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## Revitalised playground at Oakmere Park



inclusive and engaging play space for children of all abilities aged eight and under.

The new playground has fourteen new items of equipment, with separate spaces for toddlers and juniors. It has been designed with all young people in mind and includes wheelchair-accessible play equipment.

Ian Kershaw, Head of Street Scene, said: "Oakmere Park is a key open space in the heart of Potters Bar and these improvements have created a great place for families with young children to get outside and have fun without having to spend anything. Our aim was to provide interesting equipment and an exciting environment, whilst being inclusive for all abilities, to encourage physical and social play all year round, something I feel we have achieved. I really hope our young people enjoy the new play space during the summer."

*Young people in Potters Bar are set to go 'wild' thanks to a new wildlife and nature-inspired play experience in the heart of the town.*

Hertsmere Borough Council has renovated the toddler play area in Oakmere Park, creating a fully

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**A message from the Editor**

Welcome to our Summer edition which as usual presents a hive of local information.

We include our customary pages covering sport and schools, where pride of place must go to Brookmans Park footballers for their Cup Final win at Wembley. This time we have articles on chess, a fashion show, musical memories, as well as features on local walks and rambling. Coupled with what's on at Wyllyotts and Elm Court, there should be activities to cover all interests.

Look out for the first instalment of the story of Admiral Byng which Jerry Rudd has written and, of course, we also have an account highlighting the events at the Carnival held in June.

Hope you find this issue both interesting and informative. Don't forget you can access the latest news and expanded articles on our website.

*Best wishes*

**John Connell**

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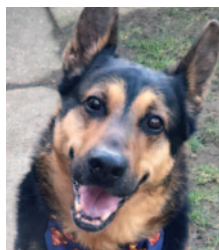
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**Home Found for Jake!**

Both our Spring edition and our website highlighted the quest from RSPCA, Southridge to find a loving home for Jake, the Super Shepherd. Latest news is that he has been reserved and should shortly be moving to his new residence.



## 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](mailto:editor@pottersbarcommunitynews.co.uk)?

## Volunteer governors required

### 1. Mount Grace School

Mount Grace, the mixed comprehensive school serving the local community in the centre of Potters Bar, is currently looking for people to volunteer as governors at our school.

Anyone can apply. No experience is necessary. Full training and support are provided. You will gain the satisfaction that you have made a difference to a child's life and that you are supporting your community.

Contact Chairman of Governors, Colin Daniel, email [Danielc@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Danielc@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk) or call Dawn Brown on 01707 655512.

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## Friends of Potters Bar Community Hospital

Harvey Ward has stepped down as chair after 5 years, and volunteers to succeed him are actively sought. The Friends have been raising funds to provide gifts and services for the Hospital since 1952. The chair is a key contact for the hospital when seeking funding support from the Friends, such as the TV sets purchased for every patient room as part of the first-floor refurbishment in 2021, and the exercise bike for the patient gym which includes virtual rides on local roads.

The Friends' Executive Committee aims to hold quarterly meetings and includes representatives from the Hospital.

For more details, please call Harvey on 07913 476202 or Clive O'Brien (Treasurer) on 07956 176401.

The popular refreshments trolley service on the ground floor providing tea, coffee and snacks for outpatients, visitors and staff will be resuming in June. New 'trolley volunteers' are always welcome, contact Anne on 01707 655231 or Jan on 01707 652018.

The Friends' Annual General Meeting was held at the Wyllyotts Centre on 14th June and included a presentation on ideas being developed to improve the 'greenscape' in and around the Hospital. Designed to benefit both patients and the local wildlife, ideas include new seating areas, a wildflower meadow, and bat and bird boxes.

## Wool

Our thanks go to everyone who knits for us and supplies so many charities with their items. As always, we will be very grateful for any knitting wool.

Should anyone wish to join our group they would be most welcome. We meet at St Mary's Church in The Walk, on the last Tuesday in each month, apart from August and December. Sheila Moule 01707 651650.

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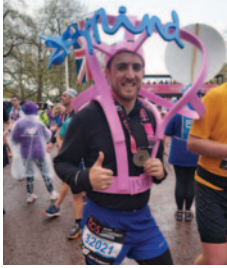
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*The Community News has previously highlighted some of the fundraising activities of former local resident Isaac Kenyon. These included being part of a 4-man crew rowing the Atlantic and the Pedal for Parks cycle ride around UK in 2021.*



He has now become the fastest to complete the London Marathon dressed as a brain with the run coinciding with Stress Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the causes, signs and coping strategies for stress. Isaac's brain costume was made by Simon Pay of Heath Mount School and was designed to represent how a quarter of the population are living with a mental health crisis.

Isaac says: "I was so lucky with the support on the day during the London Marathon, all I could hear for 26 miles was GO BRAIN MAN GO! The support was incredible and a huge thank you to everyone who cheered me on to get to the finish. I hope my run will encourage others to get outside and run too, to release stress and feel better about themselves."

Isaac said: "Running in the costume was quite uncomfortable both physically and mentally as the costume became very heavy due to the rain with the strong winds also making my body react like a paper aeroplane. This is a representation of the difficulties many face on a day-to-day basis with poor mental health."

The solution is for everyone to understand the mental health problem and start to address it, but the reality is that there aren't nearly enough resources being allocated to this issue for us to fully understand it. A better understanding of how to help mental health could transform the lives of millions of people."

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We are currently looking for painters, sculptors, ceramicists, jewellers, textile artists and stained-glass artists to take part. Applications will open on 1st July, so now is the time to get creative! Please spread the word amongst your artist friends too.

We are also looking for talented local young musicians (21 and under) to take part in the concert on 23rd September (please apply before 1st July). For more information, please visit [www.northmymmsarts.co.uk](http://www.northmymmsarts.co.uk).

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# Admiral Byng - Coward, Shirker or Scapegoat? - Part One

*Most readers will know the pub in Darkes Lane, and many that John Byng was the only British Admiral to have been shot by firing squad. But is there more to the tale?*

Naval battles in the mid 1700s were governed by 'Fighting Instructions', which were very complicated and likened to the Quadrille, a very difficult dance. Cynics said they made battles no more dangerous than the dance. In 1744 at the Battle of Toulon, Admiral Matthews signalled his ships to form a line, as per the rules, but his deputy Lestock failed to comply. Matthews boldly attacked anyway with just six ships, but without success. Both were court martialled. Lestock, who did not want to fight, was acquitted, but Matthews was dismissed from the Navy for not following the rules. And on the panel was John Byng.

In 1756 the French invaded Minorca with 15,000 men. Byng was told to raise a fleet to combat them, but ships were missing, or old and in bad repair, and crews were short of hundreds of men: a force attacking a French merchant convoy was a higher priority. The Marines, important for boarding actions, were also taken away, but would be replaced by 700 soldiers when he reached Gibraltar. His orders were vague and contradictory.

On reaching Gibraltar, the Governor told him that the soldiers would be staying there. There were almost no stores available, and the dockyard was a wreck, useless for repairs. The only good news was that a handful of British ships had escaped Minorca and were able to reinforce him.

On 19th May, he spotted the French fleet. They were almost fresh out of harbour, with paint gleaming. More importantly, they were fully manned, and their guns were heavier. Byng's flagship, built 92 years earlier, carried only 32 and 9 pound cannon; the French flagship 52 and 24 pounders.

Would he be able to defeat the French and recapture the island? The dice were certainly loaded against him.



## Potters Bar Branch

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### Great News and Thank You

Potters Bar Poppy Appeal 2022 raised £20,554.59. Contact us if you would like to be part of the 2023 collection team.

This year, we are encouraging you to knit poppies for a cascading-poppy-wall to launch the 2023 Poppy Appeal. Made from 100% paper, the new plastic-free poppy will be available from October.

Remembrance Sunday (12th November). Contact us if you would like to purchase a wreath. Please join the RBL Potters Bar Branch – everyone can join! We have fun!

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Registered charity number: 219279. Royal British Legion, Haig House, 199 Borough High Street, London SE1 1AA. Legion Contact Centre 0808 802 808.

## Special award for Nellie

*Nellie Trickett of Mutton Lane, Potters Bar was nominated for and presented with the Flame of Hope award by Cancer Research UK for her outstanding commitment as a volunteer.*

During the awards ceremony held at Brocket Hall in March, we heard how Nellie has volunteered at the Potters Bar shop for 26 years. She undertakes tasks reliably and cheerfully. She is kind and welcoming to customers, donors, and fellow volunteers. Nellie worked throughout the Covid pandemic with selflessness and dedication taking pride in every task completed.



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## Pupils at Dame Alice Owens win prizes and commendations

**Students in Year 12 have recently had success in a number of prestigious competitions:**

1. Henry Rugg has won the Brearley Essay Prize, the competition run by The Stubbs Society for Foreign Affairs and Defence – the oldest officially affiliated paper-reading and debating society at the University of Oxford.

Henry's win with *'What makes a country powerful?'* was very impressive as many essays were of an extremely high standard.

Henry's essay can be read in full here.

2. Lauren Lisk was runner-up in the Tower Poetry Competition run by Christ College at University of Oxford. Lauren's poem, *'A Black Girl Fears the Sun'*, received a commendation by the judging panel.

This year's theme, *'The Planets'*, ignited the imaginations of young people across the country and the judges were overwhelmed with over 1,700 entries.

Lauren's poem can be read by following this link "*A Black Girl Fears The Sun*".

3. Sam's stop-motion animation, *'March of the Bins'*, has been selected from over 21,000 entries to be exhibited both online and at the Royal Academy of Arts for the Young Artists' Summer Show.

Sam's work was inspired by the impact of lockdown: "I imagined the school site undisturbed with no students around with usually static bins coming to life on the desolate site. To replicate the scene, I came into school on an inset day with two friends, Charlie and Eiden, to film the stop motion undisturbed".

4. Students have won £1,000 from the Young People's Trust for the Environment where they were runners up in their Eco Action Awards!

The award was for the video highlighting the innovative eco efforts around the school, with the money being used to further the Eco Committee's fantastic work.

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## Ecology in action at Cranborne School

**The community at Cranborne Primary school has been busy over the last 6 months renovating the school's pond and nature area. The school's Eco Committee of peer-elected children ages 5–11 years produced a plan to reinstate the neglected pond and enhance their outdoor learning environment while supporting the natural world.**

Initially, they gained access to the pond area and carried out the first of many litter picks. The area needed a lot of TLC, so we invited in the Herts Wildlife Trust to help support our understanding of the wildlife we had living on the grounds and plan what we should do to adapt the area for our use whilst ensuring that we retained the integrity of the wild habitats.

The first event held was 'Cranborne's Big Dig' where volunteers from both the school and the wider community came together to prune, dig, trim, wade and generally get stuck in. A local resident, Mrs Lisa Worrell, provided homemade snacks and drinks to help keep the workers energised.

Our next community event 'Cranborne's Big Build' also involved help from our local area, building our wonderful dead hedge and installing our new secure gate and fencing. A wonderful local business, Balance Café, provided our volunteers with a tasty snack to keep morale up, as it was quite chilly! We are so grateful for all the amazing support we have received so far on our journey to provide the very best outdoor learning environment for our children.

We have received donations from our local Labour councillor, Christian Gray, Wickes builders' merchants, Lawson's builders' merchants, Beacon Clothing Solutions and Elm Court. We were lucky to have Antony Henn, owner of 'Garden on a Roll', donate a fabulous wildflower meadow and 4 native trees to further enhance our nature area. Watch this space for further developments!



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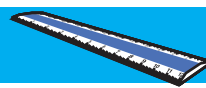


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# Warm greetings from Stormont School

***It has been a busy and exciting 2023 so far at Stormont School!***

We are so proud of our Year 6 girls who have now all received their final offers from their chosen secondary schools. Between them they received a record-breaking 18 scholarship offers, which is outstanding! Congratulations to our girls who are now enjoying their last term together before they move on. We wish them the best of luck in their future schools.

In March, our Year 3 girls were excited to make visits to Cooperscroft and Cuffley Care Homes to have a singalong session with the residents. The residents all joined in with the songs, and we were grateful to both care homes for their warm welcome and their hospitality.

We held a sports charity fundraiser in March to raise money for our two local charities – The Hart and Parker Trust and Hope and Homes for Children. This was a really fun event which involved the girls moving around the sports hall on obstacles without touching the 'lava' floor. We were pleased to raise a large sum which was split between the charities.

We had two environmental initiatives this term. The first was supporting Duracell's big battery hunt, in which the girls were encouraged to bring in any old batteries. The response was incredible – one girl brought in over 7,000 batteries! Our Parents' Association also organised a scheme which involved our families donating unwanted clothing for reuse or recycling.

# News from Mount Grace School

***We would like to publicly thank Nitu and Bunty Shab, along with the MZ and KZ Shab Foundation, who donated a sum of money to pay for free breakfasts for children whose families fall outside the Free School Meal and Pupil Premium criteria.***

Our Acting Headteacher, Mrs Patel, was invited to the House of Commons to participate in an All-Party Parliamentary Group, focusing on Accountability and Inspections [Ofsted]. Mount Grace was given a voice on a national stage and Mrs Patel eloquently spoke about our experiences with inspections, the changing framework, and the impact on our school.

At the time of writing public examinations are in full swing, and Mount Grace provides breakfast snacks and a 30-minute exam briefing prior to any exams which commence at 8.30am. We believe this gives them all a level playing field to approach the exams, as a mind which is fuelled assists with the ability to concentrate, lowers stress levels and carries many more benefits.



However, prior to the exam season, our Year 11 and 13 students were given their opportunity to celebrate their time at Mount Grace, in two completely different ways. We wish all our

students the best in their future endeavours – we will see some of them back in our sixth form this coming September.

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## Marathons and Wildlife at Oakmere School

A mini-marathon has been hosted by the school for over 30 years, with most local primary schools attending. Although Oakmere did not win this year, they did extremely well, with their fastest boys and girls across KS2 being:

- **Year 3-4** Boy: **Sebastian**, Girl: **Illyanna**
- **Year 5-6** Boy: **Cassius**, Girl: **Chloe**

The Macro marathon was another amazing day involving Oakmere's Early Years and KS1 children. The speed at which children completed the course was outstanding, with all completing the race: Our winners were:

- **Reception** Boy: **Oscar**, Girl: **Giselle**
- **Year 1** Boy: **Roen**, Girl: **Olivia**
- **Year 2** Boy: **Roman**, Girl: **Enya**

In May, Key Stage One visited Paradise Wildlife Park. The children had a fantastic day seeing many different types of animals, and enjoyed visiting the dinosaur land which had some very large, moving dinosaurs. All the children said they had great fun and want to visit again soon.



### Elm Court Youth and Community Centre

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We thank all the volunteers and voluntary groups who help to run the sales and raise funds for their group.

More groups welcome.

#### Coming Events

Toy and Train Fair SUNDAY 9th JULY

Camera Fair SUNDAY 16th JULY

Rotary Club Classic Cars Charity Event SUNDAY 20th AUGUST

## Wembley success for Brookmans Park

***On Saturday 27th May, Brookmans Park School football team took to the hallowed turf of Wembley Stadium to represent Watford FC in the EFL Utilita Kids final against Concord Junior School, representing Sheffield United. Both teams had faced fierce competition in various tournaments around the country to reach this iconic final; who would reign as national champions?***

The day before the final, Brookmans Park School came together to give the team a big send off with music, words of inspiration and cheering. We boarded the minibus knowing that we had the whole school behind us whatever the result. On arrival at the hotel in Wembley, we had an EFL briefing, a meal out and then settled down for a good night's sleep.

The next morning, after a hearty breakfast, the team were raring to go. We experienced a tour of Wembley and a team talk with ex England goalkeeper David James. It was match time! Time to focus. Could we maintain our season's unbeaten run? There was a roar from the crowd as Harry (our captain) led BP out onto the pitch and we lined up and shook hands with the opposition.

The game started well: Stanley and Harvey providing attacking pressure, Finlay making a crucial diving save, Ryan solid in defence, Evie skilful on the wing. At halftime, Mr Fennell set out some insanely good tactics and this worked as BP stayed high up the pitch, keeping Concord in



their half. Jake struck a beautiful cross into the box where I leapt, heading the ball into the top corner, 1-0! We celebrated wildly. Three minutes later, the referee blew the final whistle and Brookmans Park were champions! We couldn't believe it: we had won at Wembley!

Thank you to everyone who made this unique opportunity possible – the memories will stay with us forever.

**Luke Johnson**

Age 11

## Schools Music Association

***In June, children from Brookmans Park Primary School were joined by pupils from Cranborne, Northaw, Oakmere and Pope Paul to perform as a joint choir and orchestra as part of POTSMA (Potters Bar and District Schools' Music Association). This annual music event is run by Brookmans Park teacher, Miss Kropman, and aims to involve as many children aged 7-11 from around the area as possible.***

The theme this year was 'Beyond the Sea', with songs and pieces around a watery topic. The choir sang ten songs, including favourites such as: *Under the Sea*, *Surfin' USA* and *Wellerman*. The orchestra, meanwhile, performed *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Rule Britannia*. We were really excited to perform for our parents, families, and friends.

By **Mabel Ennis** (choir member) and **Elise Grossman** (orchestra member)



## You don't have to be Bear Grylls to volunteer

*The search is on for new volunteer leaders for Potters Bar and District Scouts.*

Scouts have a lot of fun these days. They can go hiking, camping, swimming, abseiling, cycling, and canoeing. As I write this, a group of Explorer Scouts (14–18-year-olds) are in Hampshire on a paintballing weekend. It is a great chance for young people to try something new and challenge themselves, and to hang out with friends and create some great memories which will last a lifetime. Scouting is all about being a 'do-er' and giving it a go.

This year, three Explorers are even going to the World Jamboree in South Korea. There are plenty of opportunities for younger people too – Beavers aged 6 to 8, Cubs 8 to 10½, and Scouts 10½ to 14. There is something happening every evening from Monday to Friday, and as at the end of January there were 461 people, including adults, active in the District.

But none of this would be possible without adult volunteers. Explorers can join the Young Leader scheme, where they are taught leadership skills, and how to plan and organise the programme for a meeting. Some groups also have candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh Award working with them – Mount Grace School is very supportive of the Award scheme.

Even if you have no previous experience of working with young people, that is not a problem. Nor if you are not sure how much time you can spare. There are all sorts of options, whether it is for a week after week commitment, or for more flexible and occasional volunteering.

If you think you can help, call Laurie on 07768 124788 or email [recruitment@pscouts.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@pscouts.org.uk).



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We are always keen to welcome new members and, if you would like to try us out, you are welcome to come on three walks before deciding whether to join the club. Membership is only £10. For

further information, please contact the Membership Secretary (Jean Nield 01727 824009) or Rambles Secretary (Valerie Peake 07792 980194) Alternatively, please visit our website at [www.pbrc.org.uk](http://www.pbrc.org.uk).

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## Music and social group expands

*The weekly Herts Musical Memories social music session at St John's Methodist Church in Baker Street, Potters Bar, has proved so popular it has outgrown the Garden Room and moved to the Main Hall.*



Since last autumn, the Wednesday afternoon group has grown in size from fewer than ten participants, to over thirty. It is designed to be very easy-going: much more like a friendly campfire-style singalong than a formal choir, and features American guitarist and singer Dan Beaulaurier, as well as experienced group leader Glenn Bassett (both pictured in the new hall).

The session is dementia-friendly, which, as Glenn explains simply means there are many ways to participate: song sheets, percussion, dancing, a little quiz, and, of course, cakes! No singing experience is necessary, everyone is there to chat and laugh and sing a few familiar old songs. And the experienced team of volunteers is always ready to provide plenty of tea, biscuits, and sometimes even home-made cakes.

The group runs from 2–3.30pm and new participants are always welcomed with a smile and a cuppa and the first session is free. After that it is £6 per session with carers attending for free.

The group runs four weeks on, one week off, so please contact [admin@hertsmusicalmemories.org.uk](mailto:admin@hertsmusicalmemories.org.uk) or ring 020 8950 5757 for the exact details.

**Editor:** Dates are shown in *What's On*, pages 13–15.



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## Oakmere Library - looking forward to summer

*Hertfordshire Libraries are excited to let you know about this year's exciting Summer Reading Challenge: Ready, Set, Read! The challenge aims to address a dip in reading levels that can often occur during the summer holidays.*

Together with Youth Sports Trust, The Reading Agency have created a fun and engaging theme that will allow your children to be rewarded for reading for pleasure. Ready, Set, Read! is a sports and games themed challenge that aims to keep children's minds and bodies super active over the summer break.

Children will be able to join a superstar team, and their marvellous mascots, as they navigate a fictional summer obstacle course brought to life with illustrations by children's illustrator Loretta Schauer and rewarded by free incentives including stickers. After reading six books and completing the challenge, children will receive a personalised certificate, a medal and a finishing gift and be entered into a prize draw for a creative workshop with Loretta Schauer herself. Last year Hertfordshire Libraries had over 16,000 children take part in the challenge, and we'd love to help each and every Hertfordshire child to enjoy reading this summer.

Oakmere Library will also be offering a variety of activities for families to enjoy over the summer. We will be providing our regular Baby Rhyme Time on Tuesdays at 11am and Storytime (for toddlers and their carers) on Thursdays at 11am. There is no need to book, just come along.

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 8th July 2023 in all Hertfordshire Libraries. You can find out more at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) or pop into Oakmere Library.



## Free, fun, casual chess in Potters Bar

*The chess boom around the world and the UK has been widely reported. The number of players online on providers like chess.com and lichess.org has confounded critics by continuing to rise long after Netflix's The Queens Gambit appeared on our screens. Little Heath's teams have had good seasons, one winning promotion and another winning the Russell Trophy for the first time.*

In various places around London, free, fun, casual chess clubs popped up both outdoors and inside. And now Potters Bar has its own! 'First Wednesday Chess' meets, as its name suggests, on the First Wednesday of each month in The Old Manor on Wyllyotts Place, Darkes Lane. Future dates include 5th July and 2nd August.

Its starting time of 6pm and its location next to the station makes it an easy drop-in for commuters and its 'all abilities and accompanied children welcome' policy attracts a great range of local people. The lovely rustic pub sells meals and bar snacks and there are plenty of drinks to choose from.

Although it is one against one, chess is best enjoyed as a social activity. So why not head along to The Old Manor and have a game or two? Maybe you'll beat a future World Champion but more likely you'll play against, and chat to, other people who share your interest.

Just turn up on the first Wednesday of the month between 6pm and 9pm. Contact Robin on Instagram or Facebook (First Wednesday Chess) if you have any questions.

## Russell Cup Chess Tournament at Cuffley Manor

*Cuffley Manor Care Home recently hosted the Russell Cup tournament, the pinnacle of chess competitions in Hertfordshire. Organised by the Herts Chess Association (HCA), the Cup is renowned for attracting top-tier players from the region based on open format, devoid of any grade restrictions. It stands as a symbol of excellence and a platform for the participants to display their strategic skills and passion for the game.*

Little Heath Chess Club made waves by clinching their first-ever victory at the Russell Cup. This remarkable achievement speaks volumes about the club's dedication and commitment to fostering a strong chess culture.

The participating teams all said that the warm reception and friendly team members at Cuffley Manor left a lasting impression.



Sharifa Hussain, Business Development Manager at Cuffley Manor said "It was an absolute honour to present Jeremy Ward, the Little Heath team captain, with the trophy. It was fantastic to have the opportunity for our beautiful home to host the tournament. A huge well-done to all the players who took part, it was amazing to meet you all!"

For more information about the home, contact Sharifa Hussain, Business Development Manager at Cuffley Manor Care Home by calling **01707 668900** or emailing **bdm@cuffleym Manor.co.uk**.



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## Afternoon tea and fashion show from Brookmans Park Rotary

*In March the Club hosted a new event to raise funds for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet. On a Friday afternoon more than a hundred ladies gathered at Old Fold Manor Golf Club on Hadley Green for afternoon tea and a fashion show. Tickets cost £30 each and there was also a raffle with great prizes. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all and more than £3,500 raised in total.*

The afternoon began with a short presentation by Noah's Ark about their centre in Barnet and the amazing work they do with families and young people facing life-limiting illness. Then our Rotarian MC introduced the six models, who strutted their way down the catwalk in a succession of outfits, from casual to partywear. Three of the ladies were volunteers at Noah's Ark and the others were Rotarians.

The catwalk clothes were kindly provided by the Isabel Hospice in Welwyn Garden City. All the clothes were pre-loved and had been donated to their charity shops. Other outfits were collected from friends of the Rotarians who were happy to donate some nearly-new clothes from the back of their wardrobes. These were displayed on rails and sold at the end of the afternoon.

We hope to organize a similar event in future, maybe on a bigger scale next time, as we had a lot of fun and raised a substantial amount of money.



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## Creative success with Rotary

*It has been a busy few months at Brookmans Park Rotary with 'Young Writer' and 'Young Photographer' competitions taking place.*

In the 'Young Writer' competition, Emer O'Sullivan from Dame Alice Owen's School took first place in the Mid-Herts heat, writing a maximum of 550 words on the subject of 'Peace'. With local success behind her, Emer's entry went forward to the District competition across all of Beds, Bucks and Herts, where she was again victorious. Emer is now entered into the national competition later in the year and we wish her well.

Meanwhile the 'Young Photographer' competition for Mid-Herts was won by Reuben Smith of Chancellor's School with a digital image on the subject of 'The Beauty of Architecture'. Reuben was then placed second in the District finals.

The Dame Alice Owens School team came second to an excellent team from Didcot, who now go forward to the national final. This was another very creditable performance by the Potters Bar school who missed out by just one point.

Youth competitions take place annually for students aged up to 17 years old, and also include Youth Speaks (a team debate), Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Artist, Young Environmentalist, and Young Film-maker competitions.

For more information contact [youth@brookmasparkrotary.org.uk](mailto:youth@brookmasparkrotary.org.uk).

## Save the date!

**Friday 8th September 2023 – Health and Wellbeing Event.**

The annual Potters Bar Health and Wellbeing Event will be held at Wyllyotts Theatre, Darkes Lane on Friday 8th September from 10am to 3pm. Make health your priority and join us for the annual community health fair and take steps towards a better lifestyle. Everyone

is welcome to attend with over 25 information stands offering health and wellbeing advice, and support to the Potters Bar Community. There will be mini health checks, health talks from local GPs and health professionals and activity taster sessions. Look out for more information on posters, leaflets, surgery websites from July onwards or visit [highview.ppg@nhs.net](mailto:highview.ppg@nhs.net).

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## JULY

### SATURDAY 1st

- ▶ **PB Cricket** 1st X1 v Old Owens. Away. League. 11am.
- ▶ **Hertfordshire Showband** 'London Tattoo' at Excel Centre. HSB plus 8 other bands including 2 from America. Check Excel Centre for details.
- ▶ **Big Band Afternoon** Shenley Park. Afternoon Picnic Concert.
- ▶ **Peregrine Watch** St Albans Cathedral  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/peregrine-watch-2023-1jul.

### SUNDAY 2nd

- ▶ **Potters Bar Farmers Market** Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.
- ▶ **\*Potters Bar Society** Walk
- ▶ **Peregrine Watch** St Albans Cathedral  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/peregrine-watch-2023-1jul.

### TUESDAY 4th

- ▶ **Lunchtime Recital** Fumi Otsuki (violin and piano), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5), available from 12 noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

### WEDNESDAY 5th

- ▶ **\*PB Horticultural Society** Geoff Hodge, 'Weeds and the weed-free garden'.
- ▶ **\*Wednesday Community Club** Games and chat.
- ▶ **\*First Wednesday Chess** 6–9pm. Free, fun, casual chess in the pub! All abilities and accompanied children welcome at The Old Manor, Wyllyotts Place, Darkes Lane.

### THURSDAY 6th

- ▶ **\*PB FilmMakers** 'Unclassified subject (open)' competition.

### SATURDAY 8th

- ▶ **Hertfordshire Chorus Concert** 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Includes works by Vaughan Williams, Purcell and JS Bach. Information www.hertfordshirechorus.org.uk.
- ▶ **89th Anniversary** PB United Reformed Church. Afternoon tea, BBQ, and evening dancing to the Metronomes Steel Band. All are welcome.
- ▶ **PB Cricket** 1st X1 v Hertford. Away. League. Noon.
- ▶ **Wildfest – Cassiobury Park** A great family day out in Watford where you can explore wildlife in and around Cassiobury Park, and learn about the local organisations working for wildlife  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/wildfest-2023.
- ▶ **Peregrine Watch** St Albans Cathedral  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/peregrine-watch-2023-1jul.

### SUNDAY 9th

- ▶ **Eid Festival** at Elm Court, Potters Bar, 4–8pm.
- ▶ **\*Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve** Conservation work, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.
- ▶ **Peregrine Watch** St Albans Cathedral  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/peregrine-watch-2023-1jul.
- ▶ **King Charles the Martyr** Messy Church, 3–5pm.
- ▶ **St John's Methodist Church** Café Worship at 7pm.

### TUESDAY 11th

- ▶ **\*Cuffley Floral Art Club** Demonstrator Angela Woodley, 'Gardeners Galore', 7–7.30pm. Cuffley Hall, Maynards Place, EN6 4JA.

### WEDNESDAY 12th

- ▶ **\*Herts Musical Memories** St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- ▶ **Oasis Café** 2–4pm. St Michael's room, St Mary's Church, North Mymms, AL9.
- ▶ **\*Wednesday Community Club** Arpeggio Hand Bells – TBC.

### THURSDAY 13th

- ▶ **\*North London and Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club** Picnic Night at the Whitewebbs Museum, 7.30–9pm.
- ▶ **\*Peace Hospice Care Outreach Hub** Wyllyotts Centre, 10am–12 noon.

### SATURDAY 15th

- ▶ **Potters Bar Annual Music and Beer Festival** 12 noon–9pm. PB Town Football Club, Watkins Rise, off The Walk, EN6 1QB. £15 on gate, £8.50 advance tickets.
- ▶ **\*PB Cricket** 1st X1 v West Herts. Home. League 11am.
- ▶ **Peregrine Watch** St Albans Cathedral  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/peregrine-watch-2023-1jul.
- ▶ **\*Potters Bar Community Music School** Concert 7pm at Mount Grace school. Our orchestras range in ages from 6 to adults. We are playing Vaughan Williams Greensleeves and William Tell Overture amongst other repertoires. Tickets £6 at door.
- ▶ **London City Quartet Concert** 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Works by Haydn and Dvorak. Tickets available on the door. More details www.londoncityquartet.co.uk.

### SUNDAY 16th

- ▶ **Potters Bar Farmers Market** Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.
- ▶ **'Jane Austen's Emma'** Shenley Park, 7pm. The Pantaloons.

- ▶ **Peregrine Watch** St Albans Cathedral  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/peregrine-watch-2023-1jul.
- ▶ **\*Barnet Walks** Totteridge Guided Walk, 11am.
- ▶ **St John's Methodist Church** Creative Church at 10.30am.
- ▶ **\*Potters Bar Society** Walk.

### WEDNESDAY 19th

- ▶ **United Reformed Church** Speaker to be advised, 7.30pm. Donation of £4 requested.

### SATURDAY 22nd

- ▶ **Great Oak Heritage Walk** 'In Royalty's Footsteps' Panshanger Park, Hertford  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/great-oak-heritage-walk-22jul23.
- ▶ **\*PB Cricket** 1st X1 v North Mymms. Home. League.

### SUNDAY 23rd

- ▶ **'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'** Shenley Park, 3pm. The Pantaloons.

### MONDAY 24th

- ▶ **Churches Together in Potters Bar holiday club** Pope Paul Primary School from 9.30am to 1pm. There will be drama linked to a bible story, craft, music, and songs as well as outdoor activities and games. The club is available to primary age children from school years 1–6. In addition, we have a Teen Team from school years 7–11. Any queries please contact Atalie vicar@kcm-church.org.uk or Cath cath@cclh.org.uk.

### TUESDAY 25th

- ▶ **Churches Together in Potters Bar holiday club** Pope Paul Primary School. See above.

### WEDNESDAY 26th

- ▶ **Churches Together in Potters Bar holiday club** Pope Paul Primary School. See above.
- ▶ **Knit and Natter** at United Reformed Church, 2pm. Call Janet for more information 01707 856067.

### THURSDAY 27th

- ▶ **Churches Together in Potters Bar holiday club** Pope Paul Primary School. See above.

### FRIDAY 28th

- ▶ **Churches Together in Potters Bar holiday club** Pope Paul Primary School. See above.

### SATURDAY 29th

- ▶ **'The Comedy of Errors'** Shenley Park, 7pm. The Pantaloons.
- ▶ **\*PB Cricket** 1st X1 v Radlett. Away. League. 11am.

### SUNDAY 30th

- ▶ **\*Potters Bar Society** Walk.

### MONDAY 31st

- ▶ **\*PB Historical Society** 'Defending Potters Bar 1940', Mike Howgate, 8pm. United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 1BZ. Call 07856 513841 or www.pottersbarmuseum.org.uk.

## AUGUST

### TUESDAY 1st

- ▶ **Lunchtime Recital** Jen Carter (piano), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5), available from 12 noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

### WEDNESDAY 2nd

- ▶ **\*First Wednesday Chess** Free, fun, casual chess in the pub! All abilities and accompanied children welcome. See local organisations.
- ▶ **\*PB Horticultural Society** Social Evening.
- ▶ **\*Herts Musical Memories** St John's Church, 2pm–3.30pm.

### SATURDAY 5th

- ▶ **\*PB Cricket** 1st X1 v Harpenden. Home. League. 11am.
- ▶ **Potters Bar Farmers Market** Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.

### TUESDAY 8th

- ▶ **\*Cuffley Floral Art Club** Garden Party phone Val on 01707 889447 for details.
- ▶ **Summer Trees Identification Workshop** Fir & Ponds Wood, Potters Bar.  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/summer-tree-identification-workshop-8aug23.

### WEDNESDAY 9th

- ▶ **Oasis Café**, 2–4pm. St Michael's room, St Mary's Church, North Mymms, AL9.

### THURSDAY 10th

- ▶ **\*North London and Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club** Picnic Night at the Whitewebbs Museum, 7.30–9pm.
- ▶ **\*Peace Hospice Care Outreach Hub** Wyllyotts Centre, 10am–12 noon.

### SATURDAY 12th

- ▶ **\*PB Cricket** 1st X1 v Bishops Stortford. Away. League. 12 noon.

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- \*Potters Bar Society Walk.

## WEDNESDAY 16th

- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- Eddie from Majestic Flowers Speaker at United Reformed Church. Eddie will help us to make his third creation. Donation of £4 requested. 7.30pm.

## SATURDAY 19th

- Dragonfly Walk at Panshanger Park Hertford  
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/events/dragonfly-walk-panshanger-park.
- \*PB Cricket 1st X1 v Welwyn Garden City. Home. League. 12 noon.

## SUNDAY 20th

- Potters Bar Farmers Market Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.
- \*Barnet Walks Barnet Churches and Pubs Guided Walk, 2.30pm.

## TUESDAY 22nd

- \*Baby Sensory Summer Disco The Wow Centre. Book 07837 935820 or www.babysensory.com/babysensorybarnet/home#TimeTable.

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## SATURDAY 26th

- \*PB Cricket 1st X1 v Totteridge Millhillians. Away. League. 12 noon.

## SUNDAY 27th

- \*Potters Bar Society Walk.

## TUESDAY 29th

- \*Baby Sensory Summer Disco The Wow Centre. Book 07837 935820 or www.babysensory.com/babysensorybarnet/home#TimeTable.

## WEDNESDAY 30th

- \*Baby Sensory Summer Disco The Wow Centre. Book 07837 935820 or www.babysensory.com/babysensorybarnet/home#TimeTable.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2pm–3.30pm.
- Knit and Natter at United Reformed Church, 2pm. Call Janet for more information 01707 856067.

## SEPTEMBER

### SATURDAY 2nd

- \*PB Cricket 1st X1 v Old Owens. Home. League. 11.30am.
- Toddler Sensory Showtime Special The Wow Centre. 07837 935820 or www.babysensory.com/babysensorybarnet/home#TimeTableSummer Extravaganza.

### SUNDAY 3rd

- Potters Bar Farmers Market Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.
- \*North London and Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club Morris Rally and Classic Car Show at Capel Manor Gardens, 9am–5pm. Pre-book to gain entry for your classic car.

### TUESDAY 5th

- Lunchtime Recital Rarescale flute ensemble, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5), available from 12 noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

### WEDNESDAY 6th

- \*First Wednesday Chess Free, fun, casual chess in the pub! All abilities and accompanied children welcome. See local organisations.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- \*PB Horticultural Society Nick Dobson, 'Tulips – a terrible, triumphant story'.

### FRIDAY 8th

- Potters Bar Health and Wellbeing Event 10am–3pm, Wyllyotts Theatre, Darkes Lane, EN6 2HN. Make health your priority – join us for the annual community health fair and take steps towards a better lifestyle. Everyone welcome. Over 25 information stands offering health and wellbeing advice and support to the Potters Bar Community. Mini health checks and health talks from local GPs and health professionals, plus activity taster session. Look out for more information on posters, leaflets, surgery websites from July onwards, or email highview.ppg@nhs.net.

### SATURDAY 9th

- \*PB Horticultural Society Flower Show.

### SUNDAY 10th

- \*Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve Conservation work, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.

- King Charles the Martyr Messy Church, 3–5pm.
- St John's Methodist Church Café Worship at 7pm.
- \*Potters Bar Society Walk.

## TUESDAY 12th

- \*Cuffley Floral Art Club Elizabeth Robertson, 'My Family and other Animals'.

## WEDNESDAY 13th

- \*RSPB Afternoon Illustrated Talk All welcome. Nick Dobson, 'I wondered lonely as a cloud – a virtual tour of the Lake District'.
- \*Wednesday Community Club Welcome back for games and chat.
- Oasis Café 2–4pm. St Michael's room, St Mary's Church, North Mymms, AL9.

## THURSDAY 14th

- \*Enfield National Trust Association Illustrated talk 'The Lea Valley'. 7pm for 7.15pm, Holtwhites Sports and Social Club. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- \*Peace Hospice Care Outreach Hub Wyllyotts Centre, 10am–12 noon.

## SUNDAY 17th

- Potters Bar Farmers Market Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.
- St John's Methodist Church Creative Church at 10.30am.

## WEDNESDAY 20th

- \*Wednesday Community Club Our minister Adrian Wood is "telling his story".
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- Board Games Sequence, Cribbage, Monopoly, Bananagrams at United Reformed Church, 7.30pm. Donation of £4 requested.
- 'Allo Allo' the play Potters Bar Theatre Company, Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. Box office 01707 645005 or www.wyllyottstheatre.co.uk.

## THURSDAY 21st

- 'Allo Allo' the play Potters Bar Theatre Company, Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. Box office 01707 645005 or www.wyllyottstheatre.co.uk.

## FRIDAY 22nd

- 'Allo Allo' the play Potters Bar Theatre Company, Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. Box office 01707 645005 or www.wyllyottstheatre.co.uk.
- \*RSPB Evening Illustrated Talk All welcome. Mary and Graham Brace, 'The Wildlife of Brazil'.

## SATURDAY 23rd

- 'Allo Allo' the play Potters Bar Theatre Company, Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. Box office 01707 645005 or www.wyllyottstheatre.co.uk.
- St Mary's Church North Mymms, 10am–4pm. Arts Festival.

## SUNDAY 24th

- \*North London and Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club Morris and Spares Day at Whitewebbs Motor Museum, 9am–4pm.
- \*Potters Bar Society Walk.
- St Mary's Church North Mymms, 10am–4pm. Arts Festival.

## MONDAY 25th

- \*PB Historical Society 'The History of St John's Church, High Street, Potter Bar', Mike Allen. 8pm, United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane Potters Bar. Phone 07856 513841 or www.pottersbarmuseum.org.uk.

## TUESDAY 26th

- St Mary's Church North Mymms, 10am–4pm. Arts Festival.

## WEDNESDAY 27th

- Knit and Natter at United Reformed Church, 2pm. Call Janet for more info 01707 856067.
- St Mary's Church North Mymms, 10am–4pm. Arts Festival.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- \*Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.
- St Mary's Church North Mymms, 10am–4pm. Arts Festival.

## THURSDAY 28th

- St Mary's Church North Mymms, 10am–4pm. Arts Festival.

## FRIDAY 29th

- St Mary's Church North Mymms, 10am–4pm. Arts Festival.

## OCTOBER

### SUNDAY 1st

- Potters Bar Farmers Market Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.
- Harvest Festival Family Communion service at 10am, followed by lunch at 12 noon. All welcome. St Mary's Church, The Walk. Details 07803 756088.

### TUESDAY 3rd

- Lunchtime Recital Heather Hawkes (soprano) and Lucy Roots (piano), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5), available from 12 noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.



# WHAT'S ON

## WEDNESDAY 4th

- \*First Wednesday Chess Free, fun, casual chess in the pub! All abilities and accompanied children welcome. See local organisations.
- \*PB Horticultural Society Brian Carline, 'The Science of Plants'.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- \*Wednesday Community Club Everton Barnes will entertain us with his "Story".

## SATURDAY 7th

- Jumble Sale 4th Potters Bar Scouts at St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar, EN6 2DZ. Entry (from Heather Way) £2 at 10am or 50p at 10.30am. Finishes about noon.
- \*Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve Conservation work, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.

## SUNDAY 8th

- King Charles the Martyr Messy Church, 3–5pm.
- St John's Methodist Church Café Worship at 7pm.

## TUESDAY 10th

- \*Cuffley Floral Art Club Jackie Page, 'The Flower Arranger'.

## WEDNESDAY 11th

- \*RSPB Afternoon Illustrated Talk All welcome. Claire Robinson, 'The Value of design'. How design shapes lives.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- \*Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.
- Oasis Café 2–4pm. St Michael's room, St Mary's Church, North Mymms, AL9.

## THURSDAY 12th

- \*Enfield National Trust Association 'The Old Bakery Gin Distillery', Ian Puddick. 7 for 7.15pm. Holtwhites Sports and Social Club. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- \*North London and Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club Club Night at the Museum, 7.30–9pm.
- \*Peace Hospice Care Outreach Hub Wylotts Centre, 10am–12 noon.

## SUNDAY 15th

- Potters Bar Farmers Market Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.
- St John's Methodist Church Creative Church at 10.30am.

## WEDNESDAY 18th

- \*Enfield National Trust Association 'Smuggling Days and Smuggling Ways', Mark Lewis. 1.45pm for 2pm, Holtwhites Sports and Social Club. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- 'Me and my Camera' Speaker David Morris at United Reformed Church. 7.30pm. Donation of £4 requested.
- \*Wednesday Community Club Graham Clarke, 'The History of Postcards'.

## SATURDAY 21st

- \*Hertfordshire Philharmonia Concert 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Info email tickets@hertsphil.org.uk or phone 01727 857827.

## WEDNESDAY 25th

- \*Wednesday Community Club Anniversary Lunch, 1pm. Update from Noah's Ark Hospice.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- Knit and Natter at United Reformed Church, 2pm. Call Janet for more info 01707 856067.

## FRIDAY 27th

- \*Barnet Walks Halloween in High Barnet, 7.30pm.
- \*RSPB Evening Illustrated Talk All welcome. AGM followed by Rob Sheldon on 'Conservation of globally threatened birds'.

## SATURDAY 28th

- \*Barnet Walks Halloween in High Barnet, 7.30pm.
- Angel and Light Party St Mary's Church, North Mymms. Enjoy arts and crafts and refreshments round the fire.

## SUNDAY 29th

- \*Barnet Walks Halloween in High Barnet, 7.30pm.
- King Charles the Martyr Church Light Party, 3–5pm.
- St John's Methodist Church Annual Thanksgiving and Memorial Service at 3pm.

## MONDAY 30th

- \*PB Historical Society 'The Battle of Barnet revisited', Curator of Barnet Museum, Mike Norgnica. 8pm, United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar. Phone 07856 513841 or www.pottersbarmuseum.org.uk.

## TUESDAY 31st

- \*Barnet Walks Halloween in High Barnet, 7.30pm.
- \*Green Room Productions Irving Berlin's 'Holiday Inn', Wyllyotts Theatre. Tickets from £19.

## NOVEMBER

### WEDNESDAY 1st

- \*First Wednesday Chess Free, fun, casual chess in the pub! All abilities and accompanied children welcome. See local organisations.
- \*PB Horticultural Society "How we made our garden from a blank canvas to national garden scheme".
- \*Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- \*Green Room Productions Irving Berlin's 'Holiday Inn'. See above.

### THURSDAY 2nd

- \*Green Room Productions Irving Berlin's 'Holiday Inn'. See above.

### FRIDAY 3rd

- \*Green Room Productions Irving Berlin's 'Holiday Inn'. See above.

### SATURDAY 4th

- \*Green Room Productions Irving Berlin's 'Holiday Inn'. See above.
- Remembering our loved ones A service 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

- Potters Bar Farmers Market Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.

### TUESDAY 7th

- Lunchtime Recital Matthew Sear (guitar), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5), available from 12 noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

### WEDNESDAY 8th

- \*RSPB Afternoon Illustrated Talk All welcome. Michael Howgate, 'How birds fly and the evolution of flight'.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- \*Wednesday Community Club Mike Allen with a 'Talk on Potters Bar'.
- Oasis Café 2–4pm. St Michael's room, St Mary's Church, North Mymms, AL9.

### THURSDAY 9th

- \*Enfield National Trust Association 'Patagonia', Nigel Rowe. 7 for 7.15pm, Holtwhites Sports and Social Club. Contact Pam on 01707 650969 for info.
- \*North London and Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club Club Night at Whitewebbs Museum, 7.30–9pm.
- \*Peace Hospice Care Outreach Hub Wylotts Centre, 10am–12 noon.

### SATURDAY 11th

- Christmas Market 4th Potters Bar Scouts. St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar, EN6 2DZ, 10.30am to 1pm. Various stalls, games, tombola and refreshments, including BBQ. Early visit from Father Christmas.

### SUNDAY 12th

- Remembrance Day Service Service at the War Memorial from 10.50am.
- St John's Methodist Church Café Worship at 7pm.
- St John's Methodist Church Remembrance Parade Service at 10.30am.

### MONDAY 13th

- \*Cuffley Floral Art Club Club Social.

### TUESDAY 14th

- St Mary's Church North Mymms Coffee morning with bric a brac and refreshments.

### WEDNESDAY 15th

- \*Enfield National Trust Association 'Pantomime through the ages', Mark Fox. 1.45pm for 2pm, Holtwhites Sports and Social Club. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- \*Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.
- \*Herts Musical Memories St John's Church, 2–3.30pm.
- Noah's Ark Hospice Speaker Laura Grundy at United Reformed Church, 7.30pm. Donation of £4 requested.

### FRIDAY 15th

- \*RSPB Evening Illustrated Talk All welcome. Dr Peter Sasson, 'Pantanal wetlands in wet and dry seasons'.

### SUNDAY 19th

- Potters Bar Farmers Market Revive Health and Fitness, Darkes Lane, 10am–4pm.
- \*Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve Conservation work, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.

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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## North Mymms Bowls Club win the Nethercott Cup

*The bowling season started at the end of April, with the first match being a warm-up match between opposing sides selected by The Captain and the Ladies Captain. The result didn't really matter – it was a fun way to start the year.*



The photo shows Charles Nethercott presenting the Nethercott Cup to Peter Stokes.

In May teams from Potters Bar, Harperbury and North Mymms Bowls Clubs played their annual fixture for the Nethercott Trophy. Four teams from each club met at Potters Bar Bowls Club, all hoping to win the Cup. We were lucky to have a lovely sunny afternoon and the rivals played to win, while having a really enjoyable afternoon.

This year it was North Mymms who won on 3 rinks, and carried off the Trophy, which was provided by Charles Nethercott, the family run

Funeral Directors, with offices in Potters Bar and Radlett. They have generously sponsored this fixture since 2011 providing the Winners with an impressive trophy and refreshments. After the game everyone sat down to a tasty meal prepared and served by the ladies of Potters Bar Bowls Club. Charles then presented the Cup to our Captain, Peter Stokes.

Our green is looking good and playing particularly well this year, and we have welcomed several new members who have been enjoying some of the benefits of playing a game of bowls – fun, fresh air and friendship.

North Mymms is a small friendly club situated in Welham Green and we have members from Potters Bar, Brookmans Park, Welham Green and surrounding areas. We welcome new members, so if you are interested in playing bowls, please contact our membership secretary Val Atkinson on 01707 645320 or email [vgatkinson@btinternet.com](mailto:vgatkinson@btinternet.com) and arrange to come and have a look at the club and have a try.

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## Like to learn canoeing?

*St Albans and Hertsmere Canoe Club is a canoe club based at the Furzefield Leisure Centre in Potters Bar. It meets for 2 hours every Thursday evening; our youth paddlers (from approximately year 6 up to year 13) meet from 8.15–9.15pm and then our more experienced and adult paddlers from 9.15–10.15pm. The sessions involve learning skills such as Eskimo rolls and paddling techniques, as well as playing games of canoe polo. Beginners are welcome to the earlier session, including those who would like to try a new sport or skill (for example for their Duke of Edinburgh awards). The session is mixed for boys and girls, and we are always open to new members. All equipment – boats, paddles, buoyancy aids, helmets, etc – is provided.*



The club is focused on the sport of canoe polo which mixes paddling with ball skills. It's an exciting fast-paced game with great opportunities to play as part of a team and develop new friendships as a result. Once paddlers get more confidence and experience, they can take part in canoe polo tournaments across the UK (and even abroad). For more information, please contact [Gerry.metcalfe@gmail.com](mailto:Gerry.metcalfe@gmail.com) or come and watch on a Thursday evening.

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## Hockey – a sport for all ages

*In the last edition of Community News, we heard about Potters Bar Cricket Club. What many people may not know is that they share their base at the Clubhouse in The Walk, with Potters Bar Hockey Club.*

It was the Ladies' team who were the first to start playing in 1938. The men soon followed in 1948, and four men's teams now play in the East of England Hockey Leagues. All matches and training sessions are held on the Astroturf pitch at Dame Alice Owen's School and the League season runs from September to April. The first team play in Division 1S and did not have the best of seasons, finishing 10th of 14 in the table, though one highlight was Team Captain Mark Turpin scoring his 300th 1st team goal. They avoided relegation, although they did have to survive appeals from other teams before they could be sure.

For the second team, however, there was much better news. Helped by Warren Edmondson scoring a team record twenty-eight goals, they won Division 4SW, and will play in Division 3SW next season. The Ladies' team unfortunately had to pull out of the league a few years ago, but has now reformed, and will re-enter next season.

Beginners and experienced players of all ages are always welcome: there will be a recruitment drive in local schools in September. Juniors from 8 to 13 play in their own competitions, but from age 13 they are eligible to play in the adult sides. Still playing regularly for the fourth team is Maurice Umney, current goalkeeper for the England over 75s team. They are European Champions in their age group, and it does go to show that hockey is a game for all ages.

PBHC is a friendly and inclusive club, and if you are interested in giving hockey a try, call **07398 988502** or go to the website [www.pitchero.com/clubs/pottersbarhockeyclub](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/pottersbarhockeyclub).



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## Potters Bar Tennis Club

### Junior Events 2023

The Road to Wimbledon Tournament took place on Sunday 21st May 2023. The winner going forward was Ilay Kenes and the runner up was Jamie Hiwatashi.

**Munchkins** Continues on Saturdays at 2.30pm. Sunday 9th July 2023: Parent and Child Tournament all day.

**Summer Tennis for Kids** Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August; Monday 7th August to Friday 11th August. Ages 5–9 years: 9am to 12 noon. 10–15 years: 1pm to 4pm.

**Junior Friday Night Tennis** Continues till Friday 21st July 2023 and restarts on Friday 8th September. Ages 5–7 years: 4pm to 5pm. Ages 8–10 years: 5pm to 6pm. Ages 11–13 years: 6pm to 7pm. Ages 14–18 years: 7pm to 8pm. The Annual Junior Tournament will run weekends from 30th September to 15th October 2023.

**Karl Mills (Head Coach)**  
**07939 303483**

### Adult Events 2023

We held our Flon Conrad Mixed Over 50s Tournament on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 and the winners were Judith Hickson and Cliff Hawkins, and the runners up were Julie Guppy and Angela Anastasiou. Mixed Doubles Tournament is on Sunday 23rd July 2023 at 2pm. Club Adult Annual Tournament runs for three weeks in September with Finals Day on 23rd September.

### Other Membership Matters

All Membership enquiries should be made to Sue Vallance on **01707 645909** or email [pbtmembership@gmail.com](mailto:pbtmembership@gmail.com).

NB: ALL THESE COURTS AND TIMES NEED TO BE PRE-BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH CLUBSPARK. THE LINK TO BOOK CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB WEBSITE [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/pottersbartennisclub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/pottersbartennisclub).



## Hawkshead Hobble

*The Hawkshead Hobble cross country race, organised by the Royal Veterinary College Triathlon and Athletics Club, saw 89 runners complete both 5km and 10km races.*

The aim was to raise money for the Right2Run project, an initiative partnering with the Right4Children charity in Nepal supporting the mission to develop sports and play in government schools in the Kaski region.

The runners started from the Sports and Wellbeing Centre on our Hawkshead Campus, following a challenging course having to contend with uneven grassy terrain, footbridges, and sheep! Thankfully, the marshals were there to raise spirits with music and handwritten signs to encourage the runners as they went past.

Photograph Matthew Ryan - Fossil Works Projects.



The first runner back was Nayana Jain of Barts & the London with a time of 22.52 in the women's 5km. Our men's 5km was won by Soren Wehrheim in a time of 26.44. The 10km men's race was

won by Joe Thompson of Barts & the London with a fantastic time of 42.57 and the women's 10km was won by Barbara Kubis-Labiak in 56.12. It was then time for prize giving, with top finishers receiving a snood kindly provided by Buff, one of our recurring sponsors.

It was then off to the pub, for a well-earned pint and some food! The Strafford graciously offered 10% off all food and drink to runners and there were very kind words of praise for our race directors, which was much appreciated. Overall, we were really pleased with how the day went and elated that the race was able to be successfully brought back, post pandemic. Thanks to our runners and sponsors for supporting the event, we hope to see you all again next year!

**Editor:** *An expanded version of this article appears on our website.*

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## Sporting Nicknames

**In this issue we enter the fast lane of Formula 1:**

**Ayrton Senna da Silva:** Silvastone – Early F3 success at Silverstone.

**Nigel Mansell:** Il Leone – The Lion from adoring Ferrari fans.

**Niki Lauda:** The Rat – Unkindly, because of his teeth.

**Kimi Räikkönen:** The Iceman – Cool and collected Finn.

**Alain Prost:** Le Professeur – Calculated and intellectual approach.

**Sebastian Vettel:** The Finger – One-fingered salute at end of each race.

**Lewis Hamilton:** Billion Dollar Man – High net worth.

**Max Verstappen:** Mad Max – Fiery reputation from early days.

**Mika Häkkinen:** The Flying Finn – Stems from photo taken in Adelaide with his McLaren, 6 feet in the air.

**Nico Rosberg:** Britney – Long blond hair like Britney Spears.

**James Hunt:** Hunt the Shunt – Spectacular accidents in early career.

**Juan Manuel Fangio:** El Maestro – The Master.

**Graham Hill:** Mr Monaco – Successful many times in Monaco Grand Prix.

**Jack Brabham:** Black Jack – Dark hair and shadowy silence.

**Mike Hailwood:** Mike the Bike – Former motorcycling champion.

**Luca Badoer:** 'Look How Bad You Are' – Ferrari test driver who finished last in his one F1 race.

**Carlos Reutemann:** El Lole – The Pig, mangled reference to his ranching days.

**Gerhard Berger:** Swearhard Berger – Probably unfair allusion.

**John Surtees:** Il Grande John or Figlio del vento – Big John or Son of the Wind.

**Jackie Stewart:** The Flying Scotsman.



## Hertsmere Community Liaison Officer for Potters Bar

*Antonia Mori was recently appointed as Community Liaison Officer at Hertsmere Borough Council and shares with us her thoughts on what this role entails.*

There is no typical day for a Community Engagement Officer, with a varied workload, ranging from meeting community groups, coordinating meetings amongst different organisations, supporting projects with funding applications, supporting residents with access to services, spreading positive community messaging and supporting local workshops, events, and activities.

One of the more challenging parts of the role is to reach our underserved residents and ensure that they have access to vital services that the council and local organisations provide. We have helped residents experiencing isolation and mental health problems and those affected by the cost of living. Many of the local churches and venues provide such facilities where everyone is welcome for a chat, some refreshments, or simply to sit quietly. I have spent time supporting local groups and creating lasting relationships with group leaders linking them with other local services such as Healthy Hubs, dementia services and a range of physical activity providers. Friends have been made, fun had, and many have gone away feeling far less isolated in the community.

We have also reached residents including those with disabilities by supporting local Day Centres, linking them up with other local community groups to initiate new and restart old projects. An example of this is the CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) group established in collaboration with The Islamic Cultural Society at the Wayside Centre. (Editor's note – see page 23 of this issue).

To find out what's going on in Potters Bar and to promote your organisation's activities in the monthly Potters Bar Community Connections newsletter, contact Antonia Mori, Community Engagement Officer, [antonia.mori@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:antonia.mori@hertsmere.gov.uk) or by calling 020 8207 2277. The Newsletter is uploaded to the Community News website each month.

## Strong spring season for Photographic Society

*Potters Bar's Photographic Society has had a strong spring season. We started a series of outside visits, with a group of us meeting at the Festival of Light at the old Battersea Power Station. This allowed for a wide range of photography skills to be practiced along with the social element. This was followed by a more local venue photographing woodland bluebells. There is a full programme of such visits planned for the rest of the year, all of which allow for photo opportunities, tuition (if wanted) and also as a social gathering.*

April saw us hold another successful exhibition at The Galleria Shopping Centre. Two competitions were run in conjunction with the exhibition, both decided by public vote. The Exhibition Cup (for members of the General Class) was won by David Fordham for his



picture 'Rough and Smooth', a long-exposure photograph blurring the sea against some rocks. The overall winner was Helen Frost's picture 'Room with a view' taken during a visit to Japan.

In May, we retained an inter-club trophy that we first won in 2022. The Jubilee Cup is hosted by Barnet and Finchley Photographic Society with four local photo clubs competing. As our President, Graham Coldrick, said "The Jubilee Cup is unusual in that it forces us to enter a range of subjects, where many competitions have a specific theme. We had landscape, travel, portrait, and other pictures in the mix submitted by seven of our members."

We meet at Wyllyotts Centre, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar on most Mondays from September to early July starting at 7.45pm, with social gatherings during the summer "stand-down". We are happy to welcome new members whatever camera equipment you use or wherever you are on your photography journey. Further information can be found at [pottersbarphotosoc.org.uk](http://pottersbarphotosoc.org.uk) or on Facebook.

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# Carnival Fever! (Well, it was a heatwave!)

*We had an incredibly hot and sunny day for this year's Carnival! The committee were delighted to see all of those who watched the procession or enjoyed the day at the showground.*



We were pleased to welcome the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Chris Myers, and his Consort Councillor Chris Gray. Alongside our fantastic Young VIP's Daisy, Isabella and Max, they judged the winning float for this year which was Potters Bar District Girlguiding for their celebration of 100 years of Disney.

The Young VIPs were treated to a very special horse and carriage ride for the procession courtesy of Nethercott funeral directors. We would like to thank them for their continued support on Carnival Day. Huge appreciation also goes to PB Scaffolding for donation of the arena stage, Lanterns for the use of lorries and drivers for the parade and to Duncan Perry for their marketing support.

The weather was brilliant and encouraged many to enjoy our full timetable of arena events from local groups. As always, the quality of performances was phenomenal. This year we had performances from Nicks Dance School, Hertfordshire Showband and the Junior Showband, Angie's Dance Academy, Revelation Majorettes, Rhythmix Academy of Dance and Jigsaw Performing Arts.

Our final thank you goes to every carnival goer, every supporter and stall holder. This is a day for the whole town which raises thousands of pounds from community efforts.

We do need more people on our committee to help the carnival reach its full potential. If you think you can support us, please get in touch [Pottersbarcarnival@gmail.com](mailto:Pottersbarcarnival@gmail.com).

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## Civic award for Vera

*On Sunday evening 16th April at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel, I had the privilege of receiving a Hertsmere Civic Award for 41 years of service to the Wednesday Community Club.*



I first volunteered in 1982 following an article in the Potters Bar Baptist Church newsletter requesting a treasurer for the then Darby & Joan Club, only to find the post had been filled. However, they did require help on the minibus (hired from Potters Bar Assisting Disabilities) and that was the start of my journey so to speak!

Within a few months I also took on the position of treasurer, which I still hold today. Throughout the years filling in, as and when needed, as secretary, mini-bus driver/escort, head cook and bottle washer, plus 4 years as leader.

After 40 years of service in 2022 the club presented me with a photo album of memories over those years along with other gifts. These presentations were a complete surprise, instigated by Roger Gray (Leader) and Margaret Wood (Secretary) with the help of Ellie's knowledge of technology!

I would like to give special thanks to June Gray, who was secretary for 30 of those years and brought fun, laughter and encouragement to the club. Plus, thanks to all those who have helped in many ways over the years, as part of 'the team' which is important in the organisation and workings of the club. We meet weekly on Wednesday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm with a varied programme. Please see the 'What's On' page for further details. All are welcome to join us. We have also become part of the 'Warm Spaces' initiative.

I thank God for His continuous leading and guiding throughout all those years.

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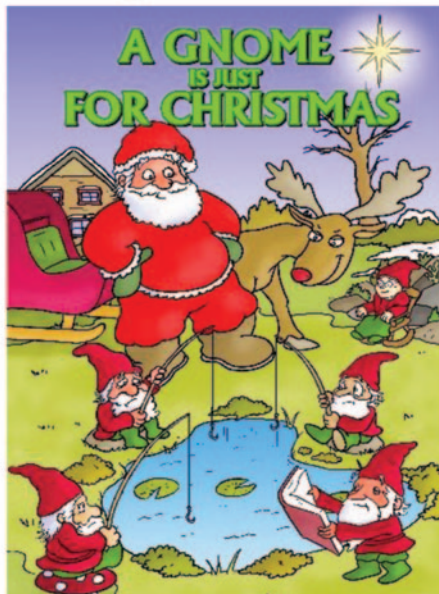
## New exhibition at Potters Bar Museum

*Recently opened, we are delighted to announce our new and exciting exhibition in the Potters Bar Museum on the Art Nouveau period. It deals with the entire movement, and shows photos of the furniture, architecture and household objects of the time in stunning photographs and descriptive text.*

It has been compiled by our Honorary Curator Arnold Davey, and the brilliant artwork on display is the work of Mark Roberts, the manager of the Hertsmere Council Print Office, to whom we are indebted for his help and assistance.

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## New Support Hub for Potters Bar

*Rennie Grove and Peace Hospice Care are delighted to announce the relaunch of a Community Hub in Potters Bar to support local people who are living with a life-limiting illness.*

The Peace Hospice Care Outreach Hub has been established at Elm Court since April 2022 and from 13th July 2023 will be moving to the Wyllyotts Centre and become known as a Compassionate Support Hub.

The Hub will be open every 2nd Thursday of the month from 10am to 12pm. It is open to all local residents who are living with a life-limiting illness – whether they have been recently diagnosed or living with it for years – with no need to book ahead.

Alison May, Community Engagement Manager at Peace Hospice Care, explains: “We have been listening to the feedback from local people and partner organisations, and have decided to relaunch the hub so that it is even better suited to the needs of this community.

We’re looking forward to establishing the hub in its new home at Wyllyotts Centre, where the sessions will offer an informal space to meet others for a drink and a friendly chat with a trained volunteer or staff member, who can offer information, guidance, and signposting to available services.”



As Betty, who has been volunteering at the hub since September 2022, says: “We all need a little help with bereavement and illness at some time in our lives. Just being there to support and listen to someone is a privilege and it costs nothing. I enjoy working with a great team of dedicated, like-minded people who are all contributing time to such a worthy cause.”

To find out more, email [compassion@peacehospicecare.org.uk](mailto:compassion@peacehospicecare.org.uk) or call 01923 330330.



# Come and join in the activities at Potters Bar United Reformed Church

Currently one of our elders, Reverend David Aplin, is fulfilling the role of Minister to provide appropriate services for the Church and leading the many varied activities available.

Music is very important to us led by our Musical Director, Stephen Jones. Our choir meets on Friday evenings for an hour, and we would welcome new voices of any age. On the first Friday of each month, we invite you to join us at our lunchtime concert, where different soloists have given us so much enjoyment. Following the concert we share a simple lunch for charity, for which a donation of £5 is requested.

## Phoenix Activities

On the third Wednesday of each month, we have a speaker to share their interest or expert knowledge. When there is no speaker available, we enjoy playing board games. Recent talks have featured war experiences in the trenches and family planning in Africa.

On Friday afternoons each week we play Whist. Up to 16 players: complete beginners welcome.

On the last Wednesday afternoon of each month several ladies and one gentleman get together to Knit and Natter (or crochet). Some have been taught new skills as a result.

Once a month on Monday evenings, we learn to play Poker. No gambling, just learning the rules and trying to understand probability. All chips are provided, with Texas Hold'm being our game.

Coming up: Saturday 8th July – our church's 89th Anniversary. Afternoon tea, BBQ, and evening dancing to the Metronomes Steel Band.

Would you like to learn to play Chess? For a reasonable fee, lessons are given to children and adults who are complete beginners.

Everyone is invited to join us for our worship and all activities and if your imagination has been caught by any of the above then please call Tony 07973 516718.



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## Potters Bar Baptist Church

On Saturday 15th April 2023 we officially welcomed our new minister, Reverend Adrian Wood and his family to Potters Bar and celebrated with members of Churches Together in Potters Bar, together with community and friends at his induction service. This was a wonderful time of worship and thanksgiving to God for his provision over the last 2 years, since our last minister Joel and his family moved to Whitley Bay.

We celebrated our anniversary in May – we are 235 years young! We amalgamated our anniversary with the coronation of King Charles III, and on Sunday 7th May enjoyed a fun afternoon with our neighbours and community sharing food, games and fellowship, which was a great success. Our Wednesday Club members also enjoyed a coronation celebration with entertainment and afternoon tea on 10th May. You may have visited the church at Christmas or Easter. We usually hold a yearly Christmas Fayre and a pre-loved sale and have other activities during the week catering for all ages, and we would love you to come and visit us. On Monday morning

there is a Craft and Chatter group, a weekly Wednesday Club in the afternoon, and a prayer group on Thursday lunchtime with prayer for our community and the wider world. You will also be welcome on a Friday at our lively coffee morning, especially if you are going to Potters Bar Hospital for an appointment and feel like a short rest! Let's not forget our Sunday Service which starts at 10.30am followed by tea, coffee and a chat. We have a Sunday Club too, which caters for children of all ages. Whatever you choose you will find a very warm welcome. For more information, in the first instance, please telephone 07479 558867.

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### Potters Bar Theatre Company

Potters Bar Theatre company are excited to be performing 'Allo Allo' this September. The play, adapted from the well-known TV series by Lloyd and Croft, manages to include favourite plot lines. Come and see all your favourite characters from the long running classic TV series in this lavish stage production at the Wylyotts Theatre, Potters Bar.

The 'Allo 'Allo stage play brings all your favourite characters from the long-running classic TV series together in an evening of fun and frolics! Will Rene and Edith keep the painting of the 'Fallen Madonna with the big boobies' safe? Will Herr Flick discover the British airmen hiding in Rene's cafe? All this and more will keep you giggling until the curtain falls.

- **Venue:** Wylyotts Theatre, Wylyotts Place, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2HN
- **Dates:** Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd September 2023
- **Times:** Evening Performances 7.30pm; Saturday Matinée at 2.30pm
- **Prices:** Adults £16 Wednesday, £18 Thursday to Saturday; Children (under 18 years) £14.40 Wednesday, £15 Thursday to Saturday

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## Eid Festival at Elm Court

Sunday 9th July 2023, 4-8pm

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- Come And Meet Each Other (CAMEO): Embrace the spirit of community as you connect with fellow attendees and make new friends.
- Learn more about the religion of Islam.

Admission is free. Invite your friends and family to join in the festivities!

Don't miss out on this wonderful occasion to celebrate Eid and strengthen the bonds of friendship and unity. We look forward to celebrating with you!

There is also Jumma Payer every Friday at Elm Court and children's Arabic classes at weekends and CAMEO at Wayside Jubilee Centre ever Wednesday from 3.30-6.30pm.

For more information, please visit our website [www.pbicc.org](http://www.pbicc.org) or contact us at 07939 057094 or email [info@pbicc.org](mailto:info@pbicc.org).

## Holiday Club returns to Pope Paul Primary School this summer

Churches Together in Potters Bar, in conjunction with Scripture Union, are looking forward to running another inclusive holiday club this summer after the success of last year.

The club will run from 9.30am-1pm Monday to Friday from Monday 24th to Friday 28th July. There will be drama linked to a bible story, craft, music, and songs as well as outdoor activities and games. The club is available to primary age children from school years 1-6. In addition, we have a Teen Team from school years 7-11 who help support the younger children in different activities whilst being supervised and supported by adults. Our experienced volunteers are DBS checked and bring a range of skills and talents with them. Bookings will open in June and places are limited. The cost for the week is £25 for primary-age children, and teenagers can attend free of charge.

You can sign your child up through the holiday club website [www.pottersbarchurchesholidayclub.co.uk](http://www.pottersbarchurchesholidayclub.co.uk). If you have any queries please contact Atalie at [vicar@kcm-church.org.uk](mailto:vicar@kcm-church.org.uk) or Cath at [cath@cclh.org.uk](mailto:cath@cclh.org.uk). We look forward to seeing you this summer and have lots of exciting activities planned.

## Potters Bar Society walks to September 2023



*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 the walks at your own risk.*

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. All walks start at 1.30pm.

### Sunday 2nd July

*Meet:* Leaside, EN5 2PG. *Route:* Footpath up to St Andrew's Church, cross Darlands Nature reserve, round the hidden lake, footpath up the valley to Totteridge Lane, back to Dollis Brook. About 4.3 miles. *Leader:* 07926 314877.

### Sunday 16th July

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

### Sunday 30th July

*Meet:* Meet former White Hart Public House, South Mimms. *Route:* Black Horse Lane, Boundary Path, North Mymms via Potwells. About 5 miles. *Leaders:* 01707 655732.

### Sunday 13th August

*Meet:* End of Tolmers Road, Cuffley. *Route:* Walk footpath through Home Wood, Carbone Hill to Northaw Great Wood entrance. Walk perimeter of wood and return to Tolmers Road. About 5 miles. *Leader:* 01707 851498.

### Sunday 27th August

*Meet:* Roundbush Public House, Roundbush Lane, WD25 8BG. *Route:* Footpaths to Letchmore Heath, pass Aldenham School then roads and footpaths through Battlers Green back to Roundbush. About 4.5 miles. *Leader:* 01707 654993.

### Sunday 10th September

*Meet:* Whitewebbs Lane (layby parking near entrance to Whitewebbs Park). *Route:* Bridle path to King & Tinker PH, cross road to footpath north to cross M25 footbridge, Broadfield Farm, New River path towards M25, recross motorway and return via Whitewebbs Lane passing Tottenham FC training ground. About 4.8 miles. *Leader:* 01707 851498.

### Sunday 24th September

*Meet:* Furzefield Leisure Centre (parking in surrounding roads). *Route:* Through Furzefield Wood, line path to Brookmans Park, then footpaths to Welham Green and return via Warrengate Farm. About 5 miles. *Leader:* 01707 654993.

Any changes to the programme and details of later walks may be accessed on the Society's website [www.pbsoc.org.uk](http://www.pbsoc.org.uk). We are always looking for new walks leaders to ensure the continuation of the programme. If you can help, please ring 01707 643832.



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**LINE DANCING** Wed 1.45–3.30pm. Beginner and improver level. King Charles the Martyr. 859578.

**MOUNTVIEW DANCE SCHOOL ISTD** Cecchetti ballet classes from 3+ years at St John's Church Hall, Baker Street, for boys and girls. Weekly Mon and Sat classes with regular examinations. [la\\_christian@fiscali.co.uk](mailto:la_christian@fiscali.co.uk) or [www.mountviewdanceschool.co.uk](http://www.mountviewdanceschool.co.uk).

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING – HERTSMERE REEL CLUB** Tilbury Hall, Darkes Lane, 7–10pm. Monthly usually 3rd Sat, Oct to Jul, check with Secretary. Members £8, non members £10 at the door. Secretary Margaret King 020 8440 3236 or [margaret.king4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaret.king4@hotmail.co.uk).

**TEA DANCE** First Sat in the month. Starts 2–4pm. Tea at 3pm. Ballroom, Latin, Sequence, some Line. Contact Russel on 01707 264154. Entry £7 per person.

**WAGGONERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB** Weekly, Mon 7.30–10pm at St Joseph's in the Park School Hall, Hertingfordbury. Janet 01992 441083.

## EDUCATIONAL

**COMPUTERS AND A CUPPA** Weekly, 1st and 3rd Mon of each month. Wyllyotts Cafe, 10.30am–12.30pm. Helping older people to use their IT devices. Free.

**FIRST CLASS LEARNING MATHS AND ENGLISH** Ages 5–16, weekly, Sat 10am–1pm, Thu 4–5pm. St Mary's Church Hall. Tim and Caroline 07708 655554 [www.firstclasslearning.co.uk/potters-bar](http://www.firstclasslearning.co.uk/potters-bar).

**KUMON MATHS AND ENGLISH** Ages 4–18. Mon 3.15–5pm and Thu 3.15–5.30pm at Elm Court. Sheena 643588.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE – PB U3A** Over 600 members and 50 interest groups for recreation and study for those not in full time employment. [pbu3a.org.uk](http://pbu3a.org.uk) or 07544 263356.

## FITNESS

**EXERCISE, MOVEMENT AND DANCE TO MUSIC** A different exercise and movement to music class created each week just for you. Wed 2.15–3.45pm, Elm Court. Call or text 07949 055958, email [exercisewithtracy@gmail.com](mailto:exercisewithtracy@gmail.com) or [www.exercisewithtracy.co.uk](http://www.exercisewithtracy.co.uk).

**FUN DANCE FIT LO** Weekly St Mary's Church Hall, The Walk. Mon 10.30–11.45am. 07711 832070 or [www.nicksdanceschool.com](http://www.nicksdanceschool.com).

**FITNESS CLASSES** in LBPT Private Gym, The Walk, Potters Bar. Mon and Wed evenings at 7.45pm. Ring to book 07403 625771. Suitable for all levels and abilities.

**HATHA YOGA FOR MENTAL WELLBEING.** Slow, steady group yoga sessions in and around Potters Bar, suitable for beginners. I specialise in yoga to help heal anxiety, stress, fatigue and depression. 07740 823230 or [www.helencooperyoga.com](http://www.helencooperyoga.com).

**MENO MOVES DANCE FITNESS** Weekly, North Mymms Memorial Hall, Welham Green Tue 6–7pm. 07711 832070 or [www.nicksdanceschool.com](http://www.nicksdanceschool.com).

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

**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.

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

**SIMPLY STRETCH (FLEXIBILITY AND STRENGTH)** Weekly North Mymms Memorial Hall, Welham Green. Tue 7.10–7.45pm. 07711 832070 or [www.nicksdanceschool.com](http://www.nicksdanceschool.com).

**SENIOR FITZENS YOGA** Mon 11.45am–12.45pm. Elm Court. Call Matt 07974 340685.

**YOGA CLASSES** Weekly, Mon 10am, Wed 10am, Fri 9.45am, Wayside. Contact Jade 07976 743189.

**YOGA CLASSES** Mixed Ability Hatha Yoga Mon 9.45–11am. Gentle Hatha Yoga Fri 10–11.15am. All classes £10, please book. Further details on [www.energyhealingyogini.co.uk](http://www.energyhealingyogini.co.uk) or call Feride on 07538 778844.

**YOGA CLASSES** A seasoned yoga teacher, multicultural and multilingual. I help people of all ages and backgrounds enrich their lives by promoting a well-rounded and joyful approach. More info [www.pranasanayoga.com](http://www.pranasanayoga.com). Call Dorna to book 07961 479878.

# LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

**ZUMBA GOLD** Mon 6.15pm. North Mymms Memorial Hall, Welham Green. Wed 10.45am Elm Court. Sat 9.30am Little Heath Parish Hall. Sue Purdie 07956 338561.

## GAMES

**BRIDGE CLUB – LITTLE HEATH (duplicate)** Tue 7pm in Parish Hall. Aileen 652343 or Peter 851010.

**BRIDGE CLUB** Thu 10am–1pm. Little Heath Parish Hall. Playing Chicago Bridge. Peter Ashley 852304.

**BRIDGE CLUB CHICAGO** Mon 7.15–9.30pm at Wyllyotts Centre. Nick 07879 580447.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY CHESS – POTTERS BAR** Meets the first Wed of each month. 6–9pm in The Old Manor, Wyllyotts Place, Darkes Lane. Contact Robin on Instagram or Facebook (First Wed Chess).

**LITTLE HEATH CHESS CLUB** Juniors Thu 5.45–7.15pm. Adult players welcome for matches. Chris 851455.

## HEALTH

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Frequent meetings in Potters Bar and local area. Call 0800 9177650 or email help@aamail.org.

**BARNET AND DISTRICT CANCER LINK** Drop In Centre – weekly, Wed 1–3pm. Union Street, Barnet. For cancer patients, families and friends. 656806 or 07783 069110.

**CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE** Contact 01992 586969 for information.

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

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

**DEMENTIA SUPPORT – HERTSWISE** Every Thu, 2–4pm, St John's Church, Baker Street, PB. For people living with dementia, low level memory loss or mild cognitive impairment, and their friends, family and carers. £5 contribution. Carers welcome at no extra charge. 0300 123 4044 for information.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WORSHIP** First Mon of every month at 2pm, held at Our Lady & St Vincent Church, Mutton Lane.

**HEART THROBS EXERCISE AND SUPPORT GROUP** 10am and 11am Mon, Wed and Fri at Holwhites Club, 1 Kirkland Road, EN2 0RN. 5pm Mon at St Stephen's Church Hall, Village Road, EN1 2EU. 10am Tue and Thu "at home" via Zoom. Contact 07938 926772 or www.heartthrobs.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. Contact 020 3727 3600.

**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.

**PEACE HOSPICE CARE OUTREACH HUB** Drop in group to meet others living with or caring for someone with a life-limiting illness. 10am–12 noon. Elm Court 2nd Thu of each month. www.peacehospicecare.org.uk.

From 13th July The Compassionate Support Hub will be open every 2nd Thu of the month from 10am–12 noon the Wyllyotts Centre, Potters Bar, EN6 2HN.

**YOGA FOR MENTAL WELL BEING** Specialise in yoga for mental wellbeing, to help reduce stress, anxiety, trauma, PTSD, depression, fatigue or burn out. Info and bookings www.helencooperyoga.com or 07740 823230.

## HOBBIES

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

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

**COIN COLLECTORS** Interested in forming a Club covering Herts and North London? Contact William Braithwaite 643153.

**CUFFLEY FLORAL ART CLUB\*** Monthly, 2nd Tue 7 for 7.30pm. Cuffley Hall, Maynards Place, EN6 4JA. Please contact Val for further information 01707 889447.

**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** Meetings at PB United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane. 8pm. Please come and join us. Visitors £1. Info from Mabel Hammett 07966 018105 or roymabel67@gmail.com.

**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 (Nov to Apr) 10–11.30am (May to Oct), 9.30am–12 noon. Email Allie.pbaa@outlook.com.

**PB FILMMAKERS\*** Alternate Thu, 7pm at the Wyllyotts Centre. 656446 or 659888. There are no meetings in Jan or Aug.

**PB MUSEUM** Sat 11am–1pm, Tue and Wed 2.30–4.30pm, at Wyllyotts. Contact 07856 513841, guffins053@gmail.com or www.pottersbarmuseum.org.uk.

## MUSIC

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

**BAY JAZZ CLUB** 1st and 3rd Tue, 12.30–3pm. Botany Bay Cricket Club, East Lodge Lane, Enfield. Live Traditional Jazz. Licensed Bar. Stephen 020 8363 0838.

**JAZZ – GOOGLIES JAZZ CLUB** Live Jazz every Thu at Googlies Jazz Supper Club 7.30pm. Botany Bay Cricket Club, East Lodge Lane, EN2 8AS. A reservation for entry or meals is required and email googliesjazz@btinternet.com or John 020 8350 3541, £10–12. www.googliesjazz.co.uk.

**COMMUNITY CHOIR** Weekly, Thu. Wyllyotts Theatre, 7–9pm. For info Joy 655464.

**HERTS 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. Junior Band 7pm. Showband 7.45pm. 07802 258655.

**PB CHORAL SOCIETY\*** Weekly rehearsals, Tue 7.45pm. St Mary's Hall, The Walk. Experience not essential. 642393, info@pbchoral.org or www.pbchoral.org.

**PB COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL** Sat from 8.30–11.30 at Mount Grace School. 6 Orchestras, singing and individual woodwind lessons. www.pbcms.org.uk. Also available "Da Capo": a small chamber orchestra for adults of all standards. 9.45–10.30am on Sat. admin@pbcms.org.uk.

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

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

**PB MUSIC CENTRE** Weekly, Sat in term-time, 8.30am–1pm. Dame Alice Owen's School. Individual instrumental lessons and group activities. pottersbarmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk or www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk.

## OUTDOOR

**BARNET LIVING STREETS** Focuses on walking routes within the London Borough of Barnet out into Hertfordshire, towards Borehamwood, Potters Bar and South Mimms. Barnetgroup@livingstreets.org.uk.

**BARNET WALKS\*** Guided Barnet and North London walks. £12 (£5 under 12s). Contact Paul for more information on 07506 761294.

**FIR AND POND WOODS NATURE RESERVE – HERTS AND MIDDLESEX WILDLIFE TRUST** Monthly, usually 2nd Sun, 10am–1pm. Meet layby in Coopers Lane Road. EN6 4DG. Help maintain this nature reserve, tools provided, bring drink, gardening gloves, and good footwear. Phone John 01707 652836 to confirm.

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

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

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

**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. For info contact Jean on 01727 824009 or visit www.pbrc.org.uk

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

## SOCIAL

**BINGO** Weekly, every Thu from 8pm at the Royal British Legion, Potters Bar Branch. rbl.pottersbar@gmail.com.

**BARNET PLUS** Fun social events for ages 30–65. Sat, Sun and weekdays. www.barnetplus.com or 07890 765835.

**BROOKMANS PARK WI** 3rd Mon 10.30am, Brookmans Park URC Hall. Visitors welcome. 01582 834010.

**CUFFLEY WEDNESDAY GAMES CLUB** 1.30–4.30pm, Cuffley Youth and Community Centre. Snooker, table-tennis, etc. John 875589.

**ENFIELD NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION** Contact Pam 650969.

**FURZEFFIELD WI** Monthly, 4th Tue 2.30pm at the Wyllyotts Centre. Visitors very welcome. Phone Sue 659886 for more details.

**HERTS MUSICAL MEMORIES PB GROUP – DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SINGING** Most Wed, 2–3.30pm. St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, EN6 2DZ. Contact Kerry or Emma 020 8950 5757 or email admin@hertsmusicalmemories.org.uk.

**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 7–10pm. Waltham Cross Conservative Club. Dancing. Richard 01992 639344.

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

**OAKMERE WI** Monthly, 2nd Thu at 2.30pm. Christ Church, Little Heath Hall. Details via Pauline Baycroft 650076 or pittedoppauline@btinternet.com.

**PB CARNIVAL** Visit www.pottersbarcarnival.co.uk or contact pottersbarcarnival@gmail.com.

**PB GEMS WI** 2nd Wed at 7pm. Wyllyotts Theatre. Visitors welcome. Contact info@pbgemswi.org.

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

**PB ROTARY CLUB** Meet twice a month, second Tue 12.30pm, last Tue 7.30pm at The Woodman Inn, Warrigate Road, AL9 7TT. enquiry@pottersbarrotary.org.uk.



# LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POTTERS BAR** Contact rbl.pottersbar@gmail.com or 07512 589 918.

**ROTARY CLUB OF BROOKMANS PARK** Weekly, Tue 7.30pm for 8pm at The Woodman Inn, North Mymms. enquiries@brookmsparkrotary.org.uk.

**SIXTY PLUS LUNCHEON CLUB\*** Tue and Thu, 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 – Indoor

**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. Richard.szymczak@orderoy.com.

**BADMINTON LADIES** Weekly, Wed 2–4pm. Christ Church, Little Heath. Friendly, social group. 650040.

**OAKLANDS BADMINTON CLUB** Weekly Dame Alice Owen's School, Tue 8–10pm Intermediate Players, Friendly Club, Age 18+. 642328.

**BARRACUDA SWIMMING CLUB** Weekly, Sun. Furzeffield Centre, 11.30am–12.30pm. Helps all ages with disabilities to be safe in the water. Sylvia 643198 or secretary.barracuda.sc@hotmail.co.uk.

**BOWLS CLUB** Short mat bowls at Cuffley Hall. Equipment and instruction provided. Contact jaholding@hotmail.co.uk.

**GENERATION PLUS (FORMERLY 50+)** Sporting and social activities for older adults and those new to exercise, etc. Wide range of activities (eg keep fit, Pilates, table tennis, pickleball at local venues. Visit www.inspireall.com/generation-plus for details.

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

**PB LIFESAVING CLUB** Weekly, Tue, Rookie Lifeguard (children under 12), 7–8pm. Survive and Save (children 12 and over), 8–9pm, Furzeffield Centre. 020 8440 3346.

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

**ST ALBANS AND HERTSMERE CANOE CLUB** Furzeffield Centre, PB. Thu Youth 8.15–9.15pm, Adult 9.15–10.15pm. Learn relevant skills and play canoe polo. Beginners welcome, all equipment provided. Contact Gerry.metcalfe@gmail.com.

**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.btcc.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. 07585 974224.

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

## SPORT – Outdoor

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

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

**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.

**GENERATION PLUS (FORMERLY 50+)** Sporting and social activities for older adults and those new to exercise, etc. Wide range of activities (eg walking football and netball, croquet). Visit www.generation-plus.com for details.

**PB HOCKEY CLUB** Ladies, Men and Junior hockey at Dame Alice Owen's Astroturf pitch. Paul on 07398 988502 or juniors@pottersbarhockey.club.

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

**NORTHAW AND CUFFLEY BOWLS CLUB** King George V Playing Fields, Northaw Road East, Cuffley. 876262.

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

**PB PÉTANQUE PLAYERS** Tue from 2pm, Sun from 10am, new and all ability players welcome. The Pétanque area is behind the Harvester pub garden, High Street. Pay and display car park at Oakmere Park. Jane Larmour 01707 266517 or www.pottersbarpetanque.co.uk.

**PB TENNIS CLUB** The Walk. 6 Astroturf courts all with floodlights. Membership enquiries to Sue Vallance 01707 645909. www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/pottersbartennisclub.

**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 CRUSADERS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB** Members Club. See www.pbcrusaders.org.uk for opening times. Club Steward 07754 027821.

**PB CRUSADERS YOUTH FOOTBALL** Football for boys and girls aged 4–18. Email Dan Pbcboysfc@yahoo.com.

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

**SAPPHIRE SKATERS** Sat 9–10am and 10–11am, Tue 5.30pm–6.30pm, Elm Court. sapphireskaters@gmail.com or fb-Sapphire Skaters.

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

## SPORT – Martial Arts

**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.

**NINTAI KARATE CLUB** Weekly on Fri 7–8pm at Revive Fitness and Spa, Potters Bar Golf Club, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 1DE. Contact 07942 362000.

**PB SHOKOTAN KARATE CLUB** Furzeffield Centre, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar. Wed Juniors 7–8pm, Adults 8–9pm. Sunday Black and Brown belt class 12 noon–1pm. www.karatemasters.co.uk.

## THEATRE

**CUFFLEY OPERATIC SOCIETY** 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 01707 872229 or 07811437791. Email info@cuffleyplayers.co.uk.

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

**GREEN ROOM PRODUCTIONS** Rehearsals Mon at King Charles the Martyr Church Hall. Wed at Oakmere School. www.greenroomproductions.co.uk.

**POTTERS BAR THEATRE COMPANY** Rehearsals Tue and Fri at Chancellors School. info@pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk.

## YOUTH

**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 or capitalarts@outlook.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.

**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.

**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.

**TOP HAT STAGE SCHOOL** Weekly, Fri. Elm Court. 4–17 years. Dance (tap), drama and singing, 4.30–7.30pm. 01727 812666.

**YOUTH CLUB PB** Free Church, Mimms Hall Road. 5–11 years, 6.15–7.30pm. 07880 965546.

**SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** Various Youth projects term time at Elm Court. sfyp.hertsmere@herfordshire.gov.uk.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**CAUSEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH** The Causeway, PB every Sunday at 10.30am.

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

**GURDJIEFF STUDY AND MEDITATION GROUP** Meet every few weeks. Info 654896.

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

**POTTERS BAR ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTRE** Every Wed 3.30–6.30pm at Wayside Jubilee Centre. Contact Zain Anhar 07939 057094 or Mahbub Alam 07951 200655. Email info@pbicc.org www.pbicc.org.

**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 3pm. Adults £9, children aged 5–12 £3. 020 8367 1898.

**NATIONAL SPEEDWAY MUSEUM** Paradise Wildlife Park. Contact Alan Philpott 07939 287573.

**NORTH LONDON AND MIDDLESEX MORRIS MINORS OWNER'S CLUB** Meet at the Whitewebbs Museum every second Thu from 7.30pm. www.nlm-mmoc.org.uk.

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

**PB SOCIETY** Your local amenity, environmental, conservation and heritage group. Honorary Secretary Chris 651475 or www.pbsoc.org.uk.

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: 8am–6.30pm Monday to Friday

Test Results: 01707 644451 (11am–3pm)

Referral and Medical Reports: 01707 644451 (8.30am–1.30pm)

Extended Hours: We offer extended hours every week on Tuesday and Fridays and Saturday morning surgery once a month within our local HUB. We are an Armed Forces veteran friendly accredited GP practice.

For the latest information and updates please visit our website [www.annandalesurgery.co.uk](http://www.annandalesurgery.co.uk). We have a Patient Group page on our website with latest events, webinars, and newsletter.

### 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 871980 (11am–3pm)

Results: 01707 871980 (11am–3pm)

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

For the latest information and updates visit our website [www.highviewsurgery.co.uk](http://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

Appointments: 01707 291041 (8am–6.30pm Monday to Friday)

Test Results: 01707 291041 (12 noon–1pm Monday to Friday)

Extended Hours: There is an extended appointment Hub which our patients can be booked into, but it may or may not be on Parkfield's premises. You will be advised of the location at the time of booking.

### 4) POTTERELLS MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 273338

Surgery Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am–7pm;

Thursday 9am–6pm; Friday 8am–7pm.

Extended Hours: Routine, non-emergency appointments are available every Monday evening and every other Saturday morning.

### OUT OF HOURS SERVICE FOR ALL THE ABOVE SURGERIES

Local residents can arrange routine evening and weekend appointments – contact your surgery.

### 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.

### 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 4600

**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 8am–10pm

**CHASE FARM:** The Ridgway, Enfield, EN2 8JL Tel 020 8375 1010 8am–7.30pm

**BARNET:** Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, EN5 3DJ Tel 020 8216 4600 8am–10pm

## 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

### Brookmans Park

Bradmore Green

Monday 2pm–5.30pm

Tuesday 2pm–5.30pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 2pm–5.30pm

Friday 2pm–5.30pm

Saturday 9.30am–12.30pm

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.

## 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 0808 808 8088

Hertfordshire County Council 0300 123 4040

National Debt Line 0808 808 4000

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline 0808 223 1133

Highways (including potholes, traffic light faults and streetlights) 0300 1234 047

Wasteaware 0300 1234 051

Affinity water leaks 0345 357 2407

Childline 0800 1111

Crime Stoppers Anonymous Line 0800 555 111

CAB Advice Line 0800 144 8884

### Environmental Health

(1) Hertsmere: Pest Control 020 8207 2277

Noise (daytime) 020 8207 7435

(night) 0845 300 0021

(2) Welwyn Hatfield: Pest Control 01438 717175

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, OAPs) 07872 902710

[www.rspca-pottersbarhatfieldandbarnet.org.uk](http://www.rspca-pottersbarhatfieldandbarnet.org.uk)

Samaritans (freecall 24 hours) 116 123



CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR REFURBISHMENT

**Hertsmere**

Please call advice line 0800 144 8884  
Wyllotts Centre, Darkes Lane, EN6 2HN