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Potters Bar Choral Society goes from strength to strength



Whether you would like to sing with us or simply take your seat in the audience, PBCS has an exciting programme for the current season. Boosted by a recent influx of new members and two amazing grants from the Hertsmere Ward Improvement Grant and the Postcode Places Trust, we are looking forward to an enriching and productive musical future.

This season, we have already had a great concert in December with carols and Christmas music, some traditional, some not so well known and are now rehearsing for a sumptuous evening of Baroque pieces in March. Then in May we have a complete change with music from the American Songbook singing choral arrangements of *West Side Story*, *Porgy and Bess* and much more. Whether singing the classical repertoire or lighter pieces we are nothing if not versatile!

Why not join us? Everyone is welcome whatever their ability (or perceived lack of it!). We are inclusive and secular, we do not hold auditions and there's no need to be able to read music. We have a skilful musical director who achieves a high standard from us all and we always perform with professional musicians. Most of all we have a lot of fun both at our weekly rehearsals and at our three concerts a year.

We rehearse weekly at St Mary's Church Hall, The Walk, Potters Bar, EN6 1QQ on Tuesdays from 8–10pm. Our next two concerts are also at St Mary's Church:

- **Saturday 16th March** at 7.30pm – Vivaldi *Gloria* and *Magnificat*, Pergolesi *Stabat Mater*
- **Saturday 25th May** at 7.30pm – Songs from the American Songbook

For more information visit www.pbchoral.org or you can contact us on info@pbchoral.org.



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A message from the Editor

Welcome to our Spring edition featuring many articles and events particularly appropriate for this time of year.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer (see pages 3 and 4), and suggestions from various clubs for your sporting and leisure activities. Jerry Rudd has been especially active in this issue, providing the third instalment of the Admiral Byng story and securing articles covering Folly Arch and the Cricket and Hockey Clubs.

On a sad note, I have to report the passing of Joy Stovell who was a valued member of our team for many years. Readers may particularly remember her interviews with local people which formed the basis of the series of articles '*Working in the Community*'.

I 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

How to send articles

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

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1. Latest news updated frequently.
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3. Local Organisations changes.
4. Current and past editions.

If you know anyone who has moved away but still takes an interest in the area, please let them know that they can stay in touch via the website, which can be conveniently accessed by scanning the QR code on the front cover.

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?

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- Try new things and challenge yourself.
- Get outdoors and get stuck in.
- Positively impact your community.
- Create vital opportunities for young people.
- Make memories that'll last a lifetime.

If you can only occasionally help, that's OK. Whether you'd like to be an activity planner, tea-maker or craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare.

There's lots of ways you can get more involved with Scouts as a parent, carer or family member.

From helping out occasionally on a parent/carer rota or playing a vital role behind the scenes, to stepping up as a regular volunteer, our opportunities are as varied as you.

We're talking tidy uppers and tea makers, session planners and fire builders, fundraisers and treasurers, and all round team players to support our young people.

The good news is you shape what you do and the time you have to give. Scouting happens when a lot of us give a little (and no, you don't have to be a Scout or outdoors expert to volunteer).

What to expect:

- A warm welcome.
- Flexibility to get involved in a way that works for you.
- Easy access to training and resources online.
- Friendly ongoing support from local volunteers.

No two weeks are the same, but the impact you make is always great.

We need your help to enable Scouting to continue successfully in Potters Bar & District. Contact us at recruitment@pbscouts.org.uk.

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Could you be a Volunteer Mentor?

At Caudwell Youth we mentor at-risk young people aged 11–24 years old into new futures over a period of 2 years. Founded in 2022 by four directors, with experience of charity-led mentoring, and philanthropist John Caudwell, we are determined to ensure that the needs of young people at-risk are properly addressed.

We provide 1 to 1-person centred mentoring to empower young people to fulfil their potential. We match each young person with a trained volunteer mentor. Caudwell Youth enables effective transition from isolation, exclusion, trauma, low self-esteem, and harmful associations to re-engagement with education, training, independent living, employment, building resilience and making positive social networks and contributions to the community.

Caudwell Youth engages with each young person, building positive relationships and supporting them to take the lead on designing their journey. By advocating for them in multi-agency settings we work hard to ensure that their needs and voices are heard.

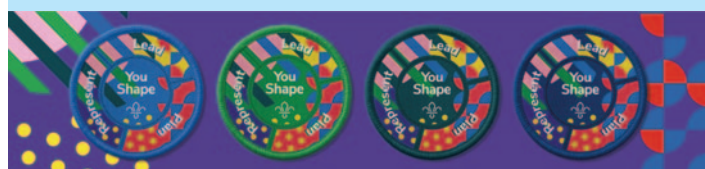
The young people we support have a wide range of needs, primarily those below. All our young people are experiencing at least one of these needs, however most experience multiple needs which compounds the level of risk they face.

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Admiral Byng: Coward, Shirker, or Scapegoat?

Part Three

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?

So far, I have described how John Byng was sent in his 92 year old flagship, with an aged, slow, weakly armed and undermanned fleet to evict French invaders from Minorca. On 20th May 1756 he engaged a larger French fleet, and forced them to flee, though his ships were too badly damaged to give chase. Before the battle Byng was already short of 500 men. He had now lost another 671 killed, wounded or sick. Ships were severely damaged – Intrepid so badly that it had to be towed. He realised that the French might attack Gibraltar, so returned to defend the base if necessary.

Back in the UK, the Duke of Newcastle (Prime Minister) and Anson (Head of the Admiralty) heard on Monday 31st May that Fowke, the General at Gibraltar, had failed to give Byng troops as ordered. Enraged, on Tuesday they sacked him. On Wednesday, they received news of the French Admiral's report. Unsurprisingly, he put his own spin on the battle, alleging that the British had used their wind advantage to stay out of cannon range, and that his ships had "suffered very little". He claimed to have defeated a superior enemy – in fact, his fleet was superior, and he had fled the battle. The King was horrified, and it was decided to sack Byng.

Based solely on the French version of events, news spread rapidly. Everywhere from coffee shops to the House of Lords, there was condemnation of the British performance. Byng was a convenient target and deflected attention from failures of those in power.

On 23rd June, Byng's report finally reached London. He said that he had sailed from Gibraltar "without any visible means of being of service to Minorca when we arrived there". Most importantly, he had beaten the French, who fled the battle. This would be embarrassing to Newcastle and Anson, so it was heavily censored. Everything good for Byng or bad for the Government or Admiralty, such as lack of men or stores, was deleted. For example, "Making the best way to cover Gibraltar" became "Making the best way to Gibraltar".

Malicious and totally false gossip was fed to the newspapers, and to further discredit Byng it was announced that he would be arrested immediately he arrived back in England. In Birmingham Market Place an effigy of Byng was burned, and a mob attacked his estate at Wrotham Park, near Potters Bar.

On 28th December, Byng's court martial began in Portsmouth. Would he get a fair trial? The fact that Anson had sent three of his favourite admirals, each relying on him for future promotions, to sit as senior members of the court, may give us some idea.

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Green Flag award for Dame Alice Owens

The Dame Alice Owens' Eco Committee is proud to have been awarded a Green Flag, a prestigious internationally recognised award that highlights our ability to deliver innovative sustainability work within our school.

Students have been working to increase biodiversity, reduce waste and implement a sustainable travel plan to school. We were able to plant 29 trees on the school grounds which were watered weekly by our younger students. This helped us form friendships whilst helping biodiversity blossom.

Inspired by this, students carried out a survey of species on the school site, taking photographs for a photography competition. Based on these results, we have been able to nurture species on site that have been identified as endangered. We have designated areas to leave fallow to keep ecosystems flourishing. We now aim to add bird feeders and bug hotels to the forest to increase the variety of species at our school.

Reducing the school's waste and carbon footprint was achieved by our students through stationery recycling, installation of solar panels and deactivating automatic doors.

Our second-hand fashion fair was a tremendous success with students describing it as "shopping but for free!" Through this initiative we were able to educate the school on the impact of fast fashion and how to minimise it. Our Christmas Jumper Swap enabled students to give away clothes that did not fit, making space for a new item of clothing, sustainably attained.

Our sustainability challenge of the month encouraged students to not buy any brand-new clothes in March and promoted the use of second-hand shops. We strive to maintain this level of excellence, cultivating Dame Alice Owens' school to be a biodiverse site enhanced by a plethora of knowledge surrounding environmental awareness.

Lili Fowkes-Gajan
Year 13



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Mount Grace School Headteacher Appointment

Congratulations to Mrs Geeta Patel on being confirmed as the permanent Headteacher of Mount Grace School! It's wonderful news that she has been selected after an extensive and thorough search process, and her appointment brings a sense of stability and continuity to the school community.



Mrs Patel's wealth of experience in education, coupled with her passion for student success and commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment undoubtedly positions her as a valuable leader for Mount Grace School.

Best wishes to Mrs Patel in her role as the permanent Headteacher, and may her leadership bring continued success and positive advancements to the school.

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Schools

Cranborne pupils love Phonics!

Cranborne Primary School were delighted to receive a letter this month from the Minister for Schools, Damian Hinds, congratulating them on their outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check. 97% of children in Year 1 met the expected standard, putting Cranborne in the top 3% of all primary schools in the country!

The letter highlights the importance of this achievement: "Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a love of reading" Damian Hinds, Minister for Schools.

Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one



word from another in the English language. The phonics screening check is taken by all children in England at the end of Year 1. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how children are progressing in phonics.

The teachers at Cranborne work very hard to ensure children have a secure grasp of phonic knowledge and use lots of different ways of supporting children and making phonics fun! Zac, age 7, says "In lessons, we do digraph and trigraph hunts which I love!". Amir, age 6, explains "Our phonic mats on our tables help us with our spellings". Emily, age 7, also says "My teachers say funny rhymes and breakdown tricky words so I can spell them".

The children at Cranborne love phonics! Anastasia, age 7, says "Phonics helps me with my writing and I love writing!".



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Chancellor's top at Cross Country

This year's District Cross Country Competition was held at Queenswood School in November and organised by Chancellor's PE staff. The teaching staff were aided by a fabulous and enthusiastic team of student volunteers from Year 11 and the Sixth Form. These students helped marshal the course, managed the various Chancellor's teams involved and provided encouragement and support to all participants.



Six girls and six boys per year group were invited to represent each

school, and Chancellor's based their selection on their performances in the school's internal house cross country competition, which took place in October. Our runners performed brilliantly, including an impressive seventeen 'top-ten' finishes, and they all qualified for the Hertfordshire Schools Athletic Association (HSAA) Cross Country Championships in February. Chancellor's finished as district champions in first place overall, with particularly impressive and consistent performances from the boys in Key Stage 3. A huge congratulations to all the students from the various schools involved (Hertswood, Stanborough, Mount Grace, Monks Walks, Onslow St Audrey, Dame Alice Owen, Yavneh, Sherrardswood, Bishops Hatfield, Queenswood) as well as the winning Chancellor's team!

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5th Potters Bar Scout Group

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5th Potters Bar is an active community-based Scout Group, for ages 6 to 18, starting with Beavers, then Cubs, Scouts, and Potters Bar and District Explorers. There are options to continue involvement after 18 too.

Activities are geared around enjoyment and development, providing skills and lasting memories, proactively encouraging and training our young people to be community-spirited citizens. As well as Scouting 'regulars' like camping and hiking, there are many other experiences in weekly sessions, including games, cooking, crafts, learning about our natural world, trampolining, swimming, archery, and the popular "Chip Shop Taste Test" – hiking locally from chippy to chippy to vote on which serves the best chips!

The group is run by volunteers who give their time freely, from regular weekly sessions to camps and charitable events.

In 2023, members went on an exciting trip to Switzerland, took part in the Potters Bar Carnival, held a Sponsored Santa Run and Christmas Market and supported other community events. 2024, our 85th Anniversary, will be marked by a summer family camp to commemorate this milestone in our history.

To find out more about Scouting, vacancies and how to join one of our sections, please visit www.5pb Scouts.co.uk. All are welcome and can join at any age (ie no need to have been a Cub to join Scouts). Volunteers are also very welcome, and our friendly groups always aim to make everything enjoyable for all.

5th Potters Bar Scout Group is a registered charity (number 302560). Our HQ is the Furzefield Centre, Mutton Lane, EN6 3BN.

Group Meeting Times

- **Beavers:** Mondays 6–7pm, ages 6–8
- **Cubs:** Wednesdays 6.30–8pm, ages 8–10½
- **Scouts:** Fridays 7.30–9.30pm, ages 10½–14
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Carnival 2024



This year's carnival is on Sunday 9th June 2024 and is set to be a fun community day for all.

We are pleased to confirm the day will be jam-packed, with a town procession with band, over 60 stalls, arena events, funfair, food and drink and much more.

This year marks 50 years of Hertsmer and we hope that we can come together as a town to celebrate. The theme this year in recognition of this will be 'Film' in celebration of our thriving arts community across the borough which is home to Elstree Film Studios. Groups are welcome to use the theme and get creative!

Grant applications will be a little different this year with the committee accepting applications straight after the carnival and not before, so get thinking about what your project or group may need! To be eligible for a grant your group needs to have taken part in the day either in the procession or by volunteering with us. For full details please send us an email or see our Facebook page. We want to give as much money as we can to your projects.

The entry price will remain the same as previous years at £3 per adult with children under 16 free. The day promises to have something for everyone!

For further information or details please email pottersbarnival@gmail.com or visit us on facebook.com/pottersbarnival.

Potters Bar Carnival Committee

Local author's popular new book: 'Rivals of the Beatles 2'!

Brookmans Park resident Martin Orkin has just published his eagerly awaited second book about The Beatles and 1960s pop music. 'Rivals of the Beatles 2' follows his first book, 'Rivals of the Beatles', and discusses various other groups who competed with the Fab Four, or whom they inspired. In his latest book Martin covers brilliant acts like The Animals, Simon and Garfunkel, The Who, The Doors and Queen. Read the full TRUE story of these great bands and their fabulous music!



Martin has loved sixties music since 1962 when Elvis and Cliff Richard ruled the pop world. He saw The Beatles become stars in 1963 with 'Please Please Me' and he followed them and their competitors continuously after that. And his record collection grew and grew, much to the dismay of his wife!

During the late 1960s and 1970s

Martin spent much of his spare time on songwriting and had a song of his published by The Beatles' own Apple Music. Martin still has a royalty cheque he received, signed by George Harrison!

His passion for music led to his first book, 'Rivals of the Beatles'

in April 2021 (now sold out!). Follow-up 'Rivals of the Beatles 2' arrived in December 2023 to great enthusiasm from his growing army of fans! Record Collector magazine said: "It's a pleasure to read... *Rivals of the Beatles 2* is a warm, worthy sequel."

In addition to his books, Martin has had articles published on *The Beatles*, and 1960s music, in *Shindig!* magazine, the *Liverpool Echo*, and the *Daily Express*.

This latest book is available in a limited edition of 500 numbered and signed hardback copies at just £12.99 + p&p. (Free delivery possible in Brookmans Park/Potters Bar.) More details on Martin's website www.rivalsofthebeatles.com or call Martin on 07979 770899.

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Brookmans Park Rotary's May Day celebration will be taking place on Bradmore Green, Brookmans Park on Saturday 4th May commencing at 2pm. We hope to see many of you there. Please contact the above email for further information.

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Perhaps the most distinctive and dramatic local landmark is the Folly Arch in Little Heath. It is now the only building which remains of a much larger Gobion's Estate, the history of which can be traced back almost 900 years when Sir Richard Gobion was 'The Lord thereof in the reign of King Stephen'.

It changed hands many times before being bought by Jeremy Sambrooke in 1707, whose family accumulated their wealth from their connection with the East India Company. By the time he died in 1754, he had developed a magnificent estate, including a 15 bedroomed mansion and extensive gardens modelled by Charles Bridgeman, who was also responsible for gardens at Blenheim and Stowe.

Whilst not included in Bridgeman's original plans, in 1740 Jeremy erected what is now known as the Folly Arch. It was built as a 'Triumphal Arch' to commemorate the estate's earlier connection with Queen Elizabeth I, who had owned it for a few years in the 1500s. At approximately 15 metres (49 feet) it is taller than a more famous triumphal arch, Marble Arch. It was not originally intended as a gateway, but in 1838 owner Robert Gaussen demolished the mansion, and combined the estate with his own at Brookmans, a total of over 2,000 acres. He then created a new driveway along an avenue of lime trees, with the Arch as the entrance. The trees were removed in WW2 as part of the 'Dig for Victory' campaign to grow as much food as possible.

Today, only the arch and the lake remain of the estate, but a lovely



view along the line of the driveway has been opened up from what is now known as Gobion's Wood. It is not physically possible to get inside the Arch, but every year large numbers of visitors come to view this remarkable piece of architecture. It is privately owned, and I would like to thank owner Anastasia Nicholas (who was also the architect for the lodge close by) for her help in preparing this article.

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Are you interested in photography?

Potters Bar and District Photographic Society has got 2024 off to a busy start with competitions, plus face-to-face and on-line meetings. The first print competition of the year produced a good range of scores with one of the full marks awarded going to Yve Paige for her photograph of an otter at the Paradise Wildlife Park. Presentation subjects have included Photographic Art, a travelogue about the United States, plus a lecture by The Times' Chief Sports Photographer.

The first competition for Projected Images (a modern take on photographic slides) saw an equally wide range of scores with one of Cheryl Bullock's macro pictures "Waiting for walkies" also getting a perfect score of 20 points. Cheryl said that this type of work gives her a "chance to try some creativity with my photography whilst using my macro [close-up] lens".

The remainder of the year will see more competitions and lectures along with practical sessions (including mobile phone photography) and social events, all designed to help members improve their photography.

The Society is happy to welcome new members, irrespective of the camera kit they have or whatever their current photographic skill level. For more information, please find us on Facebook or at www.pottersbarphotosoc.org.uk.



Motoring Pageant returns in May

This family event, returning for the 45th year, is organised by Enfield and District Veteran Vehicle Trust as the primary fundraiser for Whitewebbs Museum of Transport, Enfield. It will be held over the weekend 25th to 26th May at Enfield Playing Fields, EN1 3PL.

Arena events on both days including the popular Jamie Squibb Freestyle motorcycle stunt show and car club parades. There will be hundreds of classic cars, bikes and commercials, military vehicles, modified cars and hot rods. Car Club displays, large autojumble and trade stands, Vintage Village, fairground rides, food stalls and bar.

Also featured will be live bands plus DJ and dancing, radio-controlled car racing demonstrations by Brentwood RC Club, back by popular demand, plus, for the first time this year a Rolls-Royce Merlin V12 aero engine giving running demonstrations.

Gates open 8am, show starts at 9am. Adults £10, children £5 and under 5s free. Full information is available via www.whitewebbsmuseum.co.uk or from pageant@whitewebbsmuseum.org.

Further details are included in a fuller article under 'Expanded Articles' on www.pottersbarcommunitynews.co.uk.

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Bridges Walk for Rennie Grove

Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care is delighted to announce the return of its annual London Bridges Walk – a family-friendly day out that takes in some of the capital's most iconic bridges and landmarks.

With two different routes, one five miles long and the other ten miles, there is an option for all abilities. Walkers are encouraged to bring not only their relatives and friends, but their canine companions too.

Taking place on Sunday 24th March, the two routes begin at the Pear Tree Café in Battersea Park. The five-mile route then takes in five famous London bridges, ending at Parliament Square. The longer ten mile route takes in no fewer than 12 bridges, ending with arguably the most recognisable one of all – Tower Bridge.

All participants will be awarded a medal on completion, as a keepsake from the day and a reminder of what they have achieved. The money raised through entry fees and sponsorship will be used to fund vital care and support for people living with progressive life-limiting illnesses in Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

Tickets cost £15 for adults and £10 for children (under 5s are free). To find out more or book your tickets, visit www.renniegrove.org/londonbridgeswalk.

WHAT'S ON

MARCH

SATURDAY 2nd

- Potters Bar Town FC v Haringey Borough Home 3pm.

SUNDAY 3rd

- *Barnet Walks Golders Green Guided Walk, 2.30pm. Meet at Golders Green tube station.

MONDAY 4th

- *Barnet & District Philatelic Society 3 competitions. 9 sheets each — stamps, postal history, thematics.

TUESDAY 5th

- **Lunchtime Recital** Anthony Gritten (organ), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5) available from 12 noon—1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.
- **Spring Coffee Morning** 10am—12 noon. Bric-a-brac, books and home produce. St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.

WEDNESDAY 6th

- *Coffee Pots and Tiny Tots 10—11.30am, St Mary's Church North Mymms. 01727 825578.
- *Wednesday Community Club 'Swing into Spring' with David Colton Clarke and his 50s, 60s, 70s favourites.
- *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am—12 noon. 01923 330330. Every Wednesday.
- *'Playhouse Creatures' Potters Bar Theatre Company at Wyllotts Theatre, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 2HN. Evening performances 7.30pm. Saturday matinee 2.30pm. Adults £16, children under 18 £14. 01707 645005. See page 23. www.tickets.wyllottstheatre.co.uk.

THURSDAY 7th

- *'Playhouse Creatures' see above.

FRIDAY 8th

- *'Playhouse Creatures' see above.

SATURDAY 9th

- Potters Bar Town FC v Cray Wanderers Away 3pm.
- *Jumble Sale 4th Potters Bar Scout Group 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.
- *Hertfordshire Philharmonia Concert Beethoven: The Ruins of Athens Overture, Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor), Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 (Scottish). 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Email: tickets@hertsphil.org.uk.
- *Annual Sponsored Swim with Brookmans Park Rotary at the Furze Field Centre from 5—8pm. For further information please contact Dave Ford on dave@thewendyhs.co.uk. See page 9.
- *'Playhouse Creatures' see above.

SUNDAY 10th

- *Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve Help maintain this reserve, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.
- *Googlies Jazz Club Herts Big Band at Botany Bay Cricket Club. Contact www.googliesjazz.co.uk.
- **Mothering Sunday celebration** A service for all the family. 10am, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Followed by refreshments. Details 07803 756088.
- *Potters Bar Society Walk.

TUESDAY 12th

- *Cuffley Floral Art Club Demonstrator Elloise Haslee-Stott 'Changing Seasons'.

WEDNESDAY 13th

- *Coffee Pots and Tiny Tots St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.
- *RSPB Afternoon illustrated talk All welcome. 'The Chilean Fjords and Antarctica'. Speaker is our group leader Ian Sharp.
- *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.
- *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am—12 noon. 01923 330330.

THURSDAY 14th

- *North London and Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club AGM and club meeting at the Whitewebbs Museum, 7.30—9pm.
- **Compassionate Support** Wyllotts Centre, 10am—12 noon. 01923 330330.
- *Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Compassionate Support Hub Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am—12 noon. 01923 330330.
- *Enfield National Trust Association Illustrated talk on 'Tropical Birds of Trinidad and Tobago', 7pm for 7.15pm. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- *PB Filmmakers at 7pm. 'Get your mobiles out' in the Wyllotts Centre.

FRIDAY 15th

- *RSPB Evening illustrated talk All welcome. Laurinda Luffman, 'Swifts — masters of the sky!' Find out about swifts from the species champion of the RSPB.

SATURDAY 16th

- *Potters Bar Choral Society Concert Vivaldi Magnificat, Vivaldi Gloria, Pergolesi Stabat Mater. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. info@pbchoral.org.
- Potters Bar Town FC v Hashtag Utd Away 3pm.

SUNDAY 17th

- 'Dogs and Daffs' Charity Walk Hatfield House, 9.30am—4pm.

MONDAY 18th

- *Barnet & District Philatelic Society Spring Auction.

TUESDAY 19th

- *PB Historical Society Fir and Pond Woods (History and Wildlife) H&MWT Reserve Warden John Rowley.
- Potters Bar Town FC v Concord Rangers Away 7.45pm.

WEDNESDAY 20th

- *Enfield National Trust Association 'Pairs in the National Portrait Gallery' by Christine Wilkins-Malloy, 1.45pm for 2pm. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am—12 noon. 01923 330330.
- *Coffee Pots and Tiny Tots Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.

THURSDAY 21st

- **Knitting Group** 10am—12 noon. St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.
- **Easter Flower Arranging Workshop**, Cherry Lodge Cancer Care Professional florist Iris with a step-by-step guide. £12.50 includes flower arranging workshop plus tea and cakes, 2—4pm. At Avery Collection Barnet Grange, 59 Wood Street, Barnet, EN5 4BS. Tina@cherrylodgencancercare.org.uk.

SATURDAY 23rd

- *PB Community Music School Easter Concert, 7pm. Mount Grace School.
- **Church Open Day** 10am—4pm. St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.
- *Barnet Walks Barnet Churches and Pubs (Sacred and Profane). Guided walk 2.30pm. Meet at High Barnet Tube Station.
- Potters Bar Town FC v Kingstonian Home 3pm.

SUNDAY 24th

- **Palm Sunday Church Service** 9.30am, St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.
- *Potters Bar Society Walk.
- **Easter Walk** Cherry Lodge Cancer Care. Sponsored Easter Walk promises to be huge fun. Please ask Tina for sponsor form. Starts 11am—3pm. Oakhill Park, East Barnet, EN4 8JP. Family, dogs all welcome. Tina@cherrylodgencancercare.org.uk.
- **Rennie Grove Sponsored Walk** See article on page 12.

WEDNESDAY 27th

- *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am—12 noon. 01923 330330.

THURSDAY 28th

- *PB Filmmakers at 7pm. Holiday competition.
- **Maundy Thursday Church Service** 7pm. St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.

FRIDAY 29th

- **Good Friday Vigil** with Bishop Graham. 12 noon — 3pm, St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.
- **Easter Egg Eggstravaganza** Capel Manor, 10am—5pm.

SATURDAY 30th

- **Easter Eve Service** 6.30pm, St Mary's Church North Mymms. 01727 825578.
- Potters Bar Town FC v Margate Home 3pm.
- **Easter Egg Eggstravaganza** Capel Manor, 10am—5pm.

SUNDAY 31st

- **Barnet Walks** The Battle of Barnet Guided Walk, 2.30pm. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, EN5 5PP.
- **Easter Egg Eggstravaganza** Capel Manor, 10am—5pm.
- **Easter Sunday Service** Sung Eucharist at St Mary's Church, The Walk, 10am. Followed by refreshments. Said Eucharist at 8am. Details 07803 756088.
- **Baptist Church**, Barnet Road. Easter Sunday Family Celebration, 10.30am.
- **Easter Sunday Church Service** 9.30am, St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.

APRIL

MONDAY 1st

- **Easter Egg Hunt** 2—5pm, St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.
- Potters Bar Town FC v Wingate and Finchley Away 3pm.

TUESDAY 2nd

- **Lunchtime Recital** Quintessimo (wind quintet), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5) available from 12 noon—1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

THURSDAY 4th

- *Baptist Church Club Quiz Night, 7.30pm. Contact Sue 01707 840538.
- *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am—12 noon. 01923 330330.

SATURDAY 6th

- Potters Bar Town FC v Canvey Island Home 3pm.

SUNDAY 7th

- *Potters Bar Society Walk.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY 8th

- > *U3A Speaker Lucy Allen on 'Highs and Lows of a Stuntwoman's Life' at Wylyotts Centre, 10–11.15am. www.pbu3a.org.uk for details.

TUESDAY 9th

- > *Cuffley Floral Art Club National Demonstrator Robin White 'Art is the Flower, Life the Green Leaf'.
- > *Enfield Croquet Club will be holding introductory sessions to croquet. Bush Hill Park Recreation Ground. Contact course@enfieldcroquet.org.

WEDNESDAY 10th

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *RSPB Afternoon Illustrated Talk All welcome. Stafford Steed, 'Britain's Canal System'.

THURSDAY 11th

- > *Enfield National Trust Association 'A Wander around Literary Camden', illustrated talk by Nick Dobson, 7 for 7.15pm. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- > Compassionate Support Wylyotts Centre, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *North London & Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club NLM – Club Night. 7.30pm at Whitewebbs Motor Museum.
- > *PB Filmmakers at 7pm. A mystery evening.

SATURDAY 13th

- > *Enfield Croquet Club will be holding introductory sessions to croquet. Bush Hill Park Recreation Ground. Contact course@enfieldcroquet.org.
- > Potters Bar Town FC v Enfield Town Away 3pm.

SUNDAY 14th

- > *Googlies Jazz Club Urban Big Band at Botany Bay Cricket Club. www.googliesjazz.co.uk.
- > *Barnet Walks The Battle of Barnet Guided Walk, 11am. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, EN5 5PP.
- > *Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve Help maintain this reserve. No experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.

MONDAY 15th

- > *Barnet & District Philatelic Society 'Centenary of British Empire Exhibition', talk and display by Don Knight.

TUESDAY 16th

- > Enfield Croquet Club will be holding introductory sessions to croquet Bush Hill Park Recreation Ground. Contact course@enfieldcroquet.org.

WEDNESDAY 17th

- > *Enfield National Trust Association 'The New River', Richard Thomas, 1.45pm for 2pm. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- > *'It Could Be Any One of Us' by Alan Ayckbourn – The Cuffley Players. Cuffley Hall, Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA. Tickets £12. Box Office 07857 841930 or www.cuffleyplayers.co.uk.
- > *'Nonsense' Potter Bar Theatre Company, Wylyotts Theatre. Evening performances 7.30pm. Saturday matinée at 2.30pm. Prices: Adults £18, Children (under 18 years) £16. www.tickets.wylyottstheatre.co.uk.
- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

THURSDAY 18th

- > *'It Could Be Any One of Us' Cuffley Players. See above.
- > *'Nonsense' Potter Bar Theatre Company. See above.

FRIDAY 19th

- > *RSPB Evening Illustrated Talk All welcome. Speaker to be confirmed.
- > *'It Could Be Any One of Us' Cuffley Players. See above.
- > *'Nonsense' Potter Bar Theatre Company. See above.

SATURDAY 20th

- > Potters Bar Town FC v Hornchurch Home 3pm.
- > *Enfield Croquet Club will be holding introductory sessions to croquet. Bush Hill Park Recreation Ground. Contact course@enfieldcroquet.org.
- > *'It Could Be Any One of Us' Cuffley Players. See above.
- > *'Nonsense' Potter Bar Theatre Company. See above.

SUNDAY 21st

- > North London & Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club 'Drive-It Day', TBA.
- > *Potters Bar Society Walk.

WEDNESDAY 24th

- > *Wednesday Community Club Rev David Jebb, 'This is my Story'.

THURSDAY 25th

- > *PB Filmmakers at 7pm. Plan a new PBFM club film.

SATURDAY 27th

- > Potters Bar Town FC v Whitehawk Away 3pm.
- > Potters Bar Cricket v Hornsey Friendly, home, 12 noon.
- > Spring Bulb Walk Capel Manor, 10am–5pm.

SUNDAY 28th

- > Spring Bulb Walk Capel Manor, 10am–5pm.

MAY

WEDNESDAY 1st

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

SATURDAY 4th

- > *Brookmans Park Rotary's May-Day Celebration on Bradmore Green, Brookmans Park, 2pm. We hope to see many of you there. Contact dave@thewendyhse.co.uk for further info.
- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st X1 v Shenley Cup Home 10am.
- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st X1 v Welwyn Garden City Cup, home 4.30pm.

MONDAY 6th

- > *'Beautiful Musical' with Green Rooms at Wylyotts Theatre, 7.30pm. 645005.

TUESDAY 7th

- > *'Beautiful Musical' with Green Rooms. See above.
- > Lunchtime Recital Serafini Baroque Chamber Ensemble, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5) available from 12 noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 8th

- > *'Beautiful Musical' with Green Rooms. See above.
- > *RSPB Afternoon Illustrated Talk All welcome. Richard Pople, 'A Moroccan Experience', exciting and rare birds.
- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.

THURSDAY 9th

- > Living Crafts Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.
- > *Enfield National Trust Association 'Wildlife in your Garden' by Tom Way, 7pm for 7.15pm. Contact Pam on 01707 650969 for info.
- > *North London & Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club Club Night, 7.30pm at Whitewebbs Motor Museum.
- > *PB Filmmakers at 7pm. A guest speaker. TBA.
- > Compassionate Support Wylyotts Centre, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.

FRIDAY 10th

- > *'Beautiful Musical' with Green Rooms. See above.
- > Living Crafts Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.
- > *'Pride and Prejudice' by RVC Performing Arts Society at Little Heath Parish Hall. Tickets online or on the door. Doors open at 5.30pm for 6pm start. Box office rvcpas@rvc.ac.uk.

SATURDAY 11th

- > *'Beautiful Musical' with Green Rooms. See above.
- > Living Crafts Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.
- > *'Pride and Prejudice' by RVC Performing Arts Society at Little Heath Parish Hall. Tickets online or on the door. Doors open at 5.30pm for 6pm start. Box office rvcpas@rvc.ac.uk.
- > *Barnet Walks 'Footsteps of the Famous in High Barnet', guided walk, 11am.
- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st X1 v Shenley League Home 12 noon

SUNDAY 12th

- > Baptist Church Anniversary Service 10.30am. Then Anniversary celebrations following the service.
- > Living Crafts Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.

MONDAY 13th

- > *U3A Chris Truran on Digital Forensics: 'Who's Watching Who.Talk?' at Wylyotts Centre, 10–11.15am. www.pbu3a.org.uk for details.

TUESDAY 14th

- > *Cuffley Floral Art Club Demonstrator Kim Zimmerman, 'Summer Sensations'.

WEDNESDAY 15th

- > *Enfield National Trust Association 'The History of the Working Men's Clubs' by Ruth Cherrington, 1.45 for 2pm. Contact Pam 01707 650969 for info.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

FRIDAY 17th

- > *RSPB Evening Illustrated Talk All welcome. Fiona and Graham Adamson, 'Birds and wildlife of Botswana'.

SATURDAY 18th

- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st X1 v Old Owens League, away 12 noon.

SUNDAY 19th

- > *Potters Bar Society Walk.
- > *Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve Help maintain this reserve, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.

MONDAY 20th

- > *Barnet & District Philatelic Society AGM, Bourse and competitions. One sheet displays and 9 sheet post cards.

WHAT'S ON

WEDNESDAY 22nd

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Burston Nursery outing.

THURSDAY 23rd

- > *PB Filmmakers at 7pm, Film of the Year awards and Annual lunch.

SATURDAY 25th

- > *Potters Bar Choral Society Concert Tunes from the American Songbook. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Information info@pbchoral.org.
- > Enfield Pageant of Motoring Enfield Playing fields. See article on page 11.
- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st XI v Bishops Stortford League, home 12 noon.
- > Bonsai Annual Show Capel Manor, 10am–5pm.

SUNDAY 26th

- > Enfield Pageant of Motoring Enfield Playing fields. See article on page 11.
- > *Barnet Walks 'Historical High Barnet' guided walk, 2.30pm. Meet outside Barnet College, Wood Street, EN5.
- > Potters Bar United Junior Football Tournament See article on page 17.
- > Bonsai Annual Show Capel Manor, 10am–5pm.

WEDNESDAY 29th

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath. 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Nick Alexander – 'Potters Bar History'.

JUNE

SATURDAY 1st

- > Spring Market 4th Potters Bar Scouts. St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, PB, EN6 2DZ. 10.30am–1pm. Various stalls, games and refreshments, including barbecue.
- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st XI v Totteridge League, away 12 noon.

SUNDAY 2nd

- > *Barnet Walks 'Monken Hadley' guided walk, 2.30pm. Meet outside the Spires, Barnet High Street, EN5 5XY.
- > *Potters Bar Society Walk.

MONDAY 3rd

- > *Barnet & District Philatelic Society 'Australia', talk and display by Trevor Milton.

TUESDAY 4th

- > Lunchtime Recital Felicity Vincent and Catherine Dubois (cello and piano), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Light lunches (£5) from 12 noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 5th

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

THURSDAY 6th

- > 'Hello Campers' 90s musical comedy by The Warren at Wylyotts Theatre, 7.45pm. Tickets £16.50 in support of charities.

FRIDAY 7th

- > 'Hello Campers' See above.

SATURDAY 8th

- > 'Hello Campers' Saturday matinee, 2.30pm and 7.45pm. See above.
- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st XI v West Herts League, home 12 noon.

SUNDAY 9th

- > Potters Bar Carnival for information pottersbarcarnival@gmail.com.
- > *Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve Help maintain this reserve, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.

MONDAY 10th

- > *U3A talk at Wylyotts Centre, 10–11.15 am. www.pbu3a.org.uk for details.

TUESDAY 11th

- > *Cuffley Floral Art Club Demonstrator Daphne Grant – 'This and That'.

WEDNESDAY 12th

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *RSPB Afternoon Illustrated Talk All welcome. Iain Boulton – 'The Thin Green Line', The work of a Local Government Ecologist.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Lisa Garrity – 'Travel with my Saxophone and Woodwind'.

THURSDAY 13th

- > *North London & Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club NLM-MMOC club night at Whitewebbs Motor Museum.
- > *Compassionate Support Wylyotts Centre, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.

SATURDAY 15th

- > Hertfordshire Philharmonia Concert Schumann: Genoveva Overture, Brahms: Violin Concerto, Dvorak: Symphony No. 6. 7.45pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Email tickets@hertsphil.org.uk.
- > *Barnet Walks Totteridge guided walk, 2.30pm. Meet at Totteridge and Whetstone Tube Station.
- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st XI v North Mymms League, away 11am.

SUNDAY 16th

- > *Potters Bar Society Walk.
- > Potters Bar United Junior Football Tournament See article on page 17.

MONDAY 17th

- > *Barnet & District Philatelic Society Theme: Spring and/or Spring Flowers. Displays by members.

WEDNESDAY 19th

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

THURSDAY 20th

- > *PB Filmmakers at 7pm. Practical filming evening.

FRIDAY 21st

- > Baptist Church Club Quiz Night, 7.30pm. Contact Sue 01707 840538.
- > *RSPB Afternoon Illustrated Talk All welcome. Ben Andrew – 'Looking after the RSPB's image', the work of the RSPB's Picture Researcher.

SATURDAY 22nd

- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st XI v Radlett League, home 11am.

SUNDAY 23rd

- > Potters Bar United Junior Football Tournament See article on page 17.

WEDNESDAY 26th

- > Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon.
- > *Wednesday Community Club James Higgs – 'Animals are our Special Friends'.

SATURDAY 29th

- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st XI v Hertford League, away 11am.
- > Herts Big Band Shenley Park Walled Garden. Afternoon picnic concert. 1–4pm.

SUNDAY 30th

- > Potters Bar United Junior Football Tournament (Girls) See article on page 17.
- > Potters Bar Society Walk.
- > Owen's Fest Between 12 noon–5pm, Dame Alice Owen's School.

JULY

TUESDAY 2nd

- > 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 3rd

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

THURSDAY 4th

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SATURDAY 6th

- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st XI v Harpenden League, home 11am.

SUNDAY 7th

- > Sponsored Swim In the stunning QE Boys School Pool, Queens Road, Barnet, EN5 4DQ, from 4.30–6.30pm. The sponsored swim is open to people of all ages and abilities. Everyone is welcome. The pool is 25m long. Set your own target (eg 10, 20, 30 lengths) and try to beat it! To register, please contact Tina@cherrylogdecancercare.org.uk.

MONDAY 8th

- > *U3A talk at Wylyotts Centre, 10–11.15 am. www.pbu3a.org.uk for details.

TUESDAY 9th

- > *Cuffley Floral Art Club National Demonstrator Lucy Ellis – 'Limelight'.

WEDNESDAY 10th

- > *Compassionate Café Christchurch, Little Heath, 10am–12 noon.
- > 'Romeo and Juliet' Open Air Theatre. Capel Manor, 7–9.20pm.
- > *Wednesday Community Club Stephen Poxon – 'Mistakes will Happen!'.

THURSDAY 11th

- > *North London & Middlesex Morris Minor Owner's Club NLM-MMOC club picnic night at Whitewebbs Motor Museum.
- > Compassionate Support Wylyotts Centre, 10am–12 noon. 01923 330330.

SATURDAY 13th

- > Potters Bar Cricket 1st XI v Shenley League, away 11am.

SUNDAY 14th

- > Teddy Bears Picnic 2–5pm, St Mary's Church, North Mymms. 01727 825578.

An asterisk * means more details about venues and times may be included in Local Organisations section. To include an event contact susan.weaver4@ntlworld.com.



What is Skater Hockey?



Skater hockey is similar to ice hockey but on wheels. It is played in sports halls, dedicated rinks, or even outside. It is a fast, fun, exciting team sport that is seriously addictive! Being involved in this sport is great for young people, for their physical, social, and emotional well-being. They can learn a great deal from being part of a team and get to see the rewards of good values and new skills. Boys and girls can play in mixed teams and there are also dedicated women's leagues.

Crusaders Skater Hockey club has been running since 1992. The club has teams in all age groups from U10s through to Veterans 35+ and plays in both ball and puck national leagues. We have had national winners in all age groups over the years, and competed in European championships in Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and Spain. Many players have also competed in friendly tournaments abroad, in Europe and the USA, and we are proud to have had numerous players selected to play for GB.

The new season starts in April, so watch out for some exciting league matches at Hatfield Leisure Centre. Crusaders welcomes players of all ages and abilities from 4yrs to adult, from the street to elite. Can't skate? Don't worry, we can teach you and we have skates and kit available to borrow before you commit to buying your own.

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Spotlight on Junior Events at Potters Bar Tennis Club

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Winter Monday Junior Coaching

Karl will be continuing Monday Junior Coaching from Monday 8th January 2024 to Monday 25th March (excluding school holidays). Ages 4 to 6 from 4–5pm. Ages 7 to 9 from 5–6pm. The cost will be Members £7.50 and Non-members £8.50 for each session.

Winter Friday Junior Coaching resumed on Friday 12th January and continues to Friday 22nd March (excluding school holidays). Ages 9 to 13 from 5–6pm. Ages 14 to 18 from 6–7pm. The cost will be £4.50 for members £5.50 for Non-members.

All courses must be pre-booked and paid for through ClubSpark. All coaching enquiries and private coaching fee information should be addressed to Karl Mills on 07939 303483 or email pbtccoach@gmail.com.

Junior Summer Friday Nights will commence on 19th April. Junior Tournament Early Rounds Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July (backup date the following weekend). Parent and Child Tournament is on Sunday 6th October (backup date 13th October).

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

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Other Membership Matters

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Potters Bar United Football Tournament 2024

It's Game On...

Our extremely popular Summer Football Tournaments are back! Following the success of our sell out Summer 2023 tournaments we are excited to announce the dates for 2024's tournaments that include Cup and Shield competitions.

The Important Information - Dates and Age Groups

AGE GROUP	DATE	REGISTRATION	MANAGERS BRIEFING	KO	FORMAT	MAX PLAYERS
U7 BOYS	Sunday 26th May	8.30am	9.00am	9.30am	5-a-side	8
U8 BOYS	Sunday 26th May	1.00pm	1.30pm	2.00pm	5-a-side	8
U9 BOYS	Sunday 16th June	8.30am	9.00am	9.30 am	6-a-side	10
U10 BOYS	Sunday 16th June	1.00pm	1.30pm	2.00pm	6-a-side	10
U11 BOYS	Sunday 23rd June	8.30am	9.00am	9.30am	6-a-side	10
U12 BOYS	Sunday 23rd June	1.00pm	1.30pm	2.00pm	6-a-side	10
U10 GIRLS	Sunday 30th June	8.30am	9.00am	9.30am	6-a-side	10

Tournament

Venue: Elm Court Youth & Community Centre,
363 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 3BP.
Parking: Available on site at £3 per car payable by cash or card. Walk-in £1.
Food and Drink: Hot and cold food, sweet stall, ice cream, slushy, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cold drinks.

Please note our tournaments get full quickly so don't delay entering your teams. Head over to our 'Register' page to secure your team a place! Please contact us if you have any questions at tournament@pottersbarunited.co.uk. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or www.pottersbarunited.co.uk.

North Mymms Bowls Club is looking for new members

Newly retired and wondering how you are going to fill your extra time, have a bit of fun, find new friends, a new social life? Why not consider green bowling? It's a sport for everyone, and those of you who may have played a more rigorous sport such as football, cricket, or netball may find bowling a gentler replacement, but just as enjoying and challenging. There are opportunities to enter competitions, as we are affiliated to Hertfordshire Bowling Association, St Albans & District Bowling Association and Bowls England.

Our club started in 1938 and since then, members have come and gone, and we need to keep the long tradition of bowling going by recruiting new members. Although we are situated in Welham Green we have members from surrounding areas such as Potters Bar, Brookmans Park, and Hatfield.

We encourage anyone who is interested to contact us and come along and try the game for free. All you need to start is some flat-soled shoes, as we have bowling equipment for beginners to try and qualified coaches to show you how. As a special offer to attract new bowlers the club is offering the first year's membership subscription for only £10 (new bowlers only). There are also reduced annual fees for young members. This is a great opportunity to play a very enjoyable game. Our green will open at the end of April, and we are planning to have open days where people can just turn up and have a go. So, don't be shy, give it a try! Please take a look at our website www.northmymmsbowlsclub.org, or contact our friendly Membership Secretary, Val Atkinson 01707 645320 who will answer any questions and arrange with you to have a look at the club or email vgatkinson@btinternet.com.



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Ladies' hockey returns

After a break of almost a year, a reformed and revitalised Potters Bar Ladies' Hockey Team has made a successful return to the League this season, captained by Reb Yates and Shayna Godin. At the time of writing, they are on a remarkable 7 match-winning run. Many new players have joined, meaning that they have been able to field a consistent team each week. They have achieved some notable results, including a 10-0 victory against Chiltern Hockey Club.



The men's first XI were badly affected by injuries and player absences in the autumn. However, either side of the Christmas break they put together some good results, moving them up to a mid-table position. They were especially pleased with a 2-1 win against Hertford first XI, to whom they had lost 8-1 in the first half of the season.

The Junior section has been growing, and the club hosted its first Juniors' Tournament on 14th January, in co-operation with another local club, North London Hockey. Players from the two clubs were allocated into mixed teams. For some of the younger players, it was their first opportunity to take part in competitive matches. Playing in a match situation teaches players new skills that they will be able to take forward in their further development. An enthusiastic but tired set of youngsters were asking for a repeat at the end of the morning. This must mean that the event counts as a success, and it will surely be repeated in the future.

New members are always welcome. Please see our entry under Outdoor Sport in *Local Organisations* in this publication.

Potters Bar Cricket Club - in search of a treble

In the last edition we congratulated Potters Bar Cricket Club on winning the Saracens Hertfordshire Premier Cricket League in successive seasons, so in 2024 they are aiming for a historic 3-timer. Only Radlett have previously achieved this in the league's 10 year history.

The competition will be tough for skipper Luke Chapman's team, but they will start the season with a positive feel. Most of the victorious squad have remained, and the club hope to boost their numbers with an overseas cricketer. It is a strong league, with four or five teams capable of winning the competition. The relegation of Welwyn Garden City last year shows just how competitive the division is. However, the club have a committed, hungry, and talented group of cricketers and they are confident of doing well.

The second eleven will be led by a new captain in Tommy Festa, as Ben Taylor has stood aside after eight years in the position. Dave Pett returns to skipper the third team after a couple of years under the leadership of Matt Rathbone. The fourth team Captain has not yet been decided.

The Colts section is for the first time playing solely within the county of Hertfordshire, having left the Middlesex competition. The youngsters will do battle at under 12, 13, 15 and 17 and there will be friendly fixtures for those who are a little younger.

The club is always open to new people joining, be it in a playing or social capacity. If you would like to be a part of the club, come down and get involved with the best cricket club in the county.

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Editor: First XI fixtures are shown in "What's On".

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Good news for St Albans and Hertsmere Canoe Club

St Albans and Hertsmere Canoe Club (which is a canoe polo club, training at the Furzefield Centre, Potters Bar) has had a good year with thriving youth (paddlers in years 7 to 13) and adult sessions. Canoe polo is a very fast, physical, exciting sport which could be described as similar to a game of rugby in boats.

After a few years with reduced competition due to Covid, we have teams representing the premier, 2nd, 3rd and youth leagues nationally this year, with competitions planned in Nottingham, Hull, France, Belgium, and Belfast. In addition, several members of the club have been chosen to be part of the national squads. Toby Marlow, Henry Metcalfe, Ryan Dixon, and Benedict Vincent are all in the GB men's under-21 squad, Finn Cain is in the GB men's squad and Tegan Cain is in the GB women's squad.

Two of the adult members of the club, Andy Metcalfe and Alan Vessey, will



GB Under 21s and Men's Squad members, from left to right, Toby Marlow, Ryan Dixon, Finn Cain, Benedict Vincent, Henry Metcalfe.

be coaching the GB women's under-21 squad and GB men's squad respectively this year. With the World Canoe Polo Championships in China this October, we hope that several members of the club will be selected to be part of the teams competing for Great Britain.

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Croquet - it's an addictive game!

Enfield Croquet Club is running free introductory courses to croquet in April for those who may be interested in joining the club. Situated in Bush Hill Park Recreation Ground, the club last year celebrated its 30th Anniversary which is a testament to the game's popularity.

Croquet is a game for all, regardless of age. At its simplest it is a fun and relaxing escape from the world outside the lawns. At its highest level it is a challenge of skills and tactics. Sometimes it is referred to as playing snooker on grass! The club has over 50 members and always welcomes more, whether you want to have a relaxed knock around or hold ambitions to be the World Champion.

Individual members have won several national competitions over the years as well as playing at county and international level. We are part of the East Anglian Croquet Federation which runs both golf croquet and association leagues.

No experience for the taster sessions is necessary and all necessary equipment is provided – all we request is that flat shoes are worn. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. For more information please visit www.enfieldcroquet.org and to book please contact course@enfieldcroquet.org.

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Potters Bar Baptist Church

Until recently there was a poster on our notice board stating "Come and Meet our New Minister." I'm not sure at what point someone/something stops being 'new', but at the point of writing this article it would have been 6 months since I arrived. Easter will be my first-year anniversary! I feel well and truly settled into the church community and have enjoyed getting to know people.

The church community is a collection of people from all spheres of life. There is a richness of being part of a community with others who come from different cultures and age groups. This was a huge part of the reason I agreed to come and be the minister here. In fact, I am a big believer in creating and nurturing community. In South Africa there is the word 'Ubuntu'. It speaks of a person being a person because of other people.

The community of PBBC offers different spaces for people to come and belong at various times in the week. From Wednesday.com Club, 'Chit and Chatter' on Monday and then Friday coffee mornings, people are welcomed and provided with refreshments.

Our Sunday Services are also open to anyone who would like to visit. No previous experience of church or the Christian faith is required. Our Sunday Service is the place where the church community comes to express our faith in Jesus. It's a place where we are continually learning about how life is to be underpinned by the two great commandments to Love God with all we have and to love our neighbour.

If you would like to know more about PBBC then we'd love to hear from you and our contact details are below.

(Revd) Adrian Wood
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Health Walks in Potters Bar

Potters Bar Health Walks meet on Monday and Wednesday of each week at Potters Bar Station, where they offer two grades of walks on both days. Grades 1 or 2 are easy walking and last about 45 minutes to an hour. For those that like to go a bit faster, walk level 3 lasts about an hour and is at a slightly quicker pace. Walks leave the station at 10.30am, and walkers often return to a local hostelry for a sociable tea or coffee after their walk.



In addition, Potters Bar Health Walks are now able to offer 1st steps specifically aimed at those who are not so mobile and may have walking aids. These walks leave from Oakmere Library (Potters Bar High Street) at 11am on Fridays. This is level walking around the local parks lasting about 40 minutes, and returns to the library where tea/coffee and biscuits are available free of charge.

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Potters Bar u3a shapes new committee for 2024

New Joint Chairmen

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The University of The Third Age is not actually a university; it is an organisation for retired and semi-retired people who meet to arrange activities for members. The u3a meets at the Wyllyotts Centre every month, usually on the second Monday except August, 10–11am. (Please check the website below). There is a monthly speaker, talks throughout the year are varied and interesting; we meet afterwards in the café for refreshments and a chat. We have around 50 special interest groups meeting on a regular basis for you to be involved with and enjoy.

Groups include walking, languages, games, outings, sewing, gardening, and many more. Members can also form their own groups with the committee's approval. We welcome all new members and are looking forward to seeing you at one of our monthly meetings. For further information see our website www.pbu3a.org.uk.



Toddler Sense supports Tiny Tickers Charity

Toddler Sense, a local baby sensory group, has been successful in raising awareness and funds for the national Tiny Tickers Charity. This Charity was founded in 1999 and has a proud record of helping to improve the detection, care, and treatment of babies with serious heart conditions.

The work of the Charity has been highlighted by the treatment given to two babies, Sofia and Emile who attend Toddler Sense classes.

Sofia was born at 36 weeks at a tiny 5lbs 1oz with a defect of the heart for which open-heart surgery is the only possible solution. Sofia is currently on the waiting list for surgery at Great Ormond Street. Emile was diagnosed with a heart issue prenatally and, after close preliminary treatment and care, eventually had open-heart surgery when 6 months old. This was successful and Emile is now a healthy, happy 1 year old.

There are so many other little hearts waiting to be mended and Toddler Sense want to bring as much love, awareness and funding to Tiny Tickers, the charity that supports families like Sofia's and Emile's through very difficult times.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast, and totally secure. You can donate by following this link www.justgiving.com/page/toddler-sense-barnet. Thank you so much for your support!

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West End musical opportunities

*A national youth theatre musical, **Doomwatch Castle**, written by local musician Kathleen Shanks, is to have its West End debut later this year. The 'virtual reality' musical won a Mercury Star award in November 2022 when it gained praise for its originality, amusing script, and exciting music score.*

Kathleen's music is sponsored by Bond No. 9 perfume, New York, and is published by the American publisher, Hal Leonard. In addition to her work as a composer, music director and writer, Kathleen is artistic director of the Capital Arts Theatre School, based at the Wyllyotts Theatre – capitalarts.org.uk.

Concurrently, national auditions are also being held for a production of David Walliams' *'The Creature Choir'*. Cast auditions for actors, singers, dancers aged 9 to 18, for both productions will be held in four centres around the country. Local auditions will be held at the Wyllyotts Theatre. Cast recordings for *'Doomwatch Castle'* and *'The Creature Choir'* will take place in December at the Abbey Road Studios, London. Audition packs are available from capitalartscreative@outlook.com.

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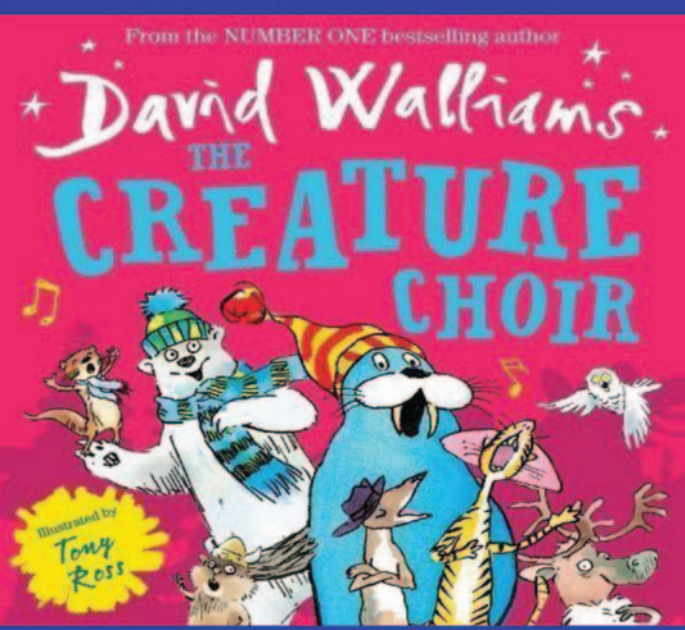
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We would be delighted to see you at our next production *'It Could Be Any One of Us'* by Alan Ayckbourn. 8pm at Cuffley Hall, Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th April. Matinee performance 3pm on 20th November. Tickets only £12. www.cuffleyplayers.co.uk or box office **07857 841930**.

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6th - 9th March

Potters Bar Theatre Company are excited to be performing 'Playhouse Creatures'. 1663, Charles II reopens the playhouses and for the first time ever, women are allowed to appear on the stage.

For four women in particular, this was the beginning of an exciting new era. We follow them on to the stage as they perform scenes from some of the popular plays of the time but we also go backstage to glimpse their strong friendships and fierce rivalries. The dressing room is a place of camaraderie and laughter, but the women cannot escape the fact that it is the men who still hold the power to make or break their careers.

With its many contemporary resonances, this is a hard-hitting, powerful, sometimes hilarious, and often deeply moving play about the trials and tribulations of working in the theatre. These women were pioneers. Come and find out more about their fascinating stories!

Time: Evening Performances 7.30pm
Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

Prices: Adults £16 | Children (under 18) £14

Nunsense

17th - 20th April

Potter Bar Theatre company are excited to be performing, 'NUNSENSE'. Nunsense is a hilarious talent show staged by the Little Sisters of Hoboken Nunnery, the rest of the sisterhood having succumbed to botulism after eating vichyssoise prepared by Sister Julia. The remaining perform a variety show staged to raise funds so that the last four of the dearly departed can be buried. The score pulses with merriment and an unabashed desire to make you laugh. Amid the merriment is a riotous audience participation quiz that has everyone rolling in the aisles.

Time: Evening Performances 7.30pm
Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

Prices: Adults £18 | Children (under 18 years) £16.

Venue: Alexander Wilding Room Wyllotts Theatre,
Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 2HN
Box Office: www.tickets.wyllottstheatre.co.uk
01707 645005



Wyllotts
Theatre

The Amazing Bubbleman

Sunday 14th April, 2pm
Tickets £16 | Child £14

Psychic Sally

Wednesday 17th April, 7.30pm
Tickets £27.50

Thanks for the Memories

Thursday 18th April, 2pm
Tickets £17.50

Seven Drunken Nights

Friday 19th April, 7.30pm
Tickets £28

Celine - My Heart Will Go On

Friday 3rd May, 7.30pm
Tickets £28

The McCartney Songbook

Saturday 1st June, 7.30pm
Tickets £28

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Potters Bar Society Walks to May 2024

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 10th March

Meet: Lay-by (lefthand side side leading up from Cockfosters Road), Ferny Hill, just beyond Ferny Hill Tea Rooms, EN4 0PZ. If ULEZ a problem, please contact walks leaders. **Route:** Walk around Trent Park. About 4 miles. **Leaders:** 01707 655732.

Sunday 24th March

Meet: Bell Bar, parking in Bell Lane near junction with A1000 Great North Road. **Route:** Cross field to Grubbs Lane, paths to Woodside Place Farm, returning via Wildhill, Westfield Lodge and retrace field path to Bell Bar. About 4.5 miles. **Leader:** 01707 851498.

Sunday 7th April

Meet: Outside Wroxham School, Wroxham Gardens, EN6 3DJ. **Route:** across fields to Bridgefoot, footpath 25 to Hawkshead Lane.



Return via railway line path and Furze Field Woods. About 4 miles. **Leaders:** 01707 655732.

Sunday 21st April

Meet: Public Car Park, Colney Heath High Street, next to primary school. **Route:** Walk around Colney Heath and the lakes to Willow Farm and return to start. About 4.5 miles. **Leader:** 01707 643832.

Sunday 5th May

Meet: Roundbush PH, Roundbush Lane, Radlett, WD25 8BG. **Route:** Footpaths to ford and Munden House, then via Otterspool and Aldenham back to Roundbush. About 5 miles. **Leader:** 01707 654993.

Sunday 19th May

Meet: Leaside at Dollis Brook End, EN5 2PG. **Route:** Walk the footpath up to St Andrew's Church, cross Darlands Nature Reserve and go round the hidden lake where a footpath leads back up the valley onto Totteridge Lane. Descend past the long ponds back to Dollis Brook and the start. About 4.3 miles. **Leader:** 07926 314877.

Any changes to the programme and details of later walks may be accessed on the Society's website 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.

Churches Together in Potters Bar Holy Week & Easter 2024



Christ Church Little Heath (CE)

Palm Sunday 24th March
12-2.30pm Messy Easter
Maundy Thursday 28th March
7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Good Friday 29th March
2pm Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday 31st March
10am Easter Sunday Service

Contact the Church Office 01707 662460
churchadmin@cclh.org.uk or visit www.cclh.org.uk

Evangelical Free Church

Contact 01707 852422

Kling Charles the Martyr (CE)

Passion Sunday 17th March
9.30am Sung Eucharist
11am Morning Worship
4pm A service of music and readings led by the choir
Palm Sunday 24th March
9.30am Sung Eucharist
11am Café Church
Monday 25th March – Wednesday 27th March
8.30am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
8pm Compline
Maundy Thursday 28th March
8.30am Morning Prayer
8pm Sung Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar, Vigil until 10pm
Good Friday 29th March
10am Pilgrimage to the War Memorial
12 noon Reflections on the Cross
2pm The Final Hour
Easter Eve 30th March
8pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 31st March
10am Communion for Easter Day
Easter Monday 1st April
10am Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey
Contact Church Office 01707 665579
office@kcm-church.org.uk

Our Lady & St Vincent (RC)

Saturday 23rd March
6pm Mass*
Palm Sunday 24th March
9am Mass*
11am All-Age Mass*
*Palms are blessed at every Mass
Holy Thursday 28th March
10am Morning Prayer
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Watching until 11pm
Good Friday 29th March
10am Morning Prayer
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with parallel liturgy for children
Holy Saturday 30th March
10am Morning Prayer
8pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 31st March
9am Mass of Easter Day
11am Mass of Easter Day
Contact Parish Office 01707 654359
pottersbar@rcdow.org.uk

Potters Bar Baptist Church

Easter Day 31st March
10.30am Easter Day Service
Contact 01707 840538
hello@pbbc.org.uk

Potters Bar United Reformed Church

Contact 01707 665482
pottersbarurc@gmail.com

St Giles' South Mymms

Palm Sunday 24th March
10.45am Procession from the Glebe
Monday 25th March – Wednesday 27th March
8pm Compline
Maundy Thursday 28th March
8pm Mass with Vigil until midnight
Good Friday 29th March
8pm Sermon in the Black Horse Pub
Easter Eve 8th April
8pm Festival of Light, Renewal of Vows and Eucharist
Easter Day 9th April
11am Sung Eucharist

St Margaret's Ridge

Palm Sunday 24th March
9.15am Holy Communion
Good Friday 29th March
12 noon – 3pm Service of Meditation
Easter Day 31st March
9.15am Family Communion
Visit <http://www.stgiles-stmargarets.co.uk/>
curate@stgiles-stmargarets.co.uk Fr Ayoub Adwar

St John's Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday 28th March
7pm 'Do Remember Me' – A Reflective Service with Holy Communion
Good Friday 29th March
7pm Meditation on Zoom
(Please visit www.stjohnspb.org.uk for Zoom details)
Easter Sunday 31st March
10.30am Easter Morning Holy Communion
Contact Revd. David Jebb 01707 652978
djebb2003@gmail.com
info@stjohnspb.org.uk

St Mary's, The Walk, Potters Bar (CE)

Palm Sunday 24th March
8am Holy Eucharist
10am Palm Procession and Parish Eucharist (gather in Parkfield Medical Centre car park)
5pm Evensong
Monday 25th March – Wednesday 27th March
10am Holy Eucharist
8pm Compline and Address
Maundy Thursday 28th March
8pm Sung Eucharist and Vigil
Good Friday 29th March
12.30pm Stations of the Cross
1.30pm The Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday 30th April
8pm The Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter
Easter Day 31st March
6.30am Churches Together Dawn Service
8am Holy Eucharist
10am Easter Festival Eucharist
Contact Revd. Stefan Chrysostomou 01707 859028

Chrism Mass St Albans Cathedral

All are welcome to St Albans Cathedral on Maundy Thursday for the Chrism Mass at 11am.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

For many years, Christians in Potters Bar have walked between two churches carrying a wooden cross on the morning of Good Friday to mark this special day in the Christian year. This year, we will walk from our own churches and meet at the War Memorial at 11am for a short service. If you would prefer not to walk, then do still come to the short service at 11am at the War Memorial.

Easter Day 31st March

Dawn Sunrise Service
Gather outside St. Mary's Church in The Walk at 6.30am for a short outdoor service, followed by communion in the Church and refreshments.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The following information accurately reflects the details provided to us at time of publication. Any subsequent changes will be shown immediately on www.pottersbarcommunitynews.co.uk.

ANIMALS

DOG TRAINING – HOME FARM Classes Tue, Wed, Fri. Obedience and socialisation. All levels welcome. One-one also. 275322.

RSPB POTTERS BAR AND BARNET LOCAL GROUP*

Illustrated talks, Fri, 7.30pm. Our Lady and St Vincent Church, Mutton Lane, EN6 2AT. RSPB members £5, others £5.50. Wed at St John's URC Hall, New Barnet, 2pm. RSPB members £4.50, others £5. Also regular coach outings to nature reserves, check website for details. www.group.rspb.org.uk/pottersbarandbarnet, Facebook @PBandBarnet or tel 01707 652836.

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

ART

ART IN HERTS Weekly, Tue 7.30–10pm. Cranborne School, EN6 2BA. 650694.

CHILDREN'S FINE ART CLASSES Little Art School of Herts, Potters Bar. Ages 4–16. Tel 07907 802206.

CRAFT AND CHATTER Weekly, Mon (not during Aug). PB Baptist Church, 10.30am–12 noon. 707082.

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

BABY and TODDLER GROUPS

BABY COLLEGE A full mind and body workout for your little one at The Methodist Church Wed am Infants (0–9 months), Toddlers (9–18 months), Juniors (18 months–3.5 years), Baby Massage (0–crawling). Contact Anna anna@babycollege.co.uk or 07870 568506 for further information.

BABY RHYME TIME Every Tue 11–11.30am, Oakmere Library. No need to book.

BABY SENSORY CLASS Multi award winning early learning and development programme designed for babies from birth–13 months Tue, Wed, Thu Next Gen Fitness, Mount Grace Road. Weekend classes also available. www.babysensory.com/en/classdetails/barnet. Contact Vicky 07837 935820.

Toddler Sense from 12 months–4 years Mon and Fri, Next Gen Fitness, Mount Grace Road. Weekend classes also available. www.toddlersense.com/barnet/home. Contact Vicky 07837 935820.

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

COFFEE POTS AND TINY TOTS St Mary's Church, North Mymms, AL9 7TN, meet every Wednesday, school term times only, 10–11.30am in St Michael's room, playtime, singing, crafts, storytime, drinks and chats. northmymmschurch@briinternet.com or 01727 825578.

LITTLE ELMS MONTESSORI NURSERY

Popular OUTSTANDING Montessori and Forestry Nursery at Elm Court. Age 2–5 years, term-time Mon to Fri. Gemma 07444 744850 or www.little-elms.co.uk for more info. Funded hours available.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP Wed 1.45–3.15pm. School Hall, Essendon.

MUM AND BABY FITNESS CLASS Tue 10.15–11am, St Mary's, The Walk. 1st class free. Contact Jade on 07728 325888 or jade.suryani@gmail.com.

MUSIC BUGS ST ALBANS and South Herts parent and toddler classes. Newborn to 5 years. Wed 10–11am Wyllotts Centre. 07961 778349 or stalbans@musicbugs.co.uk.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Weekly, term-time, Tue 10–11.30am. Causeway Community Church. 660021.

STORYTIME FOR TODDLERS Every Thu 11–11.30am Oakmere Library. No need to book.

TINY TALK BABY SINGING CLASSES

Tue 1.30pm, Clayton Centre, Barnet Road, PB. Newborn to age 2. Cost £9. Book in advance via jennylittlewood@tinytalk.co.uk.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Co-ordination organisation for local churches. For information and details of individual churches visit www.ctpb.org.uk.

CHURCHES – Café

COFFEE MORNING PB Baptist Church. Every Friday at 10.30am. Pam 07721 665187.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ at KCM Weekly on Thu. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall, 10.45am–1.30pm. Coffee and light lunches served. 01707 665579.

COMPASSIONATE CAFÉ every Wed 10am–12 noon at Christ Church, Little Heath. An open invitation for anyone affected by bereavement or any type of loss. compassion@peacehospice.org.uk. 01923 330330.

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

LIFE CAFÉ Thu and Fri 9am–12 noon. Profits to various charities. Life Church – Cuffley. 876060.

LOAVES AND FISHES CAFÉ Weekly, Wed. Christchurch, Little Heath, 8.45am–12 noon. All welcome 662460 or www.cclh.org.uk.

DANCE

ANGIE'S DANCE ACADEMY Weekly classes. Children and adults (Disco/Street), Latin American and line Dancing. 07773 341490.

LIZZIE MEES SCHOOL OF DANCE Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Street Dance. Adult's and children's classes Mon to Fri. 07887 567713 or info@lizziemeesschoolofdance.com.

NICK'S DANCE SCHOOL BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING Weekly, Little Heath Parish Hall, Thornton Road, Potters Bar. Beginners Mon 6.45–7.45pm. Beginners Plus 7.45–8.45pm. Improvers 8.45–9.45pm. 07711 832070 or www.nicksdanceschool.com.

BALLROOM SOCIAL DANCE Welham Green, North Mymms Memorial Hall, Station Road, Welham Green, AL9 7PG. Every Wed evening 8–10pm. Tea at 9pm. Ballroom, Latin and Sequence. Entry £5. For more info 01707 264154 or 07811 889003.

BALLROOM SOCIAL/PRACTICE DANCE FOR COUPLES with Nick's Dance School Welham Green, North Mymms Memorial Hall, Station Road, Welham Green, AL9 7PG. Every Fri evening 8–10pm. Refreshments provided. Ballroom and Latin. Entry £12 per couple. For more info 07711 832070 or 020 8133 9142.

FOOTLOOSE ROCKS – ROCK AND ROLL DANCE Mon 6.15–8.15pm. Elm Court. Call Polly 07791 243848.

FOOTLOOSE STROLLING Fri 1.30–3.30pm. Elm Court. Call Polly 07791 243848.

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

LINE DANCING Mon 2–4pm at King Charles the Martyr. Improver to Intermediate. Alison Metelnick 07967 964962.

LINE DANCE WITH STEPPIN' TIME Weekly, Mon and Thu. Welham Green. Improver to advanced level. 655866.

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 or www.mountviewdanceschool.co.uk.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING – HERTSMERE AND TALL HO REEL CLUB Tilbury Hall, Darkes Lane, EN6 1BZ, 7–10pm. Generally 3rd Sat in the months of Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct and Nov – check with Secretary. Members £8, Non-members £10 at the door. Secretary Margaret King 020 8440 3236 or 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 Monday of each month. Wyllotts 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/

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 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. www.exercisewithtracy.co.uk, call or text 07949 055958 or email exercisewithtracy@gmail.com.

FUN DANCE FIT LO Weekly St Mary's Church Hall, The Walk. Mon 10.30–11.45am. 07711 832070 or 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.

YOGA FOR MENTAL WELLBEING PB classes, weekly Tue, Thu, Fri. Small, friendly group exploring slow, steady practices including postures, breath work and guided relaxations. Beginners welcome. Yoga to reduce anxiety, stress, fatigue and depression for all ages and abilities. www.helencooperyoga.com or 07740 823230.

MENO MOVES DANCE FITNESS Weekly, North Mymms Memorial Hall, Welham Green. Tue 6–7pm. 07711 832070 or 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.

PILATES CLASS Fri 11am, Little Heath Parish Hall, Thornton Road. £10 per class. Call Kasia 07789 987797.

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.

SENIOR FITZENS YOGA Mon 11.45am–12.45pm. Elm Court. Call Matt 07974 340 685 or www.pranasanayoga.com.

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

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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 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. Call Dorna to book 07961 479878.

YOGA FOR HEALTH, WELLBEING AND SELF-CARE Slow Flow Hatha and Yin/Restorative Yoga, Breathwork and Meditation for all – whatever age, fitness, size, ability, or flexibility – to boost physical and mental health. Info and bookings www.yoga2you.co.uk or 07788 550024.

ZUMBA GOLD Mon 6.15pm. North Mymms Memorial Hall, Welham Green. Wed 10.45am Elm Court. Thu 10am 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 – PB Meets the first Wednesday 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 Furze Field 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 and St Vincent Church, Mutton Lane.

HEART THROBS EXERCISE AND SUPPORT GROUP 10am and 11am Mon, Wed and Fri at Holtwhites 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.heart-throbs.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.

OSTOFRIENDS – STOMA SUPPORT GROUP Social chat and activities. Meet 1st Wed of each month at 10.30am–12.30pm at PB Baptist Church, EN6 2RB. For more info contact 075967 48376, ostofriends@gmail.com or www.ostofriends.co.uk.

RENNIE GROVE PEACE HOSPICE CARE Compassionate Support Hub will be open every 2nd Thu of the month from 10am–12 noon. Wyllyotts Centre, Potters Bar, EN6 2HN. www.renniegrovepeace.org/compassionatesupporthubs.

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. Furze Field 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. Contact 07856 513841 or visit www.pottersbarmuseum.org.uk.

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

PB AND DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY Weekly, Mon 7.45–9.45pm. 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.pbba@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 – GOOGLES 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, email googliesjazz@btinternet.com or call 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 8–10pm. 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.pbcmcs.org.uk. Also available "Da Capo": a small chamber orchestra for adults of all standards. 9.45–10.30 on Sat. admin@pbcmcs.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 MIDDX WILDLIFE TRUST Monthly, Sun 10am–1pm. Meet layby in Coopers Lane Road, EN6 4DG, opposite the Oshwal centre. A variety of conservation tasks, 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.

POTTERS BAR HEALTH WALKS Weekly on Mon and Wed (level 2 and 3 walks) from 10.30am. Meet at Potters Bar Railway Station Memorial Garden, beside the station entrance and adjacent to Holland and Barrett, EN6 1AJ. Fri (First Steps walk) from 11am meet at Oakmere Library High Street, Potters Bar, EN6 5BZ.

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. 07905 645622.

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 Holtwhites Sport and Social Club, Enfield. Contact Pam 650969.

FURZE FIELD WI Monthly, 4th Tue at 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.

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; tel 650076 or pitstoppauline@btinternet.com.

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

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

PB GEMS WI 2nd Wed at 7pm. Wylyotts 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, Warrengate Road, AL9 7TT, enquiry@pottersbarrotary.uk.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POTTERS BAR Contact 07905 645622.

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@corderoy.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. Furze field 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 GYMNASICS CLUB Recreational (4–12 years). Mon 5.15pm, Furze field 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 Furze field 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 Furze field 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.metcalf@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, EN5 2DN. www.bttc.co.uk or 020 8449 7845. Non-members welcome.

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

ENFIELD CROQUET CLUB New members welcome as well as anyone who would like to try the game, visit www.enfieldcroquet.org for further information or email enfieldcroquetclub@outlook.com.

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). www.generation-plus.com for details.

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 194295/020 8819 6638.

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 HOCKEY CLUB Ladies, men and junior hockey at Dame Alice Owen's Astro turf pitch. Paul on 07398 988502 or juniors@pottersbarhockey.club.

PB PETANQUE PLAYERS Tue from 2pm, Sun from 10am new/all ability players welcome. The Petanque 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 Astro turf 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 UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB PB based grassroots football club established 1975. U5 to U18 age groups for boys and girls teams playing in various Hertfordshire leagues. More info at info@pottersbarunited.co.uk.

SAPPHIRE SKATERS Sat 9–10am and 10–11am, Tue 5.30–6.30pm, 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. bwcruaders@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, Darks Lane, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 1DE. Contact 07942 362000.

PB SHOKOTAN KARATE CLUB Furze field 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 07811 437791. Email info@cuffleyplayers.co.uk.

ENFIELD LIGHT OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY Weekly, Tue and Fri 8pm. Drama group rehearse Winchmore Hill. Performs Wylyotts. 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. ac.57@aircadets.org.

CAPITAL ARTS THEATRE SCHOOL Sun, 2–5.30pm. Wylyotts 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 info@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 Jim Heatley via secretary@pbscouts.org.uk.

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. syp.hertsmer@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

GURDJIEFF STUDY AND MEDITATION GROUP Meets 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 Mahub Alam 07951 200655. Email info@pbicc.org or 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.

WSRA NATIONAL SPEEDWAY MUSEUM Hertfordshire Zoo EN10 7QA. 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. christinenlmmoc@gmail.com

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. Hon Sec Chris 651475 or www.pbsoc.org.uk.

Tell us about your event, meeting, activity and we will publicise it and give details of your organisation in the *Community News*. Contact susan.weaver4@ntlworld.com.

DOCTORS' SURGERY HOURS

1) ANNANDALE MEDICAL CENTRE AT THE ELMS

Tel: 01707 644451

Surgery Hours: 8am–6.30pm Monday to Friday

Test Results: 01707 644451 (11am–3pm)

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

Extended Hours — see below. We are an Armed Forces veteran friendly accredited GP practice.

For the latest information and updates please visit our website 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 — see below.

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

3) PARKFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 291041

Surgery Hours: 8am–6pm Monday to Friday

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

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

Extended Hours — see below.

4) POTTERELLS MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 273338

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

Thursday 9am–6pm; Friday 8am–7pm.

Extended Hours — see below.

EXTENDED HOURS

There is an extended hours appointment hub available covering all 4 surgeries. Your appointment may be on another premises — you will be advised when booking.

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

Samaritans (freecall 24 hours) 116 123



Office open every Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm

Hertsmere

Please call advice line **0800 144 8884**

Wylllyotts Centre, Darkes Lane, EN6 2HN