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Aircraft Museum Reopens



The unique de Havilland Aircraft Museum at historic Salisbury Hall, London Colney, is preparing to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the maiden flight of the aircraft which led to its formation – the Second World War ‘wooden wonder’ Mosquito fighter bomber.

On Sunday 1st March the museum will re-open its gates to visitors after its winter break.

It was the acquisition of the Prototype Mosquito by Hall owner, the late Walter Goldsmith, and his desire to preserve both this aircraft and the enormous contribution that Hatfield-based de Havilland Aircraft Company made to British aviation, that led to the

acquisition of more than 20 types of de Havilland aircraft now on view to the public.

As well as the Prototype, visitors will be able to inspect two more Mosquitoes, making the museum’s collection the largest of any aviation museum in the world. Look inside the sole surviving fuselage with “square windows” of the original de Havilland Comet 1 jet airliner, and other military and civil aircraft spanning some six decades. There is also a selection of jet engines designed by de Havilland, and several special displays.

Details of events being planned for this year, and how to become one of the volunteers who carry out the preservation work, can be found on the website at www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk.

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A message from the Joint Editors

Once again we have many interesting articles covering a variety of topics and we hope you will enjoy reading this issue.

As previously intimated, we have now tried to make the Local Organisations section easier to read by limiting the wording to the basics necessary, to enable anyone interested to make contact. This has been achieved by abbreviating where possible, omitting the 01707 dialling code for Potters Bar contact numbers and some e-mail addresses. Phrases such as “new members welcome” have been taken out, on the basis that this can be taken as read for any organisation listed.

John Godfrey has been a valuable member of the Community News committee since its inception and has supported this publication through advertising throughout that period. John has recently retired from his business and we are pleased to include a brief note from John and Lynn elsewhere in this edition.

Aaron Jacob has recently joined our editorial team and we extend a warm welcome to him.

John Connell and Debbie Usher

How to send articles

Email to **cnews@fsmail.net**. Please keep articles to around 300 words or less, bearing in mind that past events are not likely to be of general interest. Please use plain text word or email, but plainly handwritten or typed articles are also acceptable if you do not have access to a computer. Please contact the Chairman, John Connell on **01707 851445**. Photos, logos, etc: send as a tif, bmp or jpg file or copy to a CD. Paper photos or logos can also be sent.

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www.pottersbar.org – your local website

The *Community News* will be added to the **pottersbar.org** website after publication, including the telephone numbers of contacts. Please tell us if you do not wish this to happen.

Barracudas

Barracudas can be found anywhere from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean, via the Mediterranean, the Caribbean... and Furzefield Leisure Centre, Potters Bar.

The Barracuda Swimming Club, run by a small but dedicated group of volunteers, has been helping people of all ages and disabilities to become confident in the water for around 40 years.

Like any other voluntary organisation, more helpers are always needed, particularly given that much of the swimming instruction is one-to-one. I became aware of Barracudas only a few months ago when my mother, Veronica, decided to get involved.

"I heard that the club needed more people and I thought it would be lovely to help in any way, even if it meant giving up just an hour a week."

A retired nursery school teacher, Veronica admits that her experience of working with very young children, some of whom were autistic, did give her more confidence. However, many of the Barracudas are already good swimmers and just need guidance and support.

"My one worry was that I wouldn't be physically strong enough in the water, but it wasn't a problem at all," Veronica, who gravitates towards the petite section of a clothes shop, explains.

"I'm very much enjoying it and it's very rewarding to know that my small contribution is helping those who are less able than myself."

Even a small amount of local publicity can make a difference. Since our last article about the club, the Barracudas have been joined by three new helpers and have welcomed five new swimmers. Chief instructor Ian Goldsworthy said: "Three years ago we had an average of 10 swimmers in the water on a Sunday morning. Now we normally have 30-40 swimmers plus helpers."

The Barracudas club is run on Sundays, 11.30am-12.30pm. New members and helpers are welcome. More information is available from www.pottersbar.org/barracudaswimmingclub/index.htm.

Kimberley Swift

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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 cnews@fsmail.net (subject volunteers)?

Children's Centres Looking for Volunteers

Potters Bar Children's Centres are looking for enthusiastic individuals who can offer two to three hours a week to volunteer at their community sessions and within the centres. Training courses can be provided to volunteers, offering them the opportunity to achieve qualifications in subjects such as Food Hygiene.

For further information, please contact **Angie Conder, Potters Bar Children's Centre Team Leader, Hertsmere Leisure**. Tel: **01707 658547** or **01707 850566**.

Hertsmere Leisure Children's Centres are situated at: **PB1 Children's Centre, Chace Avenue, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 5NP** and **Furzefield Children's Centre, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 3BW**.

Knit and Natter @ St Mary's Church, Potters Bar

We are a group of ladies (but would welcome any gentlemen knitters) who have been knitting items for charities for the last five years. This winter we answered the call from 'Hand in Hand for Syria' and sent six dustbin bags full of new hand-knitted blankets and clothes to them.

Many thanks to all our knitters (including our outreach ones), our wool suppliers and especially the friend that delivered them to Nottingham. We still continue to supply charities at home.

Should anyone wish to join us, or has any unwanted wool, they are very welcome to contact us.

Once again many thanks to all our friends.

Sheila Moule
(01707 651650)

Looking for something new and rewarding in 2015?

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What's in it for you? Regular supervision, training, making new friends and volunteer events throughout the year. "Thank you for organising the volunteers feel-good day. It was an enjoyable morning and great to catch up with everyone from my course."

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Guiding Light Muriel Retires



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Guides, before moving onto the Trefoil Guild as well as being our irreplaceable District President.

Muriel is a lady of great skill who used her many talents to help further guiding in Potters Bar. She has helped out with many District events over the years, and was especially good at baking. As a founder member of the Trefoil Guild in Potters Bar, Muriel was valued by all its members for her keenness, knowledge and ability to be a friend to all. Karen Smale, a former 5th Guide and current Brown Owl of the 5th Brownies, says of Muriel: "We have many memories of her and what she has taught us, and how she supported us during our guiding life in many different ways, both as girls and leaders, and hopefully that will be passed on to many generations through us."

JV Godfrey Accident Repair Centre

After 42 years in the trade and 37 years running the business, my wife Lyn and I retired just before Christmas. We would like to thank customers and other businesses in Potters Bar for their support over the last 37 years. We are staying in Potter Bar and will continue working in the best interests of the community ie this wonderful newsletter, Rotary and the Community Safety Partnership. Potters Bar has a great community spirit and we have a lot of friends and strong ties here – sending everyone our regards.

John and Lyn Godfrey

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This year's Potters Bar Carnival will take place at Elm Court Youth and Community Centre, Mutton Lane on Sunday 7th June from 1pm.

If any child wishes to enter the competition to be Carnival Princess or Maid of Honour in the Carnival, this edition of the *Potters Bar Community News* contains the entry form. Please fill out the form and send it, with a photograph of the entrant, to the *Welwyn Hatfield Times* (Potters Bar Edition). The address is on the form.

Entry forms will also be in the Potters Bar edition of the *Welwyn Hatfield Times* from mid-March until the Wednesday before the closing date on 8th May.

As always, it will be a jam-packed afternoon in the arena with the main feature being Potters Bar's own Band, The Hertfordshire Showband. As well as the arena events we will have pony rides, the ever popular Children's Fair with a giant bouncy slide, Punch and Judy and many other attractions.

In addition, The Schools' Art Exhibition will be in Elm Court gym, featuring children's art from the local schools.

As usual there will be stalls manned by organisations from the town and surrounding areas. These will include children's games, gardening, bric 'a' brac and food stalls selling hot food, cakes, beer, coffee and sandwiches.

If you want to take part in the Carnival, either by having a stall or taking part in the procession, ring Sue or Peter on 01707 850147 or go to www.pottersbar.org/carnival for booking forms.

This year we will have to steward the procession ourselves as the police are unable to do so. If you would like to help steward the procession please contact Terry Jones on 07507 646714 or email him on terry.jones2@sky.com.

Carnival Princess

Potters Bar Carnival is on Sunday, June 7 and we are, once again, looking for a Carnival Princess and two Maids of Honour.

The Princess must be aged between 10 and under 13 years old on the day of the carnival. She will receive a prize of £50. The two Maids of Honour must be aged between six and 10 on carnival day and will each receive £25.



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Don't cast your vote at the General Election on 7th May without meeting and hearing the parliamentary candidates for the Hertsmere constituency. Come and hear what the candidates have to say. Unfortunately, there may not be sufficient time for questions from the floor on the day, but if you wish to submit a question in advance, please send it to the hustings chair, Andrew Billington, ap.billington2@ntlworld.com before 25th April.

Cranborne Recycling Centre - reduced opening times

Don't take your unwanted items to Cranborne on a Thursday or Friday – you'll find it closed! The new opening hours are:

Saturday to Wednesday

1st October to 31st March, 8am to 4pm

1st April to 30th September, 10am to 6pm

It will be open on all Bank Holidays, including Good Friday.

New location for main Post Office

Potters Bar's main Post Office has been relocated next to Sainsbury's and the following opening hours now apply:

➤ Monday to Saturday, 9am–5.30pm

Selected Post Office services are available at the retail counter, open hours as follows:

➤ Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8.30am–6pm

➤ Wednesday, 9am–6pm

The Post Office Delivery Office in Darkes Lane will remain in place for the immediate future and its opening hours are 7am–6.30pm, Monday to Friday and 7am–12.30pm on Saturday.

Parking at Barnet Hospital

In the last issue a brief summary of the revised arrangements for Blue Badge parking at Barnet Hospital was included. A leaflet has recently been published by the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, and fuller details regarding the new system, using an automatic number recognition camera, are shown below:

General Parking – Patients and Visitors

Motorists are required to enter their full vehicle registration number into the payment machine when purchasing parking time. This must be done on arrival and if you exceed the amount of time purchased you can pay for additional time before you leave or until midnight on the day. You can purchase parking time from any machine by cash or card or by phone with code 84254 or **0330 400 7275**. You can also text REG and your number plate to **65565** or online at www.paybyphone.co.uk. Charges: 0–1 hour £2, 1–3 hours £3, 3–4 hours £4, 4–6 hours £7, 6–24 hours £10.

Blue Badge Holders

Blue badge holders are entitled to 4 hours free parking. Normal tariffs apply thereafter. You can park in the marked disabled bays or, if these are full, use visitor and patient areas. It is no longer necessary to display your blue badge in the car. Instead, blue badge holders must register the vehicle they have travelled in at the main reception of the hospital to ensure that the vehicle does not receive a parking notice charge during their time at the hospital. Such registration is required only once per vehicle so that regular visitors do not have to repeat this process and you may register more than one vehicle. There are also registration terminals at main reception and at A&E, if you are parking out of hours. Further information is available on the signs placed around the car park. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact rf-tr.carparkingbcf@nhs.net or speak to a member of staff at the main reception, open 8am–8pm daily.



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The BPRA is a pressure group representing, voicing and acting upon the concerns of local residents.

The objectives of this group, as set out in the BPRA Constitution, are:

1. To safeguard and promote the interest of residents in the area on matters concerning housing and the environment;
2. To help to improve living conditions, community facilities and services for residents living in the group's area;
3. We are committed to representing the views of residents in their community;
4. The group will uphold equal opportunities and work towards good relations amongst all members of the community, specifically prohibiting any conduct which discriminates or harasses on grounds of race, religion, disability, political belief, sex or sexual orientation.

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When you visit the library you can borrow up to 12 items, read a newspaper or magazine and find information. If you would like to borrow items or use the online services you will need to sign up and become a library member. Membership is free. Oakmere library is located behind the recently built Elms surgeries in the High Street. Opening hours are shown on the back page of the *Community News*.

A wide range of services is available at home if you have access to the internet. Go to www.hertsdirect.org/libraries and choose online library services to:

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- Explore encyclopaedias and dictionaries
- Start an online course
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- Book a free session on a library computer
- Send an information enquiry
- Read the library e-newsletter

Wednesday 18th March, 7pm: How to run a reading group: hints and tips on starting a group and how the library can help.

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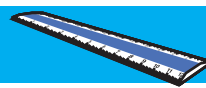
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Mount Grace

Education is about more than academic learning for Sixth Form students at Mount Grace School. For two pupils in particular, Kerri Brennock and Kathryn Simpson, it is a chance to learn vital life skills in a unique environment, and one not to be missed in spite of its pressures.

In her article below, Kerri writes about the opportunity Sixth Form or college presents for students to mature into a wider society.

Education, like almost every other area of our society, has evolved in leaps and bounds in recent years. Being a student in today's society involves the utmost dedication; this in turn builds up character and strengthens independence. Our education system is one that teaches us discipline, creativity and to apply our intelligence. However, if you are unable to reach your peak and have the knowledge and understanding of what you are riveted by, it can prove to be difficult.

"Everybody is a genius but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

Ultimately the students of today's society are not given enough credit. We are put under immense pressure and are expected to be able to balance the workload of at least 3 academic subjects. As a student of Mount Grace School I understand the diverse needs of every student. School years are looked upon as the most crucial years of our lives. Being part of a Sixth Form gives you the opportunity to prove academic dedication and strengthen skills of independent learning. Students are treated with due respect and responsibility, with teachers on hand both inside and outside of school.

In hindsight, sometimes students must realise that part of the struggle to connect with A Levels is up to them. Getting as much as you can out of your education involves all aspects of Sixth Form life; academic, social and transformational. I say transformational because Sixth Form has the potential to be the greatest transformative period in one's life. Getting a firm hold on this concept is important. A society is a group of people who commonly share values, requirements and interests. For the prosperity and betterment of a society, the foremost role of student is to gather knowledge and wisdom and not waste this precious time.

Attending a Sixth Form or college is an irreplaceable time in life. When else will you be surrounded by people your own age, and study among people with your same academic interests? My time at Mount Grace School has been an enjoyable learning experience. Giving back to school is something I feel is very important.

Not all students have the confidence to take on the challenges presented by Sixth Form or college. As Kathryn writes, this crucial two-year period can make all the difference on a more personal level.

As a student at Mount Grace School, I have experienced the highs and lows of being a teenager trying to achieve success in education. The beginning of my A level studies were somewhat difficult for me, as choosing a career path at such a young age was something that I found rather overwhelming. There are a lot of things to consider in order to achieve success in education, such as the subjects you wish to

take, the grades you need to get into university, and overall how to be the best that you could be.

At first I didn't feel that Sixth Form was for me. However, with the constant support and guidance from the members of staff at Mount Grace I realised that I was capable of achieving my goals if I put my mind to it.

After a difficult first year, the support staff in Sixth Form talked to me about my possible career choices and encouraged me to pick new subjects that were more suited to my interests. My second year at Mount Grace was a lot more successful, as I was doing subjects that I enjoyed and believed I could achieve high grades in, but this wasn't without help from the dedicated and reassuring teachers who put in a lot of time and effort to ensure I got the best grades I could.

From after school sessions to mentor meetings twice a week about my progress, I was constantly supported, along with many individuals who perhaps struggled with their studies and needed a boost of confidence to get them back on track.

We were given guidance on how to prepare for university, with support in writing personal statements, applying to UCAS and choosing the right universities. With A Level examination results at an all-time high this year, particularly in Mathematics, and two thirds of the year going on to university, it is clear that the school focuses primarily on delivering success for its students.

Overall, my time at Mount Grace has been unforgettable, with many highs and, understandably, some lows. Without the overwhelming dedication and enthusiasm from the teachers, I would certainly not be where I am today in terms of my studies. Starting out as an unmotivated individual with lack of faith in myself or the grades I was capable of, I have come a long way and have grown into a committed individual. As a whole, I wouldn't change any of my experiences for the world, as they have made me the person I am today.

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Lochinver

Lochinver students are frequently awarded scholarships to their senior schools, when they transfer at 13+. Last year was no exception with a total of 8 Academic and 2 Music Scholarships being won. We have been in touch with two of the boys to find out what they feel have been the benefits of being a scholar, so far.

One pupil joined Haberdashers' Aske's Boys School in September with an Academic Scholarship and said: "Having a scholarship has really helped my self-confidence; I was always one to worry. I never thought I would get a scholarship so it goes to show how great the teaching staff were at Lochinver. Now that I am at Haberdashers' I am starting to apply my more argumentative side in debating. As most of my previous teachers know, I had it in me when it came to arguing for those extra marks! I really miss the Lochinver family, but with the confidence I gained there and the warm welcome I have had at my new school, I have had a great start."

Another was awarded a Music Scholarship to Haileybury: "I'm getting on very well at Haileybury and have been lucky enough to have been in many musical events including 'The Scholars' Concert', 'Ameriques' and several services. I have also been lucky enough to play with professional musicians in the Orchestra, and in 2015 will be performing at the Royal Albert Hall. Being a Scholar has given me so many opportunities, I am extremely glad I went for it and don't regret it."

Lochinver has sent boys to 22 different senior schools in the last 10 years and is delighted when old boys return to share their progress and latest news.

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www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/about_us/oldowenians.html



Mount Grace School Performing Arts

'Oliver' Performance

Mount Grace School presented a whole school production of 'Oliver' on 25th and 26th February 2015. Students from Years 7 to 13 were in the cast of this year's production and it was our best production yet!

'Oliver' is Lionel Bart's musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic novel Oliver Twist. The story follows the trials and tribulations of a young orphan as he travels through the dark underbelly of London society. The audience sang along to many famous numbers including *Consider Yourself*, *Food Glorious Food*, *As Long As He Needs Me* and *It's A Fine Life*.

Gym and Dance Display

This year's Gym and Dance display will take place on Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March, with doors opening at 7pm. The year 11 BTEC Dancers are organising the gym and dance as part of their course work. They have chosen the theme 'FEAR'.

The year 11 students have been choreographing their own gym or dance routines in preparation to teach local Primary school children. The students will be coaching in local primary schools for 6 weeks in preparation for the primary school Gym and Dance festival which is being held on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at Mount Grace School. The show will be starting at 3.45pm.

Tickets will go on sale for both events for parents and friends to come and watch. There are limited tickets available.



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A Busy Spring Term for Cranborne Primary School

Children at Cranborne have had lots of fun this term with trips, visits, competitions, fund raising and sport! Here are some of our highlights:

Over the past couple of weeks Year 6 have been learning about persuasive pitches. The children formed into groups of no more than 6 and discussed ideas for a business they could start up in school. They then carried out market research to check that their ideas were liked by their target customers. Using this information, they prepared a market pitch for their business to present to Mr Cocker, Headteacher, and Mr Johnson, Local Mortgage Advisor in a Dragon's Den style bid. Did the Dragons invest in their businesses? They sure gave them a tough time!

Year 5 have been learning about the Saxons, followed by the Viking invasion, so they invited Lord Einer, a Saxon lord, to school to show us what happened in a Saxon village. During the day the children used role-play to learn how Saxons wrote, cured illnesses, made candles, told fortunes with runes and engaged in general village life. In the afternoon, the children became archaeologists and dug for Saxon artefacts! Lord Einer was a bit scary...!

We have some fantastic new clubs at Cranborne this term, including an extra Cheerleading Club (due to popular demand), Mad Science club, Circuit Training and Multi Sports club as well as a Dance club.

Our other great clubs are all thriving too! These include Karate breakfast club, Boxing club, Stretch and Bounce club, Chess club, Woody's Football, School Football and Netball clubs. We also have a fantastic range of Drama/Music clubs including Glee club, Orchestra, Recorder club and Upper and Lower school Choirs. So no time to get bored... there's something for everyone!



Here are some photographs from a recent Karate club assembly where the children demonstrated their amazing new skills.

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National Science Competition – ‘Green and Gorgeous’

This is an annual competition that Pope Paul School has entered for the second year running. We are delighted to announce that one of our Year 6 students, Keira, has come 1st in her age group (Years 5–6), coming 1st overall last year. Twin brothers in Year 2 also entered the competition and achieved 2nd place in their age group. This is a fantastic achievement.

Keira told us: “This year we had to make a car out of 2L plastic bottles. Not only did we have to design it but decide on how to improve it. This took a lot of trial and error as well as scientific investigation. When I was happy with the finished car, I made a ramp to test the distance. I kept making improvements and re-recording the distances. I then used Excel to record all the results, converting them to both line graphs and bar charts.” To collect her award, Keira was invited to Reading University and presented her prize by Simon Mayo. Well done Keira and twins, Alessandro and Francesco. We are so proud of you and your achievements. I'm sure we will hear of your great scientific work in the future.

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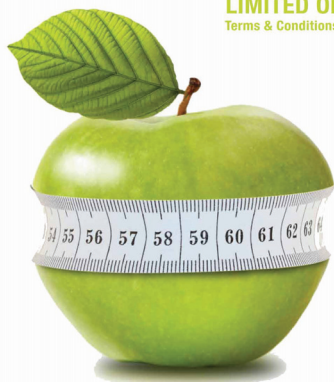
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Cycling Terms

With part of the Tour de France held in England last year, this time we get up to speed with some cycling terms.

Aero bars: chocolates/extension of the handlebars usually allowing the rider to rest his elbows and benefit from improved aerodynamics.

Blow up: explode maybe but really a rider who has gone into oxygen debt and loses the ability to maintain pace.

Brain bucket: collection of intelligence/cycling helmet.

Breakaway: more chocolate or when a small group of riders or an individual have successfully opened a gap ahead of the peloton.

Broom Wagon: transport for witches/support vehicle following a group of cyclists that may carry equipment, food, rider luggage or mechanics.

Chain gang: USA prisoners perhaps but really a group of cyclists cycling in a close knit formation akin to a road race, normally for the purposes of training.

Crank arm: upper body exercise/one of the two arms of a crank set. Each arm connects a pedal to the bottom bracket.

Crank set: turning devices/the bicycle drive chain assembly that converts the rider's pedalling action to rotating motion.

Danseuse: Moulin Rouge perhaps but really riding out of the saddle, standing up and rocking side to side for leverage.

Derailleur: train crash/device to change gears.

Domestique: housemaid/rider whose job it is to support and work for other riders in their team.

Etape: some technological communication maybe or a stage of a race.

Lanterne rouge: red lantern/French for "red lantern", as found at the end of a railway train, and the name given to the rider placed last in a race.

Flamme rouge: french flame perhaps/a red flag displayed with one kilometre remaining from the finish line of a race. Usually suspended over the road.

Granny gear: M&S cardigan or the lowest gear ratio on a multi-speed bicycle.

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Hammer: tool/to ride fast.

Puncheur: maybe a French boxer but really a type of rider who specialises in rolling terrain with short but steep climbs.

Squirrel: grey pest/a cyclist who has a tendency to swerve unexpectedly and maintain inconsistent speed.

Stage: not for daughters or one part of a multi-day race.

Ticket collector: rail employee/a rider that sits at the back of a breakaway but doesn't take the lead. Thus the rider gets a free ride similar to a ticket collector on a train.

Yellow Jersey: Brazil supporter/worn by the rider who is leading in the general classification in the Tour de France.

Green Jersey: Ireland supporter/worn by the leader of the points classification on intermediate sprints and at each stage.

White Jersey: England supporter/worn by the best young rider under 25 in general individual time classification.

Red Polka Dot Jersey: Croatia supporter/worn by the best climber at the top of any classified slope.



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Introduction to Croquet

Those who already play croquet will know what a delightful game it is and what a fine sport it can be for those with a more competitive nature. Enfield Croquet Club, which has its own lawns in Bush Hill Park, offers excellent facilities for those who wish to give it a go.

Anyone who has never played before will no doubt be asking why croquet? And the answer is because it's good fun and a sociable ball game for people of all ages played in a friendly atmosphere. It is also one of the few sports where guys and girls, or ladies and gentlemen if you prefer, can and do compete on an equal basis thanks to the handicap system deployed in croquet.

What skills are required in a game of croquet? Well, in essence, just the ability to be able to stand still and to hit a ball with a mallet, ideally with a reasonable degree of accuracy. This is a relatively simple talent that most people can acquire with practice. At its very highest levels you might compare it to the accuracy required for snooker or the putting play in golf. On the tactical side comparisons with the complexities of a cricket or a chess match wouldn't be unreasonable. Combine these with a game played on a decent grass surface and you have the basic concept. Croquet is as competitive and/or social as you would wish it to be and our Club caters for both, with some individuals who only play socially and others who partake in both internal and external competitions at the highest levels.

What you don't require is strength, stamina or the ability to run around. Nor do you require fast reflexes or the ability to hit a moving target as you do in so many other sports. You don't even need a competitive edge to play for fun, but it certainly helps if you want to win more often than you lose.

There are two principal variations of croquet currently played in the UK, differing in the scoring systems and order of shots. Both are played through obstacles called hoops and employ the same course layout. Croquet can be played in back gardens or any flat piece of ground and may be adapted to smaller than standard playing courts but it is so much better when played on a decent full sized surface. The good news then is that the Club plays on

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Interested parties can TRY CROQUET FOR FREE with no obligation and no financial outlay before deciding whether or not they might like to join the Club. You have nothing to lose by giving it a go, so why not come along and give it a try? We run a course designed specifically for those new to croquet who wish to try out the game and receive some guidance on the technique, rules and playing practices. All the required equipment will be provided and each session will include the pleasure of being involved in an actual game against other individuals on the course. There are no special clothing requirements. Just wear sensible clothing suitable for the prevailing weather conditions on the day and a pair of flat comfortable shoes, such as trainers.

We also welcome any current croquet players or anyone who has previously played. The courses will be run in April on the following Wednesdays: 8th, 15th, 22nd and the following Saturdays: 11th, 18th, 25th from 10am until noon. It is advised that participants new to croquet attend at least 2 sessions.

Pre-registration is required. Email info@enfieldcroquet.org or phone 020 8366 6005.

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Folly Arch, Little Heath

A folly is normally thought of as a structure or something built with no practical purpose or use and it is often thought that this was the case with Folly Arch. However on the lands known as Gobions behind the arch there once stood a very large house and very splendid gardens, also known as Gobions.

The main entrance to the house was sited at the lower end of Swanley Bar Lane on the Hatfield Road. Folly Arch, however, was an entrance via a tree lined pathway to the fabulous gardens of Gobions. These were known as the pleasure gardens and included a lake, a canal, a bowling green and a woodland temple.

The existing Folly Arch is now the only remaining part of the grand Gobions estate and was built c1754 on the orders of the owner Sir Jeremy Sambrook. The large brick built archway is flanked by two crenelated three storey towers and is now a grade II listed building. A lot of the mortar between the brickwork has been extensively repaired where, over time, people have scraped it away looking for treasure. It was widely rumoured that when it was built a Queen Anne farthing was placed under every brick. However none have ever been located and it is now believed to be nothing more than a local myth.

Folly Arch forms the logo for Little Heath School and is situated at the junction of Hawkshead Road and Swanley Bar Lane.

Les Chesson

Buildings of Interest

This is the fourth in a series of articles about buildings of interest in Potters Bar.

The Tudor House, Billy Lows Lane, Potters Bar

The house is a one and a half storey mock Tudor building with a steep gabled roof and rear decorated chimney located on the corner of Darkes Lane and Billy Lows Lane in Potters Bar.

It was designed in the mid 1920s for the Olympia Ideal Home Exhibition of 1926. The building was purchased after the Exhibition for re-erection on the current site. Similar designs were used for the Darkes Lane shops to provide a continuity of design. It is significant as it has strong design of the mock Tudor style and retains most of its original features. Due to its corner position it makes a significant contribution to the local landscape.

At one time the Council planned to list the house but one owner had added a badly designed extension which prevented this from happening. There were also plans to make Darkes Lane a shopping precinct and use the area where the house stands as a car park.

For anybody interested in the method of construction of the building, they can visit the Hertsmere website to look at the list

of locally important buildings in Hertsmere.

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Thanks must go to Geoffrey Ing, who owned the house in the 1970s, for background information on its history.



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MARCH

SUNDAY 1st

- **Mum to Mum Sale** at Elm Court, www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.

MONDAY 2nd

- ***Barnet & District Philatelic Society:** 8pm, quiz plus fish and chip supper.

TUESDAY 3rd

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Women in the Bible. Speaker: Rev Sue Chapman.
- ***Northaw WI:** Vic Botterill, 'The Midas Touch'.
- ***Lunchtime Recital:** Laura Beardsmore and Cecily Beer — flute and harp. Free with buffet lunch from 12–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk, organist@stmaryspb.org.uk for more info.
- ***Golden Eagle Spiritual Group:** Patrick Carberry — talk/address plus Clairvoyance.

WEDNESDAY 4th

- ***PB Horticultural Society:** Ann and John Wallington. By special request Bhutan a mountain kingdom.
- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Mo Bates — Slides of New York.

THURSDAY 5th

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

SATURDAY 7th

- **Jumble Sale:** 4th Potters Bar Scouts at St Johns Church Baker Street. Entry £2 at 10am and 50p at 10.30am. Finishes about noon.

SUNDAY 8th

- **Messy Church** for all the family at King Charles the Martyr Church, 368 Mutton Lane from 3–5pm. Arts/craft activities, some informal worship and a light tea. No charge and no need to book. Further details www.kcm-church.org.uk or ring 01707 665579.
- **Toy Fair** at Elm Court, www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.
- **Antiques and Collectors Fair:** Wyllotts Centre, 10am–4pm.
- ***PB Society:** Walk.
- ***Barnet Walks:** Marvellous Mill Hill: a guided walk. Meet at Mill Hill East tube station, 2.30pm.

TUESDAY 10th

- ***Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society:** Tales of the Regents Canal — Dr John Stredwick.
- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club:** Gill McGregor — 'The Romance of Spring'.

WEDNESDAY 11th

- ***RSPB Afternoon:** David Squibb — "A Walk on Atlantis" (Tenerife).
- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Jeff's Clothes Show.

THURSDAY 12th

- ***Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Hidden East End of London' — Diane Burstein, an illustrated talk, 7.45pm at Enfield Grammar School. Info 01707 321759.
- ***Oakmere WI:** Birthday meeting. Jazz Singer — Georgia Weston/Barry Parfitt.

SATURDAY 14th

- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 11.45pm, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.
- **23rd Annual Sponsored Swim** at Furze Field Centre, Potters Bar, 5.30–9pm, Brookmans Park Rotary Club. To book a team of 4 or 5 contact Gill gillsinnott@yahoo.co.uk or 07957 819436.
- **Potters Bar Choral Society:** Faure Requiem and Vierne Messe Solennelle at St Mary's Church, The Walk. Contact info@pbchoral.org.
- **Musical Bingo Quiz:** 7.30pm at Goffs Oak Village Hall. Call 07721 665187 Cheshunt Dramatic Society.
- ***Barnet Walks:** The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm.

SUNDAY 15th

- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve:** Monthly 3rd Sunday, 10am. Meet at lay-by, Coopers Lane Road. Tools provided. Contact 01707 657351.

MONDAY 16th

- ***Barnet and District Philatelic Society:** 8pm, Competitions Evening.

TUESDAY 17th

- ***Radlett Music Club:** Kryisia Osostowicz — violin, Daniel Tong — piano 8pm at the Radlett Centre.
- ***Tuesday Friendship:** SERV Volunteers, The Blood Runners. Speaker: John McCombe.

WEDNESDAY 18th

- ***PB Horticultural Society:** Celia Reed — Spinning a Yarn. Celia demonstrates the process spinning from ancient times to the modern day spinning wheel.

- ***Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Life and career of Agatha Christie' — Geoff Bowden. 2pm at Holwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield. Info 01707 321759.
- **Oakmere Library:** 7pm, How to run a reading group: hints and tips on starting a group and how the library can help.
- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Quiz.

THURSDAY 19th

- ***Cuffley Horticultural Society:** "Some Gardens of California" with Jill Billington.

FRIDAY 20th

- ***RSPB Evening:** Peter Warne — "Wildlife in Epping Forest."
- ***Barnet Walks:** Things that Go Bump in High Barnet!: a special Spring Equinox ghost walk. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 21st

- ***PBHS Flower Show:** Elm Court.
- ***Oakmere WI Quiz Night** at 7.45pm, Our Lady and St Vincent Church Hall, Mutton Lane. £10 including fish and chip supper. Proceeds of raffle to Herts Air Ambulance. Contact Pam Bond on 01707 645366 or email pam_bond@yahoo.com.
- **Vintage, Antiques and Collectors Market:** Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.

SUNDAY 22nd

- ***PB Society:** Walk.

WEDNESDAY 25th

- ***North London Social Club Barn Dance:** Tickets £8 including ploughman's supper. For information telephone Kay on 01992 630503.

THURSDAY 26th

- **Memory Lane at Wyllotts:** £13, pre-show meal £12.

SATURDAY 28th

- **Quiz Night:** 7.30pm, at King Charles the Martyr Church Hall, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar. Tables of 8. Cost is £8 per person including Ploughman's Supper served in interval. BYO drinks and raffle. Must booked in advance. Booking opens from 1 March on 01707 665579.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 11.45pm, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.
- **The Heart of High Barnet:** a guided walk. Meet outside Barnet College, Wood Street, 11am.
- **Adoramus Easter Concert New Life New Hope** at the Alban Arena. Dvorak New World Symphony, and choral music by Bach, Gounod, Mozart and Brahms. Tickets £22, £19, £16 from Box Office: 01727 844488 or ticket hotline: 07816 99308.

SUNDAY 29th

- ***Whitewebbs Museum of Transport:** Open Day and Jaguar Drivers' Club, 10am–4pm, £4.

TUESDAY 31st

- ***Tuesday Friendship Quiz Nite:** Question Master: Les Fuller.

APRIL

WEDNESDAY 1st

- ***Wednesday Community Club Lunch** followed by Easter Service.

FRIDAY 3rd

- **Good Friday Walk:** Gathering at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Vincent, to leave at 9.30am, walking along Darkes Lane and concluding with a short service at the United Reformed Church in Darkes Lane, which will be followed by tea/coffee. All are welcome.

SATURDAY 4th

- ***Barnet Walks:** A Meander through Monken Hadley: a guided walk. Meet outside The Spires, Barnet High Street, 11am.

SUNDAY 5th

- **Easter Day Easter Day:** Dawn Sunrise Service. Gather outside St Mary's Church in The Walk at 6am for a short outdoor service, followed by communion in the Church and then a light breakfast.

- **French Market:** Hatfield House, 10am–4pm.

- ***PB Society:** Walk.

MONDAY 6th

- **Camera Fair:** Elm Court.

TUESDAY 7th

- ***Northaw WI:** John Neal — 'Pickwick's London'.
- ***Golden Eagle Spiritual Group:** Jeff Phillips — talk plus Clairvoyance.
- **Lunchtime Recital:** Terence Atkins, organ, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch (£4) available from 12noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk

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WEDNESDAY 8th

- ***RSPB Afternoon:** Dawn Richardson, Lee Valley Park Conservation Manager.

THURSDAY 9th

- ***Oakmere WI:** "A Passion for Pearls" — Frances Benton.
- ***PB Society Town Group Meeting:** 7.30pm, United Reformed Church.
- ***Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Coram Children' — Jane King. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 01707 650969.

SATURDAY 11th

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers not before 11am, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.
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SUNDAY 12th

- **'Messy Church'** for all the family at King Charles the Martyr Church, 368 Mutton Lane from 3–5pm. Arts/crafts activities, some informal worship and a light tea. No charge, no need to book. Further details www.kcm-church.org.uk or ring 01707 665579.
- **Antiques and Collectors Fair:** Wyllyotts Centr, 10am–4pm.

MONDAY 13th

- **Recital by members of the New Virtuosi Violin Mastercourse:** Retiring collection, 7pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

TUESDAY 14th

- ***Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society:** The Birth and Development of the British Stainless Steel Industry — David Dulieu.
- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club:** 'Inspirations of India' by Rekha Naidoo.
- ***Tuesday Friendship Soldiers and Airmens Scripture Readers Association:** Speaker: Mark Powell.
- ***Barnet Walks:** The Battle of Barnet: a special anniversary guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am.

WEDNESDAY 15th

- ***Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Beatrix Potter' — Pam Wright. 2pm, Holtwhites Sports & Social Club, Enfield. Info 01707 650969.

THURSDAY 16th

- ***Radlett Music Club:** Benyounis Quartet with David Campbell — clarinet. 8pm at the Radlett Centre.
- **Recital by members of the New Virtuosi Violin Mastercourse:** Retiring collection, 7pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

FRIDAY 17th

- ***RSPB Evening:** Tom Way — "Wildlife on your Doorstep". Fine art wildlife photographic images from around the UK.
- **Horrid Henry Event** at Oakmere Library. Scrap book making for 5–8 year olds. Free places limited book in advance at the library or telephone 0300 123 4049.

SATURDAY 18th

- **Vintage, Antiques and Collectors Market:** Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.

SUNDAY 19th

- **Stamp Fair** at Mount Grace School, 10am–4pm.
- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve:** Monthly 3rd Sunday, 10am. Meet at lay-by, Coopers Lane Road. Tools provided. Contact 01707 657351.
- ***PB Society:** Walk.

MONDAY 20th

- ***Barnet and District Philatelic Society:** 7 for 8pm, Spring Auction.

TUESDAY 21st

- **South Pacific ELODS:** present this classic Rodgers & Hammerstein musical at Wyllyotts Theatre. Tickets £13–£16.50 from Wyllyotts Box Office or 07770 871140. <http://elods.org.uk/southpacific15.html>.
- **Coach Trip BBC Studio Tour:** We stop in vibrant Covent Garden before heading to Portland place and the BBC studio tour. Sit on the 'One show' couch. Depart 10am, return 6.30pm. £40, contact 01707 620061.

WEDNESDAY 22nd

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Games/chat.

- **Oakmere Library:** 7pm, No Exit Press Crime Panel. Tickets available online or in the library. Crime Authors, Leigh Russell, Howard Linskey and Peter Murphy talk about their writing and getting published.

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THURSDAY 23rd

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- **Coach Trip:** Arundel Castle Tulip Spectacular. We stop in Guildford where you are free to have a coffee and a browse before we head to Arundel Castle. Depart 9.30am, return 7pm. £40, contact 01707 620061.

FRIDAY 24th

- **South Pacific ELODS:** present this classic Rodgers & Hammerstein musical at Wyllyotts Theatre. Tickets £13–£16.50 from Wyllyotts Box Office or 07770 871140. <http://elods.org.uk/southpacific15.html>.

SATURDAY 25th

- **South Pacific ELODS:** present this classic Rodgers & Hammerstein musical at Wyllyotts Theatre. Tickets £13–£16.50 from Wyllyotts Box Office or 07770 871140. <http://elods.org.uk/southpacific15.html>.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers not before 11am, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.
- **Coach Trip:** Ghent Belgium. Once medieval Europe's second largest city, over the past century this unsung treasure of a town has developed a strong artistic bent. Depart 6am, return 11pm. Don't forget Euros, passport and EU health card. £55, contact 01707 620061.
- **Barn Dance:** 7pm for 7.30pm, St Mary's Church Hall, The Walk. 2-course supper included. Tickets £12 adults; £8 children. Phone 01707 654407 or 658837.

SUNDAY 26th

- **Blood Donor Clinic:** Elm Court.
- ***Whitewebbs Museum of Transport Open Day, Classic Ford Day and Jumble:** 10am–4pm, £5.

TUESDAY 28th

- **Sister Act:** Potters Bar Theatre Company. Tickets £16 adults, £14 students, £15 senior (Tuesday evening and Saturday matinée only). PBTC Box Office, PO Box 154 Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2WB (cheques to 'Potters Bar Theatre Company', please include a stamped addressed envelope).
- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Visit to the USA. Speakers: Pauline and David Morris.

WEDNESDAY 29th

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Chris Sausman entertains with music.
- **Sister Act:** Potters Bar Theatre Company. Tickets £16 adults, £14 students, £15 senior (Tuesday evening and Saturday matinée only). PBTC Box Office, PO Box 154 Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2WB (cheques to 'Potters Bar Theatre Company', please include a stamped addressed envelope).

THURSDAY 30th

- ***Cuffley Horticultural Society:** "Over the Garden Wall" with Nick Dobson.
- **Sister Act:** Potters Bar Theatre Company. Tickets £16 adults, £14 students, £15 senior (Tuesday evening and Saturday matinée only). PBTC Box Office, PO Box 154 Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2WB (cheques to 'Potters Bar Theatre Company', please include a stamped addressed envelope).

MAY

FRIDAY 1st

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SATURDAY 2nd

- **May Day Celebration** at Bradmore Green, Brookmans Park. Starts at 4.30pm. Maypole dancing, Punch & Judy, Morris Dancers and attractions. Brookmans Park Rotary Club, contact us by email at enquiries@brookmansparkrotary.org.uk.
- **Sixty Plus Quiz:** 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 to include supper — please bring your own drinks. Phone Shirley or Carol on 01707 643602 or 07980 540232.

WHAT'S ON

- **Cats Protection Lea Valley Branch Quiz:** Elm Court, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar. £6 per person please bring own food and drink. Contact Stephanie on 01707 657876.
- **Sister Act:** Potters Bar Theatre Company. Tickets £16 adults, £14 students, £15 senior (Tuesday evening and Saturday matinee only). PBTC Box Office, PO Box 154 Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2WB (cheques to 'Potters Bar Theatre Company', please include a stamped addressed envelope).

SUNDAY 3rd

- ***PB Society:** Walk.
- ***Barnet Walks:** The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm.

TUESDAY 5th

- ***Northaw WI:** AGM and Resolutions.
- ***Golden Eagle Spiritual Group:** Patricia McNally and Patrick Naughtane – workshop.
- **Lunchtime Recital:** Anna-Louise Costello – soprano, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch (£4) available from 12noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 6th

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** TBA.

THURSDAY 7th

- ***PB Society Town Group Meeting:** 7.30pm, United Reformed Church.
- **Coach Trip:** Brick Lane Music Hall Matinee show served with afternoon tea. We meet in Café Dutch for complimentary coffee and egg and bacon butties before our short and scenic drive to the depths of the East End and the Brick Lane Music Hall. Depart 10am, return 6.30pm. £55, contact 01707 620061.

FRIDAY 8th

- **Flower Festival including musical concert:** Christ Church, Little Heath. 10am–4pm. Admission £1.50.

SATURDAY 9th

- **Jumble Sale:** 4th Potters Bar Scouts at St Johns Church Baker Street, Potters Bar. Entry £2 at 10am and 50p at 10.30am. Finishes about noon.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers not before 11am, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.
- ***Barnet Walks:** Dickens in Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 2.30pm.
- **Flower Festival:** Christ Church, Little Heath. 10am–4pm. Admission £1.50. Refreshments available.

SUNDAY 10th

- **Messy Church** for all the family at King Charles the Martyr Church, 368 Mutton Lane from 3–5pm. Arts/craft activities, some informal worship and a light tea. No charge and no need to book. Further details www.kcm-church.org.uk or ring 01707 665579.
- **Toy Fair:** Elm Court.
- **Antiques and Collectors Fair:** Wyllyotts Centre, 10am–4pm.
- **Flower Festival:** Christ Church, Little Heath. 10am–4pm. Admission £1.50.

TUESDAY 12th

- ***Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society:** The Architecture of the London Underground – Oliver Green.
- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club:** 'It's all Art' by Diane Bloomfield.
- ***Tuesday Friendship:** AGM.
- **Coach Trip:** Brighton from iconic tourist attractions to beachfront cool, Brighton is a treasure trove of things to do and places to go. Depart 9.30, return 7.30pm. £30, contact 01707 620061.
- **Bring and Buy Sale:** Cooperscroft Care Home, Coopers Lane Road, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, 11am–1pm and 2–4pm. Refreshments available.

WEDNESDAY 13th

- ***RSPB Afternoon:** Barry Kaufmann-Wright – "The Journey", by a former Police Wildlife Crime Officer.
- ***Wednesday Community Club:** TBA.

THURSDAY 14th

- ***Oakmere WI:** AGM and Resolutions Meeting.
- ***Enfield National Trust Association:** 'In search of the Magnificent Seven in North Africa' – Philip Shaw. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 01707 650969.
- **"Magical Musicals" The Warren Music Show** at The Bull, call 07721 665187.

FRIDAY 15th

- ***RSPB Evening:** Jill Carey – 'The Shaky Islands' Slideshow talk on New Zealand.

- ***Barnet Walks:** Things that Go Bump in High Barnet! a ghost walk. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 7.30pm.
- **"Magical Musicals" The Warren Music Show** at The Bull, call 07721 665187.

SATURDAY 16th

- **Vintage, Antiques and Collectors Market:** Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.
- **Coach Trip:** Bruges, Belgium. Step back in time: travel to Bruges and discover the most delightful little city of canals and bridges, medieval Flemish. Depart 6am, return 11pm. Don't forget your Euros, passport and EU health card. £55, contact 01707 620061.
- **Concert:** An evening of Gilbert and Sullivan Potters Bar Choral Society, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church Hall, The Walk. More details: info@pbchoral.org.
- **"Magical Musicals" The Warren Music Show** at The Bull, call 07721 665187.

SUNDAY 17th

- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve:** Monthly 3rd Sunday, 10am. Meet at lay-by, Coopers Lane Road. Tools provided. Contact 01707 657351.
- ***PB Society:** Walk.

MONDAY 18th

- ***Barnet and District Philatelic Society:** 8pm, AGM with 'Bring and Buy' and refreshments.

WEDNESDAY 20th

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** TBA.

SATURDAY 23rd

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers not before 11am, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.
- **Herts County Show:** Herts Showground, Dunstable Road, St Albans. 01582 792626.

SUNDAY 24th

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TUESDAY 26th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** "My World". Speaker: Mary Biggs.

WEDNESDAY 27th

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** U3A Singers.

THURSDAY 28th

- ***Cuffley Horticultural Society:** "Bees, Beekeeping and Plants" with Peter Dalby.
- ***PB Society:** AGM, 7.30pm, Tilbury Hall.

SUNDAY 31st

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

JUNE

MONDAY 1st

- ***Barnet and District Philatelic Society:** 8pm, "A Mixed Grill". Talk by Hugh Shaw.

TUESDAY 2nd

- ***Northaw WI:** Bill Hamilton – '50 years as a Journalist and BBC Reporter'.
- ***Golden Eagle Spiritual Group:** Alan Albiston – Essence plus Spirit of Nature.
- **Lunchtime Recital:** Anthony Gritten – organ, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch (£4) available from 12noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 3rd

- **Art in Clay:** Hatfield House, 10am–5.30pm.
- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Games/chat.

THURSDAY 4th

- **Art in Clay:** Hatfield House, 10am–5.30pm.
- ***PB Society Town Group Meeting:** 7.30pm, United Reformed Church.
- **Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders:** at Goffs Oak Village Hall. Box Office 07473 467827.

FRIDAY 5th

- **Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders:** at Goffs Oak Village Hall. Box Office 07473 467827.
- **Art in Clay:** Hatfield House, 10am–5.30pm.

SATURDAY 6th

- **Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders:** at Goffs Oak Village Hall. Box Office 07473 467827.
- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers not before 11am, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.

WHAT'S ON

- **Charity Auction** at Brookmans Park United Reformed Church, Oaklands Avenue, Brookmans Park. Viewing 10am, auction starts 2pm. Brookmans Park Rotary Club. To donate an item or for information contact Gill gillinnott@yahoo.co.uk or 07957 819436.

SUNDAY 7th

- **POTTERS BAR CARNIVAL:** Contact Peter or Sue on 850147 if you require a stall or for more information.
- ***Barnet Walks:** The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am.

TUESDAY 9th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club:** 'It's a Gardner's Joy' by Tony Brown (National Demonstrator).

WEDNESDAY 10th

- ***RSPB Afternoon Herts and Middx Wildlife Trust:** "Where the Wild Things Are" by a rep of the Trust.
- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Boat Trip — Reading to Henley.

THURSDAY 11th

- ***Oakmere WI:** "Entertaining Children" — Ernie Almond.
- **Coach Trip:** Althorp Literary Festival. Althorp contains one of the finest private collections of art, furniture and ceramics in the world, including numerous. Depart 9.30am, return 6.30pm. £35, contact 01707 620061.

SATURDAY 13th

- **St Mary's Centenary Weekend:** Church open all day, with floral and historical displays. Songs of Praise service at 3pm, followed by Strawberry Tea. St Mary's Church, The Walk. 01707 644539.

SUNDAY 14th

- **St Mary's Centenary Weekend:** church open all day, with floral and historical displays. Festival Eucharist at 11am, followed by lunch. St Mary's Church, The Walk. 01707 644539.
- **Messy Church** for all the family at King Charles the Martyr Church, 368 Mutton Lane from 3–5pm. Arts/craft activities, some informal worship and a light tea. No charge and no need to book. Further details www.kcm-church.org.uk or ring 01707 665579.
- **Essendon Gardens Open Day:** 11.30am–5pm. Many beautiful, private gardens open. Lunches and teas available. Church Tower Trips — stunning views. Various stalls including plant stalls, plenty of parking, guide dogs. Only £6 adults and 50p per child.
- **Antiques and Collectors Fair:** Wyllyotts Centre, 10am–4pm.

MONDAY 15th

- ***Barnet and District Philatelic Society:** 8pm. Visit from/presentation by Hitchin Philatelic Society.

WEDNESDAY 17th

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Closed.
- **Coach Trip:** Chartwell and Emmetts Garden. Chartwell was the much-loved Churchill family home and the place from which Sir Winston drew inspiration from 1924 until the end of his life. Depart 8am, return 8pm. National Trust Members £30, non members £58. Contact 01707 620061.

THURSDAY 18th

- **Battle Proms:** Hatfield House.

FRIDAY 19th

- **Folk by the Oak:** Folk Music Festival. Hatfield House, from 1pm.
- ***RSPB Evening:** Andy Warren — "One good Tern deserves Another" Seabirds — lots of them!
- **Coach Trip:** Blenheim Palace Flower Show. The flower show celebrates everything floral from award-winning nurseries to gardening celebrities and experts who can help you transform your garden. Depart 9.30am, return 6.30pm. £38, contact 01707 620061.

SATURDAY 20th

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers not before 11am, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.
- **Vintage, Antiques and Collectors Market:** Hatfield House, 10am–5pm.
- **Herts Philharmonia Orchestra Concert:** 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church, St Albans, AL1 4DF. Shostakovich Symphonyno.10, Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, Shostakovich "Festival Overture". Tickets: email tickets@hertsphil.org.uk or 0172785782.

SUNDAY 21st

- **Camera Fair:** Elm Court.
- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve:** Monthly 3rd Sunday, 10am. Meet at lay-by, Coopers Lane Road. Tools provided. Contact 01707 657351.
- ***Barnet Walks:** Things that Go Bump in High Barnet!: a special Summer Solstice ghost walk. Meet at High Barnet tube station, 7.30pm.

TUESDAY 23rd

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Gobions Wood. Speaker: Anne Rowe.

WEDNESDAY 24th

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Games/chat.

THURSDAY 25th

- ***Cuffley Horticultural Society:** "Grow Veg and have Fun!" with Pippa Greenwood.

SATURDAY 27th

- **PBHS Flower Show:** Elm Court.

SUNDAY 28th

- **Stamp Fair** at Mount Grace School, 10am–4pm.
- ***Barnet Walks:** The Heart of High Barnet: a guided walk. Meet outside Barnet College, Wood Street, 2.30pm.
- ***Whitewebbs Museum of Transport Classic Motorbike Day and Jumble:** 10am–4pm, £5.

JULY

WEDNESDAY 1st

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** TBA.
- **Coach Trip:** Kent coastal tour. Broadstairs boasts seven beautiful beaches and coves. Highlights include the creamy chalk stacks of Botany Bay, Ramsgate with a cosmopolitan vibe. Turner Contemporary in Margate. Depart 9.30am, return 7.30pm. £30, contact 01707 620061.

SATURDAY 4th

- **Outdoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers not before 11am, buyers 1pm. See www.elmcourt.org.uk for further details.

SUNDAY 5th

- ***Barnet Walks:** A Meander through Monken Hadley: a guided walk. Meet outside The Spires, Barnet High Street, 2.30pm.
- **Ladbrooke School Summer Fayre** between 12noon–3pm. The entrance is free at Watkins Rise, Potters Bar.

TUESDAY 7th

- ***Northaw WI:** Dr Stephen Dowbiggin — 'Capel Manor'.
- ***Golden Eagle Spiritual Group:** Bill Rich — talk plus Clairvoyance.
- **Lunchtime Recital:** Matthew Sear — guitar, 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch (£4) available from 12noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 8th

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Games/chat.

THURSDAY 9th

- ***Oakmere WI:** "History of Nursery Rhymes" — Aileen Mullett.
- **Coach Trip:** Hampton Court Flower Show. Depart 9.30am, return 7.30pm. £55, contact 01707 620061.

SATURDAY 11th

- ***Barnet Walks:** The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am.
- **Coach Trip:** Ypres and Menin Gate, France. Depart 8am, return 12.30am. Remember your Passport, Euros and EU Health Card, £55. We will depart after the Last Post Ceremony at 8pm. Contact 01707 620061.

SUNDAY 12th

- **Messy Church** for all the family at King Charles the Martyr Church, 368 Mutton Lane from 3–5pm. Arts/craft activities, some informal worship and a light tea. No charge and no need to book. Further details www.kcm-church.org.uk or ring 01707 665579.
- **Coach Trip:** Hampton Court Flower Show. Depart 9.30am, return 7.30pm. £55, contact 01707 620061.

TUESDAY 14th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club:** 'Odd Pots' by Terry Babbage.

WEDNESDAY 15th

- ***Wednesday Community Club:** Maggie Rodcliffe — "The Sixties".

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

To include an event contact: susan.weaver4@ntlworld.com

Working in the Community - Estate Agent

Teresa Perry's interest in estate agency developed from when she bought her own property. At the time she was working for a local council but, needing more income to cover the mortgage, she applied for a part-time evening job with an estate agent in Cuffley. The work began with phoning clients, but as Teresa learnt more about the business, she was invited to increase her hours until, only one year later, she left the council job and worked full-time at the agency.

After 28 years, and now in her own agency, Teresa still finds the work very rewarding. Every day is different, and with the variety of jobs in both sales and lettings, she is never bored. It is hard work entailing long hours, often working at weekends, and with disappointments if a sale falls through, and frustrations if a repair is delayed on a rented property, usually due to the tradesmen waiting for parts to come into the wholesalers.

A lot of the work now is internet-based or by email rather than by phone-outs or personal contact. Photos are the key elements in people's search for properties but these don't give the whole story, whereas in a phone call the agent can register exactly what the client needs, and notify them of potential properties. Happily, Teresa finds that people in Potters Bar are more forward in talking to the agent about their needs.

In the last 10–15 years agents are doing more in lettings, particularly since councils have sold housing stocks to tenants. This generates more income for letting agents, and the relationship with landlords is longer. Teresa believes there is a good market for families and couples renting in Potters Bar, with fewer short-term tenancies.

Lettings is different to sales as a rented place is more often temporary and therefore quicker to process. It becomes more

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complex if the property is also managed by the agent who is then responsible for repairs and knowing and engaging reliable tradesmen. When a sale is agreed the agent must be vigilant about what is going on in all parts of the chain by maintaining contact with solicitors, mortgage brokers and other estate agents, and reporting to the client. Some agents prefer to deal with lettings rather than sales, and vice versa.

For Teresa, the best part of her job is dealing with people, and particularly in person. Even in emails she will try to deliver a personal service. She says, 'You have to like people if you want to be a successful estate agent.'

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Potters Bar Society walks to May 2015



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

In the event of adverse weather conditions, please telephone the walks leader as the walk may have to be cancelled. Walks up to 22nd March start at 1.30pm due to shorter daylight hours, whilst walks from 5th April begin at 2.15pm.

Sunday 8th March

Meet: outside Brookmans Park railway station. *Route:* North Mymms Park via Wisers Lane and Love Lane. Return Water End. About: 5 miles. *Leaders:* 01707 643832.

Sunday 22nd March

Meet: Bullen's Green at junction of Roestock Lane/Bullen's Green Lane (TL214064). *Route:* Roundhouse Farm, River Colne and return via Tyttenhanger Farm, the Heath and Community Forest. About: 4.5 miles. *Leaders:* 01707 264689.

Sunday 5th April

Meet: Cuffley Station. *Route:* Ridgeway, Colesdale Farm, Burnt Farm, Wood Green Stables, Cuffley Hill. About: 5.5 miles. *Leaders:* 01707 655732.

Sunday 19th April

Meet: Junction of Oak Avenue and The Ridgeway, Enfield (TQ 308982). *Route:* Whitewebbs Wood to Whitewebbs Lane and return via New River Path and Hilly Fields Park. About: 5 miles. *Leaders:* 01707 851498.

Sunday 3rd May

Meet: London Colney – Sainsbury's car park bus stop. *Route:* Colney Heath and return via Tyttenhanger Farm and Bowman's Lakes. About: 4.5 miles. *Leaders:* 01707 643257.

Sunday 17th May

Meet: North Mymms Church (TQ 223044). *Route:* War Memorial, Tollgate Farm, Colney Heath Farm to Coursers Farm via Colney Heath. Return via Redwell Wood Farm, Potwells and Cangsley Grove. About: 5.5 miles. *Leaders:* 01707 851498.

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

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Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan - 12,500 homes needed by 2031

The Local Plan will shape the future of development in our towns and villages between now and 2031 – new homes, new jobs and business premises, open spaces and community facilities for people to use, and infrastructure such as roads, schools and healthcare. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council believe that this will be necessary to support the growth of Welwyn Hatfield and a vibrant local economy.

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) is required by the National Planning Policy Framework to objectively assess how many and what types of homes will be needed in the borough.

The key headline from the SHMA is an objectively assessed need for the provision of some 625 new homes per year, which is 12,500 new homes over the 2011–2031 period. It has also identified the need for an additional 620 specialist bed-spaces in care accommodation.

Starting in January 2015, until 19th March, everyone in the borough will have the opportunity to comment on the draft Local Plan. They can do so by registering with the Welwyn Hatfield Consultation Portal.

If you would like to be involved in the Local Plan as it progresses, please join the consultation database. You can also email your details to planningpolicy@welhat.gov.uk or telephone 01707 357532.

We felt it appropriate to outline what is happening with regards to the Local Plan given that it affects Little Heath and may have some impact on other areas.

Charity Auction

The Rotary Club of Brookmans Park is holding a Collectables Auction on Saturday 6th June 2015 at 2pm at the United Reform Church, Oaklands Avenue, Brookmans Park. There may be some antiques as well, depending on donations. The doors will open at 10am for viewing and some of the small items of collectables will be on sale at this time.

The charities that we are supporting this year are Macmillan Cancer Support, Wheelpower and The Barracuda Swimming Club. If you live in Brookmans Park or Potters Bar and have items that you would be willing to donate to sell at this event, please contact Gill Sinnott by email on gillsinnott@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07957 819436 for further information.

Rotary Club of Brookmans Park Sponsored Swim

The Rotary Club of Brookmans Park's 23rd annual sponsored swim will take place at the Furze Field Centre on Saturday 14th March 2015 from 6pm. Eighteen teams of swimmers participated in last year's event and collectively raised over £6000 for charity. It's free of charge to enter a team and sponsorship forms and access to your own Just Giving site are provided by the Rotary Club.

The teams donated half of the money they raised to a charity of their choosing, and the participating school teams donated the money back to the School PTA. So if you need to raise money for a specific purpose please come and join in the fun.

Once again this year each team will be competing for the Grace Bays Cup. Grace organised this event for a number of years but sadly has recently passed on. Everyone at the club sends her family their sincere condolences.

Contact Gill Sinnott on 07957 819436 or send an email to gillsinnott@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Rotary Sleigh

Potters Bar Rotary would like to thank residents and visitors, young and old, for their generosity towards the sleigh in December. It toured residential roads for 11 nights and spent 4 mornings outside Tesco for which Rotary are very grateful. The Club, along with friends of Rotary, raised £7,500. Thank you to everyone.



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Christmas Lights

For the past few years Potters Bar has benefitted from the provision of Christmas lights in Darkes Lane and the High Street, under the auspices of John Godfrey and David Cox. Both John and David are now retiring from this responsibility and local residents owe them a great debt of gratitude. They have worked tirelessly, giving up considerable amounts of time in testing the lights and assisting with the loading of the lights onto cherry pickers. This year David was out until the early hours helping the team to erect the lights.

John would particularly like the lights to continue, but the cost involved in storing, testing, erection and dismantling is substantial. In recent years John has had to go cap in hand to both Local and County Councillors to seek funding from their reduced budgets. Unfortunately the lights are now ageing, with some not working at all, and many need extensive repair work. This will obviously add to costs, making the future of the lights problematic.

However John believes that Councillors support the view that the Christmas lights are not only good for community spirit in the town but complement other things that go on at Christmas; church and school carol concerts, Rotary sleigh, nativity plays, etc.

John suggests that the way forward is for the ward Councillors and the two County Councillors to talk to David and himself with the objective of convincing the County Council to repair light columns and to allocate funding to pay a festive lighting firm to supply and erect the lights in Potters Bar every year on a properly contracted basis.

John would like to thank David Cox for his help and advice and also Councillors Eddie Roach, John Usher, John Donne, Penny Swallow, Ruth Lyons and County Councillor Peter Knell and Leader of the Council Morris Bright and Hertsmere and County Officers for their support over the years.

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Potters Bar Flower Club

We are sorry to announce that after 56 years, due to rising costs and falling membership, the committee has had to make the decision to close this Club. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us over the years.

Hedgerow Destruction

Considerable concern has been expressed by local residents regarding the works carried out during January in the field formerly known as Lady Elizabeth Byng playing field, near the footpath connecting Cherry Tree Lane and Sunnybank Road.

The field used to be leased by Hertsmere Council from the Wrotham Park Estate, but the lease was not renewed in 2005 as it was felt to be unsuitable for continued use as a children's play area.

The works have resulted in the destruction of what is believed to be an ancient hedgerow, home to nesting birds and other wildlife. In recent years the land has been left to grow wild, but was crossed by a casual footpath used by local residents, particularly dog-walkers. A new fence has now been erected, preventing such access.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the Hertsmere Planning Enforcement Officer by the Potters Bar Society who are also particularly anxious to ensure that two trees with preservation orders are not touched.

At the time of going to print it is understood that the Enforcement Officer has issued a Planning Contravention Notice to the landowners seeking clarification, from which it will be determined if a breach of planning control has occurred.



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Sister Act

Wyllyotts Theatre, Wyllyotts Place, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 2HN. **Tuesday 28th April to Saturday 2nd May, 2015.** Performances 7.30pm/Saturday matinée at 2.30pm. Tickets £16, adults, £14 students, £15 senior citizens (Tuesday evening and Saturday matinée only).

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Tel: 07985 542204. Post: **PBTC Box Office, PO Box 154, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2WB** (cheques payable to 'Potters Bar Theatre Company'). Please include a stamped addressed envelope. Online: www.pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk (booking fee applies).

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Potters Bar U3A

Members of the Cultural Heritage Group were greatly impressed on their recent visit to Greenwich to see the magnificent restoration work carried out on the Cutty Sark following its disastrous fire seven years ago. This historic sailing clipper has undergone a transformation thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of many craftsmen in restoring the ship to its former glory. Other highlights of Greenwich were then explored by the group, including the Royal Observatory and National Maritime Museum.

The recently refurbished home of William Morris made for an interesting morning visit where members learned about his life and viewed the many displays of his work and designs in the Gallery. Later the group had a tour of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park including the Velodrome and the Copper Box Arena. They also saw the changes and improvements to the town of Stratford.

Over the coming months the walking group will be enjoying the footpaths of Hertfordshire and exploring Highgate and Hampstead Heath.

Other outings organised for the spring include visits to Brooklands Museum and Waddesdon Manor, and a theatre trip to see 'Oh! What a Lovely War' in Aylesbury.

Our numerous interest groups are thriving with the new dressmaking group being very popular.

As always, visitors and new members are very welcome to our monthly talks held at the Wyllyotts Theatre on the second Monday of the month from 10am–12noon. More information can be found on our website <http://u3asites.org.uk/pottersbar> and for membership enquiries phone 01707 657539.

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Shakespeare's comic romance screened direct from the RSC at Stratford-upon-Avon. This production is set in 1918 as the soldiers return from the trenches.

Ray Quinn

Friday 13th March, 8pm

Tickets £19, Concessions £18, Groups of 10+ £17

Many know Ray Quinn as one of the stars of X-Factor in 2006, where he shot to fame for his insurmountable talent and exuberant lovable personality. As with many X-Factor runners up Ray went on to release a Platinum selling album and thus became a household name. Enjoy classics from Ray and his live band including *Fly Me to the Moon*, *Mack the Knife* and *New York, New York*.

A Night of ELO

Saturday 14th March, 8pm

Tickets £19, Concessions £18

The British rock group The Electric Light Orchestra epitomised the 1970s with their unique symphonic rock style and unforgettable classics. Now you can relive

the amazing sounds of the ELO in the form of the World's No 1 tribute show, A Night of ELO performed by 'ELO again'. The show is performed entirely live with the musicians performing the unmistakable sound that is ELO, a show not to be missed.

Swan Lake from the Royal Opera House

Tuesday 17th March, 7.15pm

Tickets £15, Concessions £13

Swan Lake is screened direct from the Royal Opera House and draws upon the opulence of 1890s Russia with classic choreography and stunning costumes.

Jurassic Adventures

Sunday 22nd March, 11am and 2pm

Tickets £15, Children £13, Family of 4 £50

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Memory Lane

Thursday 26th March, 2pm

Tickets £13

Based on the original show from 2009 and now touring with a host of new songs, costumes and routines, this is a stunning musical journey through the past six decades. The music includes some of the all time hits from Judy Garland, Connie Francis, Buddy Holly, Frank Sinatra and others. This show is from the producers of 'Memories are made of this', 'All our Yesterdays' and 'Rolling back the years'.

Big Pants and Botox

Friday 27th March 8pm

Tickets £16, Concessions £15, Groups of 10+ £14

If you can't go on a trampoline with a full bladder and without a bra then, like Barbara, you may be weighing up the benefits of big pants and botox. Join Mary Jo Randle, star of 'The Bill' and 'Cutting it', as she takes on a hilarious thoughtful journey with the lovable Barbara in this wonderful one woman show.

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Saturday 28th March, 8pm

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Big Band is Back

Sunday 29th March, 2pm

Tickets £13

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From the Royal Opera House - The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahogony

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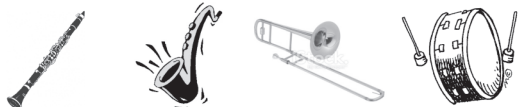


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Friday 10th April 8pm

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Afternoon of Murder with Dr Lucy Worsley

Saturday 11th April, 5pm

Tickets £16, Concessions £14

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Monster in my Piano

Thursday 16th April, 2pm

Tickets £6

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The National Theatre presents "The Hard Problem" by Tom Stoppard

Thursday 16th April, 7pm

Tickets £14, Concessions £12

Tom Stoppard's first play for the stage since 2006. Hilary, a young psychology researcher at a brain science institute, is nursing a private sorrow.

Totally Tina

Friday 17th April, 8pm

Tickets £18, Concessions £17

This show goes all out to recreate the spectacle and energy of Tina's live shows with her live band and stunning dancers, combined with handmade replica costumes and authentic dance routines. Totally Tina takes you back to the early years featuring songs like 'River Deep, Mountain High' through Tina's solo comeback in the 80s. Don't miss this great night out that encapsulates the look and feel of Tina at her best.

Life and Music of Jim Reeves

Saturday 18th April 8pm

Tickets £20, Concessions £19

Al Grant presents a unique insight into the life and music of the legendary Jim Reeves with a wonderful concert of his classic hit songs with narration of Jim's life, together with video screen footage. Renowned for his classic interpretation of Jim Reeves songs, with unerring similarity to the voice of the Great Man, this promises to be one of the concerts of the year. Al is backed by a band which includes some of Ireland's best musicians. Special guest on the night will be renowned singer Isla Grant.

The Dietrich Letters - a tribute to Marlene Dietrich

Sunday 10th May, 7.30pm

Tickets £18.50

Marina Laslo takes on the music Marlene made famous. Dietrich Letters is a stunning collection of songs by the legendary Marlene Dietrich showcased by a timeless performer whose beautiful voice continues to captivate. The show features various archive material, personal objects and letters from Marlene Dietrich's estate. It will also showcase the best British young jazz talents on stage, within a 7 piece band under the direction of Rob Barron (from Ronnie Scott's All Stars).

Dirty Dusting

Friday 15th May 8pm

Tickets £21, Concessions £20,

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Milkshake

Saturday 16th May, 1pm and 3.30pm

Tickets £12.50, Children £10.50,

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This brand new stage show features lots of Milkshake friends including two Milkshake presenters. The show's stellar lineup includes Little Princess, Bananas in Pyjamas, Noddie and Tessie Bear, Pip from Pip Ahoy and many more. As the preparations for Monkey's surprise party get underway Milkshake Monkey disappears. The presenters will need the audience's help to find him in time for the party.

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Virgin and All Saints in The Walk. At a time when the town still had the character of a large village, with fields stretching down The Walk, the building of a grand church with a large seating capacity was about to commence. It was an ambitious project. Within two months, the country would find itself at war.

This church would replace St John's Church which had stood since 1835 where the town's War Memorial is now situated in the High Street. Due to the financial constraints brought on by the First World War, the "new" church of St Mary's would remain unfinished until July 1967 when the more modern West End was consecrated.

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Other special events during the year include a Barn Dance on 25th April, an Open Gardens Day on 25th July and a Quiz Night on 21st November. Full details are available at www.stmaryspb.org.uk.

We hope that you will be able to join us sometime during our year of celebrations.

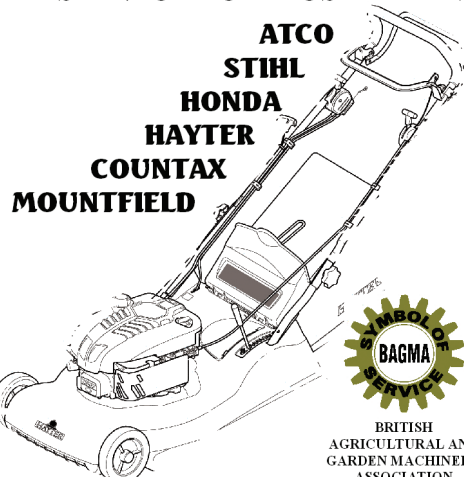
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Contact Reverend Nick Brindley 665482

Christ Church, Little Heath (CE)

Palm Sunday 29 March 10.30am All Age Celebration and Donkey rides
Maundy Thursday 2 April 2.00pm Kids Craft
7.00pm Informal Communion
Good Friday 3 April 2.00pm Reflective Service
Easter Day 5 April 9.00am Easter Service with Communion
10.30am Easter Service with Communion

Contact Reverend Steve Rees 654414

King Charles the Martyr, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar (CE)

Maundy Thursday 2 April 1.30pm Open Door Cafe Easter Service
8.00pm Sung Eucharist and Vigil till 10.00pm
Good Friday 3 April 12noon Reflection on the Cross
2.00pm The Cross of Christ
Easter Eve 4 April 8.00pm Easter Vigil Service
Easter Day 5 April 9.15am Sung Eucharist
11.00am Morning Worship Communion

Contact Canon Michael Burns 661266

Life Church (Potters Bar), Oakmere Community Centre, Fetherstone Close

Maundy Thursday 2 April 7.30pm Conversation and Communion at 10 Coningsby Drive
Good Friday 3 April 10.00am Reflective Worship at the Cross
Easter Day 5 April 10.00am All-age Resurrection Celebration

Contact Roger Taylor 07712 104071

Our Lady and St Vincent Roman Catholic Church, Potters Bar

Holy Thursday 2 April 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 3 April 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy
3.00pm Children's Liturgy
Easter Saturday 4 April 7.30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 5 April 9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass

Contact Fr Tim O'Connor 654359

Potters Bar Baptist Church, Barnet Road

Easter Day 5 April 10.30am Morning Service
6.00pm Evening Service

Contact Church Secretary 646277

Potters Bar Evangelical Free Church, Mimms Hall Road

Easter Day 5 April 10.30am Easter Family Service

Contact 020 8886 9410

Potters Bar United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane

Maundy Thursday 2 April 8.00pm Informal Communion
Easter Day 5 April 9.15am Easter Holy Communion
9.45am Easter Breakfast
11.00am Family Service

Contact Reverend Nick Brindley 665482

St Giles, South Mymms (CE)

Maundy Thursday 2 April 8.00pm Mass with Vigil
Good Friday 3 April 8.00pm Sermon in Black Horse Pub
Easter Day 5 April 11.00am Family Eucharist

Contact William Marsterson (Churchwarden) 644180

St John's Methodist Church, Potters Bar

Easter Day 5 April 10.30am Family Service with Communion
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Contact Reverend Alison Facey 652978

St Margaret's Ridge (CE)

Good Friday 3 April 10.00am Service of Readings and Prayers
Easter Day 5 April 9.15am Holy Communion

Contact Joan Badger (Churchwarden) 645866

St Mary's, North Mymms (CE)

Maundy Thursday 2 April 7.30pm Foot washing and Eucharist
Good Friday 3 April 2.00–3.00pm At the foot of the Cross
Easter Day 5 April 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am All-age Service followed by Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Contact Reverend Julia Boothby 01727 822887

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

Maundy Thursday 2 April 8.00pm Sung Eucharist and Vigil
Good Friday 3 April 12.30pm Stations of the Cross
1.30pm The Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday 4 April 9.00pm The Easter Vigil
Easter Day 5 April 8.00am Holy Communion
10.0am Easter Parish Communion

Contact Reverend Peter Bevan 644539

Good Friday Procession, 3rd April

Gathering at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Vincent, to leave at 9.30am, walking along Darkes Lane and concluding with a short service at the United Reformed Church in Darkes Lane which will be followed by tea/coffee. All are welcome.

Easter Day, 5 April - Dawn Sunrise Service

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 Test Results/Enquiries: 01707 871982 between 2pm and 4.30pm Monday to Friday
 Monthly newsletter available from surgery or on our new website
www.highviewsurgery.co.uk. You can also now follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Extended Hours: For routine booked appointments. Monday 6.30–8pm and some Saturday appointments are available twice a month. The surgery is closed every Wednesday from 1–2.30pm for staff training.

3) PARKFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 291041

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

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

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

4) POTTERELLS MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 273338

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

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

OUT OF HOURS SERVICE FOR ALL THE ABOVE SURGERIES

NHS 111 SERVICE

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

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

From 8am to 8pm every day of the year, you can also see a Doctor at:
Spring House Medical Centre, Ascots Lane, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4HL.
 Walk in or book ahead on 01707 294354.

DENTIST

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

Local A&E Services

24 HOUR

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

NEW LIMITED SERVICE

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

Local Libraries

Oakmere

High Street, Potters Bar

Monday	9am–6pm
Tuesday	2pm–6pm
Wednesday	9am–6pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	2pm–6pm
Saturday	9am–4pm
Sunday	Closed

Brookmans Park

Bradmore Green

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

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

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Wyllyotts Centre,
Darkes Lane, EN6 2HN

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

Hertsmere Borough Council Potters Bar Office

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

Useful Numbers

Hertsmere Borough Council	020 8207 2277
Welwyn & Hatfield Council	01707 357000
Hertfordshire Police Non-emergency	101 (national number) or 01707 354000
Herts Domestic Violence Helpline	08088 088088
Hertfordshire County Council	0300 471 555
National Debt Line	08088 084000
Consumer Direct (Herts)	0845 404 0506
Highways (including potholes, traffic light faults and streetlights)	0300 1234 047
Wasteaware	0845 742 5000
Affinity water leaks	0800 376 5325
Childline	0800 1111
Crime Stoppers Anonymous Line	0800 555 111
CAB Advice Line	08444 111 444
Environmental Health – pest control	020 8207 7435
– out of hours emergency (noise nuisance, etc)	0845 300 0021
NHS Direct (Nurse advice and health information)	111
RSPCA Local Branch (financial help if you claim benefits, on low income, OAP's)	07872 902710
www.rspca-pottersbarhatfieldandbarnet.org.uk	