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Community NEWS

Christmas is coming to town!

It's 2021 and Christmas celebrations are back in the town, and it is a little different this year. The committee has been working hard alongside community supporters to raise money towards this year's lights and, although we have been unable to expand our project this year, we do have lights! The lights will be turned on for Diwali on the 4th of November to start our community celebrations and will turn off as per tradition on the 6th of January.

This year we warmly invite you to our Christmas Fayre from 11–4pm on Sunday 28th November 2021 at Elm Court Community Centre. There will be festive food and drink for sale, stalls selling local Christmas gifts and a room where children can take part in Christmas crafts. We also aim to set up a Christmas scene outside on the patio where children can visit Santa, give him a high five and wish him luck for his mission of delivering millions of gifts around the world!

The committee has also earmarked a date for some traditional carols around the Christmas tree in Oakmere Park from 4–5pm on Sunday 5th December, with the lights being turned on at 5pm. At the time of going to print this is our plan, but with the Covid situation ever-changing our plans may also need to change. We aim to finalise details with you before the day via social media channels, newspaper articles and via the local schools' networks. We hope you can join us and help light up the town by bringing along your battery lanterns and singing voices to create a warm community atmosphere, which we all love about Potters Bar.

To keep up to date with the Christmas festivities follow us on facebook **@christmasinpottersbar**.

To book a stall at our Christmas Fayre please email us at christmasinpottersbar@gmail.com

Lynette Sullivan
Chair – Christmas in Potters Bar

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Welcome to the Winter Edition

A special welcome from the *Community News* team to Jerry Rudd who responded to the request for volunteers in the summer issue. Jerry has been instrumental in assisting Debbie Usher to secure advertising for us, advertising which is vital to meet our print costs. We are grateful to the local businesses who support us in this way.

We include an interesting article from Kathryn Sinclair on page 9 highlighting the changes to local shops and asking where is the heart of Potters Bar? Such changes are of course mirrored all over the country and perhaps it is accentuated locally as, in effect, we have two 'High Streets'.

Does the area have a heart? Whilst local shopping facilities are important, that should be only one of the factors taken into account when answering such a question. Another measure might be the number and quality of local clubs and organisations which, judging by our listing, remains vibrant. There is certainly a feeling of goodwill as evidenced by the enthusiastic reception we repeatedly receive for this publication.

John Connell

How to send articles

Email to **editor@pottersbarcommunitynews.co.uk**. Please keep articles to around 300 words or less, using plain text word. Handwritten or typed articles are also acceptable if you do not have access to a computer (contact John Connell on **01707 851445**). Photos, logos, etc should be sent as tif, bmp or jpg file.

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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**?

Potters Bar Rotary Christmas Sleigh 2021

The members and friends of Potters Bar Rotary are once again drawing up plans for enabling our wonderful Christmas sleigh, powered by Rudolph and his team, to visit as many of the families of Potters Bar as we can manage during the month of December in the run up to Christmas 2021.

Weather permitting, Santa and his sleigh will be touring these roads with walking collectors and then parking up at various locations so that you and your children can come and enjoy the sleigh and speak to Santa. Our current plans are to visit the following areas on the following evenings, setting off around 5.30pm – a bit earlier than previous years so as not to interfere with bedtimes:

Wednesday 1st December

Tempest Avenue, Forbes Avenue, Carpenter Way, Oakmere Avenue, Park Avenue, then parking up in Carpenter Way.

Sunday 5th December

Auckland Road, Borough Way, Cambridge Drive, Suffolk Road, Mimms Hall Road, Deepdene, Wroxham Gardens then parking up in Mutton Lane near Furzefield.

Wednesday 8th December

Thaynesfield, Northlands, Torrington Drive, Tiverton Road, then parking up in Hatherleigh Gardens.

Sunday 12th December

Dugdale Hill Lane, Brooklands Gardens, Allandale Crescent, Sherwood Avenue, Aberdale Gardens, then parking up in
Mutton Lane service road opposite Cranborne School.

Wednesday 15th December

Laurel Fields, Cranborne Road, Cranborne Crescent, then parking up by the green in Cranborne Crescent then on to Darkes Lane near to Potters Bar Station.

Sunday 19th December

Elmfield Road, Shillitoe Avenue, Rushfield, The Shrublands, Sunnybank Road then parking up in Daleside Drive.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Rudolph's helpers will NOT actually be knocking on doors. However, weather permitting, you will be able to donate as the sleigh passes or visit the Just Giving page to show your appreciation and support. Please scan the QR code on our leaflet, follow the link, **www.justgiving.com/rotary-pottersbar** or text **RUDOLF** followed by the amount you wish to give to **70085**, (for example RUDOLF 5 to give £5), come to see us at Tesco Potters Bar on the mornings of 21st, 22nd and 23rd December in the run-up to Christmas or drop your donation in to John Powell Carpets in Potters Bar High Street.

Rudolph and his team will also be supporting the Potters Bar Christmas Lights grand switch on at Oakmere Park in Potters Bar High Street on Sunday 5th December, 4–5pm. This is a great photo opportunity for you and your family and a chance to give to charity.

Last Christmas, during the pandemic, our plans had to be drastically curtailed and, due to restrictive rules we were only allowed to do the very briefest of visits to your area and we would very much have liked to have spread the joy to more of you. As a result of these restrictions our charity collection around the streets was very much reduced. This year we are hoping for more opportunities to draw upon your generosity both around the streets during December and at Tesco Potters Bar during the mornings approaching the Christmas break.

Many local, national, and international charities depend upon the generosity of people like you, responding to the efforts of organisations like Potters Bar Rotary, in order to raise enough money to support people in need. Our main charities this year are Parkinson's UK, RNLI, Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and Rotary Foundation.

We think that it is vitally important that everyone continues to stay safe this winter, so we will be checking on just how far and for how long Rudolph can travel this coming Christmas season. Visit the Potters Bar Rotary website, **www.pottersbarrotary.uk** to confirm when Rudolph plans to tour a road near you.

If you're interested in helping Potters Bar Rotary in their activities, please email **secretary@pottersbarrotary.uk** for information.

Brookmans Park Rotary Christmas Sleigh 2021 Dates for your diary

Father Christmas will be visiting the local area on the following dates and times.

- Tree Lighting 5pm, Saturday 27th November at Brookmans Park Village.
- 5.30pm, Thursday 2nd and 5pm Sunday 5th December at Cuffley.
- 5.30pm, Thursday 9th and 5pm Sunday 12th December at Welham Green.
- 5.30pm, Thursday 16th December at Essendon Village.
- 5pm, Sunday 19th December at Brookmans Park.
- 9am–4pm, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December at Hatfield Tesco.

Full routes will be published on our website and Facebook account **www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1708** or **www.facebook.com/BrookmansParkRC**. For further information please contact **enquiries@brookmansparkrotary.org.uk**.

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Face-to-face meetings resume for Photographic Society

Potters Bar and District Photographic Society (The Society) is back to face-to-face meetings. After 18 months of virtual gatherings we are back meeting at Wyllyotts every Monday evening. The first night back was a general social evening with a few lecturettes presented by some of our members. The second evening was the first print competition of the 2021 season with four members achieving a maximum score of 40 points. Each member is allowed to enter up to three prints which are then reviewed by an external, independent judge. Each print receives a score of up to 20 points and the highest two count towards the year's cumulative competition. In the General Class, Richard Litherland gained maximum competition points with Fiona Adamson, Graham Adamson and Lesley Alsford doing the same in the Advanced Class.

Future meetings will mainly be face-to-face, but a few will remain on-line to allow us to draw on a geographically wider range of lecturers than before.

The Society's President, Fiona Adamson said "It has been great to get back to seeing members gathering in a traditional social meeting. We have made good use of Zoom, etc during the lockdowns, but we are primarily a social organisation, and that element is always hard to reproduce on screen. We have our varied programme of events, competitions and social activities planned through to next year and would welcome new members whatever their level of photographic skill. There is room in the Society for anyone with an interest in taking pictures".

The Society meets on most Mondays from September to June. Further information on the Society can be found on its website at **pottersbarphotosoc.org.uk** or on Facebook. Members of all ages and abilities are welcome to join the society, with associate membership (for those who wish to attend meetings but not to enter competitions) costing £45 per year, and full membership (for those who wish to enter competitions) costing £65 per year.

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Dementia music charity resumes real-life sessions

Herts Musical Memories, a local charity that provides music and singing sessions for people with dementia and their carers, re-opened its in-person services in October.

The charity resumed eight of its weekly groups across Herts, with the Cuffley group beginning again on Wednesday afternoons from 13th October at The Undercroft at St Andrew's Church on Plough Hill.

The Cuffley group is now led by Glenn Bassett, who plays guitar and has a repertoire of something like 2,000 songs for participants to choose from – everything from Sinatra to The Stones, Aretha to ABBA, Bing Crosby to Bob Marley.

Glenn says that the charity is still taking precautions – the room is well ventilated, surfaces are sanitised, masks are encouraged when not singing, and participants are asked to bring their own refreshments – but a taster session in September showed that the extra care doesn't stop the laughing, singing and dancing.

If you would like to attend or need more information about any of the groups or the continuing Zoom session, please contact Kerry or Emma on **020 8950 5757**, or email **admin@hertsmusicalmemories.org.uk**

A car boot sale that gives back to the community

Elm Court Car Boot Sales are a great Saturday addition to the town, and give you an opportunity to snap up a bargain or to declutter your loft; in addition, food and drink are offered through the canteen manned by volunteers. Now what makes us different from other car boots around? We give back to the community in every way that we can!

Car boots run weekly through the summer months then fortnightly from October half term until Easter. The car marshalling is run by a different organisation each week which allows many community groups to benefit, and the same system is in place for the canteen. When you visit Elm Court you support YOUR community. Many stall holders also raise money for great causes such as Lisa Worrell who was recently on The BBC *One Shows* One big thank you! The Car boot this year alone has contributed over £12,500 to local groups through marshalling, a further £5,000 to groups who have run the canteen and an amazing £12,000 has been invested back into Elm Court. There is always space for more volunteers so, if you wish to get involved, please contact us! We hope to see you for a cup of tea, slice of cake and some bargain-hunting soon.

Indoor tabletop sales began on the 23rd October 2021 priced at £14 a table. Pre-booking and payment is necessary. If you would like further information, you can email us via **admin@elmcourt.org.uk** or we are only a phone call away on **01707 659602**. Office hours are 9–11am weekdays.

Lynette Sullivan
Centre Administrator

Showband out of 'lockdown'!

Suddenly, after 18 months of little activity, the Hertfordshire Showband is very busy!

This autumn we have been invited to appear in the Lord Mayor's Show in London. We have also been booked to perform at the Hitchin Christmas Illuminations, and the 'I Love Hoddesdon' Christmas Lights switch on! It is good to be out marching again in these exciting events, the first such thing for some of our newer members.

Our Christmas Concert returns to the Wyllyotts Theatre this year after having to cancel in 2020. The Concert is appropriately titled *'The Show Must Go On'* and is on Sunday 5th December. It will feature music from West End Shows and the movies! Stormont School Choir will add to the festive feel. At the concert we will 'showcase' our music for the World Music Contest (WMC). Another first for the concert is the first appearance of our 10 brand-new lightweight marching drums in a drumming feature.

The WMC is in Holland next July. This event was postponed from 2021, and we are excited to have qualified again, having gained a gold medal last time! Covid may stop some bands from North America and the Far East from coming, but it will still be a challenging event. As well as orchestras and concert bands, some of the World's top marching bands perform their 'show' in the 20,000 seater stadium. Our music for the contest includes *'Incredibles'*; *'Take on Me'*; *'This is Me'*; *'I Want You Back'* and others, to which the band is learning a fully choreographed arena show. We have 50 players in the contest marching band which makes quite a sound!

Our Junior Band is now up to a dozen 9 to 14 year olds, and we are pleased to keep welcoming more young brass players, and those learning saxophone, clarinet, and flute. They will also be putting on a short performance at our concert.

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Capital Arts Invictus Project

Music Director and composer, Kathleen Shanks, is working with local school children on a project with an international connection. Kathleen has been commissioned to write a children's anthem for Prince Harry's Invictus Games, due to take place in the spring 2022.

In 2012 Kathleen was commissioned to write the official children's anthem, *'Gloria In Londinium'* for the London Olympics. The song was recorded at the Abbey Road Studios by over 300 children from Welwyn Hatfield. A film of the song was broadcast world-wide throughout the Olympic Games. With its rousing chorus, Invictus Invicta, *'Gloria In Londinium'* was broadcast during Prince Harry's first Invictus Games in 2014.

The Invictus project has been offered to all children aged 7 to 15 who live in Potters Bar and its environs, or who are educated in Potters Bar. Currently there are over 80 children from seven schools taking part. The rehearsals at the Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar, are covered by sponsorship.

The Invictus children's choir will be performing *'Rock To Victory'* at the Actors' Church, Covent Garden (St Paul's) on Saturday 15th January. The choir will also be performing with a professional cast of actors, singers and dancers and will be joined by the Capital Arts Children's Choir and the London Youth Music Theatre Company. In the new year *'Rock To Victory'* is to be recorded and filmed at the Abbey Road Studios.

To fit in the *'Rock To Victory'* rehearsals the Capital Arts Theatre School has moved to its sister location in Covent Garden just for the autumn term. After Christmas classes will resume at the Wyllyotts Theatre on Sunday afternoons. In 2022 the Capital Arts Children's Choir is performing the children's chorus to 'Carmen' with Ellen Kent Opera. Angelic Voices has a contract with Sony BMG and sings as Angelis for Simon Cowell. Youth Theatre is working on a full stage production of *'Bugsy Malone'* to be produced at Wyllyotts Theatre in June 2022.

The NSPCC has chosen Kathleen's composition *'Soul Of A Child'* for its Christmas campaign. *'Soul Of A Child'* has been recorded by the Capital Arts Children's Choir.

Sundays at the Wyllyotts Theatre: **capitalarts.org.uk**.

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New Headteacher for St Giles

As newly appointed Headteacher of St Giles' C of E Primary School, South Mimms, it has been a pleasure to begin the next chapter of my career in this wonderful school. Having worked in Hertfordshire schools for the past 14 years, I am committed to ensuring that all children in my care are given the opportunity to continue to 'Learn, Grow and Flourish.' I believe each child's needs should be viewed holistically; whilst education is of utmost importance, we must also make certain we meet our children's social and emotional needs.

Being such a small school means that the children here at St Giles' can be at the heart of everything we do. All staff members within the school community take time to find out children's interests and strengths, which facilitates a more personalised curriculum making learning both exciting and engaging. All staff at St Giles are warm and welcoming; they are committed to providing the best education for our pupils and foster supportive relationships with our families. Our school truly is a hidden gem – tucked away in the heart of South Mimms Village. We are blessed with spacious grounds which include areas for growing fruit and vegetables, a nature trail, and a forest school area. In addition, our internal classrooms are modern, bright, and engaging; we have a fully equipped computer suite and a brand-new library for the children to enjoy.

In June 2021, St Giles received a judgement of 'Good' from Ofsted. The inspectors commented on how welcoming and happy the school is, stating that St Giles' "is a school where children are safe and have adults who care about them and listen to them". SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) will be visiting soon to learn about how we celebrate our faith and how Christianity is at the heart of everything we do.

As St Giles' C of E Primary School begins a new chapter, I am looking forward to developing our standing within the local community. Currently, there are both close links to, and support from, local churches and other primaries in the area, meaning that although we are a small school in terms of numbers, our community is vast. We are proud to be part of this community we serve, and I am delighted to be involved.

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Chancellor's School Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Over the summer holidays Chancellor's students once again participated in the annual Summer Reading Challenge and many of them read extensively for pleasure. The challenge involved reading books (including in unusual manners/locations) and reviewing them. We had many excellent entries from across all year groups, so congratulations to all those who took part.

The overall prize winners were: Thomas K (Year 10) who won the Gold Award for reading the highest number of books (an incredible 25 books!). Eren A (Year 8) who was awarded the Silver Award for reading at least three books in an unusual manner/locations. Lina S (Year 8) who won the Bronze Award and Special Award for best book review. She produced an entire 'Lina's Reading Challenge' booklet of thoughtful and very professional-looking reviews. You can see Lina's thoughtful book review below.

A review of "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder" by Holly Jackson, reviewed by Lina S

I chose this book because I wanted to read a mystery book. *'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder'* is a teenage novel that isn't just about a 17-year-old schoolgirl. Throughout the book Pippa, the protagonist of the story, discovers secrets of the town she lives in. The book combines the story told by a narrator and 'production log' written by Pippa herself, which is basically her thoughts, hypotheses, and just makes everything clear who is a suspect or not, and why. The story captivates the reader by unexpected and unpredicted facts that Pippa finds out about the town's people, her friends, and the town itself. The book keeps you alert, as the answers are not clear at any point of the story. Pippa does figure out a few mysteries before she can identify murderers from the suspects (or 'persons of interest' as she calls them) list, but actual convicts are not disclosed up until the very end.

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Open morning at Cranborne

On Tuesday 28th September Cranborne Primary School were delighted to throw open their doors once more and welcome parents and carers to their annual open morning.

Headteacher, Claire Keilty, said, "It was lovely to welcome our Cranborne parents and carers back into school after such a long time. We have missed this aspect of working alongside our parents. Working in partnership is crucial for children to thrive and achieve, and it is a hugely important part of our culture here at Cranborne. I was delighted to share our successes with everybody and show off our amazing school community once more."

The open morning had an overwhelmingly positive response, with a huge number of parents and carers in attendance. Cranborne open morning is always an amazing opportunity to discover more about the children's learning in depth and experience it first-hand. Parents were able to watch and participate in a range of English and Maths lessons, experiencing phonics sessions, maths investigations and a variety of reading and writing activities.

The children were delighted to share their learning with their parents and as one mum commented, "It was so helpful seeing my child in his school environment and I was incredibly proud of him. The staff were amazing through lockdown, and I'm so pleased with the continued support in school." A fantastic morning for all involved. We are already looking forward to the next one!

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Back to the Future?

In this movie the young people are whisked back 30 years, and have to seek a way to get back to the time that they came from. Our children today are starting from much further back than where they should be. Unlike in the movie this cannot be resolved by a bolt of lightning, and the way things are going it looks as if it will take many years for education to get back to normal.

How many governors, two years ago, knew anything about Zoom or Teams? Yet today we are all familiar with these and, although they might be considered less valuable than face to face meetings, there is a place for them. Who, for example, would want to go out in bad weather later in the year, or who would want their staff to do so?

All schools will have new governors, most of whom will not have been in a classroom since they were in school. More experienced governors will have a role in supporting them in the protocols of visiting and reporting.

Back to the future, which is now, I would urge governors to ask a question about the affordability of their schools' uniforms. Unfortunately, a new law aimed at making uniforms cheaper was not in place this September. The Children's Society reports that the average cost for primary children is £315 and for secondary £337. Hopefully this will enable savings when it comes into force. Fortunately, most schools have taken matters into their own hands and recycle uniforms and other relevant clothing.

If you are interested in becoming a governor and helping to make a difference, contact your local school or go to the website **www.hertsforlearning.co.uk/business-services/governance**.

If you want to know more about being a governor, contact me at **geoff.strack@ntlworld.com**.

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Aren't online lessons better suited for teenagers and adults?

Younger students are more likely to embrace online learning. It also gives parents better insight into how their child is progressing. If your teacher is engaging and fun there is no reason the lesson should be any less effective. Besides, how many children do you know that aren't familiar with a smart device?

Isn't it complicated to set-up?

All you need is a piano/keyboard, a reliable laptop/tablet with a built-in camera or webcam and whichever video app your teacher uses (Zoom, MS Teams, etc.). Even the youngest of students are familiar with using this technology, sometimes more so than their parents!

Will it be more difficult to prepare for exams?

The preparation for any exam requires commitment and practice, and the amount of detail worked on in an online lesson is equal to that of a physical lesson. However, online lessons are more intense, students are less likely to be distracted, are more attentive to instructions and become more aware of their own technical ability.

From my own experience, my online students' progression has matched that of my physical students; in technical ability, grades achieved and rate of development.

Are online lessons a result of Covid?

No, instrumental tuition has been conducted successfully online for much longer than Covid has been a part of our lives. As technology has developed over the last 20 years, so too have our methods of learning. Disregarding online lessons could put you (or your child) at a huge disadvantage.

Maria Evangelou BMus (Hons)

Hook House Farm, Hook Kennels and The Oshwal Centre

The Hook Part I

During the lifetime of Hook House there have been three incarnations of the property that started in 1839. Hook Lane runs from the centre of Northaw just opposite the church, down through the fields to Hook House. Little more than a track now, it probably was the main way into the farm and house. From here the lane turns toward Coopers Lane Road which is now the main way onto the property.

The house was built by Mr Benjamin Cherry, a farmer from Enfield, and four times mayor of Hertford. The house, much extended over the years, incorporates an early 18th century staircase believed to be from Gobions House in Brookman's Park which was being demolished at about that time. It remained in the ownership of the Cherry family until the late 1850s.

The property then passed into the ownership of Nathaniel Brindley Acworth, but he does not appear to have lived there until as late as 1891. In 1861 Mr Charles Newton a retired general merchant was living at The Hook with his family. Mr Acworth, a JP, occupied the property from around the 1890s and was there until 1906 when The Hook was bought by George Roddick, a merchant engineer, and also a JP. The Roddick family remained there until it was sold to The Greyhound Racing Association in 1931. The story of the greyhounds will form Part II of the story of The Hook in a later publication.

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Where's the heart of Potters Bar?

As a Potters Bar resident of 35years, I find more and more that the town lacks a central 'heart' and has lost any character it once had. The High Street and Darkes Lane are two separate and distinct roads – the former crossing the top of The Walk (top of the hill), and the latter the bottom of it, yet neither can be said to be the 'hub'. As one visitor (and potential resident) to the town in recent years commented, "Where is the town centre? It's all eateries and charity shops."

When we first moved here in 1986 (when I was a small child), the High Street included a greengrocer, bakery, haberdashers, independent bookshop, hobby and craft shop, and a pet shop (the last three survived into the late 90s/early 00s). What is now the Harvester was Oakmere House cinema and theatre. There was a branch of NatWest (now a nursery), and a Police station (also now a nursery). Oak Vets was a large newsagent/shop until around 2000.

Potters Bar Bus Garage has been in-situ since 1930, but it used to offer the town a much better service. From the mid-1980s to mid-1990s, the 263 ran direct from Potters Bar to Archway. The 84 ran a more frequent service. Also, when Oyster Cards were first introduced, they could be used on the 84 from Barnet to Cranborne Road (and vice-versa), and tickets only had to be purchased to cover the section between Cranborne and St. Albans. At some point in the 2000s the Oyster service was withdrawn, and has yet to be reinstated, and the cash fare is now exorbitant.

Darkes Lane had an excellent family-run newsagent ('Smokers Paradise', now Potters Food Centre), a Woolworths (now Superdrug), a specialist camera/photographic shop (now Café Nero), and a two-storey Tesco (now Dreams/the gym). Tesco moved to its present site on Mutton Lane, location of the old Potters Bar and District Hospital, as part of a deal that they would build Potters Bar Community Hospital, on Barnet Road.

Until recent years, Sainsbury's had far more to offer, as the aisles ran the full-length of the store. Then someone decided it had to match their larger branches with shorter aisles, a 'corridor' across the middle, and more space given to non-grocery items. The Post Office was located next to the Royal Mail Collection/Sorting Office, a site twice the size of its new location, and the two were joined by an internal corridor, the whole fronting the sorting office.

In addition to these two main thoroughfares, there used to be a Cranborne branch of Potters Bar Library on Mutton Lane, at what is now 'Cranborne Place'. Barclays Bank was on Southgate Road, where 'Senate House' now is, still identifiable by those traditional Barclays arched windows! and until the end of the 80s we had a Texaco petrol station at what became Abbey House.

I would be interested to know how other residents feel, and what can be done to renew and improve Potters Bar – to give it a 'heart'.

Kathryn Sinclair

Ever heard of the Salisbury Estate?

Whilst looking through the deeds of my property which I had not been able to view in full previously, I noted that they were for a dwelling/house which was part of a then new development planned in 1956/57 for the building of 99 houses, 24 maisonette-type flats and 12 lockup garages, covering an area of 37 acres. The plans show three different designs of house dwelling available, all semi-detached except for two detached properties. Lockup garages were only available in Margaret Close. The new road names were Tempest Avenue, Forbes Avenue, Mandeville Road, Chauncy Avenue and Margaret Close, all of which were collectively known as 'The Salisbury Estate', Potters Bar, South Mimms, Middlesex! The original owner of our property purchased the plot from the developers prior to the house being built. I am assuming that the land was owned by the 19th Century Salisbury House which stood on the High Street and is directly behind all the then proposed dwellings.

Are there any other original purchasers from the 1950s who bought one of the above properties and knew the estate by its name 'The Salisbury Estate' still living locally? What a shame that this area is not still referred to by that original, delightful name in the 21st century – I am all for trying to preserve as much of an area's heritage as possible. This period is prior to the Oakmere development of the 1960s for social housing and overspill from other boroughs.

Veronica Hall
Resident of the Salisbury Estate!

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Southridge Centre seek fosterers for cats and a home for Patsy

We are looking for local fosterers who live close to the centre to look after some of our elderly and medically unwell cats. These cats are usually looking for a retirement home and end-of-life care, some can be short term and others can be longer term, dependent on their medical history and needs. Fosterers would need to live within close proximity to the centre, as regular visits may be needed to see the vet either at the centre or one of the hospitals we use located in Barnet or Radlett. The owner would need to be comfortable administrating any medication required. They would need to be an experienced cat owner, with previous experience of administrating medication preferable.

Dependent on the cat, they may require to be indoor only, which would mean a house or a lower level flat (no higher than 2nd floor) and extra care taken with open doors and windows, etc. Other cats are permitted to have outside access, so would need access to a private secure garden away from immediate dangers such as busy roads and railway lines. It would be ideal that they are the only cat in the home with adults only. Some can live with children but again it is case by case basis. Those interested would need to email **southridge@rspca.org.uk** outlining the sort of cat they are looking for, the home they can offer and any experience they have had with owning and caring for cats. A member of the team can then discuss this in further detail. Medical and veterinary costs for current conditions will be covered by our 'Friends of Southridge'.

We are also seeking a home for one of our long-stay cats Patsy. She has been with us since May 2019 while she awaited an ongoing case with our inspector. She is overlooked and we're not sure why. In particular black cats are usually less favoured than other coloured cats. She is a really sweet, gentle girl but just not used to human interaction. It is unknown whether she had any human contact in her previous 'home'. She's very nervous and hides away, but has started to come out more and accept chicken and treats from volunteers and staff here at Southridge.

Rare bird faces local extinction – call to action

Don't miss the deadline for objecting - 20th November 2021

Following on from my article in the summer edition concerning the tree sparrows at Tyttenhanger, we have now been made aware that Hertsmere's emerging plan has been updated. A press release was issued on 7th September and to read the full press release please click here or visit **www.hertsmerelocalplan.com**.

A revised plan was published on 30th September with a 6 week period of engagement until 20th November, giving residents and community groups a further opportunity to comment on the plan.

The Tree Sparrow Working Group are concerned that the previous comments on the unsuitability of the scale of the site have been ignored, and the Council are still considering the whole of the original area for development. Also, that the Council ironically chose to film their video describing the area as poor quality in the exact location where we are trying to save the last remaining Tree Sparrows.

Although the Tree Sparrows are mentioned in the plan there appears to be no mention that any steps will be taken to consider protecting them. It seems that Hertsmere's proposals breach Government requirements to protect biodiversity.

To help us save the site and its wildlife, please write to the council at the address below giving the reasons for your objections to the plans for Bowmans Cross. The mitigation efforts to date have not proved successful and the Tree Sparrows remain very vulnerable to any changes within their range.

The Planning Officer, Civic Offices, Borehamwood, Hertsmere Borough Council, Elstree Way, Borehamwood

Stan Kitchiner
South East Herts RSPB Members Group Leader

Potters Bar 41 Club are looking for new members!

Potters Bar 41 Club was originally established for former members of Potters Bar Round Table as they reached age 40 and had to retire from that organisation. But it is now able to welcome new members with no previous connection to that club.

Many local people will remember Potters Bar Round Table for their various charitable activities including the Christmas Float and the Donkey Derby held for years at Elm Court.

In 41 Club, though, the main focus is on social activities. We meet once a month for dinner at a local pub, and occasionally have guest speakers or create our own entertainment with quizzes, talks, wine tastings, etc. We have at least one sports or social event every month. In the past we have had visits to McMullen's Brewery, Bletchley Park, Hatfield House, Gun Powder Mills and Bentley Priory. For sporting activities, we have participated in archery, curling, petanque, darts, snooker, golf, canoeing, walks and recently hired two narrow boats for a day. Most of these events are open to guests. Each year we have a Chairman's Dinner and sometimes have open meetings, with guest speakers. We are occasionally involved in fundraising, generally by assisting the parallel ladies club, Potters Bar Tangent, who support a different charity each year.

With changes in working patterns over the years Potters Bar Round Table no longer exists and hence we have lost our automatic source of new members. In the last few years we have opened up our membership to friends and acquaintances and we are now in a position where we would welcome more new members. We currently have a membership of just over 20 people with an average age of about 70, but are looking for more people to join us to participate in our activities.

The club would obviously suit any ex-Round Tablers now living in the area, or active men approaching retirement or recently retired. For more information on joining please telephone the Hon Secretary, John Connell, on **01707 851445**.

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NOVEMBER 2021

MONDAY 1st

- *Barnet Philatelic Society Club Competitions and Bourse.

TUESDAY 2nd

- Lunchtime Recital Neil Crossland (piano), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 3rd

- *PB Horticultural Society Brian Ruskin (Harrogate Show).

THURSDAY 4th

- Cranborne Primary School Fireworks Event (gates open at 5.30pm).
- PB Film Makers 7pm Wyllyotts and on Zoom – Filming using "Green Screen".

SATURDAY 6th

- Remembering our loved ones: A service to remember and give thanks for departed relatives and friends. 3pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk, followed by tea and cakes. Details 07803 756088.

SUNDAY 7th

- Handel's Messiah The Merry Opera Company's dramatization of this famous work. St Mary's Church, The Walk (time to be confirmed). Details at www.merryopera.co.uk or call 07803 756088.
- King Charles the Martyr Church Confirmation Service with Bishop Michael of Hertford, 4pm.
- *PB Society Walk.

WEDNESDAY 10th

- *RSPB Afternoon meeting, all welcome. 'Flowers of the Canadian Rockies', speaker Brenda Harold.

SATURDAY 13th

- Christmas Minimarket 4th Potters Bar Scout Group. With seasonal stalls and refreshments from 10.30am at St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar, EN6 2DZ.
- Indoor Car Boot Sale Elm Court, £14, 01707 659602.

SUNDAY 14th

- Remembrance Day Service 10.50am at the War Memorial, followed by service in St Mary's Church at 11.30am.
- Remembrance Parade at St John's Methodist Church, 10.30am. Café Worship at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm. Informal praise, prayer and discussion in a relaxed setting with coffee and cake.
- King Charles the Martyr Church Act of Remembrance at 10.55am.
- King Charles the Martyr Church Bereavement Service at 4pm followed by tea.

MONDAY 15th

- *Barnet Philatelic Society Autumn Auction, viewing from 7pm.

THURSDAY 18th

- *Cuffley Horticultural Society 8pm, Andrew Turvey, Head of Park and Gardens at Hatfield House. 'Unearthing the Past', managing gardens with a history.
- PB Film Makers 7pm on Zoom – the Annual Documentary Competition.

FRIDAY 19th

- *RSPB Evening meeting, all welcome. 'World of Birds and Laughter' with Richard Pople.

SUNDAY 21st

- Family Creative Church at St John's Methodist Church from 10.30am. Arts and crafts followed by 20 minutes of worship for everyone.
- *PB Society Walk.

SATURDAY 27th

- Bath Christmas Market Coach Trip, £36, 01707 903761.
- Indoor Car Boot Sale Elm Court, £14, 01707 659602.

SUNDAY 28th

- Christmas at Leeds Castle Coach Trip, £60, 01707 903761.
- St Mary the Virgin and All Saints, Church 5pm, Advent Carol Service.

DECEMBER 2021

WEDNESDAY 1st

- *PB Horticultural Society AGM and Social.
- 'Only Fools and Horses' Theatre Show Coach Trip, £95, 01707 903761.

THURSDAY 2nd

- PB Film Makers 7pm on Zoom. The club Annual General Meeting.

SATURDAY 4th

- Lincoln Christmas Market Coach Trip, £36, 01707 903761.
- Christingle Service at St John's Methodist Church at 10.30am.
- *PB Society Walk.

MONDAY 6th

- *Barnet Philatelic Society 'GB Postal History with a Difference' – Don Davies. Talk and exhibits.

TUESDAY 7th

- Christmas at London Palladium Coach trip, £85, 01707 903761.

WEDNESDAY 8th

- *RSPB Afternoon meeting, all welcome. 'African Wildlife – beyond safari tourism' with Peter Warne.

FRIDAY 10th

- *RSPB Evening meeting, all welcome. 'Birdwatching in Yunnan' with Jeff Blincow. South-west China in the winter lakes, deep gorges, and rich sub-tropical forest in the south.

SATURDAY 11th

- Discover Christmas (Churches Together Potters Bar) at St John's Methodist Church, 2pm. A family Christmas journey with crafts, drama and carols.
- Potters Bar Choral Society Christmas concert, 7.30pm. Our Lady and St Vincent Roman Catholic Church, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, Herts. £12 (£15 on the door, under 12s free). 01707 655297 or info@pbchoral.org for more info.
- Indoor Car Boot Sale Elm Court, £14, 01707 659602.

SUNDAY 12th

- St John's Methodist Church Nine Lessons and Carols at 2.30pm.
- King Charles the Martyr Advent 3, 11am, Morning Worship with Nativity, 4pm, Service of Carols and Lessons.

THURSDAY 16th

- PB Film Makers 7pm Wyllyotts and on Zoom. The club Christmas Social.

SUNDAY 19th

- St John's Methodist Church Family Carol Service at St John's Methodist Church, 4pm.
- *PB Society Walk.
- St Mary the Virgin and All Saints' Church 5pm, Christmas Carol Service, plus mulled wine and mince pies.
- Baptist Church Family Service 10.30–11.45am. Candlelit Carols and readings 6–7pm.
- King Charles the Martyr Advent 4, 4pm ,*Christingle Service (please book).

MONDAY 20th

- *Barnet Philatelic Society Christmas Social and Members Bourse.

THURSDAY 23rd

- King Charles the Martyr Community Café Christmas Service. Lunch?

FRIDAY 24th

- St John's Methodist Church Midnight Holy Communion at 11.15pm.
- St Mary the Virgin and All Saints' Church 4pm, Crib and Christingle Service. 11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity.
- King Charles the Marty Christmas Eve, 4pm, *Nativity Service for all the family young and old (please book). 11.30pm, Midnight Mass, carols sung by the choir from 11pm.

SATURDAY 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

- St John's Methodist Church Christmas Day Service at 10.30am.
- St Mary the Virgin and All Saints' Church 10am, Family Eucharist, followed by festive drinks and mince pies.
- Baptist Church Christmas Day Short Morning Family Service, 10.30am.
- King Charles the Martyr 10.30am, *Christmas Morning Family Communion (please book).

SUNDAY 26th

- St Mary the Virgin and All Saints' Church 10am, Sung Eucharist for St Stephen's Day.
- King Charles the Martyr The Feast of St Stephen, 10.30am, said service of Holy Communion.

THURSDAY 30th

- Kew Garden Festival of Lights Coach Trip, £50, 01707 903761.

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY 2nd

- *PB Society Walk.

WHAT'S ON

➤ **King Charles the Martyr** The Epiphany, 10.30am, Holy Communion.

FRIDAY 7th

➤ **Dick Whittington** Cheshunt Dramatic Society at Cuffley Hall on Fri 7th and Sat 8th Jan at 7.30pm with matinee on Saturday. Phone Secretary Pam Murphy on 07721 665187 for more details.

SATURDAY 8th

➤ **Dick Whittington** Cheshunt Dramatic Society at Cuffley Hall on Fri 7th and Sat 8th Jan at 7.30pm with matinee on Saturday. Phone Secretary Pam Murphy on 07721 665187 for more details.

SUNDAY 9th

➤ **Café Worship** at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm. Informal praise, prayer and discussion in a relaxed setting with coffee and cake.

WEDNESDAY 12th

➤ ***RSPB** Afternoon meetinga all welcome. 'Patagonia': Travelling from the south of Argentina we explore the flora and landscapes of the Andes with John and Anne Wallington.

SATURDAY 15th

➤ **Indoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court, £14, 01707 659602.

SUNDAY 16th

➤ **Family Creative Church** at St John's Methodist Church from 10.30am. Arts and crafts followed by 20 minutes of worship for everyone.

➤ ***PB Society** Walk.

➤ **'Wizard of Oz'** at Wyllyotts with The Warren Group. 20th, 21st and 22nd at 7.30pm. Matinees 22nd at 2.30pm and Sun 23rd at 11.30am and 3.30pm. Adults £15 and children £12. In support of local charities. For tickets phone 01707 645005.

FRIDAY 21st

➤ ***RSPB** Evening meeting, all welcome. 'Investigations and Raptor (Birds of Prey) Crime' with Guy Shorrock, senior investigations officer.

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THURSDAY 27th

➤ ***Cuffley Horticultural Society** 8pm. Speaker to be confirmed.

SATURDAY 29th

➤ **Indoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court, £14, 01707 659602.

SUNDAY 30th

➤ ***PB Society** Walk.

FEBRUARY 2022

WEDNESDAY 2nd

➤ ***PB Horticultural Society** David Neal – 'The Cowper and Desborough Families'.

THURSDAY 3rd

➤ **PB Film Makers** 7pm Wyllyotts and on Zoom. The annual Variable Subject Film Competition.

WEDNESDAY 9th

➤ ***RSPB** Afternoon meeting, all welcome. 'The West Highland Way' with Stafford Steed. A 90-mile-long walk in the Scottish Highlands.

SATURDAY 12th

➤ **Indoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court, £14, 01707 659602.

SUNDAY 13th

➤ **Café Worship** at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm. Informal praise, prayer and discussion in a relaxed setting with coffee and cake.

WEDNESDAY 16th

➤ **'Orpheus in the Underworld'** Offenbach's comic operetta Orpheus in the Underworld is a skit on the classical legend with a plethora of colourful characters and, of course, includes the famous can-can. A non-professional production by Southgate Opera. wyllyottstheatre.co.uk or Box Office 01707 645005.

THURSDAY 17th

➤ **PB Film Makers** 7pm Wyllyotts and on Zoom – theme to be confirmed.

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FRIDAY 18th

➤ ***RSPB** Evening meeting, all welcome. 'Trends in Butterfly and Moth Distribution' with Andrew Wood. The changing distribution and abundance of butterflies and moths in Hertfordshire and Middlesex.

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SUNDAY 20th

➤ **Family Creative Church** at St John's Methodist Church from 10.30am. Arts and crafts followed by 20 minutes of worship for everyone.

THURSDAY 24th

➤ ***Cuffley Horticultural Society** 8pm, Tim Hill 'Gardens with wildlife in mind'.

➤ **'Hairspray'** A great musical for all the family with some amazing show tunes as well. A non-professional production by RARE Youth Theatre Productions. wyllyottstheatre.co.uk or Box Office 01707 645005.

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SATURDAY 26th

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➤ **Cirque Du Soleil** Coach Trip, £85, 01707 903761.

➤ **Indoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court, £14, 01707 659602.

MARCH 2022

WEDNESDAY 2nd

➤ ***PB Horticultural Society** Dr Brenda Harold who lectures at Brunel University. Talk on 'Flower Power; how plants control animals'.

➤ **Pretty Woman** Theatre Coach Trip, £79, 01707 903761.

THURSDAY 3rd

➤ **PB Film Makers** 7pm Wyllyotts and on Zoom – theme to be confirmed.

FRIDAY 4th

➤ **'Lost in Music'** Join us as we recreate the Magical 70s and let us take you on a musical journey straight to the heart of Disco! 7.30pm. Relive some of the greatest songs of all time from artists such as Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Earth, Wind and Fire, Sister Sledge and Chic. This show boasts a sensational live band, incredibly talented cast and stunning vocals and is sure to have you dancing in the aisles! wyllyottstheatre.co.uk or Box Office 01707 645005.

WEDNESDAY 9th

➤ ***RSPB** Afternoon meeting, all welcome. 'Gardening for butterflies and other insects' with Nick Bowles. Find out how we can help these beautiful insects.

SATURDAY 12th

➤ **Indoor Car Boot Sale** Elm Court, £14, 01707 659602.

SUNDAY 13th

➤ **Café Worship** at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm. Informal praise, prayer and discussion in a relaxed setting with coffee and cake.

➤ **'Seven Drunken Nights'** 7.30pm. This celebration of the music of The Dubliners is a celebration of Irish music itself and a guaranteed evening of music, humour, and 'craic'. wyllyottstheatre.co.uk or Box Office 01707 645005.

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Potters Bar District Brownies and Guides enjoy September weekend away

Finally, after a year's delay due to covid, 57 girls and 16 leaders went away to PGL. All unit groups did the same activities during the weekend, including our leaders joining in the fun, these were:

Zip wire - the girls were brave and conquered the height, and at the end of the zip wire had to start running in the air ready for when they met the ground.

Survival skills - we learnt what three items would be the most useful in an emergency, how long you can survive without necessities such as food, water and shelter, how to light a fire and how to build a shelter with rope and some tarpaulin.

Rafting - worked together to build a raft out of containers, wood and rope. Some were more successful than others!

Giant swing - the girls decided how high they wanted to go. At first, it was low but, on their second go, they went higher and some went to the top.

Campfire in the woods - PGL leaders taught us some songs, dances, and stories, which we all enjoyed very much.

Challenge course - the Brownies and Guides raced each other to the end, then the girls had to hold onto a long piece of rope and not let go. The Brownies won both challenges as they were faster and they had less people, which might have made them quicker as well.

Climbing - the girls were really brave in how high they went.

During the weekend our PGL leaders looked after us and taught us some new games.The trip was great fun for all girls and leaders and l learnt something new and made some great memories.

Zoe Broadhead
Ranger and Young Leader

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In the event of adverse weather please telephone the walks leader as the walk may have to be cancelled. In case of emergency please carry with you contact details (which can easily be found) including details of any medications and allergies that paramedics would need to make note of.

Any changes to the programme, eg, due to Government restrictions, will be posted on the website **www.pbsoc.org.uk**.

All walks start at 1.30pm.

Sunday 12th September 2021

Meet: Whitewebbs Road lay-by near King & Tinker PH. *Route:* Whitewebbs Wood, Bury Green, Cheshunt, Broadfield Farms and Theobalds Estate back to Whitewebbs Road. Walk involves footpaths, fields, and some road walking. *About:* 6 miles. *Leader:* **01707 654993**.

Sunday 26th September 2021

Meet: Roestock Lane, near junction with Bullen Green Lane, Welham Green, AL4 0QW. TL 214064. *Route:* Walk around Colney Heath. *About:* 4 miles. *Leader:* **01707 264689**.

Sunday 10th October 2021

Meet: Whitewebbs Road, lay-by near King & Tinker PH. *Route:* Walk to Forty Hall and return via golf course. *About:* 4.5 miles. *Leader:* **01707 643832**.

Sunday 24th October 2021

Meet: Intersection of Thornton Road/Coopers Road, EN6 1JH (free street parking). *Route:* Walk to Northaw, Hook Lane, Coopers Lane Road, Fir and Pond Wood, Tempest Avenue, Oakmere Park and back to Thornton Road via Morven Park. The walk is hilly in places. *About:* 4.5–5 miles. *Leader:* **07926 314877**.

Sunday 7th November 2021

Meet: outside Wroxham School, Wroxham Gardens, EN6 3DJ. *Route*: across fields to Bridgefoot, footpath 25 to Hawkshead Lane. Return via railway linepath and Furzefield Woods. *About:* 4.5 miles. *Leaders:* **01707 655732**.

Sunday 21st November 2021

Meet: end of Harmer Green Lane, Burnham Green, Welwyn, near White Horse PH, AL6 0HA. *Route:* Footpaths around Digswell, Welwyn North, Tewin and Burnham Green. *About:* 5 miles. *Leader:* **01707 654993**.

Sunday 5th December 2021

Meet: Village Hall car park, Goffs Oak. *Route:* Walk to Wood Green Farm, Theobalds Manor and return via Silver Street. *About:* 4.5 miles. *Leader:* **01707 643832**.

Sunday 19th December 2021

Meet: Park at end of Tolmers Road, Cuffley (near entrance to Scout camp). *Route:* Footpath through Home Wood, Carbone Hill to Northaw Great Wood entrance. Walk perimeter of wood and return via original footpath. *About:* 5 miles. *Leader:* **01707 851498**.

Sunday 2nd January 2022

Meet: Shenley Park car park, Radlett Lane, WD7 9DW near Orchard Café. *Route:* Footpaths past London Road, Coombs Wood, Dell Grove and around Porters Park and Wild Farm. *About:* 4.5–5 miles. *Leader:* **01707 654993**.

Sunday 16th January 2022

Meet: Car park off Sopers Road, Cuffley. *Route:* Footpath south to Nursery Plantation then west to Theobalds Manor, north to Broadfield Farm. Return via Silver Street to Poyndon Farm and Cuffley Hill. *About:* 6.25 miles. *Leader:* **01707 851498**.

Sunday 30th January 2022

Meet: on Leeside close to Dollis Valley Brook entrance EN5 2PE. Street parking available. *Route:* walk up to Totteridge long ponds via footpaths through fields, then descending with views over London towards Burtonhole Nursery. Skirt up to the common and Darlands Nature reserve before returning down a footpath. *About:* 5.3 miles. *Leader:* **07926 314877**.

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Trophy successes for Potters Bar Bowls Club

Throughout a very busy and exciting summer, Potters Bar Bowls Club members, including some very enthusiastic new members who were welcomed to the Club during the season, have enjoyed the friendly matches against neighbouring clubs.

The Club saw success at St Albans and District, County and National levels with Richard Pearce winning the St Albans and District Men's singles championship and Pam Rodgers and Diane Jewell winning the Ladies Pairs title. Beryl Burbridge, Dave Sparrow, Diane and Steve Jewell also won the District Stockman Winser Trophy.

At County level the Ladies Senior Fours team of Anita Bowman, Diane Berry, Diane Jewell, and Pam Rodgers won their way through to the National Championships, representing Hertfordshire, at Leamington Spa. Backed by their vociferous travelling supporters the quartet reached the second round.

Another piece of silverware won during the season was the Finchley and District President's Cup won by Club President Jan Southwell and his team of David Arnold, Barry Bowman and Richard Pearce.

In August, despite the drizzle, the weather was not able to dampen the spirits of over 60 members who enjoyed the President's Gala Day. Fancy dress was the order of the day with Jan Southwell greeting members dressed as a pirate. Among the players was a nun, a brown paper parcel, a bishop, a hippy, two chefs and even President Donald Trump flew in specially! The Club's finals weekend produced very exciting games with some new members taking part and some new names on the Club's Trophies, including that of Barry Woodman who won the Men's Championship and new members Mike Levy, who won the Hicks Cup and Paul Stevens who won the Partridge Cup.

Captains Day, the last day of the season, was well supported by over 70 players and spectators. During the course of the afternoon President Jan Southwell presented a cheque for just over £1,500, which was raised during the two years of his Presidency, to Keith King, the Community Champion for Jan's chosen charity, Fight Bladder Cancer. This was in addition to £733 raised by an Associate Member in the middle of last year.

Friendships, enjoyable matches, competition honours and supportive members are what have made for a very good season at Potters Bar Bowls Club. Long may that continue.

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A good summer for North Mymms Bowls Club

Although we are a small club, this year has been a very successful one.

Early on we recruited several new members from the Welham Green, Brookmans Park and Potters Bar areas. They have all received some initial coaching to get them started and have been enjoying friendly games and roll-ups. This year we had the honour of hosting the St Albans and District Men's Finals, the President's Day and a Charity Gala which has raised over £1,000 for Dementia UK.

Our Ladies section has had a particularly successful year. They won the Harvey Cup, a local competition played between Potters Bar, Northaw and Cuffley and North Mymms, a trophy that has been eluding us since the mid-90s! In the St Albans and District Bowling Association they won both the Rinks League and the Triples League. In the District competitions, Pam Bond, Sue Burbidge and Karen King won the Triples, Sue Burbidge and Karen King won the Australian Pairs, and Karen King won the Officers Singles.

We are now looking forward to next year, which hopefully will be more 'back to normal', when we can reintroduce catering and hospitality to our friendly matches against visiting clubs. Socialising after the game with a drink from the bar and meal to follow is all part of the bowling experience.

Please have a look at our website **northmymmsbowlsclub.org**. If you are interested in joining next spring contact our Membership Secretary Val Atkinson on **01707 645320** or email **vgatkinson@btinternet.com**. There is a reduced membership fee and free coaching available for new members.

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Sporting Nicknames

This time we have a look at some of the weird and wonderful nicknames for tennis stars past and present.

Baron von Slam: Boris Becker
Big Bad Betty: Betty Stove
Brazilian Swallow: Maria Bueno, with her graceful swoop to the net
Broadway Vitas: Vitas Gerulaitis because of his playboy image
Can't miss Swiss: Martina Hingis
Evonne Sing-along: Evonne Goolagong
Fed-ex/Express: Roger Federer
Fiery Fred: Fred Stolle
Gorgeous Gussy: 1950s starlet Gertrude Moran, with the lacy underwear
Ivan the Terrible: Ivan Lendl
Ice Man: Bjorn Borg
Ice Maiden: Chrissy Evert
King of Clay: Raphael Nadal
Leaning Tower of Pasadena: Stan Smith, 6ft 4in giant from LA
Mohammed Ali: Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, a passing resemblance to the boxer
Nasty: Ilie Nastase, one-time Romanian bad boy
Pistol Pete: Pete Sampras
The Rocket: Rod Laver
Siberian Siren: Maria Sharapova, referencing her grunt and nationality
Superbrat: John McEnroe, "You cannot be serious!"
Tiger Tim: Tim Henman
Wild Thing: Nick Kyriacos, for his on-court ill-discipline

Wyllyotts Theatre

Wylyotts Theatre has installed a Covid-compliant full fresh ventilation system and building management system with no recirculation of air, so it is as close to being outside as possible.

Jim Davidson 'Unlocked' 2021 Tour

Tueday 9th November, 7.30pm
Tickets: £26

After months of lockdown, and with the comedy pressure valve set to explode, the people's favourite is back with a brand-new show for 2021!

More outrageous than ever. Jim Davidson OBE, one of Britain's greatest-ever comedians is unlocked and asks you to breakout too and join him on another hilarious white-knuckle get-away.

An evening with Liam Brady

Wednesday 10th November, 8pm
Tickets: Balcony £13.50, Flat Floor £17.50, Stalls £19.50, VIP £49

A left footed playmaker with outstanding technical ability and vision, Brady spent nine years at Arsenal, winning 'Player of the Year' award three times, signing off with an appearance in the 1980 European Cup Winners Cup Final. During the evening Liam and Perry Groves will talk about their successful playing careers and their opinions on the game in general.

The Ladyboys of Bangkok – Flight of Fantasy Tour

Thurday 11th November, 7.30pm
Tickets: £25

Climb aboard for the trip of a lifetime as the world's most glamorous showgirls (who just happen to be men!) send you soaring to spectacular diamanté-dipped song and dance destinations, with over 400 stunning costumes.

Lost in Music

Friday 12th November, 7.30pm
Tickets: £25

Join us as we recreate the magical 70s, and let us take you on a musical journey straight to the heart of disco. Relive some of the greatest songs of all time from artists such as Gloria Gaynor, Donna Summer, Sister Sledge and many more.

Captain Calamity Storyland Adventure

Saturday 13th November, 11am
Tickets: £7

A crazy mix of magic and mayhem like no other. Expect a silly 60 minutes of jaw- dropping family fun and insanity featuring baffling balloon bursting, beautiful bubbles, silly science and gigglesome games. Ideal for 3 to 8 years old.

The Best of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

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Sinatra His Way

Sunday 14th November, 2pm
Tickets: £15

Robert Haubermann sings the unforgettable songs and tells the remarkable story of Frank Sinatra from Band Singer to 1940s pop idol. He sings all the great Sinatra classics including *'Come Fly with Me'*, *'You Make Me Feel So Young'* and many more.

Optional afternoon tea after the show at £9.50 per person.

The Adult Panto: Little Red Riding…

Thursday 25th November, 7.30pm
Tickets: £20. Please enquire price for 10+ groups

An adult panto with a difference. Following the sell-out success of their 2019 show *'Peter Panties'*, The Market Theatre Company is out to corrupt another fairytale classic beyond recognition with an adult panto like no other. Get ready for an evening of slick fast- moving farcical fun and bawdy sexual innuendo.

Not suitable for under 16s.

ABBA Merry Christmas Party

Friday 26th November, 8pm
Tickets: £26

This international smash-hit tribute show brings all ABBA's number 1 hits to the stage in a production like no other. This hugely popular show, now in its 20th year, combines the unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes and dazzling performances by the all-star cast.

The Drifters

Saturday 27th November, 7.30pm
Tickets: £27

The Drifters are back on tour in the UK with a brand-new show performing all their classic hits from the last six decades. The Drifters are now in their 65th Anniversary Year.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra 'In the Mood' for Christmas

Sunday 28th November, 2pm
Tickets: £25

The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will be dusting off the maestro's original arrangements of your favourite Christmas songs together with much loved Miller numbers for an unforgettable experience.

Optional afternoon tea after the show at £9.50 per person.

The Best of Queen - The Break Free Tour

Friday 3rd December, 7.30pm
Tickets: £26

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The Elvis Years at Christmas

Saturday 4th December, 7.30pm
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Many of us are fond of visiting Pam in the office of a morning and are now great friends, but some of you may know Pam from other groups and projects around the community including drama and theatre groups, line dancing, the Baptist Church, car boots and the Christmas lights project. As a true community champion, she has helped mould Elm Court into the amazing community safe haven it is today, where a friendly smile and cup of tea is always guaranteed and will continue to be as we aim to follow on from Pam's example. From all of Pam's friends and colleagues at Elm Court we wish her a very well deserved and happy retirement!

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

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

EDUCATIONAL

BROOKMANS PARK WEA Weekly, Tue and Thu mornings. 10 week courses starting 24th and 26th Sep. Details from Lyn Pym 01707 650673.

COMPUTERS AND A CUPPA Weekly, Mon. Wyllyotts Cafe, 10.30am–12.30pm. Helping older people to use their IT devices. Free.

FIRST CLASS LEARNING MATHS AND ENGLISH Ages 4–16. Weekly, Sat 10.30am–12.30pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Caroline or Tim 07708 655554.

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

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

SPANISH CIRCLE HERTFORDSHIRE* Monthly, 2nd Fri. Sep to Jun at Red Lion Pub, Hatfield, 7.30pm. Events including wine and sherry tasting, talks on Spanish culture. 661722.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE – U3A Study and recreation for those not in full time employment. 2nd Mon. Wyllyotts Centre, 10am. Secretary 07544 263356.

FITNESS

EXERCISE AND MOVEMENT TO MUSIC Wed 2.15–3.45pm. Elm Court. Call or text 07949 055958 or email exercisewithtracy@gmail.com.

FITNESS CLASSES Wed 7.15pm. LBPT Fitness Classes and Sat 9am. Essendon Primary School Hall.

FITSTEPS Weekly, Tue 6–7pm North Mymms Memorial Hall. Wed 10.15–11.05am and 11.15am–12.05pm, Rhythmix Dance Studio, Potters Bar. 020 8133 9142/07711 832070.

HATHA YOGA CLASSES Every Mon 7.30pm, Tue 5.30pm, Wed Online, Friday 11am and Sat 10am. In and around Potters Bar. Further details Helen Cooper 07740 823230.

MEN'S FITNESS GROUP FOR OVER 50S All levels of fitness and abilities welcome. Fri 10–11am at King Charles the Martyr Church Hall.

POSITIVE MOVEMENT EXERCISE CLASS Tue 10.30am–12noon, Clayton Centre. Positive for older people, carers, people at risk of falls. 01462 678804.

MOVES FITNESS Weekly, Mon. St Mary's Church Hall, 7.30–8.30pm. Aerobic Dance Exercise. All fitness levels welcome. Bring mat or towel. 07733 173559.

PB RUNNING MUMMIES Fri, weekly, 2.30–3.15am. St Mary's Church Hall. For new mums with babies 12 weeks +. Warm-ups, couch to 5K sessions, yoga cool down. Cost £2 to £5. Contact Grace 07815 309567 or Karina 07412 509101.

YOGA CLASSES Weekly, Mon 10am, Fri 10am, Sun 10.30am. Thu 7–8pm Core Class and Yoga 8–9pm. Wayside, Contact Jade 07976 743189.

YOGA CLASSES Beginners/Intermediate: Weekly Friday, 12.30–1.45pm. Northaw Village Hall. Contact Feride 07538 778844.

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

GAMES

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.

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

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

WHIST DRIVE 1st Fri, monthly. Village Hall, Northaw, 7 for 7.45pm. 651682.

WHIST DRIVE Monthly, 2nd Thu. South Mimms Village Hall, 7.30pm. 01727 869211.

HEALTH

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

BARNET AND DISTRICT CANCER LINK Drop In Centre – weekly, Wed 1.30–4pm. Union Street, Barnet. For cancer patients, families and friends. 708022 or 020 8446 3104.

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

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE Contact 01992 586969 for information.

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

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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

DEMENTIA SUPPORT – HERTSWISE Designed with people living with dementia. low level memory loss or mild cognitive impairment, and their friends, family and carers at its heart. Thu 1.30–3pm at Elm Court, £5 contribution. Carers welcome at no extra charge.

DEMETIA FRIENDY FRIENDLY CHURCH SERVICE King Charles the Martyr. First Tue of each month from 2–3pm.

HERTS MUSICAL MEMORIES CUFFLEY GROUP – Most Wed, 2–3.30pm. The Undercroft, St Andrew's Church, Cuffley, EN6 4DR. Contact Kerry or Emma 020 8950 5757 or email admin@hertsmusicalmemories.org.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. Contact 020 3727 3600.

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

POSITIVE MOVEMENT EXERCISE CLASS Tue 10.30am–12noon, Clayton Centre. Positive for older people, carers, people at risk of falls. 01462 678804.

HERTS VISION LOSS The Woodside Centre, The Commons, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4SE. Sight Line 01707 324680, Office@hertsvisionloss.org.uk or www.Hertsvisionloss.org.uk.

YOGA FOR MENTAL HEALTH Trauma-informed specialist yoga teacher to help manage stress, anxiety, depression or general emotional wellbeing. One to ones, small groups, or workshops. Free of charge 20 minute telephone consultation: Helen Cooper 07740 823 230 or email helencooperyoga@gmail.com.

HOBBIES

BARNET AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY Mon 8pm.Twice monthly. St John's Church Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet. Sep to Jun. www.barnetphilatelic.co.uk.

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

CUFFLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Monthly, last Thu. 10 times per year. 7.30pm. Cuffley Hall, Maynard Place. Contact Sarah Anthony 879057 or secretary@cuffleyhorts.org.uk.

FENG SHUI SOCIETY OF HERTS Monthly, Elm Court, 7pm. 07951 741128.

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

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

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

PB AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY* Monthly, Feb to Dec. 1st Wed 8–10pm. Elm Court. Members £2. Visitors £3. 651372.

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

PB ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION Visit Highview Gardens site. Sun 10am–12noon. Call Geoff 653910.

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

MUSIC

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

BAY JAZZ CLUB 1st and 3rd Tue, 8.30–11pm. Botany Bay Cricket Club, East Lodge Lane, Enfield. Live Traditional Jazz. Licensed Bar. 020 8367 6660.

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

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

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

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

PB CHORAL SOCIETY* Weekly rehearsals, Tue 7.45pm. St Mary's Hall, The Walk. Experience not essential. 642393.

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

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

RADLETT MUSIC CLUB 6 concerts per season, Oct to Apr. Radlett Centre, 8pm. Online booking www.radlettcentre.co.uk.

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

PB MUSIC CENTRE Weekly, Sat in term-time, 8.30am–1pm. Dame Alice Owen's School. Individual instrumental lessons and group activities. www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/potters-bar-music-centre.

OUTDOOR

NORTH LONDON OUTDOOR GROUP Weekends away, day and evening walks. 2nd Tue 8.15pm at Discovery Hall, Stevenson Close, New Barnet. www.northlondonoutdoorgroup.org.

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

FIR AND POND WOODS NATURE RESERVE Working parties of registered volunteers to maintain this reserve meet monthly, 2nd Sun 10am–1pm. Meet lay-by in Coopers Lane Road, EN6 4DG. Tools provided, bring drink, gloves and good footwear. Phone John on 652836.

GOBIONS WOOD NATURE RESERVE OF HERTS AND MIDDX WILDLIFE TRUST For information contact 01727 858901.

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

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

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

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

SOCIAL

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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ AT KCM Weekly on Thu. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall, 9am–1.30pm. Coffee and light lunches served. 01707 665579.

CHARITY LUNCHES – URC Darkes Lane, 1st Fri in month, 1pm. £5 per person. Please come and join us. 665482.

COMPUTERS AND A CUPPA Weekly, Mon. Wyllyotts Cafe, 10.30am–12.30pm. Helping older people to use their IT devices. Free. No need to book.

BARNET PLUS Fun social events for ages 30–65. Sats/Suns/weekdays. www.barnetplus.com 07890 765835

BROOKMANS PARK WI 3rd Mon 7.45pm. Brookmans Park URC Hall. Visitors welcome. 07956 301803.

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.

CUFFLEY OVER 50'S CLUB Wed 2–5pm. Cuffley Youth and Community Centre. Art, snooker, table-tennis, Scrabble, etc. John 875589.

ENFIELD NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION Contact Pam for more information 650969.

FIFTY PLUS* Wide range of activities, events, trips and courses. Not exclusive to 50 and over. 645005.

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

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

MITRE CLUB Monthly 1st Tue. For retired professionals and businessmen. Best Western Homestead Court Hotel, Welwyn Garden City. 01707 656912.

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

NORTHAW WI Monthly, 1st Tue 7.30pm, Northaw Village Hall. 020 8360 9729.

OAKMERE WI New time and venue from 9th Sep 2021. Monthly, 2nd Thu at 2.30pm. Christ Church, Little Heath Hall. Details via pitstoppauline@btinternet.com.

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

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

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

PB SOCIETY COUNTRY GROUP Contact Alastair 653636.

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

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 ROTARY CLUB Weekly, Tue 12.30pm for 1pm and last Tue in month, 7–7.30pm at The Shire London, St Albans Road. John 645955.

ROTARY CLUB OF BROOKMANS PARK Weekly, Tue 7.30pm for 8pm at Essenden Golf Club. enquiries@brookmsparkrotary.org.uk.

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

SIXTY PLUS LUNCHEON CLUB* Weekdays, 10am–1pm. Minibus transport available. 643602.

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

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY CLUB* Wed 2–4pm. PB Baptist Church. Vera 651470.

SPORT

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

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

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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. ann-marie.rowland@fds.co.uk.

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

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

OAKLANDS BADMINTON CLUB Weekly, Tue 8–10pm. Dame Alice Owen's School. 5 courts. Yvonne 642328.

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

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

BUSHI SEISHIN RYU (MARTIAL ARTS) Weekly, Fri. Kidston Inst, Northaw Road West, Northaw, 7.30–9.30pm. 642354.

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

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

ELIZABETH ALLEN FOOTBALL CLUB Weekly, Sat pm. Old Owen's, Coopers Lane Road, EN6 4NE. 852422.

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

PB KARATE CLUB Mon at Dame Alice Owen's at 6pm. All ages. Cranborne School Breakfast Club, Thu mornings. www.tiskakarate-pottersbar.co.uk.

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

KARATE AND 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 and Community Centre. Children 10.30–11.30am. Adults 11.45am–1pm. 852641.

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

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

NINTAI KARATE CLUB Weekly at PB Baptist Church. Beginners Mon 7–8pm. Intermediate and advanced 8–9pm. All grades Fri 7–8pm. 07956 987100.

NORTH MYMMS BOWLS CLUB Dellsome Lane, Welham Green. 01707 645320.

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

NORTHAW TAI CHI GROUP Weekly, Tues. Northaw School, Vineyards Road, 7.45–9pm. 642354.

OLD OWENS CRICKET CLUB Coopers Lane, Potters Bar. Herts Saracen League. 07904 194295/020 8819 6638.

PB TENNIS CLUB The Walk. 6 Astroturf courts with floodlights. Enquiries www.pottersbartennis.net.

PB TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB Parkfield. Matches Sat 3pm. Some Sun and midweek. Training Tue and Thu 7.30pm. 07833 632965.

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

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

PB GYMNASTICS CLUB Recreational (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 CRUSADERS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB Daily Members Club. 5.30–11pm. Mon to Sat 12noon–3pm on Sun. www.pottersbarcrusaders.com.

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

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

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

PB UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB Training weekly. Age 5–16 boys and girls. Phone for times and venues. 850377.

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

SNOOKER At The Kidston Inst, Northaw. Membership fee £20 per annum. £1 per hour. 07725 430244.

TABLE TENNIS At The Kidston Inst, Northaw. Membership fees £20 per annum. £3 per match. Teams of varying standards. 07725 430244.

TABLE TENNIS Barnet Lane, EN6 2DN. www.bttc.co.uk or 020 8449 7845. Non-members welcome.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB Weekly, Wed, Thu and Fri matches only at Potters Bar Free Church, Mimms Hall Road. Barnet. Shaw and North Middlesex Leagues. 852422.

TABLE TENNIS Hertsmere 50+. Weekly, Tue 10am–12noon, Thu 2–4pm. Elm Court. 020 8207 7568. For Seniors. Weekly, Fri. Hatfield Leisure Centre. 10am–12noon.

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

SKATING – INLINE SKATER HOCKEY Weekly, Thu 6–7.15pm. Sat 12noon–1pm. Learn to skate as well as skater hockey. For all 5–18 years. Hatfield Leisure Centre. bwcrusaders@hotmail.co.uk.

SWIFTS JUNIOR BADMINTON Weekly, Fri, term time. Hatfield Leisure Centre, 6–9.30pm, 5–18 years. Beginners to county standard. 01707 550476.

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

THEATRE

ENFIELD LIGHT OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY Weekly, Tue and Fri 8pm. Drama group rehearse Winchmore Hill. Performs Wyllyotts. 2 musicals per year. 07711 316474.

CUFFLEY OPERATIC SOCIETY Amateur Musical Theatre Rehearsals Tue and Thu. 2 shows a year May and Nov at Cuffley Hall. Jen 01707 872418.

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

GREEN ROOM PRODUCTIONS Rehearsals Mon at King Charles the Martyr Church Hall, Wed at Oakmere School. 01727 836938.

PB THEATRE COMPANY Rehearsals Tue and Fri at Chancellors School. Gillian on 657194.

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

YOUTH

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

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

CAPITAL ARTS THEATRE SCHOOL Sun, 2–5.30pm, Wyllyotts Centre. Professional performances. Capitalarts.org.uk/capitalarts@otlook.com.

GUIDES, BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS Potters Bar and Brookmans Park areas. www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved or Sue 850147.

HERTS YOUNG HOMELESS nightstopherts@hyh.org.uk or 03333 202 384.

HOMELESS FOR HERTS YOUNG NIGHTSTOP call 03333 202 384 or nightstopherts@hyh.org.uk.

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

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

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

SCOUTS, CUBS AND BEAVERS For info Peter 850147.

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

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

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

YOUTH CLUBS Weekly, Elm Court. 659602.

YOUTH CLUB PB Free Church, Mimms Hall Road. 5–11 years. 6.15–7.30pm. 852422.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

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

HUMANISTS – NORTH LONDON GROUP Monthly, 3rd Thu. Ruth Winston House, Palmers Green. 653667.

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

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

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

WHITEWEBBS MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT AND MODEL RAILWAY, ENFIELD, EN2 9HW Weekly, Tue from 10am–4pm. Last entry 3.30pm. Adults £7, children aged 5–12 £3. 020 8367 1898.

NORTH LONDON AND MIDDLESEX OWNER'S CLUB meet at the Whitewebbs Museum every second Thu from 7.30pm. See http://nlm-mmoc.org.uk.

NORTH MYMMS MEMORIAL HALL Station Road, Welham Green, AL9 7PG. 07948 310192 or www.northmymmsmemorialhall.co.uk.

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 4pm Monday to Friday
Quarterly newsletter available from surgery or on our website www.annandalesurgery.co.uk

Extended Hours: Some Saturdays (contact surgery) 8.30am–11.30am for routine appointments.

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 led 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

BARNET: Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, EN5 3DJ Tel 020 8216 5003
LISTER: Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage, SG1 4AB Tel 01438 314333

URGENT CARE – Minor Injuries and Illnesses
QE2: Howlands, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4HQ Tel 01438 314333 24 hours
CHASE FARM: The Ridgway, Enfield, EN2 8JL Tel 020 8375 1010 8am to 10pm
BARNET: Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, EN5 3DJ Tel 020 8216 5003 10am to 10pm

Local Libraries

Oakmere		Brookmans Park	
High Street, Potters Bar		**Bradmore Green**	
Monday	1pm–6pm	Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10am–6pm	Tuesday	2pm–4.30pm
Wednesday	CLOSED	Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	10am–6pm	Thursday	2pm–4.30pm
Friday	1pm–6pm	Friday	2pm–4.30pm
Saturday	10am–5pm	Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED	Sunday	CLOSED

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

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 Tuesday 9.30am to 2pm.
NB: Now located within the CAB office.

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
Potters Bar Hospital	01707 653286
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