Goldsworthy, Science Co-ordinator, stated, "Science is incredibly important to everyone at Oakmere – all the children really enjoy our annual science day. This year the children were able to observe how matter changes from liquid to solid as they made their own ice cream; use solutions of different density to make a rainbow of water within a straw; and use cabbage water as indicator solution to discover which household liquids were acidic or alkali."

"The science day is so important for firing up the children's interest in the how and why of the world around them. Every year we run this I'm constantly amazed by how many children rush home to repeat the experiments with their own families. Science is a fantastic gateway to engaging children with their learning; it really is all around us!"

St Giles' C of E Primary School celebrates 60 glorious years

Saturday 13th May was a very memorable date for St Giles C of E Primary School, the day we celebrated the 60th anniversary of our village school on its current site.

The event was attended by governors, head teachers, teachers, staff, pupils, parents and friends of our school, both past and present, including some who knew only the old school building. They enjoyed a tour of the current site.

Special guests were Councillors Peter Rutledge and Jane West, and Carol Cole, the very first pupil to walk through the doors of the new school building in 1957, which she would have done with the head teacher at the time, Miss Dorothy Philpott.

Miss Philpott was a teacher at the school for 43 years until she sadly died at the age of 64. She is buried in St Giles church graveyard and is remembered every year by our Year 6 pupils who place flowers on her grave on their way to the Leavers Service in church at the end of the school year.

Everyone was treated to a variety of arena displays including Maypole dancing, street, jazz and modern dance, many wonderful stalls, raffle prizes which included a trip to Disneyland, a display of archive pictures and newspaper cuttings, a Talent Show by the children of the school, delicious food and drink and wonderful musical performances from our singing group, ex-pupils and local bands!

Bricks were and still are available to purchase if you have had any association with the school past or present, costing £40 for black lettering and £50 for gold! Call the school office on **01707 642170** for more details or email **admin@stgiles.herts.sch.uk**.

The team that put the whole event together did a fantastic job, working very hard to ensure it all ran smoothly. They included Jennie, who travelled all the way from Devon to help Wendy and Yvonne on the BBQ, Brookmans Park Rotary Club members and the ladies from St Giles. Church.

The atmosphere was amazing, everyone had fun and the Friends of St Giles raised some much needed funds for the school.

Thanks are due to everyone who supported us on this very special occasion.

Linda Bailey
Friend and Governor since 2000

Potters Bar Carnival 2017

By 9 o'clock on Carnival day the sun had come out and it stayed out all day!

As usual the procession left from Canada Life led by the Carnival Princess, Ellie Beacham and her two Maids of Honour, identical twins Felicity and Lucille Willey. Also in the procession was the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Charles Goldstein with his wife Gail, the Manager of Tesco's Potters Bar, Paul Knight and Leanne Taylor, also from Tesco's.

There were fewer floats in the parade this year, with organisations preferring to take part in the walking parade rather than ride on a vehicle. The winning vehicle float was entered by Cranborne School, and Ladbrooke School, portraying the hit musical *'School of Rock'*, was the winning entry for those who walked. We must thank Station Taxis for providing the VIP Cars and all the stewards who came along to make sure the procession ran smoothly.

As always the field at Elm Court was packed with stalls – in fact we had four requests for stall places the preceding day and managed to squeeze them in. The main events in the arena were an Under 9s Football Tournament, sponsored by Tesco's, and a display by The Hertfordshire Show Band, showing off the routine which they will be performing when they compete at the World Band Championships in Holland in July. The 57 Squadron Air Cadets also did a marching demonstration and the final of the Battle of the Bands took place. The football was won by Protec Youth FC and the Battle of the Bands by Super Nova from Barnet.

Everyone who came, including the stallholders, thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and the field was packed with the people of Potters Bar having a thoroughly good time.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Carnival Open Evening at 7.30pm on Monday 10th July at St John's Methodist Church in Baker Street, where they can express their views on how the day went, good or bad. The Carnival grants, that various local organisations have requested, will also be presented.

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The Gambia - April 2017

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Nine Girlguiding Senior Section members (4 from Potters Bar, the rest from Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Essex in Anglia Region) visited The Gambia on a two week service project at a primary school, staying in a local house near Banjal, an eye opening experience for everyone.

At our first get-together we designed a challenge badge (see Girlguiding Hertfordshire County website), and experienced temperatures of -3 at Fire and Ice camp, rather different from the 34°c to 43°c normally found in The Gambia!

At the school we provided paint for white walls before drawing and painting a map of Africa, all the continents, the Gambia map, national flag and anthem, a number grid and rainbow. The school children liked our work and we had an article in the Gambia National Observer about our trip.

Our guide, Nafamara, helped us experience the culture and history including: Tanji fishing village with its smoke houses and museum; watching the fisherman bring in the fish; learning about their history and living traditions; African drumming; and eating with a Gambian family. We also took a boat trip to Albreda, where Kunta Kinteh (the main character in *'Roots'*) came from and learnt about the history of the slave trade and the island where the slaves were kept before being transported.

We made smoothies, fed peanuts to Bijilo monkeys, relaxed at the beach, tie-dyed, swam, touched the tail of a crocodile at Kachikalli and revised. We also went shopping in the local craft markets and at Banjul, where we bargained and bought lots of stuff.

In all, we donated 40 books and gifts to the school and families we met.

Local children came over on two days to play and do activities including reading, puzzles, colouring, making loom bands, singing and playing games. We had hot dogs for lunch and then swam to cool down. We also enjoyed movie-time and divided into teams for races and challenges. Then we tried on Gambian dress and the children taught us Gambian dancing.

Our goodbyes were quite emotional as the children were all very upset that we had to go. It was a great trip that everyone enjoyed, and one that we would do again.

Carol, Jenni, Chelsie, Bethany, Courtney, Dani, Ellie, Maggie and Elly

Potters Bar before World War Two

(Part One)

My father was a sniper in the Royal Fusiliers in WW1 and fought at Ypres. After the war he had various jobs, before qualifying as a psychiatric nurse at Farmfield Hospital in Surrey. In 1931 he transferred to Middlesex Colony (later Harperbury Hospital) in Shenley and I was born there shortly after. In 1935 we moved to the show house for a new development in Highview Gardens, Potters Bar. There was a choice to buy the property, leasehold for £450 or freehold for £500. He wisely chose the freehold, and because of his secure job he was allowed to put down only £5 deposit. He cycled to Shenley every day to work shifts at the hospital. Finding shift work difficult, after a couple of years he took a course in brush, basket and doormat making which qualified him to teach the trade to male patients at the hospital. For the rest of his working life and all through World War Two he cycled from Potters Bar over Ridge Hill to Shenley six days a week.

In September 1936 I started at St Johns School in Southgate Road, opposite what is now Tavernaki Restaurant. The infant class rooms were wooden huts with very smelly gas radiators and few facilities, but I was happy there. Mr LeGross was headmaster and although we were all quite scared of him he was a really great teacher. I then moved to Ladbrooke School in the High Street. And, again, Mr LeGross was in charge. Other teachers I remember were Miss Prebble, Mr Page, Miss Holroyd and Miss Farnsworth, known as Fanny Farnsworth. I completed my education at the newly built Parkfield School in The Walk, which later became Lower Mount Grace School and then part of Oaklands College before being demolished to make way for Mayfair Lodge Nursing Home. When I started there Miss Goodacre was the head, but on her retirement Mr LeGross took over. Teachers I remember there were Miss Alcock, Mrs Sharpe, Miss Holroyd (who later married Mr LeGross), Mr Skrimshire, Miss Beale, Miss LeGross , Miss Troughton and Miss Barber. When war was first declared we had to attend school for about an hour, two or three times each week, in order to collect home work and have it marked. After the air raid shelters in the school grounds were ready, school returned to normal. The school dentist had a room in the Village Hall in Cotton Road and the school doctor's surgery was in the front part of Ladbrooke School. The school inspector was Mrs Darlington, who was always accompanied by a large friendly dog when she made her regular visits to inspect the class registers.

When we moved to the area, Potters Bar Cottage Hospital was a big house in Richmond Road, off Hatfield Road. In 1939 it was replaced by a larger modern hospital built on a piece of land in Mutton Lane generously given to the people of Potters Bar by Mr Tilbury, a local baker. A couple of the men working on the building lodged with us in Highview Gardens and used to bring home buckets of sprats from the pond nearby. The hospital was later demolished to make way for Tesco and replaced with the present one in Barnet Road.

Gwen Hawkins

Editor's note. *Does anyone know what happened to the "sprat pond" mentioned by Gwen and by Joyce Hall in the article included in the Spring 2017 edition?*

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...And more memories of Potters Bar

Having been evacuated to Potters Bar from Tilbury with my parents soon after the blitz started my first home, or should I say room, was above "The Singing Kettle Cafe" in Barnet Road. We then moved to the far end of the Southgate – Cockfosters Road and then shared a house with Mrs Luckham and her daughter, Rene, in Cranborne Crescent. I was around 5 years old and my first school was Cranborne – I can't recall very much except the sound of the siren and heading for the underground school shelter below the playing fields.

My next school must have been following our move to a flat above Wilson's outfitters in Darkes Lane. During this time, for reasons unknown to me, I attended three schools in Potters Bar: The Lindens, High Street and Dugdale Hill and then back to Cranborne. Through all this we still had bombs dropping around us and I don't think, as children, we realised how dangerous this was. We would stand out in the street and watch planes above us having dog fights and at night we would count the search lights. In the morning after the raids, we would go out and look at the bomb damage. One I particularly recall, landed in the field at the top of Baker Street, opposite Dugdale Hill School.

Dorothy Sweeney

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Rydal Mount Yard, Baker Street, Potters Bar

Sir Nigel Gresley (1876-1941)

Railway enthusiasts will know precisely who this man was and what he achieved in the development of steam locomotion. Others will know more about his two most famous inventions, The Flying Scotsman and Mallard. What is perhaps less widely known is that he was, for a time, a near resident of Potters Bar. During the 1930s he lived at Salisbury Hall, between South Mimms and London Colney. Still a private residence, today it is situated close to the de Havilland Aircraft Museum.

During his time at the Hall he became interested in breeding wild birds, including a species of duck called the mallard. Whether this influenced his naming of that locomotive is not clear. What is clear, however, is that The Flying Scotsman, the first steam train to officially travel at 100 mph, and the A4 class Mallard, fastest steam train in the world, clocking 126mph, both ran regularly through Potters Bar hauling express trains when they were in full service.

In the 1950s and 60s a non-stop express train called The Elizabethan, named in honour of the Queen, ran on weekdays between London and Edinburgh, and in the reverse direction taking approximately six plus hours. It was always hauled by a locomotive of the A4 class until 1962, sometimes Mallard, and was regarded as cutting edge travel at the time. Now modern trains can easily reach Edinburgh from London in about four and a half hours including half a dozen stops. There is, however, something iconic about these steam locos, especially the A4 class with its streamlining known as a 'Streak' to young train spotters at the time, that still makes one feel proud seeing them in full steam today. Gresley was Chief Mechanical Engineer of the London and North Eastern Railway and I feel sure he would have used Potters Bar station regularly to travel to his office in Kings Cross. A statue of him now stands on the concourse at Kings Cross station.

Les Chesson

Working in the Community - Hotel Proprietor

But this hotel is for hens! When Jane Fowler (a very appropriate name) was living in Chingford, she and her husband decided they wanted to live the 'good life', with home- produced eggs for breakfast and a vegetable patch. So, eleven years ago they found a house with a large garden and field in Potters Bar, and Jane bought four hens as a hobby. But one day, a friend asked her if she would look after her hens while she was away, and the word went around that this was what Jane did.

The hobby turned into a full-time occupation, and although Jane had no training for it, she now not only boards hens and ducks, but also rescues and re-homes them. Breakfast for Jane is held back until about 10 am, when all the birds have been fed and settled. In addition she incubates and hatches her own chicks and ducklings of different breeds. Each breed produces different coloured eggs, which she sells from her front gate for a donation.

When the avian 'flu developed last year, Jane was advised by Defra and the Animal and Plant Health Agency, with whom she's registered, that all her birds had to be protected from disease-carrying wild birds. This entailed covering large coops and runs with tarpaulins, the noise of which in the wind, stressed the birds and also made access to them, and for cleaning the runs and equipment, very difficult. Although the restrictions are now lifted, all visitors to the hotel will still have their shoes disinfected.

As well as rescuing hens and ducks, Jane also rescues dogs. She has four at present, and when previous dogs have died she planted a fruit tree in their memory. She also grows soft fruit in car tyres, and last year she began planting an area to encourage butterflies and bees. But, although all this may be a full-time job, Jane is very happy with her 'good life'.

Joy Stovell

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WHAT'S ON

JULY

SATURDAY 1st

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 2nd

- **Family Fun Day** at Morven Guide Centre, The Causeway, Potters Bar. Organised by St John's Methodist Church, 12.30–4.30pm. Barbeque, games and crafts, bouncy castle, refreshments. Indoors and outdoors. Sally 07941 223102.
- **Open Garden** North Mymms Park, 2.30–5pm. Gates open 2.15pm. £4.50. Under 12s free. Stalls, tea and cakes. Music from the Hatfield Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club. Small selection of classic cars.
- ***Barnet Walks** Marvellous Mill Hill: a guided walk. Meet at Mill Hill East tube station 11am.
- ***Cherry Lodge Cancer Care Hope & Glory Charity Lunch** An excellent way to spend a Sunday in a beautiful setting. There will be complementary therapies, stalls, raffle and more. Contact Tina on 020 8441 7000 for more info if you are interested at this amazing venue in Potters Bar. Price £15 includes brunch. Supporting both Cherry Lodge Cancer Care and Parkinson's UK.

TUESDAY 4th

- **Lunchtime Recital** Neil Crossland, piano, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch £5.12 noon to 1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESAY 5th

- ***PB Horticultural Society** Club Outing.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** Oakmere Children's Choir.

THURSDAY 6th

- ***Potters Bar Society** Town Group Meeting, 7.30pm, Tilbury Hall.

SATURDAY 8th

- **The Peace Hospice** The NightLight Walk: Our brand new night walk will turn Cassiobury Park into a fairy tale wonderland with beautiful light installations, music, performers and more. You'll also have a special NightLight lantern to help to light the way as night falls. Find out more and register.
- ***Barnet Walks** The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 9th

- **Strawberry Fayre** 1960s style! Pope Paul School, Baker Street
- ***Messy Church** for all the family at King Charles the Martyr Church, 3–5pm. Art and craft activities, some informal worship and a light tea. Free, no need to book.
- ***Barnet Walks** Anthony Trollope guided walk. Meeting point tbc. 2pm.

MONDAY 10th

- **Carnival Open Evening** 7.30pm, St John's Church, Baker Street. All welcome.

TUESDAY 11th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club** 'Summer Gardens' – Barbara Collins.

WEDNESAY 12th

- ***Wednesday Community Club** Games and chat.

THURSDAY 13th

- ***Oakmere WI** 'Poisons in Medicine' – Graham Harrison.

SATURDAY 15th

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.
- **Potters Bar Beer Festival** PB Town Football Club, off The Walk, 12 noon.
- **Dog Show** Cooperscroft Care Home, Coopers Lane Road, 2.30pm. Call to enter your pooch, 644179.
- **Battle Proms Concert** Hatfield House. Gates open 4.30pm, finishes 10.30pm approximately.
- **'A Midsummer Night's Dream'** Shenley Park, 7pm. Gates open 6pm. Tickets 01923 852629.
- ***Barnet Walks** Charles Dickens in Barnet and North London: a guided walk. Meet at High Barnet Tube Station, 2.30pm.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 16th

- **Camera Fair** Elm Court, 10.30am–2.30pm.
- **'Folk By The Oak'** Folk Festival at Hatfield House, from 1pm.
- ***Fir & Pond Woods Nature Reserve** Conservation work to maintain this reserve. 10am, Lay-by, Coopers Lane Road.

WEDNESDAY 19th

- ***PB Horticultural Society** Francis Watkins – 'The Healing Powers of Plants'.

THURSDAY 20th

- **Open Day** Dame Alice Owen's School, Dugdale Hill Lane, 2–5pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Open Evening** Air Cadets 57 Squadron. Ingram Cadet Centre, Mutton Lane, EN6 2NY. Ages 12–17 welcome, 7.30–9.30pm. Info tel 659395.

SATURDAY 22nd

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.
- **Open Day** at Potters Bar Bus Garage, 10.30am–4pm. Stalls and refreshments. Free rides on show buses. All proceeds to charity.

SUNDAY 23rd

- ***Barnet Walks** Historical High Barnet: a guided walk. Meet outside Barnet College, Wood Street at 11am.

THURSDAY 27th

- ***Cuffley Horticultural Society** 'Climbers and Wall Shrubs/Containers' – Tom Cole.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SATURDAY 29th

- **Summer Fayre** Cooperscroft Care Home, Cooperscroft Care Home, Coopers Lane Road, 2–4pm. Tombola, raffle, refreshments. 644179.

SUNDAY 30th

- **'Music to Watch Flowers By'** Shenley Park, 12 noon–6pm. Family picnic concert, with jazz to rock. Children's entertainment. Tickets 01923 852629.
- ***Barnet Walks** Monken Hadley Village: a guided walk. Meet outside The Spires, Barnet High Street, 11am.
- **Whitewebbs Museum of Transport** Open Day, 10am–4pm. £4.

AUGUST

TUESDAY 1st

- **Lunchtime Recital** Sally Quantrill and Lydia Bosworth, flute and piano, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch £5, from 12 noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

THURSDAY 3rd

- ***Potters Bar Society** Town Group Meeting. Tilbury Hall, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 5th

- **Movies in the Park** Oakmere Park. 'Minions' at 3pm and 'Dirty Dancing at 7pm. FREE.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 6th

- ***Barnet Walks** The Battle of Barnet; a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road at 2.30pm.

SATURDAY 12th

- **Summer Garden Party** Cooperscroft Care Home, Coopers Lane Road. Entertainment and refreshments, 2.30pm. Booking essential 644179.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

FRIDAY 18th

- **Art in Clay** Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.

SATURDAY 19th

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.
- **Art in Clay** Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.

SUNDAY 20th

- **Classic Car and Bike Show** Elm Court, Mutton Lane, 12 noon–4pm. £3, under 16s free. Hog roast, hot food, bar, tea, coffee and cakes. Music from Shades of Midnight. Organised by Potters Bar Rotary. Call John on 645955 to display car or bike.
- ***Fir & Pond Woods Nature Reserve** Conservation work to maintain this reserve, 10am. Lay-by, Coopers Lane Road. Tools provided.
- **Art in Clay** Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.

SATURDAY 26th

- **American Custom Car Weekender** Whitewebbs Museum of Transport. £10 per day or £15 for both days.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 27th

- **American Custom Car Weekender** Whitewebbs Museum of Transport. £10 per day or £15 for both days.

WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 2nd

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 3rd

- **Classic Car Show** Capel Mano, 10am–5pm. Over 300 cars expected. Look around Capel Manor Gardens. Stalls, miniature railway rides and live music.
- **DPL Toy Fair** Elm Court,10.30am–2.30pm.
- ***Barnet Walks** East Barnet Village: a guided walk. Meet outside East Barnet library, Brookhill Road, 11am.

MONDAY 4th

- ***Barnet Philatelic Society** Great Britain (Unseen) Don Knight

TUESDAY 5th

- **Lunchtime Recital** Simon Pusey – organ, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch £5. 12 noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 6th

- ***PB Horticultural Society** 'Fungi' – Simon Bradmore.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** Outing: Cruise, show and lunch.

THURSDAY 7th

- ***Potters Bar Society** Town Group Meeting. Tilbury Hall, 7.30pm.

FRIDAY 8th

- ***Barnet Walks** Jack the Ripper: a commemorative guided walk. Meet at Whitechapel Tube Station at 6.30pm.

SATURDAY 9th

- ***Barnet Walks** The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road at 11am.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 10th

- **Folk Festival** Shenley Park, 12 noon–6pm. Mellow folk afternoon with real ales and cider. Tickets 01923 852629.
- **Messy Church** King Charles the Martyr Church, 3–5pm. See 9th July.

TUESDAY 12th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club** 'Holiday in the Sun' – Yvonne Tan.

WEDNESDAY 13th

- **Wednesday Community Club** Games and chat.
- ***RSPB** Afternoon Meeting 'Wrotham Park and the Byng Family' – Charles Dace.

THURSDAY 14th

- ***Oakmere WI** 'Bagels, Bacon' – Jeff Rozelaar.
- ***Enfield National Trust Association** 'Eccentric London' – Alan Copeland. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 321759.

FRIDAY 15th

- ***RSPB** Evening Meeting 'What's that Wader?' Find out about wading birds from David Darrell Lambert.

SATURDAY 16th

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 17th

- ***Fir & Pond Woods Nature Reserve** Conservation work to maintain this reserve, 10am. Lay-by, Coopers Lane Road. Tools provided.

MONDAY 18th

- ***Barnet Philatelic Society** Cinderella/Early Self-adhesives – Don McKerrow.

TUESDAY 19th

- ***PB Historical Society** 'Hertfordshire Library connections' Llinos Thomas.

WEDNESDAY 20th

- ***PB Horticultural Society** 'The Secrets of Wrotham Park' – Helen Fry.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** tba.

FRIDAY 22nd

- ***Barnet Walks** Things that go bump in High Barnet! An autumn equinox ghost walk, 7.30pm.
- **Open Air Cinema** Hatfield House. 'La La Land', 7.30pm, doors open 6pm.

SATURDAY 23rd

- **Enfield Town and Country Show** (including Festival of Dogs) Enfield Town Park, Cecil Road, 11am–6pm. 120 Stalls. 01728 685302.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.
- **Whitewebbs Museum of Transport** Model Railway Exhibition, 10.30am–5pm. £4.
- **Open Air Cinema** Hatfield House. 'Top Gun', 7.30pm, doors open 6pm.

SUNDAY 24th

- **Harvest Festival** Family Communion, 10am. Lunch 12 noon. All welcome. St Mary's Church, The Walk. Details 655407.
- **Enfield Town and Country Show** (including Festival of Dogs) Enfield Town Park, Cecil Road, 11am–6pm. 120 Stalls. 01728 685302.
- **Open Air Cinema** Hatfield House. 'Mamma Mia', 7.30pm, doors open 6pm.

TUESDAY 26th

- ***'Farms, Forks and Flummery'** start of 10 week course. Tutor: Adam Smith. Brookmans Park WEA. URC Brookmans Park. 650673.

THURSDAY 28th

- ***Cuffley Horticultural Society** '101 things you didn't know about garden birds' – Chris Ward.
- ***Poetry of the First World War and beyond.** Start of 10 week course. Tutor: Michael King. Brookmans Park WEA. URC Brookmans Park. 650673,
- **Aurora Orchesta** at Hatfield House, 7.30pm.

FRIDAY 29th

- **Navarra String Quartet** at Hatfield House, 5pm.

SATURDAY 30th

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.
- **Elias String Quartet** at Hatfield House, 5pm.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 1st

- **Harvest Festival** St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, 10.30am.

MONDAY 2nd

- ***Barnet Philatelic Society** 'My Other Collections' by members.

TUESDAY 3rd

- **Lunchtime Recital** Nina Kopparhed, soprano, violin and piano, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch £5, 12 noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 4th

- ***PB Horticultural Society** 'Seychelles' – Bruce Bennett.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** Games and chat.

THURSDAY 5th

- ***Potters Bar Society** Town Group Meeting. Tilbury Hall, 7.30pm.

FRIDAY 6th

- ***Barnet Walks** Soho: a night-time guided roam. Meet outside Dominion Theatre (Tottenham Court Road Tube Station), 7pm.

SATURDAY 7th

- **Jumble Sale** 4th PB Scouts. St John's Church, Baker Street. Entry £2 at 10am and 50p at 10.30am. Until 12 noon approximately.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11am, buyers 12 noon. 50p.

SUNDAY 8th

- **Messy Church** King Charles the Martyr Church. See 9th July.
- ***Barnet Walks** Anthony Trollope guided walk. Meeting point tbc, 2pm.

TUESDAY 10th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club** 'Start with Music, End with Flowers' – Catherine Holness.

WEDNESDAY 11th

- ***RSPB** Afternoon meeting. 'A Week in the Dolomites' Landscapes, flora and fauna with Bruce Bennett.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** Illusionist Reverend Peter Liddelow.

THURSDAY 12th

- ***Enfield National Trust Association** 'Being a Butler on Britannia' – William French. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 650969.
- ***Oakmere WI** 'Venice, City of Dreams' – Maggie Radcliffe.

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 13th
- *RSPB Evening meeting. 'Wild Scotland' Landscapes, flora and fauna of four Scottish islands.

SATURDAY 14th
- **Family Quiz Night** Mount Grace School.
- **Barn Dance** Arkley Village Hall, Brickfield Lane, Barnet. £15 including Ploughman's. Bar and raffle. In aid of Cherry Lodge Cancer Care. Tina 020 8441 7000.
- *Barnet Walks Spitalfields: a guided walk. Meet outside Whitechapel Art Gallery (Aldgate East Tube Station), 11am.
- **Mum2Mum Market Nearly New Sale** Tilbury Hall, URC Church, Darkes Lane, 10am–12 noon.

SUNDAY 15th
- *Barnet Walks The Battle of Barnet; a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm.
- *Fir & Pond Woods Nature Reserve Conservation work to maintain this reserve, 10am. Lay-by, Coopers Lane Road. Tools provided.

MONDAY 16th
- *Barnet Philatelic Society 'World War 1' – Alan Tunkel.

TUESDAY 17th
- *ELODS presents 'Parade' Musical. Wyllyotts Theatre, 7.30pm. 645005.

WEDNESDAY 18th
- *ELODS presents 'Parade', see above.
- *Enfield National Trust Association Retired London taxi driver, Norman Factor. Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, 2pm. 650969.
- *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.
- *PB Horticultural Society 'The Development of Wrotham Park Estate' – Charles Dace.

THURSDAY 19th
- *ELODS presents 'Parade', see above.
- *PB Historical Society 'London's Lee Valley, Britain's best-kept secret' – Dr Jim Lewis.

SATURDAY 21st
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11.45am, buyers 1pm. Book on 659602.
- **Quiz Night** 7.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk. £10 including supper. Tickets 654407 or 658837.
- **ELODS presents 'Parade'** Matinee at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Wyllyotts Theatre. 645005.

TUESDAY 24th
- **'Absent Friends'** by Alan Ayckbourn. Tilbury Hall, Darkes Lane. Potters Bar Theatre Co. 7.30pm. Tickets 07985 542204.

WEDNESDAY 25th
- **'Absent Friends'**, see above.
- *Wednesday Community Club Anniversary Lunch, 1pm. Guest speaker on 'West Highland Way'.

THURSDAY 26th
- **'Absent Friends'**, see above.
- *Cuffley Horticultural Society 'Gardens of China and the Luoyang Peony Festival' – Kathy Brown.

FRIDAY 27th
- **'Absent Friends'**, see above.
- *Barnet Walks Things that go bump in High Barnet: a Halloween ghost walk. Meet at High Barnet Tube Station at 7.30pm. Also on Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th, Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st, same time, same meeting place.

SATURDAY 28th
- **'Absent Friends'** by Alan Ayckbourn. Tilbury Hall, Darkes Lane. Potters Bar Theatre Co. Sat matinee 2.30pm and 7.30pm. 07985 542204.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court. Sellers 11.45am, buyers 1pm. Book on 659602.

SUNDAY 29th
- **Whitewebbs Museum of Transport** Open Day, 10am–4pm. £4.

NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 1st
- *PB Horticultural Society 'The World Garden Lullingstone Castle' – Jim Buttress.
- *Oakmere WI 'Electrical Aspects of Home Maintenance' – Steve Frowe.
- *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

THURSDAY 2nd
- *Potters Bar Society Town Group Meeting. Tilbury Hall, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 4th
- **Remembering our Loved Ones** Sevice to remember and give thanks for departed relatives and friends. All welcome. 3pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Followed by tea and cakes. Details 07803 756088.

SUNDAY 5th
- **Messy Church** King Charles the Martyr Church. See 9th July.
- *Barnet Walks Hooray for Hendon! A guided walk. Meet at Hendon Cenral Tube Station.

MONDAY 6th
- *Barnet Philatelic Society Italy Study Circle – talk and display.

TUESDAY 7th
- **Lunchtime Recital** Andrew West, organ, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch £5. 12 noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 8th
- *Wednesday Community Club Talk on Cambodia.
- *RSPB Afternoon Meeting, 'History of St Albans Abbey' – Sally Pearson.

THURSDAY 9th
- *Enfield National Trust Association 'Regents Canal' – Diane Burnstein. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 650969.

SATURDAY 11th
- **Christmas Market** 4th PB Scouts St John's Church, Baker Street 10am approximately 12.30pm. Entry 50p, under 16s free. Seasonal stalls, refreshments and Santa.
- **Christmas Bazaar** Cats Protection League, Lea Valley Branch. The Undercroft, St Andrew's Church, Cuffley, from 11am. Entrance 50p or a tin of cat food.

SUNDAY 12th
- **Remembrance Day Service** at the War Memorial, 10.50am, followed by service in St Mary's Church at 11.30am.
- **DPL Toy Fair** Elm Court, 10.30am–2.30pm.
- *Barnet Walks The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm.

WENESDAY 15th
- *Enfield National Trust Association '80+ years of YHA' Diane Nightingale, 2pm. Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Enfield. Info 650969.
- PB Horticultural Society 'Bulb planting, August to October' – George Lockwood.

FRIDAY 17th
- *RSPB Evening Meeting. 'Wildlife and Management of the RSPB Nene Washes' – Charles Kitchin.

SATURDAY 18th
- **Christmas Fayre** Mount Grace School.
- **Quiz** in aid of Cats Protection League. Elm Court, Mutton Lane. Bring own food and drink. £6. Tables up to 10 people. 7.15 for 7.30pm start. Telephone Stephanie on 657876.

SUNDAY 19th
- *Fir & Pond Woods Nature Reserve Conservation work to maintain this reserve, 10am. Lay-by, Coopers Lane Road. Tools provided.

TUESDAY 21st
- **'Chess'** Potters Bar Theatre Co. Musical. Wyllyotts Theatre, 7.30pm. Tickets 07985 542204.

WEDNESDAY 22nd
- **'Chess'**, see above.

THURSDAY 23rd
- *PB Historical Society 'The Lost Garden in Gobions Wood' – Colin Field.
- **'Chess'**, see above.

FRIDAY 24th
- **'Chess'**, see above.

SATURDAY 25th
- **'Chess'** Wyllyotts Theatre. Saturday matinee 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets 07985 542204.

WEDNESDAY 29th
- *PB Horticultural Society AGM and Social.

Please check details of these events by telephoning the contact provided. An asterisk * means more details about venues and times included in Clubs and Organisations section.

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Potters Bar Bowls Club: Another year of opportunity

After a very successful 2016 season, Potter Bar Bowls Club took the covers off their Green on Saturday 22nd April for the opening day of their 2017 season.

President Terry Barker rolled the first wood in the annual President's Day competition. Fifty nine members supported Terry and his chosen charity for the year, our own local Isabel Hospice.

Members enjoyed eighteen ends before joining together for drinks and a superb buffet, prepared by the catering team of Anita, Beryl, Chris and Pam. Thanks to members' generosity in donating prizes and purchasing tickets, the magnificent sum of £288 (including proceeds from the 'Spider' competition), was raised for the Isabel Hospice.

The club held an Open Day on 13th May and, thanks to the article in the last edition of this magazine, 5 of the 10 prospective members who came along did so as a result of reading about us in *Community News*.

Members have already started playing the early rounds of internal club competitions in addition to District matches. We have also enjoyed friendly games against other clubs including Selborne, Whitehorn, Northaw and Cuffley, and Hoddesdon and Rye.

The club has a full social programme and, thanks to green-fingered members donating cuttings and plants, £65 was raised for the Isabel Hospice. Following the plant sale over 40 members enjoyed a cream tea with the proceeds going to club funds.

The club is always looking for new members, so if you would like to join a friendly, local group and also enjoy some gentle exercise, please contact Peter Openshaw, Membership Secretary on **01707 657812**.

We look forward to seeing you.

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JUNIOR EVENTS 2017

SUMMER COACHING COURSES

Morning Sessions, 9am to 12noon; ages 5–9 years
Afternoon Sessions, 1pm to 4pm; ages 10–15 years

5 days: Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July;
Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August; Monday 7th August to Friday 11th August; Monday 14th August to Friday 18th August.

A PARENT AND CHILD TOURNAMENT was held on Sunday 7th May, organised by Junior Secretary, Judith Wheeler. The winners were as follows: Sebastian and Alan Ball (10 and under), Alex and Tom Dowdall (14 and under), Olli and Virginia Mash (18 and under).

JUNIOR CLUB TOURNAMENT 2017

Junior Finals will take place on Saturday 16th September at the same time as the Adult Club Finals.

ADULT PLAY 2017

Every Monday evening 'Pay and Play' is available for adults from 7–9pm. Cost for non-members is £7.

LADIES TENNIS Tuesdays 9.30–11.30am, beginners and Improvers. Thursdays 9.30am, more advanced players.

These sessions are all taken by Karl Mills, Club Head Coach **(07939 303483)** who should be contacted on any coaching enquiries.

CARDIO TENNIS Wednesday 6.15–7.15pm. Please book your place by phoning Karl Mills on **07939 303483**.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP MATTERS All Membership enquiries should be made to Sue Vallance on **01707 645909** or email **sue.vallance3@btinternet.com**.

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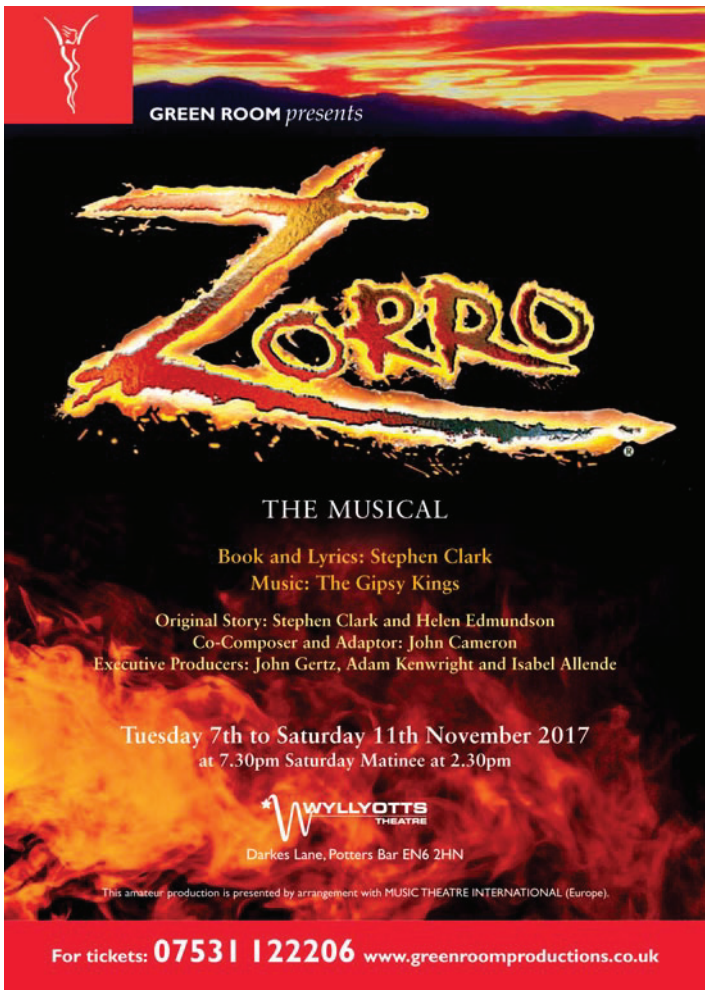
What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global organisation of enthusiastic volunteers dedicated to serving the community locally and worldwide. We give our support to those less fortunate by using our skills and resources to organise fundraising events such as the Christmas Sleigh collection, the Car and Bike Show, a Quiz Night and many others. These enable us to donate to organisations such as Noahs Ark Hospice, Herts Air Ambulance and the Anthony Nolan Trust. Internationally we support Purple for Polio (the eradication of polio) and the sending of Shelterboxes to disaster areas.

We cannot do this without our members and it is important that we encourage new members to join us. This is what our latest member has to say about joining us: "I was introduced to the Rotary Club of Potters Bar by a friend of members and after attending a couple of meetings, I joined. The members are welcoming and friendly and there is a lot of banter and chat at meetings. It is great to feel that you are putting something back into the community and also joining another social circle to enjoy. Members give up their time unconditionally, without reward or recognition, fundraising for the community. Anyone interested should come along to a lunch or help out at an event. It is enjoyable so come along, have a good time and meet people".

There is no obligation if you come along, and you will be welcomed. Help us serve the community to make a positive difference and have fun at the same time. For more information contact Kathie Crowe on **01707 850265** or **kathleen.crowe@ntlworld.com**.



Classic Car and Bike Show

Potters Bar Rotary Club presents the 5th Classic Car & Bike Show at Elm Court on Sunday 20th August from 12 noon to 4pm. Have a great day out with hog roast and hot food, bar, tea, coffee and cakes, with Shades of Midnight providing musical background.

Entry for adults is £3, children under 16 are free. Come along and support Rotary in their fund-raising efforts for local charities. To display a car or bike, please call John on **01707 645955** or email **jvg499@hotmail.co.uk**.

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National Immunisation Day – India. Well, what a humbling and unforgettable experience Alan Rice-Smith and Barbara Middleton had supporting NID in India on 29th January. India has the second highest population in the world, an estimated 1.3 billion people. The NID needs to reach approximately 170 million children aged under five and many of these are living in poverty.

Logistically this requires the mobilisation of 1,170,000 vaccination teams visiting up to 209 million homes, and Alan and Babs were just two of the Rotarian volunteers, from all over the world, who visited the country to assist. What did we do? Day 1 involved many community parades all over the country promoting NID and encouraging parents to bring their children to one of the 709,000 vaccination booths. Day 2 was the NID, when the 2,500,000 vaccinators staffed the booths administering the protective vaccine. Day 3 involved visits to the slum areas, knocking on doors and identifying the children yet to be immunised.

Latest News: this commitment over the last 30 years has reduced the number of cases worldwide from an estimated 350,000 in 1988. There were three countries remaining that had cases in 2016, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria with a total of 37 cases. So far this year there have been only 5 new cases reported, which is fantastic news. We are now so close to eradicating only the second worldwide human disease ever, after smallpox in 1979.

What can you do? Presently there is a predicted funding gap of US$ 1.5 Billion, up to 2018. If you want to make a donation towards End Polio Now, you can do so by following this link; **www.rotary.org/donate#pp**. If you want to get involved in Rotary and have some fun whilst raising money for local and international charities please contact us on **07724 698357** or via **enquiries@brookmansparkrotary.org.uk**. Alan and Babs are also available to do a presentation about their trip, with many more interesting and educational photos.

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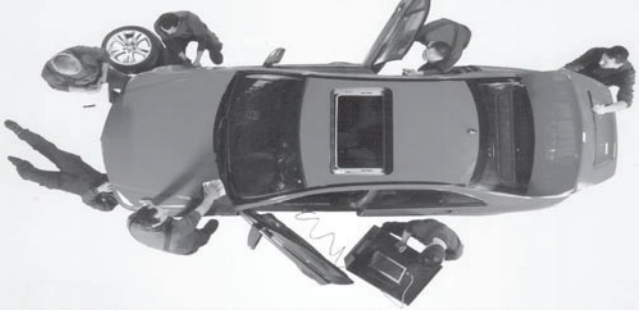

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Summer in the parks!

There has been an addition to Willow Way Open Space in Potters Bar!

The addition of The Freestyler in March 2017 is the start of play improvements underway in Potters Bar. Catering to a wider age range with emphasis on exploring fun through fitness, equipment such as The Freestyler has been chosen as it offers something different and challenging for people to use.

It has its roots in surfing, kite surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding and was designed for older children to improve strength, balance, skill and spatial awareness. It has the strength of a traditional swing yet is unique in its design making it a great park centrepiece.

Furzefield has received a brand new toddler multi unit to replace an ageing play piece, and Willow Way will receive fitness equipment to cater for a wider age range within the park this summer.

Bags of Help is Tesco's exciting local community grant scheme where the money raised from the 5p bag charge is being used to fund local projects, which are voted for by shoppers at local stores. So far the scheme has supplied us with two successful grant applications for the Willow Way Open Space and the Furzefield toddler playground where we are planning to use the money to make improvements to the variety of equipment installed on both sites.

Movies in the park – free Come along to Oakmere Park on Saturday 5th August when *'Minions'* will be screened at 3pm. followed by *'Dirty Dancing'* at 7pm. Organised by Hertsmere Leisure.

Petanque – Come and try it! Potters Bar Petanque Players invite potential new members to their open days at Oakmere Park. These usually take place on the last Saturday of each month in summer from 2pm, and any new players will be most welcome. Phone Jane on **01707 266517** to confirm dates and arrange a visit.

Recent Tree Fellings

Trees were big news recently in Potters Bar. It's amazing how they are just part of our background but become front stage if anything happens to them. Rightly so, because not only are they beautiful but they play a vital role in our well-being and health. They remove pollutants from the air, and recycle carbon dioxide making oxygen for us.

But earlier this year over ten per cent of the mature trees in Potters Bar were cut down all at once. They had been marked out in a survey last autumn by independent experts as dead, diseased or dying. Many residents contacted County Council HQ direct or asked the Potters Bar Society to act. Our Executive was equally concerned because it seemed, to many people, that there was no sign of disease in particular trees. Inevitably it was felt that our County had followed a recent national trend whereby councils are allegedly getting rid of older trees which require pruning and trimming and are therefore more expensive to maintain than young trees. We were also concerned because the Society had not been told, or consulted about the fellings or the replantings.

Following lengthy calls and correspondence, answers emerged. We were told that the County has a duty of care, with legal requirements which did not exist when areas of Potters Bar were constructed, but that all felled trees will be replaced. We asked who chose the new trees and why differing species had been replanted. Our concern was that many roads in Potters Bar had originally one species making a spectacular show – for example Mutton Lane with flowering cherries, Baker Street and The Walk with horse chestnuts, Dugdale Hill Lane with almonds. We were told that the tree officers took the opportunity to improve the look of the area with a long term view of retaining this look throughout the year, not just for a short spring period.

Had the Potters Bar Society been consulted this view might have been challenged by residents. We raised this with officers who apologised that this was not done due to the limited time scale, a budget opportunity, and finding available trees. This explanation made us wonder if the replanting and choice of trees were more influenced by end of financial year accounting pressures. However the Society is grateful for the open replies from County Tree officers and we hope to maintain this constructive dialogue with them.

Trees brought the Potters Bar Society into being fifty-six years ago when the District Council proposed to cut down the avenue of red horse chestnuts in Baker Street in 1961. These trees were again under threat in 1973 and in 1993. A Society ballot of residents showed a strong majority in favour of keeping them and the Council then said the aim was their long term preservation and that any cut trees in Baker Street would be replaced with new red horse chestnuts. Councils and officers come and go but the Potters Bar Society keeps the town's collective history in order to remind officers of past pledges.

A more detailed article on this topic appeared in the Society Spring newsletter. The Potters Bar Society tries to be the voice of residents and more members makes a stronger voice. If you would like to join please contact via our website **(www.pbsoc.org.uk)** or telephone our membership secretaries on **643832**. Membership costs only £5 per year or £7.50 for a household.

Margaret Ohren
Potters Bar Society

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THANK YOU , Potters Bar Tangent Club

The lovely ladies at Potters Bar Tangent Club in Hertfordshire, raised a fabulous £3,050 for NSPCC throughout 2016. As part of their Charity of The Year fundraising, they held a summer lunch and quiz night amongst other events.

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Little Mix Experience

Friday 11th August, 6pm
Tickets £14

Four hugely talented girls pay tribute to one of the UK's finest girl bands. With breathtaking dance moves, replica costumes and some of the finest vocals in the UK, this is a high energy show from beginning to end, packed with all of Little Mix's greatest hits. This show is suitable for all ages.

TJ Higgs

Friday 15th September, 8pm
Tickets £18, Concessions £17

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The Roy Orbison Story

Saturday 16th September, 8pm
Tickets £21

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The Dancing Years

Sunday 17th September, 2pm
Tickets £12, Concessions £11

Spend a delightful afternoon in the company of dance historian Trevor Marriott as he takes you on a nostalgic audio-visual trip of dance crazes from the Roaring Twenties to the disco dances of the 1970s. Trevor's witty presentation style and vast and superb knowledge of dance on film, will entertain any history or dance fans.

Murder Mystery Evening

Sunday 17th September, 7.30pm
Tickets £18 (includes fish and chips or veggie curry and rice)

There's been a murder. Join us this thrilling evening and watch the story unfold in front of you. Listen to the alibis and question the suspects before deliberating with your team, over a hot meal, who you think the killer is.

Faith - The George Michael Legacy

Friday 22nd September, 8pm
Tickets £22.50, Concessions £20

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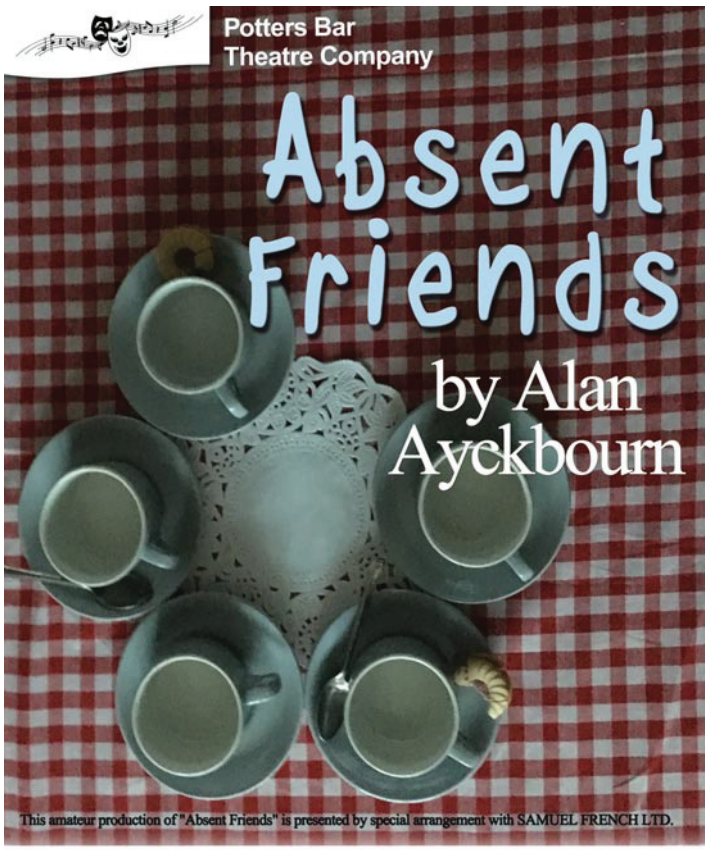

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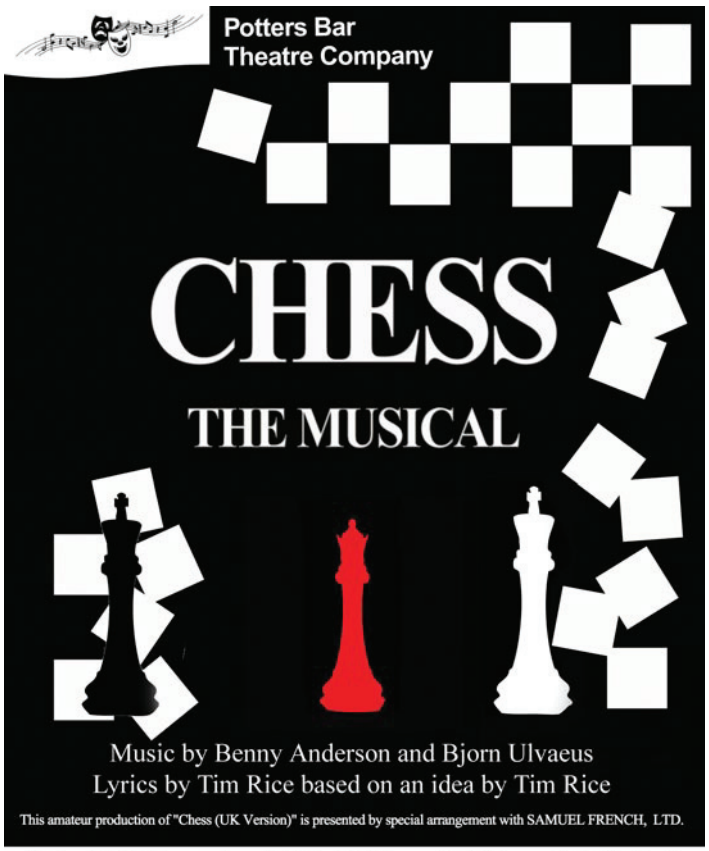

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That'll Be The Day

Saturday 23rd September, 7.30pm
Tickets £24.50

The UK's premier Rock & Roll Production returns with another brand new show. This new line-up features smash hits from the 50s to the 80s, plus side-splitting comic sketches. Prepare for an unforgettable night of nostalgia, laughs and rock and Roll. Note that this show sells out very quickly.

Memories are Made of This

Thursday 28th September, 2pm
Tickets £14

This fast moving, roller-coaster of a journey through some of the greatest songs of the 50s, 60s and 70s will be a show you are sure to remember. Humour from one of the UK's top comedians and performances rarely seen outside the West End from this superb cast of singers and dancers.

Money for Nothing

Friday 29th September, 8pm
Tickets £20, Concessions £19

Enjoy and experience the music and legacy of Dire Straits with songs spanning over five decades, delivered with passion and accuracy by seven world-class musicians and singers. Prepare for an intimate evening of sensational musicianship and iconic songs that define a generation.

Magic of Motown

Saturday 30th September 8pm
Tickets £25.50, Concessions £24.50

Music fans are invited to the biggest party of the year as the unstoppable Magic of Motown show steams into town. Seen by over a million people all over the world, prepare yourself for forty back-to-back classic Motown hits and outstanding musicianship in this explosive concert experience.

The Elvis Years

Thursday 5th October, 8pm
Tickets £21, Concessions £20

Celebrating 10 years on the road this year, The Elvis Years is an outstanding musical production which brings to the stage the incredible and compelling story of the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley, from his audition at Sun Studios to the 68 comeback special, and finally dance in the aisles as Mario Kombou recreates the great man himself.

Think Floyd

Friday 6th October, 8pm
Tickets £22

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Pink Floyd's first release. Think Floyd's brand new production features music from all Pink Floyd Albums. This show faithfully recreates the legendary sound of Pink Floyd live on stage.

The Counterfeit Stones - Satis-fiction (The Great British Take Off)

Saturday 7th October, 8pm
Tickets £22

Why pay a fortune to see ants on a stage when for a fraction of the price you can get up close and smell the faking brilliance of the Counterfeit Stones. This show promises another night of pure unadulterated Xerox-rock. Now in their 26th year, these pie-eyed pipers continue to deliver the best Rolling Stones "rusical" on the circuit. It's phoney Rock and Roll and you'll like it.

Lee Nelson - Serious Joker

Saturday 14th October, 7.30pm
Tickets £20

After getting into trouble for sneaking into places he shouldn't be, Lee Nelson is back where he most definitely should be: live on stage with his brand new, laugh out loud, best ever stand-up show.

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Potters Bar Society walks to September 2017

If you are interested in furthering your knowledge and understanding of the local environment, then these walks should appeal. Non-members are welcome but please make sure you know the protocol and walks rules. You join all of the walks at your own risk.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, please telephone the walks leader as the walk may have to be cancelled. All walks begin at 1.30pm.

Sunday 9th July

Meet: Potters Bar telephone exchange – Billy Lows Lane junction with Hatfield Road. *Route:* through Morven Park to Northaw Place, then Gobions Wood, Swanley Bar Lane on to railway path, returning via Hertfordshire Way. About 4.75 miles. *Leader:* **01707 851498**.

Sunday 23rd July

Meet: outside entrance to Furzefield sports centre Potters Bar (TL 24100180). *Route:* Bridgefoot Farm, South Mimms, Town Farm, Warrengate Bungalows then Cranborne estate and Furzefield Wood. About 5.5 miles. *Leaders:* **01707 850496**.

Sunday 6th August

Meet: South Mimms war memorial, St Albans Road junction with Blanche Lane. *Route:* Blackhorse Lane to Hertfordshire Way, return via Hawkshead Wood and Oak Lodge. About 5.25 miles. *Leader:* **01707 851498**.

Sunday 20th August

Meet: junction of Oak Avenue and The Ridgeway, Enfield (TQ308982). *Route:* Whitewebbs Wood to Whitewebbs Lane and return via New River Path and Hilly Fields Park. About 5 miles. *Leader:* **01707 654993**.

Sunday 3rd September

Meet: Roestock Lane near junction with Bullens Green Lane, AL4 OQW (TL214064). *Route:* Colney Heath and Willows Farm. About 6 miles. *Leader:* **01707 264689**.

Details of later walks may be accessed on the Society's website, **www.pbsoc.org.uk**. We are still looking for additional walks leaders to ensure the continuation of the programme, please ring us on **01707 643832** if you can help.

Nick Partington
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POTTERS BAR THEATRE COMPANY
Bringing Musicals and Drama to Potters Bar

Absent Friends

Potters Bar Theatre Company

24th–28th October 2017

Three couples, Diana and Paul, John and Evelyn, and Marge and Gordon are meeting at Diana's house for a tea party to offer sympathy to their friend, Colin, whose fiancée has recently drowned. Gordon is always ill and does not attend. Understandably they are on edge wondering what to say to Colin but underlying tensions slowly come to the surface before he arrives. Paul is having an affair with John's wife Evelyn. Marge, desperate for a child, has transferred her mothering instincts to her sick husband. Diana is desperately unhappy, is bullied by Paul, and suspects him of the affair with Evelyn. John is also aware of his wife's affair with Paul but is dependent on John for employment. As matters are about to erupt Colin arrives but his unexpected air of heroic cheerful relaxation contrasts dramatically with their awkward tension and his attempts to try and sort out their problems create further rifts and causes each of them to break down.

'Mr Ayckbourn's mastery of black comedy ensures another success' The Stage

Venue: Tilbury Hall, United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 1BZ.

Parking: Tilbury Hall has parking for a few cars. There is parking available in neighbouring roads but these do have some restrictions.

By Rail: Potters Bar mainline station is a short walk away.

Dates: Tuesday 24th to Saturday 28th October 2017.

Times: Evening Performances 7.30pm and Saturday Matinée at 2.30pm

Prices: Adults £13
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday (both performances).

Students £10 (under 18 years) all performances.

Senior Citizens £11 Tuesday Evening and Saturday Matinée only

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Box Office:

Tel: **07985 542204**

Online: **pbtc.ticketsource.co.uk**

Post: to: PBTC Box Office, PO Box 154, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2WB (cheques made payable to "POTTERS BAR THEATRE COMPANY" and a stamp addressed envelope)

Potters Bar Guiding celebrates achievements

On Friday 21st April Leaders from Potters Bar Girlguiding joined together with other Leaders from Girlguiding Hertfordshire at a special awards evening, celebrating Guiding achievements from across the county of Hertfordshire.

The evening saw four leaders from Potters Bar being presented with special awards. Brownie Leaders Karen Smale and Wendy Hardy with 30 years of service to Girlguiding, Guide Leader Mary Willatt with 50 years of service to Girlguiding, and Guide Leader Caroline Parkes was presented with a 'Thanks and Good Service Award'.

Nicky Reynolds, District Commissioner for Potters Bar Girlguiding said "During their times as leaders they have given hundreds of girls great experiences and opportunities, giving them chances to learn and develop new skills, while growing in confidence when trying new and exciting challenges during their time in Girlguiding."

"Being a Leader in Girlguiding is very rewarding and satisfying, especially when you see a new member who may be very unsure at their first meeting, watching them grow and develop in confidence during her time in your unit, taking part in many different activities during her guiding adventure."

There are four sections of Girlguiding: Rainbows (5–7), Brownies (7–10), Guides (10–14) and Senior Section (14–26). You can be a leader from the age of 18 or belong to our Trefoil Guild.

If you want to find out more about Girlguiding and how you can become a member, whether it is helping for 1 or 2 hours a week or wishing to register your daughter to one of the sections above, please visit the following website for further information **www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved**.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

AB's STOMPERS LINE DANCING
Weekly, Mon, Tue and Thu. Wroxham School. All levels. 07967 964962.

ACT 4
Weekly, youth clubs and regular events. 665551 or www.act4.org.uk.

ADULT BALLET, JAZZ and TAP CLASS
Weekly classes. Parkwood Health & Leisure Centre, Darkes Lane. Suzanne 07904 771980.

ADULT NETBALL
Mon 7–8pm. Wroxham School. £2. Any standard welcome. Tel 650902.

AIR TRAINING CORPS – 57 (PB) SQUADRON
Weekly, Mon and Thu. Ingram Cadet Centre (opp Fire Station). 7.15–9.30pm. Ages 13/18. oc.57@aircadets.org.

ALCOHOLICS-ANONYMOUS
Frequent meetings in Potters Bar and local area. 0845 768 7555 or help@alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk.

ANGIE'S DANCE ACADEMY
Weekly classes. Children and adults (Disco and Street). Latin American and line dancing, to exam status and performing in shows. Angie on 07773 341490.

ART
Every Fri 10am–12 noon. Furzefield Court, (next to Elm Court), £2.30. 020 8207 7568.

ART IN HERTS
Weekly, Tue. Furzefield Court, Mutton Lane, 7.30–10pm Painting in informal and social atmosphere with occasional expert tuition. 650694.

ART CLASSES
Art classes in drawing and watercolour painting Tue and Thu, 10am–12.30 pm. Jane 850356.

ART CLUB
Sixty Plus Centre Wyllyotts. Thu, 2–4pm. 654007.

ART AT THE PARK
ESC Community Art Class. High Street, Potters Bar. Wed 1–3pm (term-time only), 346170.

ATTIC ORCHESTRA
For those who wish to resume playing, melroot@hotmail.com.

BABY SENSORY CLASSESS (Birth – 13 months)
Award winning. Thu, Furzefield Leisure Centre. Lisa 07887 700939 or barnet@babysensory.co.uk.

BADMINTON
Weekly, Fri. Owen's School, 8–10pm. Age 17+ intermediate upwards. 264007.

BADMINTON CLUB
Little Heath Church Hall. Thu, 7.30pm. All abilities welcome. 657812.

BADMINTON CLUB (Friern)
Friendly club for intermediate players. Owen's School. Wed, 8pm. Contact ann-marie.rowland@fds.co.uk.

BADMINTON LADIES
Weekly, Wed, 2–5pm. Christ Church, Little Heath. Friendly, social group. 650040.

BALLROOM and LATIN DANCING
Weekly, Tilbury Hall. Beginners Mon, 7pm. Improvers 7.45pm and advanced 8.45pm. Beginners line dancing Wed, 8.30pm. 268846.

BARNET and DISTRICT CANCER LINK
Drop In Centre, Weekly, Wed, 1.30–4pm. Church of Mary Immaculate & St Gregory the Great, Union Street, Barnet. For cancer patients, families and friends. 708022 or 020 8446 3104.

BARNET & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Mon, 8pm. Twice monthly. St. John's Church Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet. Sep to Jun. Secretary: 020 8449 3971.

BARNET PLUS SPORT and SOCIAL CLUB
Weekly, Sun from 8.30pm. Discovery Hall, Netherlands Road, New Barnet. wwwBarnetplus.com.

BARNET YHA (NORTH LONDON OUTDOOR GROUP)
Weekly, Tue, 8–10pm. Discovery Hall, Netherlands Road, Barnet. 30–50+. Walking weekends, day walks, social. 020 8449 1553 or www.barnetyha.org.

BARNET WALKS *
Guided walks. £9 (£4 under 12s). Contact Paul for more information on: 07506 761294.

BARRACUDA SWIMMING CLUB
Weekly, Sun. Furzefield Centre, Mutton Lane. 11.30am–12.30pm. Helps all ages with disabilities to be safe in water. Contact Ian 660935.

BAY JAZZ CLUB
Weekly, Tue, 8.30–11pm. Botany Bay Cricket Club, East Lodge Lane, Enfield. Live Traditional Jazz. Licensed Bar. 020 8367 6660.

BELLRINGING IN SOUTH MIMMS
Bellringers practice, St Giles Church, Thu, 7pm. Ages 12+. Experience or beginners 272574.

BINGO
Weekly, Mon. South Mimms Youth and Community Association, Village Hall. 7.20pm. 651700/647822.

BOTANY BAY PETANQUE CLUB
Weekly, Sun, 10.30am–2pm. Botany Bay Cricket Club. Try the French game of boules. 653325.

BRIDGE CLUB – LITTLE HEATH (duplicate)
Tue, 7.30pm in Parish Hall. Aileen 652343 or Peter 658016.

BRIDGE CLUB
Thu, 10am–1pm. Little Heath Parish Hall. Playing Chicago Bridge. Tom 655461.

BRIDGE CLUB
Mon, 7.30pm. Clayton Centre, Barnet Road, Potters Bar. June 651011.

BRIDGE CLUB – CHICAGO
Mon, 7.30–10pm at Wyllyotts Centre. Robert 658677.

BROOKMANS PARK WI
3rd Mon, 8pm. Brookmans Park United Reformed Church. Visitors welcome. 657997.

BROOKMANS PARK TENNIS CLUB
Golf Club Road, Brookmans Park. 6 courts and floodlights. Suit all abilities. 644926.

BROOKMANS PARK WEA
Weekly, Tue and Thu mornings.10 week course at URC Brookmans Park. 650673.

BURMA STAR
St Albans branch. Monthly, 2nd Mon, 11am. British Legion Club, Verulam Road, St Albans. For ex-servicemen with Burma Star. 020 8207 1247.

BUSHI SEISHIN RYU (Martial Arts)
Weekly, Fri. Kidston Institute, Northaw Road West, Northaw. 7.30–9.30pm. 642354.

CAKE DECORATING
Potters Bar Sugar Art Club. Monthly, 1st Mon, 7.30pm. Furzefield Court, Mutton Lane. Jackie 850432.

CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP
Monthly meetings and weekly cardiac exercise. British Legion, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield. 01992 718155.

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE*
Contact 01992 586969 for information.

CAPITAL ARTS CHILDREN'S CHOIR and YOUTH THEATRE
Sat, Wyllyotts Centre. Age 5–16 years. Drama and choir. 020 8449 2342.

CHARITY LUNCHES
United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane, 1st and 3rd Fri in month. Soup, full salad buffet, tea or coffee and biscuits, 1pm. £3 per person. Please come and join us. 665482.

CHARLIE'S ANGELS
Weekly on Wed in term-time, 1.30pm–3pm. For toddlers and their parents, grandparents and carers. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall. No charge. 01707 665579.

CHERRY LODGE CANCER CARE
Contact Tina on 020 8441 7000 for more information.

CHI KUNG CLASS
Weekly, Mon 6.30–7.30pm. North Mymms Social Club, Welham Green. Sat, 11am–12 noon at PB Health Club. Organised by 'Just Standing'. 272255.

CHILDREN'S FINE ART CLASSES
Little Art School of Herts. Small groups. Ages 4–12. Tue, 4.15–5.15 pm, Potters Bar/South Mymms village. 07907 802206.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN POTTERS BAR
Co-ordination organization for all churches in Potters Bar. Malcolm Golland on 653417.

CIRCLE FOR THE BLIND and PARTIALLY SIGHTED (PB THEATRE COMPANY)
Dress rehearsals for shows and quarterly evening socials at Furzefield Court. Evenings. 657194.

COMMUNITY CHOIR
Weekly, Tue, Wyllyotts Theatre, 7.30–9.30pm. For info Joy 655464.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ at KCM
Weekly on Thu. Closed in August and in week after Christmas. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall, 9am–1.30pm. Coffee and light lunches served. All welcome and all profits to charity. 01707 665579

COUNTRY MANAGEMENT SERVICE
Environment Department, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford. 01923 588433.

CRAFT AND CHATTER
Weekly, Mon (except school holidays). PB Baptist Church, 10.30am. 707082

CROQUET CLUB
Tue, Thu, Sat and Sun, from 2.30pm. Bush Hill Park, Enfield. Coaching given. 020 8366 6005.

CUFFLEY FLORAL ART CLUB*
Monthly, Tue, 7 for 8pm. Cuffley Hall, Maynards Place. Jessica 873821.

CUFFLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Monthly, last Thu, 10 times per year, 8pm. Cuffley Hall, Maynard Place. 874357.

CUFFLEY INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE SOCIETY
Monthly, 2nd Tue. Northaw Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm. £4. 873680.

CUFFLEY OPERATIC SOCIETY
Amateur musical theatre rehearsals Tue and Thu. 2 shows a year May/Nov at Cuffley Hall. Jen 01707 872418.

CUFFLEY PLAYERS – Amateur Dramatic Society
Rehearsals Mon and Thu. 2 plays a year Mar/Nov at Cuffley Hall. Fran 872229.

CUFFLEY OVER 50'S CLUB
Wed, 2–5pm. Cuffley Youth and Community Centre. Art, snooker, table-tennis, scrabble, etc. Betty 659621.

DANCE
Lizzie Meeks School of Dance – ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, hip hop/street dance. Adult's and children's classes, Mon to Fri. 07887 567713 or info@lizziemeeksschoolofdance.com.

DANCING
Ballroom and Latin. Beginners. Weekly, Wed. Little Heath Church Hall, Thornton Road, 8.45–10pm. 662050.

DOG TRAINING – HOME FARM
Fri classes 9.30am–12 noon. Obedience and socialisation. All levels welcome. One-to-one also. 275322.

DOG TRAINING IN POTTERS BAR
Weekly, Sun, 10–11am. 020 8449 5298 or 651610.

ELIZABETH ALLEN FOOTBALL CLUB
Weekly, Sat afternoon. Old Owen's, Coopers Lane Road and Coopers Road, Little Heath. 16 +. Training Tue, 8pm. Owen's School. 652422/646273.

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Weekly, Tue and Fri, 8pm. Drama group rehearse Winchmore Hill. Performs Wyllyotts. 2 musicals per year. 07711 316474.

ENFIELD NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION
Contact Pam for more information 650969.

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FRIDAY FOLK
Social folk dancing club, Fri, 7.45–10pm. In St Albans. www.fridayfolk.org.uk.

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4 meetings each year. We liaise with Hertsmere parks officers to maintain and improve our local parks. Gill on 851445 or Peter on 655464.

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Monthly, 3rd Thu, 7.30–10pm. Tilbury Hall. 659886.

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For information contact 01727 858901.

GOLDEN EAGLE SPIRITUAL GROUP*
Monthly, 1st Tue. Clayton Centre, Barnet Road, 7.30pm. £4. Mediumship and workshops. 658499.

GREEN ROOM PRODUCTIONS
Rehearsals Mon at King Charles the Martyr Church Hall, Wed at Oakmere School. Presents musicals twice a year. New members welcome; acting and behind the scenes. 01727 836938.

GROUP 2
For siblings and families of children with special needs. Monthly, 2nd Sat, 3.30–6pm. Wayside Centre. £2 per family. Sally 07999 221974.

GUIDES, BROWNIES and RAINBOWS
Potters Bar and Brookmans Park areas: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or Sue 850147.

GURDJIEFF STUDY AND MEDITATION GROUP
Meets every few weeks. Info 654896.

HERTFORDSHIRE CHORUS
Choir based in Hatfield. Weekly, Bishop Hatfield School. www.hertfordshirechorus.org.uk.

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Tue evenings at Music Department of Hertfordshire University. Friendly wind band, rehearses in Hatfield. Contact www.hertsconcertband.co.uk.

HERTS MIND NETWORK
Tue fortnightly 11am–1pm, Memory Support Group appointment only £1, Goodacre Court, EN6 5AZ. Tue weekly 9am–5pm, Peer Support appointment only, Maple House, EN6 5BS. Tue weekly 2–4pm, Drop-in £1, Elm Court, EN6 3BP. Contact 020 3727 3600.

HERTFORDSHIRE SHOWBAND
Weekly, Mon. Mount Grace School. Training band and lessons, 7pm, Showband 7.45pm. 650209.

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Thu evenings at Welwyn Garden City, for experienced orchestra players. info@hertsphil.org.uk or 01727 857827.

HERTSMERE SOCIETY OF ART
Weekly, Wed, 1.30–4.30pm. Clayton Centre, Barnet Road. Friendly art group. 658336.

HUMANISTS – NORTH LONDON GROUP
Monthly, 3rd Thu. Non-religious people meet for discussion meetings. Ruth Winston House, Palmers Green plus social events. 653667.

INTERIOR DESIGN COURSES
For beginners. Potters Bar/South Mimms, Mon, 10am–1pm. 07907 802206.

IRISH DANCING
Weekly, Wed and Sat. Feeney Miller School of Dancing. Clayton Centre, Barnet Road. Age 4+. 01727 824842.

JAZZ – GOOGLIES JAZZ CLUB
Weekly, Thu, 7.30pm. Botany Bay Cricket Club, East Lodge Lane, EN2 8AS. www.googliesjazz.co.uk or John 020 8350 3541.

JOB CLUB, POTTERS BAR
Wed in term-time, 9.30am–12.30pm, Christ Church Little Heath, Great North Road. Just come along or call 01707 662460 or churchoffice@CCLH.org.uk.

KARATE, SELF DEFENCE and FITNESS
Weekly, Wed, Furzefield Centre. Juniors 7–8pm. Adults 8–9pm. Sun, Adult and juniors 11am–12 noon. 07534 563456 or www.karate-masters.co.uk.

KARATE and SELF DEFENCE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO ADULT
Sat 2–7 years, 10.30–11.15am. 8+ years, 11.20am–12.25pm. 661544.

KARATE FOR ALL THE FAMILY
Weekly, Sat, Oakmere Youth & Community Centre. Children 10.30–11.30am. Adults 11.45–1pm. Beginners welcome. 852641.

KING CHARLES THE MARTYR CHURCH
Further details www.kcm-church.org.uk or ring 01707 665579.

KUMON MATHS and ENGLISH
Ages 4–18, Mon and Thu. 3.30–5.30pm at Tilbury Hall, Darkes Lane. Sheena 643588.

LIFE CHURCH – POTTERS BAR
Sun, 9.30am, Family Service. Oakmere Youth & Community Centre, Fetherstone Close. 876060.

LIFE CHURCH – CUFFLEY
Sun, 11am, Family Service, King James Avenue, Cuffley. 876060.

LINE DANCE WITH STEPPIN' TIME
Weekly, Mon and Thu, Welham Green. Absolute beginners to intermediate level. 655866.

LINE DANCING
Wed, 2–4pm. Beginner/Improver level. Oakmere Youth & Community Centre, Fetherstone Close. 859578.

LITTLE HEATH CHESS CLUB
Juniors: Thu, 5.45–7.15pm. Adult players welcome for matches. Chris 642027.

LOAVES and FISHES CAFÉ
Weekly, Wed. Christchurch, Little Heath, 10.45am–12.30pm. All welcome 662460.

MERLIN MAGICAL SOCIETY
Fortnightly, Thu, 7.45pm. Little Heath Parish Hall, including beginners. John Clayton 07931 525399.

MIND DROP-IN GROUP
Weekly, Tue, 1–4pm. Cricket Club, The Walk. 659455.

MITRE CLUB
Monthly, 1st Tue. For retired professionals and businessmen. Ramada Hotel, lunch and speaker. 652376.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

MOUNTVIEW DANCE SCHOOL
Weekly, Mon and Sat. St John's Church Hall. Classes from age 3 upwards. 01582 461233.

MOVES FITNESS
Weekly, Mon. St Mary's Church Hall, 7.30–8.30pm. Aerobic dance exercise. All fitness levels welcome. Bring mat or towel. 651008.

MULTI-SPORT
Weekly, Tue and Thu, Furzefield Centre. For the active generation 50+. Short tennis, table tennis, badminton, swimming, indoor bowls. 850500.

MUSICAL TEAPOTS
Baby/Toddler Group 10 months to 4 years. Weekly, Wed 9.30–10.30am and 10.30–11.30am in Brookmans Park. 07800 818444.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN – EXPLORERS CLUBS
Monthly, 1st Sun, Borehamwood. For talented children and siblings. www.nagc-herts.org.uk.

NETBALL CLUB
Cheshunt Youth, Thu evenings at Wormley. Various leagues. Adults also. Chloe 873676.

NINTAI KARATE CLUB
Weekly, PB Baptist Church, Barnet Road. Beginners Mon, 7–8pm. Intermediate/advanced 8–9pm. All grades Fri, 7–8pm. 07956 987100.

NORTH LONDON OUTDOOR GROUP
Weekends away, day and summer evening walks. Also Tue, 8.15pm at Discovery Hall, Stevenson Close, New Barnet www.northlondonoutdoorgroup.org or 020 8449 1553.

NORTH LONDON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE UNATTACHED
Weekly, Wed, 8–11pm. Cheshunt Sports Club. Dancing suitable for over 55s. Richard 01992 639344.

NORTH MYMMS BOWLS CLUB
Bushwood Close, Dellsome Lane, Welham Green. 656238.

NORTH MYMMS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
North Mymms Youth & Community Centre, Station Road, Welham Green. Adrian 885430.

NORTH MYMMS YOUTH and COMMUNITY CENTRE*
Station Road, Welham Green. 260198.

NORTH MYMMS YOUTH PROJECT
Activities, trips and weekly meetings for youngsters, 9–16. DofE for ages 14+. www.nmyouth.org.uk.

NORTHAW and CUFFLEY BOWLS CLUB
King George V Playing Fields, Northaw Road East, Cuffley. 654883.

NORTHAW GREAT WOOD
Working parties every Fri at 9.30am and first Sun each month. Meet Wood car park. 07850 233854.

NORTHAW TAI CHI GROUP
Weekly, Tue. Northaw Church of England School. Vineyards Road. 7.45–9pm. 642354.

NORTHAW WI
Monthly, 2nd Thu, 7.30pm, Northaw Village Hall. 020 8360 9729.

OAKMERE WI
Monthly, 2nd Thu, 7.45pm. Tilbury Hall. 645482. www.oakmerewi.org.uk.

OAKLANDS BADMINTON CLUB
Weekly, Tue, 8–10pm. Sports Hall, Dame Alice Owen's School. 5 courts. Small, friendly club. Events throughout the year. Experience needed. Yvonne 642328.

OLD FOLKS WELCOME CLUB
Weekly, Mon, 2–4pm. Sixty Plus Centre Wyllyotts. 653650.

OLD OWENS CRICKET CLUB
Coopers Lane, PB. All abilities welcome. Herts Saracen League. 07904 194295/020 8819 6638.

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ
Weekly, Thu. Closed week after Christmas. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall. 10.30am–2pm. Coffee and lunches served. All welcome and all profits to charity. 665579.

PARENT/TODDLER GROUP
Weekly, term-time, Tue 10–11.30am, Causeway Free Church. 660021.

PARENT/TODDLER GROUP
Weekly, term-time, 9.45–10.45am. Cranborne School. 851471.

PILATES
Weekly classes Tue 7–8pm. Brookmans Park UR Church. Neelam 07891 752906.
Weekly, Little Heath Parish Church. Tue, 6.30pm, proficient level. 7.30pm, beginners. UR Church, Brookmans Park. Mon and Fri 9.30am and 10.30am. North Mymms Memorial Hall, Wed 9.30am. Debbie 07717 841338.

POSITIVE MOVEMENT EXERCISE CLASS
Tue, 10.30am–12 noon, Clayton Centre, 32 Barnet Road, EN6 2QU. Positive for older people, carers, people at risk of falls. 01462 678804 for more information or to book.

PRE-SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY
Wed at St John's Methodist Church, 10am, happy house to walking confidently to 4 years, 11am, sitting confidently to walking. 12.15pm, newborn to sitting. Joanna@hartbeeps.com.

PB 41 CLUB
Monthly. For ex-Round Tablers. 1st Wed, 7.15pm. 851445.

PB ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
Visit Highview Gardens Site, Sun, 10am–12 noon or call Geoff 653910.

PB BOWLS CLUB
The Walk. 660336 or email club@pottersbar-bc.com.

PB CARNIVAL
Contact Peter or Sue on 850147 if you require a stall or more information.

PB CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS GROUP
Monthly, 2nd Wed, 9.15–11am. Furzefield Children's Centre. 859325.

PB CHORAL SOCIETY*
Weekly, rehearsals Tue, 7.45pm. St John's Church Hall. Previous experience not essential. 642393.

PB CRICKET CLUB
The Walk. New members welcome. 654801.

PB CRUSADERS SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB
Daily Members Club. 5.30–11pm, Mon to Sat. 12 noon–3pm, Sun. www.pottersbarcrusaders.com.

PB CRUSADERS YOUTH FOOTBALL
Football for boys and girls aged 4–18. Matthew 07944 492521.

PB & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY*
Monthly Lectures, 8pm. 60+ Centre, £1. Museum Sat, 11am–1pm, Tues and Wed 2.30–4.30pm, both at Wyllyotts. 654179 or guffins@hotmail.co.uk.

PB & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY*
Alternate Wed 8–10pm. Elm Court, Members £1, Visitors £3. 651372.

PB & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
Weekly, Mon, 7.30pm for 8pm. Wyllyotts Centre. Any standard welcome. 01438 832504.

PB EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Sun, 10.30–11.30am. Family service, communion and youth service, refreshments. Mon, Youth Clubs 5–10 years at 6.15–7.30pm, 11 years upwards at 7.30–9pm. 895838.

PB FILMMAKERS*
Alternate Thu, 7.45pm. Wyllyotts Centre. 656446 or 659888.

PB GOLF CLUB
Darkes Lane. New members and societies welcome. Green fees. 652020.

PB GYMNASTICS CLUB
Recreational (ages 4–12 years). Mon, 5.15pm, Furzefield Centre. Squad training 6–13 years, Tue, Thu, and Fri evenings, 5.30pm, and Sat, 9am, Chancellor's School. 01923 855598.

PB HOCKEY CLUB
Ladies, men and junior hockey. Ed 07763 929462.

PB KARATE CLUB
Mon at Dame Alice Owens at 6pm. All ages,special rates for families. Cranborne School Breakfast Club Thu mornings. www.tiskakarate-pottersbar.co.uk.

PB LIFESAVING CLUB
Weekly, Tue. Furzefield Centre, 8–9pm. From 9 years to any age and ability. 020 8440 3346.

PB NATIONAL WOMENS REGISTER – TUESDAY GROUP
Weekly, 8pm in members' homes. Discussions, quizzes, outings. 659903.

PB PETANQUE PLAYERS
Weekly, Oakmere Park. Sun from 10am and Tue from 2pm. Contact Jane on 266517 or www.pottersbarpetanque.co.uk

PB RAMBLING CLUB
Weekly, Wed and alternate Sun, 10.30am. Meet start of walk. 01438 717826.

PB ROTARY CLUB
Meets Tus lunchtime at 1pm, last Tue in month, 7–7.30pm at Potters Bar Golf Club. 645955.

PB SHOKOTAN KARATE CLUB
Weekly, training Wed,7.30 to 8.30pm (ages 7–16). 8.30–9.30pm (adults). Furzefield Centre. www.karate-masters.co.uk

PB SOCIETY COUNTRY GROUP
Contact Alastair 653636.

PB SOCIETY TOWN GROUP*
Monthly, 1st Thu. United Reformed Church. 7.30pm. Arnold 654179.

PB SOCIETY WALKS*
Fortnightly, Sun afternoon walks along local rights of way. www.pbsoc.org.uk.

PB TENNIS CLUB
The Walk. 6 AstroTurfs and floodlights. Enquiries Sue 645909 or sue.vallance3@btinternet.com.

PB THEATRE COMPANY
Rehearsals Tue and Fri. Chancellors School, Stages 2 musicals and 2 plays per year. Performers, backstage help and front of house. Gillian on 657194.

PB TOWN BAND
Weekly rehearsals. Fri 8–10pm. Goffs Oak Methodist Church, Newgatestreet Road, Goffs Oak, EN7 5SS. Traditional brass band. 07970 448661.

PB TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB*
Parkfield. Matches Sat, 3pm.S ome Sun and midweek. Training Tue and Thu, 7.30pm. 07833 632965.

PB TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD
Monthly, 2nd Wed, 7.30pm. Wayside Hall. 653650.

PB TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION
Visits to and from Franconville and Viernheim. cpd1a@yahoo.co.uk.

PB UNITED SYNAGOGUE
Telephone 656202 or email office@pottersbarshul.org.uk.

PB UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
Training weekly. Age 5–16 years. Boys and Girls. Phone for times and venues. 850377.

PB WEA
Literature Group. Thu mornings 10am–12 noon. United Reform Church. 658915.

PHOENIX CONCERT BAND
Rehearsals weekly Thu. Fair Field Junior School, Radlett. 8–10pm. 642976.

PUPPY CLASSES IN WILD HILL
Weekly, Mon, 7.15–8.15pm. Wild Hill Village Hall Puppy socialisation and basic training classes from 8 weeks old or after first inoculation. 651610.

RADLETT MUSIC CLUB
6 concerts per season, Oct to Apr. Radlett Centre, 8pm. String or Wind Trios and Quartets playing Chamber Music. Solo Pianist once a season. 01923 859291.

RADLETT PLAYERS
A production each Spring and Autumn at Radlett Centre. www.radlettplayers.org.uk.

ROTARY CLUB OF BROOKMANS PARK
Weekly, Tue, 7.30pm for 8pm at Old Owens Sports Club. 645343.

ROUND THE CORNER COFFEE MORNING
Weekly, Fri, term- time only, 9am–12 noon. Profits to various charities. Life Church – Cuffley, 876060.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – POTTERS BAR BRANCH
Cotton Road. Bingo and raffle. Thu, 8pm, (bar), snooker, hall hire, social events. Welfare of ex-Service men, women and dependants. Meetings monthly, 2nd Wed. Joan 642080.

RSPB*
Evenings at Tilbury Hall Fri, 7:45pm members, £4, non-members £4.50. Afternoons at St Johns URC Hall New Barnet, Wed, 2pm, members £3.50, non-members £4. www.rspb.org.uk/groups/pottersbarandbarnet or tel 01707 652836.

RSPCA*
Friends of Southridge Animal Rescue and Re-homing Centre, Packhorse Lane, Ridge. 642819.

RSPCA
Potters Bar, Hatfield & Barnet Branch. 07872 902710.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING
Monthly, 3rd Sat, Oct to July. Tilbury Hall, 7.30pm. £4.50. Mary 020 8367 4201/4835.

SCOUTS, CUBS and BEAVERS
For info Peter 850147.

SCRABBLE
Weekly, Fri. 10am–12 noon. Elm Court. £2.30. 020 8207 7568.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE – PB DIVISION
Weekly, Wed. 8–10pm. The Walk. First aid training, 664260. Room hire 656885.

SHOSHIN KARATE JITSU CLUB
Weekly, Wed. DHC Potters Bar Health Club. 8–9.30pm. Beginners and all grades. 07734 294630.

SIXTY PLUS LUNCHEON CLUB*
Weekdays, 12 noon–1.30pm. Plus am/pm social clubs. Minibus transport available. 643602.

SIXTY PLUS SENIOR CITIZENS ART GROUP
Weekly, Thu, 1.30–4pm. 60+ Centre Wyllyotts. Two Exhibitions each year. £1.30 including tea. Pauline 654007.

SNOOKER
And other activities daily. Kidston, Northaw. 9am–11pm. Seniors half fee £14 per annum. 654158.

SPANISH CIRCLE HERTFORDSHIRE*
Monthly, 2nd Fri, Sep to Jun (not Dec) at Red Lion Pub, Hatfield, 7.30pm. Events include wine and sherry tasting, talks on Spanish culture. 661722.

SPARKLERS
Weekly, Tue, term-time only, 1–2.45pm. Music, craft and play for babies, children 0–4 years and parent or carer. Life Church – Cuffley. 876060.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
Hill Rise. Evenings of clairvoyance and healing services. 655147.

STAGECOACH THEATRE ARTS SCHOOL
Weekly, Sat. Chancellor's School. Age 4–18 years. Dance, drama and singing. 01582 713771.

SWIFTS JUNIOR BADMINTON
Weekly, Fri. Hatfield Leisure Centre, 5–10pm. Age 7–18 years. Beginners to County Squad. 652061.

TABLE TENNIS
Barnet Lane, EN6 2DN. www.bttc.co.uk 020 8449 7845. Non-members welcome.
Hertsmere 50+. Weekly, Tue, 10am–12 noon. Thu, 2–4pm. Elm Court. 020 8207 7568.
For Seniors. Weekly, Fri. Hatfield Leisure Centre, 10am–12 noon.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB
Weekly, Wed and Thu at Potters Bar Free Church. Barnet & Shaw Leagues. Evening. 852422.

TAI TSUNG KUNG FU
Self Defence. Weekly, Tue. Oakmere Primary School, 7.30–9pm. 07968 162304.

TALENT TIME STAGE COMPANY
Weekly, Mon. Little Heath Parish Hall, 5–10pm. Drama, dance and singing. Up to 25 years. 60442 or 07930 400647.

TOP HAT STAGE SCHOOL
Weekly, Fri, Elm Court. Age 4–7 years. Dance(tap), drama and singing, 4.30–7.30pm. 01727 812666.

TOTS-IN-TOW
Weekly, Mon in term-time,1.30–3pm. PB Baptist Church. Babes in arms to school age. Pam 665187.

TUESDAY FRIENDSHIP
Alternative Tue evenings, 8pm at United Reformed Church. Les 652677. For men and women all ages. Guest speakers. No meeting Jul or Aug.

TUMBLE TOTS
Weekly, Fri, Elm Court. Book a trial class. Gill 020 8449 4593.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE – U3A
Study and recreation for those not in full-time employment. 2nd Mon, Wyllyotts Centre, 10am. £1. Margaret 657199.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH – POTTERS BAR
Family board games and table tennis. Most Sun, 3–6pm. £1. Tony 659080.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH – POTTERS BAR
Charity lunches 1st and 3rd Fri. Soup, full buffet, coffee or tea and biscuits. £3.50. 1pm. 665482.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE
Interested in volunteering with various organisations? Contact Community Shop on 020 8386 4006.

WALKS – HERTSMERE HEALTH WALKS
Gentle and moderate walks for all. Further information on www.hertfordshirehealthwalks.co.uk.

WAGGONERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB
Weekly, Mon, 8–10pm at St Josephs in the Park School Hall, Hertingfordbury. Janet 01992 441083.

WEDNESDAY BREAK CLUB
Fortnightly, Wed, 2.30–4pm. King Charles the Martyr. Social Club for over 50s. £1.50. 658540.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY CLUB*
Wed, 2–4pm. PB Baptist Church. June 655599 or Vera 651470.

WHIST DRIVE
Monthly, 1st Fri. Village Hall, Northaw. 7 for 7.45pm. 651682.
Monthly, 2nd Thu. South Mimms Village Hall. 7.30pm. 01727 869211.

WHITEWEBBS MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT and MODEL RAILWAY
Weekly, Tue plus last Sun. Enfield, EN2 9HW. 020 8367 1898.

YOGA CLASSES – HATHA
Weekly, Thu, 9.30am. Brookmans Park, UR Church. Debbie 07717 841338.

YOGA CLASSES
Weekly, Tue, 1–2.30pm. St John's Church Hall. Mixed ability. 01438 816356.
Weekly, Mon 9.30am, Tue 8.15pm, Weds 11am, Thu 7.45pm, Fri 9.45am. Wayside Jubilee Centre. Friendly classes. All ages and abilities. Claire 07985 077227.

YOUTH CLUBS
Weekly, Elm Court. 659602.

ZUMBA GOLD
Tue, 6.30pm, Tilbury Hall. Wed, 10.45am, Elm Court. Sue 07956 338561.

All telephone numbers are Area Code **01707** unless otherwise stated.

Tell us about your event, meeting, activity and we will publicise it and give details of your organisation in the Community News.

Contact: **susan.weaver4@ntlworld.com**

DOCTORS' SURGERY HOURS

1) ANNANDALE MEDICAL CENTRE AT THE ELMS

Tel: 01707 644451
Surgery Hours: 8.30am–6pm Monday to Friday
Test Results/Enquiries: 01707 622979 between 2pm and 5pm Monday to Friday
Monthly newsletter available from surgery or on our website
www.annandalesurgery.co.uk

Extended Hours: Saturday 8.30am–12 noon for routine booked appointments, collecting prescriptions and enquiries.

2) HIGHVIEW MEDICAL CENTRE AT THE ELMS

Tel: 01707 871980
Surgery Hours: 8am–6pm Monday to Friday
Appointments: 01707 871980 (8am–6.30pm)
Enquiries: 01707 871982 (9am–12.30pm and 2–4.30pm)
Results: 01707 871982 (2–4.30pm)

Extended Hours: We offer 2 Saturday morning surgeries a month and late evening "after work" clinics every Monday.

For the latest information/updates visit our website **www.highviewsurgery.co.uk** or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

3) PARKFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 291041
Surgery Hours: 8am–6pm Monday to Friday
Test Results/Enquiries: 11am–2pm Monday to Friday

Extended Hours: Wednesday to Friday from 7am and Saturday fortnightly for routine booked appointments only from 8–11.15am.

We have a newsletter available from the surgery or via our PPG. Events are also advertised on our Friends of Parkfield Facebook page. Please also visit our website **www.parkfieldmedicalcentre.co.uk**.

4) POTTERELLS MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 273338
Surgery Hours: 8.30am–6.30pm Monday to Friday
Test Results/Enquiries: As above after 11am.

Extended Hours: For routine, non-emergency appointments. Every Monday and fourth Tuesday from 6.30–9pm and first and third Saturday 8.30–11am. Nurse-led Fast Track Service: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 9.30am–12 noon.

OUT OF HOURS SERVICE FOR ALL THE ABOVE SURGERIES

NHS 111 SERVICE

If you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life threatening situation, call NHS on 111, at any time.

There is now a GP lead clinic at Elstree Way, Borehamwood which is open 8am to 11pm Saturday and Sunday. To book an appointment phone 111.

DENTIST

When you have an urgent dental problem and your dental surgery is closed, call **03000 333 224**. Monday to Friday, 5pm–9am. All weekend and Bank Holidays.

Local A&E Services

24 HOUR
Barnet Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, EN5 3DJ Tel 020 8216 5003
Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage, SG1 4AB Tel 01438 314333

URGENT CARE CENTRES
QEII Hospital, Howlands, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4HQ Tel 01707 32811
24 hour urgent care for minor injuries and illnesses only
Chase Farm Hospital, Urgent Care, The Ridgway, Enfield, EN2 8JL
Tel 020 8375 1010
8am–10pm Minor illness, injuries, ailments
Barnet Hospital 9am–9pm

Local Libraries

Oakmere

High Street, Potters Bar

Monday	1pm–6pm
Tuesday	10am–6pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am–6pm
Friday	1pm–6pm
Saturday	10am–5pm
Sunday	Closed
Toddler Tales (Mondays)	2.15–2.45pm
Baby Rhyme Time (Tuesdays)	11–11.30am

Brookmans Park

Bradmore Green

Monday	2pm–6pm
Tuesday	2pm–6pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	2pm–6pm
Friday	2pm–6pm
Saturday	9am–1pm
Sunday	Closed

For further information, visit your local library or call **0300 123 4049** and ask for the appropriate library. NB: The Welwyn Garden City library is open on Sunday afternoon.

the charity for your community — citizens advice bureau

Wyllyotts Centre,
Darkes Lane, EN6 2HN

Mondays Personal Callers	10am–12.30pm and 1pm–3.30pm
Thursdays Personal Callers	10am–12.30pm and 1pm–3.30pm

Hertsmere Borough Council Potters Bar Office

Wyllyotts Centre – **01707 652406.** Open Thursday 9.30am to 2pm.

Useful Numbers

Hertsmere Borough Council	020 8207 2277
Welwyn Hatfield Council	01707 357000
Hertfordshire Police Non-emergency	101 (national number) or 01707 354000
Herts Domestic Violence Helpline	08088 088088
Hertfordshire County Council	0300 123 4040
National Debt Line	08088 084000
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline	03454 04 05 06
Highways *(including potholes, traffic light faults and streetlights)*	0300 1234 047
Wasteaware	0300 1234 051
Affinity water leaks	0800 376 5325
Childline	0800 1111
Crime Stoppers Anonymous Line	0800 555 111
CAB Advice Line	03444 111 444
Environmental Health	
(1) Hertsmere:	Pest Control 020 8207 2277
	Noise *(daytime)* 020 8207 7435
	(night) 0845 300 0021
(2) Welwyn Hatfield:	Pest Control 0344 828 334
	Noise 01707 357242
NHS Direct *(Nurse advice and health information)*	111
RSPCA Local Branch *(financial help if you claim benefits, on low income, OAP's)*	07872 902710
www.rspca-pottersbarhatfieldandbarnet.org.uk	
Samaritans (freecall 24 hours)	116 123