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A plot for 2020?

2019 saw 7-year-old Irina Petrescu (now 8) have a very successful first gardening season on her family's Potters Bar Allotment Association (PBAA) plot, with help from her Mum Alina and Dad Sabin. The ground they took over could only be described as "overgrown", but they soon cleared it and within the year produced a very successful harvest. In addition to

organic tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, turnips, peppers and really-hot chilli peppers, their crop included two prize-worthy pumpkins weighing over 42kg in total, seen in the photos (Irina on the left, Sabin harvesting on the right with his father-in-law).

The PBAA site is at Highview Gardens in Potters Bar. There is more information about us on the Hertfordshire County Council webpage <https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Services/6307>.

With the 2020 growing season to look forward to, there is currently only a short wait for plots. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list, please email your details to the Association's Secretary at glsudlow@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01707 653910.



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A message from the Editor

Welcome to our spring edition which contains the customary mixture of articles of local interest and information.

You will notice that our Local Organisations section has been revamped so that all the entries have been categorized under appropriate headings. At the same time, the opportunity has been taken to devote more space to these details and to increase the size of the typeface. Hopefully, this will make this section both more practical and easier to read.

As ever, we are very grateful to our advertisers and to the volunteer army of deliverers who are so vital to the operation of the *Community News*. A special thanks to Evergreen Landscapes who have kindly sponsored the website for this edition. Please see their advert on page 9.

John Connell

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Delivery of *Community News*

The *Community News* would not exist without its volunteer team of deliverers and the Editor would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of them once again for their fantastic help over many years.

Some of the delivery team have been on board since the inception of the *News* over 20 years ago and they, in particular, are owed a deep expression of gratitude.

If you do not receive a copy at your home or would like to add your name to the team of deliverers, please contact Peter Silverthorne or Peter Weaver.

Interested in volunteering?

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

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

Wool

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

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

Sheila Moule
01707 651650

Can you help at Community Café?



The KCM Community Café runs from 9am–1.30pm every Thursday (with a few holiday breaks) in the Main Hall at King Charles the Martyr Church,

Mutton Lane. We serve tea and fine coffee and a fantastic array of homemade cakes from 9am and lunches from 11.30pm onwards. We have a well-stocked children's corner and highchairs and a special menu for younger children. For lunch we have a range of wholesome food at amazing prices. We also host talks on a range of interesting topics once a month.

The Café attracts over 100 people every week and is a great place to meet with friends or to meet new people. The Café is staffed entirely by volunteers and all profits go to a variety of charities and good causes. The success of the Café means that we need more people to help prepare and serve food. If you could spare a few hours a month and would like to join our friendly team, please contact office@kcm-church.org.uk.

Christmas Day Lunch 2020

This is a message of thanks on behalf of the 36 guests who attended the Christmas Day Lunch at the Baptist Church, Barnet Road. The volunteers on that day in the kitchen, serving or driving guests to the lunch and back home afterwards, helped to make the day special for everyone.

Grateful thanks must go to Girlguiding Potters Bar for the non-alcoholic drinks, the biscuits and chocolates for all the guests. Also thank you to Upson Funeral Directors who donated the large turkey.

I am happy to co-ordinate the Christmas Day Lunch 2020 but may not be around on the actual day, so if anyone can suggest a venue or oversee the day, please contact me on 01707 656311.

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Fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital

Goddards Dance School in Potters Bar is based at the King Charles the Martyr Church halls. Many of our families have been helped by, or are still receiving treatment at GOSH, and it seemed a fitting charity to support at Christmas.

We had a week of fundraising during our parents' 'watching week' where everybody wore Christmas clothing or pyjamas during our ballet and tap classes. It was such a fabulous experience for all the children and families involved, and everyone went to great efforts, particularly three girls who, hats off to them, danced for their whole lesson in sumo suits – a Santa, Snowman and a Christmas Turkey. We also ran a small cafe selling teas and coffees, and our infamous lemon cake, to raise that little bit extra for GOSH. Our target was £300 but instead, to our astonishment, we raised a grand total of £862.92!

Our mission was completed with a visit to Great Ormond Street where we were given a tour by the charity of where the funds could be placed.

Jo Goddard
joanna.goddard@ntlworld.com



The Benefits of Dance

Every year, Latin and ballroom dancing lights up our TV screens as we enjoy BBC's 'Strictly Come Dancing'. We watch in awe, wishing we could dance so gracefully. Realistically, none of us are likely to have the opportunity to be on Strictly, but the fact is dancing is for everyone and it's a great way to get fit. It improves your stamina, strength and general fitness levels.

In fact, there are so many benefits of dancing, it:

- Safely strengthens bones and muscles.
- Tones your entire body.
- Increases your balance, improves flexibility and coordination.
- Reduces stress.
- Improves general health and improves your lung capacity.
- Improves your cardiovascular system and lowers the risk of coronary diseases and high blood pressure.
- Can reduce the risk of Alzheimer's.

Far from the tedium of the treadmill at your local gym, dancing gives you opportunity to meet new people, plus you don't need fancy clothes or equipment. If you aren't a dancer, or it's been years since you danced, the amazing health benefits of dancing may be just the inspiration you need to get out on the dance floor!

My advice for beginners:

- Look for a good teacher who emphasises what you can do, not your limits.
- Don't be a perfectionist, just have fun.
- Leave your inner critic at the door and don't beat yourself up if you get it wrong.

Remember that anyone can dance; there really is no such thing as 'two left feet'!

Find a style of dance that interests you, whether that's ballroom, Bollywood, square dancing or something else. Try different classes and genres until you find the one that feels good for you.

So, don't worry, don't be embarrassed; just jump in!

Terri Bodell is a qualified CBT psychotherapist, FitSteps instructor and Principal of Nick's Dance School in Potters Bar.



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We warmly welcome new members, and have a website www.pottersbarfilmmakers.co.uk with links to films we have made and the club newsletter. The club's Facebook page is also regularly updated and shows details of the next club night event.

For further details of dates and details, ring Club Secretary Penny Love on 01707 656446 or Membership Secretary Andrew Saunders on 07964 197749.

Come along and let's make films!



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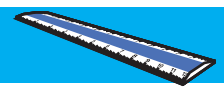
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Fundraising for Cranborne School



Cranborne has been adding to lots of fundraising initiatives to help our school raise money for our children. Here is a list of how

you can help bring money into our school at very little or no cost to yourselves!

The School Lottery – Many parents, teachers and members of the community have signed up to our school lottery which helps bring money into the school as well as winning money for themselves! With only 50 supporters a year we could raise an extra £1000 for our school! www.yourschoollottery.co.uk.

Amazon Smile – If you are a big shopper on Amazon then this is a must! By choosing ‘Friends of Cranborne’ as your chosen charity on Amazon smile, 0.5% of your purchases will come straight back to our school at no cost to you! We’ve had 60 purchases within the last month! <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>.

Easy Fundraising – This is our latest addition and is proving to be very successful! With the same premise as Amazon smile, you create an account with easy fundraising and every time you online shop with one of their 400 retailers a percentage will come back to the school. This doesn’t cost anything – you just shop through the app or website! So far, we have 25 supporters who have raised £29!

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Mrs Claire Keilty
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Space adventurers at St Giles

Pupils at St Giles’ C of E Primary School became near-space adventurers after a successful test launch of a weather balloon at their school last term. Working with Gary and Ed from Schools in Space (www.schoolsinspace.co.uk) the ‘classtronauts’ were on a mission to launch a video camera into near-space to capture views of the UK from 34,000 metres.

The key stage 2 aligned program enabled pupils to define their mission, explore the physics behind buoyancy and balloons, calculate payload and gas requirements and research the geography of the UK to ensure a successful launch and recovery. Every week, the pupils asked “When are the ‘spacemen’ coming?” The innovative program has helped to inspire a new generation of scientists and maybe the next Tim Peake will come from St Giles School!

The young mission-controllers found out whether their efforts proved successful as the project leaders, Gary and Ed, returned to the classroom with footage of the balloon’s release and ascent skywards capturing the British Isles and the majesty of space.

Schools in Space are taking on new schools for their amazing 6-week project with a night-time launch. Any schools interested in participating in this stellar adventure should contact them on info@schoolsinspace.co.uk.

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Keith Smithard
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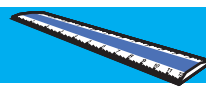
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New Sports Hall for Mount Grace



Plans for a new Sports Hall have been prepared with the help of Cadman Construction Ltd. The £2.4 million building, funded by the Department of Education, will replace the existing girls' gymnasium and contain a purpose-built sports hall and studio space. Work is expected to begin in June (subject to planning permission) and be completed early in 2021.

PTFA Events

A Family Quiz Night is being held on Saturday 21st March 2020 in the School Hall from 7pm. To book a place or a table please contact Mrs McMahon on 01707 655512.

Gym and Dance Display

Everyone is invited to the annual Gym and Dance Display which will take place on 2nd April at 7pm. The theme is: 'Throwback' with a variety of different styles, including one displaying the evolution of dance through the ages; a dance from 'Thriller', tap dancing, Irish dancing, etc. The event is presented by Year 11 BTEC dancers. It is always an exciting, lively and professional evening. Primary schools are invited to the matinee performance. Tickets available on the door at £5, of which £1 goes towards maintenance and equipment for the school.

Mount Grace and Chancellors Sixth Form Consortium

Chancellors and Mount Grace School (CMG) are delighted to be continuing to work together to provide students from Potters Bar, Hatfield and surrounding villages with an excellent sixth form educational experience. They offer a unique consortium for students wishing to study in the sixth form, offering a wide range of courses and opportunities. Post-16 provision has been Ofsted-rated 'good'.

An Open Evening was held in January, with each department presenting their specifications and answering questions about their courses for 2020–2022. This was followed, in February, by a Sixth Form Taster Day and Consortium Sixth Form pathways interviews.

Mrs Simpson and Mr Croston, Consortium Headteachers, said, 'We are committed to nurturing individual talents so that students excel both in academic and personal development.'

News from Chancellors'

Year 10 Football

After another excellent performance, the Year 10 boys' football team progressed through to the last 16 of the National Cup. This is an incredible achievement as the competition began in September with over 600 schools entering from across the country. This now also equals a school record for a team at Chancellor's getting this far.

They secured their place in the 7th round with a 4–2 victory over Roding Valley High School from Harlow. After a dominant display in the first half, the boys went into the second half with a 1–0 lead, courtesy of an outstanding 25-yard strike from Sahil. Second-half goals from Stanley, Liam and Dylan secured a well-deserved victory. The boys will now face an all-boys school from Islington in the next round as they attempt to secure a place in the quarter finals. A fantastic achievement from an incredibly talented team.



GCSE Drama

On Monday 27th January, Chancellor's Year 10 GCSE Drama students travelled to Welwyn Garden City to perform at the Holocaust Memorial Day. The students had been working on a drama piece to honour the victims of Nazi persecution. As a class they have conducted research studies, created a script, studied a range of practitioners, and have rehearsed in class groups. The students created a script that was episodic, reflecting Brechtian techniques. After months of planning, it was lovely to attend and experience the day. The emotional and informative event acknowledged the lives lost in the Holocaust and other modern genocides such as Rwanda, Cambodia, and Darfur. With compelling arts pieces based on dance, drama, and public speech, there was a lot to learn. Following the performances, there was a memorial service outside, where there were readings, the Jewish Mourner's Kaddish, two minutes silence, and symbolic peace doves were released.

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At the start of the Spring Term the Year 6 girls at Stormont School spent the day with visitors from the Holocaust Education Trust. The morning sessions were incredibly informative and we were hugely privileged to spend the afternoon hearing Bernd Koschland's first hand recount of his life and his experience. He escaped Germany in 1939, via the Kinder Transport, at the mere age of 8 years old.

Diyara W (aged 10) wrote "I've learnt a lot that I never knew and it was very emotional. We were touched and couldn't believe what Bernd had been through." Bernd would like us all to remember that we can all make a difference and create a better world through small acts of kindness towards each person who comes into our lives.

These visits had been arranged on the back of a History Competition in the Autumn Term that the girls were invited to enter. There was a huge response and it was difficult to choose an outright winner but Esha G in Year 4 won the competition. Her entry was about Anne Frank and she had carried out a lot of research about Anne's life, and the quality of her presentation was outstanding.

As part of the girls' history curriculum across the school, we will be marking the 75th anniversary of VE day with more themed events later in the year.



Primary Schools' Athletics

Many primary school pupils represented their schools for the first-time last November, in a fiercely competitive athletics tournament, which was eventually won by Little Heath.

Kids from four different primary schools (Little Heath, Oakmere, St Giles and Wroxham) met at Dame Alice Owen's for the annual athletics tournament.

To kick off the day, the girls' obstacle race was a race between Wroxham and Little Heath. Though Wroxham ran exceptionally fast, they were beaten by an even faster Little Heath team. Then it was the boys' turn; one of the runners was so eager to win, that he tripped over both the hurdles!

Soon after, it was the 'Over and Under' race and Wroxham ran very fast again but were beaten by a strong Little Heath team. As that race ended, the last race was called; it was the relay race. The Wroxham girls ran so fast, they beat Little Heath, but the boys weren't so lucky. As the boys' race progressed, St Giles edged ahead of Wroxham and won.

Eventually Little Heath won, 2nd was Oakmere, 3rd was Wroxham and 4th was St Giles. But Wroxham's performance was A-MAZ-ING and everyone tried their best.

Melissa Deadman

Wroxham School

Carnival Young VIP Competition



It's nearly Carnival time again and we are looking for three young VIPs to help us on **Sunday 7th June 2020!** The Carnival young VIP competition evolved from the traditional Carnival Princess competition in 2018 due to public feedback. The new format means that all children in our community can enter. Young VIPs will be treated like royalty for the day and will lead the procession through the town and will be given £25.

If your child is between the ages of 7 and 12 years old on Sunday 7th June 2020 they can enter this year's competition. Application forms can be downloaded from our website pottersbarcarnival.co.uk or a form can be requested by emailing pottersbarvip@gmail.com.

To keep up with carnival news don't forget to follow us on Facebook – search 'Potters Bar Carnival'.

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Potters Bar Carnival

7th June 2020

This year's Potters Bar Carnival will take place at Elm Court Youth and Community Centre, Mutton Lane, on Sunday June 7th from 12noon.

The committee have reviewed the entry cost for the Carnival and have made the decision to raise the price to £3 for adults and those over 16. This is the first rise in the entry fee since 2006 and is still a lot cheaper than other similar events in the local towns near to Potters Bar. Due to negative comments about previous Carnival themes, it has been decided that this year there will be no theme, giving groups the freedom to 'do their own thing'.

The Art Show is changing this year: as schools are increasingly reluctant to take part, it will now consist of craft stalls where people can come along and demonstrate their own crafts and the public can participate. If you are interested in having a craft stall contact Peter or Sue Weaver, details below.

The competition for the Young VIPs will be by email this year and some of the Junior Schools have volunteered to forward the form to their pupils. Please see advert in this issue.

As always there will be a jam-packed afternoon in the arena, the main features being Potters Bar's own band, The Hertfordshire Showband, a display by the Revelation Majorettes and the winners of a Band Competition organised by Potters Bar Rotary. As well as the arena events we will have pony rides, the ever-popular children's fair with a giant bouncy slide, a climbing wall, Punch and Judy and many other attractions. In addition, there will be a football competition for junior boys and girls with the final taking place at the Carnival.

As in previous years we are having to steward the procession ourselves as the police are unable to do this. If you would like to help, please contact Terry Jones on 07507 646714 or email him on terry.jones2@sky.com.

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 pottersbarcarnival.co.uk or facebook.com/PottersBarCarnival for booking forms.




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The Wicked Lady of Hertfordshire

One of the most notorious highway robbers in Hertfordshire was a woman known as the Wicked Lady. She was the daughter of Sir Knighton Ferrers of Markyate Cell, born in 1634 and christened Katherine.

She had a sad, short life after losing both parents whilst quite young, possibly about 14 years old, when she was made a ward of the Fanshaw family. At approximately 16 years of age she married young Thomas Fanshaw, who immediately took control of her estates, losing no time in gambling away the proceeds. Thomas also spent a lot of time away fighting in the Civil War on the side of King Charles.

Young Katherine was bored and quite poor. Around this time she became involved with farmer Ralph Chaplin who introduced her to the excitement of Highway Robbery. One night Ralph attempted to rob a wagon on the notorious Finchley Common but the driver was armed and he shot Chaplin dead. Katherine was heartbroken at losing her lover and became obsessed with revenge. She plied her trade along the Hertfordshire section of Watling Street and also Nomansland Common near Wheathamstead. Many victims were unaware they were being attacked by a woman, such was her style of dress, demeanour and posture she looked every inch a strong young man. Her passion was



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jewels and it is said her eyes flashed and nostrils flared as she relieved her victims of their wealth. Eventually the inevitable happened and one night whilst attempting a robbery she was shot through the shoulder. Bleeding profusely, she galloped back to her home at Markyate. She collapsed and died at the foot of the stairs that led to a secret room where she kept the clothes she wore for the robberies.

Her body was found the next morning by one of her servants who had no idea of her escapades. The year was 1659 and she was aged just twenty five. Her husband disposed of her clothes and the contents of the secret room. Mysteriously none of the treasures were ever found, although there are rumours that they were buried on Nomansland Common or in the grounds of Markyate Cell.

A poet wrote: 'Near the Cell there is a well
Near the well there is a tree
Under the tree the treasure be.'

The treasure is still waiting to be found.

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Working in the Community - Barber

For Elias, football was the love of his life. He had the talent and hoped to be a professional footballer, but he didn't have the encouragement and support to carry it through.

Elias worked in his father's rag trade business manufacturing women's fashion items but found it very stressful. After three years he left, and a friend persuaded him to take a course in hairdressing. He enrolled at a private college in London where he first learnt ladies' hairdressing followed by men's, and nineteen years ago he opened his barber shop in Potters Bar.

The shop isn't a traditional barber's as Elias will also do hair colouring and modern styles for both men and women. About 10% of his clients are women. As fashions and styles change, he keeps up to date by following them on YouTube and reproducing them.

What Elias likes best about his job is the contact with his clients, and he finds communication comes naturally to him. Warmth and approachability are all important. But he finds being a boss brings great responsibility in seeking ways to improve the business, both for his clients and staff, as well as himself. He sees Potters Bar as having three main business thoroughfares: Darkes Lane and High Street, with Tesco in between, and people tend to shop in just one or two of those areas. The task is to invite and encourage more people from all the areas into his shop. Despite these worries, though, Elias thinks Potters Bar is a good town; he loves his work and is happy with life.

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Departures and Arrivals

Boxing Day, 1962. We're on our way back home to Belsize Park from my cousin's birthday party. I drove my parents mad, blowing on a little plastic trumpet as I sat in the back of my dad's Austin A40. Turquoise green with a black roof. Very hip. I was 5 years old.

It was snowing heavily, and we'd had to leave early because tomorrow we were moving house – to some place called Potters Bar. I'd never heard of it. I was to go to a new school, called Oakmere Infants, with Mr Rice as headmaster. It was very modern, only 7 years old and much nicer than my old school in Hampstead. What a funny name – what was a mere and why did it have an oak in it?

I tooted away on my trumpet, watched the snow coming down, and recall my parents wondering how the removal van was going to cope with something called Stag Hill. My goodness the snow was thick! Up Haverstock Hill we went until we reached the Whitestone Pond and Jack Straws Castle where dad and I used to skate on the ice. I would miss that. Down Bishops Avenue onwards, ever onwards, to this funny place called Potters Bar.

Dad skilfully manoeuvred the A40 down Carpenter's Way only to find the removal van stuck at the bottom with all our furniture in it. Eventually, with bits of old carpets under the wheels, we slowly eased our way up Tempest Avenue. The final bit of that corner into Mandeville Road was particularly difficult and mum and I had to get out of the car and walk to our new home.

The lorry was unpacked and off it went back to Hampstead and we were 'in'. Little did we know what awaited us in that freezing winter of 1962/63, but my dad said he was now "making his way" and we owned our own house. The Browns had arrived.

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We are raising funds to expand our Christmas light project for 2020, hopefully gaining more lights at the Mutton Lane/Baker Street junction in Potters Bar. In 2019 we expanded into Barnet Road on the High Street with 9 new lights.

To help us raise vital funds we'll be relying on Co-op members. When a member buys selected products or services from the Co-op they earn a five per cent reward for themselves, with a further one per cent for local causes like ours.

The Co-op is looking to support organisations that make a difference in their local communities by protecting and improving community spaces, helping people reach their full potential by developing their skills, or promoting health and wellbeing.

Co-op members can choose our cause by going online; <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/41801>.

We really hope that members will visit the website and support us. If you're not a member and would like to support us, you can join at your local store or online at www.coop.co.uk.

When a community comes together, we're able to achieve great things, so we hope you can help promote our project. For more information about us, please visit our Facebook page – search 'Christmas in Potters Bar' or email us at christmasinpottersbar@gmail.com.

Lynette Sullivan

Chair 'Christmas in Potters Bar'

Photographic Society News

Potters Bar and District Photographic Society has started 2020 with a series of competitions and lectures. Subjects have been as diverse as travels in Patagonia, studio photography and an evening based on members' recent visit to Berlin. Another interesting session had members showing how they had worked on some of their images, comparing how the picture left the camera to the final exhibition print.



Winners of two of the main classes for 2019 were Fiona Adamson for Print of the year (Advanced Class); and Don Hart Print of the year (General Class). Fiona got off to a good start for 2020 with two perfect scores of 20 points in the first print competition of the year.



After winning 2019's best print award Fiona said "I was honoured to have my picture of Bled Island chosen for Print of the Year by [judge] Chris Palmer. It was taken in Slovenia this time last year and it was a perfect frosty morning. I had been at the lakeside from 5.30am, and this was almost the last photo taken as the sun popped up over the

mountains and lit up the Isle."

After hearing that he had won, Don said "After many years creating lighting designs for television I am now enjoying

exploring stills portraiture. I had the opportunity to work on a monochrome set with London based model Nicole Marchesani last summer, and a simple set-up of a single soft light with carefully positioned reflector complimented Nicole's natural beauty".

2020 will continue with a wide-ranging programme of events to suit photographers of all interests and abilities. There will also be the major print exhibition at The Galleria in Hatfield from 15th to 29th March. New members are very welcome and can attend for up to three evenings before deciding whether they wish to join. The Society meets at the Wyllyotts Centre on most Monday evenings from 7:30pm. More information is available from <http://pottersbarphotosoc.org.uk> or from the Society's Facebook page.



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WHAT'S ON

MARCH

SUNDAY 1st

- *Potters Bar Society Walk.
- *Barnet Walks Historical High Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at Barnet College, Wood Street, EN5 4AZ. 11am.
- 'Mind Body & Spirit' morning event at Elm Court.

MONDAY 2nd

- *Barnet Philatelic Society Quiz evening with fish'n chip supper.

TUESDAY 3rd

- King Charles the Martyr Church Dementia Friendly Service 2–3pm.
- Lunchtime Recital Matthew Sear (guitar), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch (£5) available from 12noon–1.30pm. St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 4th

- *PB Horticultural Society Ann and John Wallington. Ann and John are active members of the camera club and have visited many exciting places. (PATAGONIA).
- *Wednesday Community Club Geoff and Rosemary: 'Bygones'.

THURSDAY 5th

- *PB Filmmakers Filming as a group. The 'A Team' show us how they operate as a group to make films.
- *Potters Bar Society Town group meeting, 7.30pm, Tilbury Hall.

SATURDAY 7th

- Jumble Sale 4th Potters Bar Scouts at St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar EN6 2DZ. Entry (from Heather Way) £2 at 10am and 50p at 10.30am. Finishes noon.
- Indoor Car Boot Sale at Elm Court. 11.45am for sellers, 1pm for buyers.

SUNDAY 8th

- Antiques and Vintage Sale Wyllyotts Theatre, 10am–4pm.
- *Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve, conservation work, no experience necessary, 10am.
- Café Worship at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm. Informal praise, prayer and discussion in relaxed setting with coffee and cake.
- King Charles the Martyr Church Messy Church, 3–5pm.
- Wedding Fair Hatfield House, 11am–1pm.
- *Barnet Walks Monken Hadley Village: a guided walk. Meet outside the Spires, Barnet High Street, EN5 5XY. 11am.

TUESDAY 10th

- *Cuffley Floral Art Club Eleanor Bracken: title TBC.
- *Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society 'The History of English Furniture' – Azemia Taylor.

WEDNESDAY 11th

- *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.
- *RSPB Afternoon meeting, all welcome. Anne and John Wallington: 'Flora and Fauna of Albania'. The wildlife and people of this little-known country.

THURSDAY 12th

- *Enfield National Trust Association Jonathan Fryer: 'Life as a Foreign Correspondent'. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 01707 650969.
- *Oakmere WI 63rd Birthday Meeting.

FRIDAY 13th

- *Enfield National Trust Association Mark Lewis: 'The World of the Lighthouse Keeper'. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 01707 650969.

SATURDAY 14th

- *Cherry Lodge Cancer Care Barn Dance Arkley Village Hall, Brickfield Lane, EN5 3LD, 7.30pm–11pm. Tickets £15 include a hot meal. Raffle and licensed bar. Children under 12 free. Dress code: Western smart casual. Contact Tina on 020 8441 7000.
- Inaugural Gala Organ Recital by Paul Hale, Southwell Cathedral Organist Emeritus. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Tickets (£12) available on the door. www.stmaryspb.org.uk/organconcert. Under 15s free. Interval refreshments.

SUNDAY 15th

- Toy Fair at Elm Court.
- Family Creative Church at St John's Methodist Church from 10.30am. Crafts, art and cooking followed by 20 minutes of worship for everyone.
- Potters Bar Music Centre Sunday Showcase. Free concert by their students. 3pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.
- *Potters Bar Society Walk.

MONDAY 16th

- *Brookmans Park WI Great Ormond Street Hospital.
- *Barnet Philatelic Society Bourse and 9 Sheet Competitions for: Stamps, postal history and thematics.

WEDNESDAY 18th

- *Enfield National Trust Association Mark Fox: 'The London Palladium'. 2pm, Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Enfield. Info 01707 650969.
- *PB Horticultural Society Neale Holmes-Smith. Neale has been a horticultural lecturer for over forty years: The Art of Pruning Community Club.
- *Wednesday Community Club Cherry Lodge Choir.

THURSDAY 19th

- *PB Filmmakers The annual 'Holiday/Travelogue Film' Competition.

FRIDAY 20th

- *RSPB Evening meeting, all welcome. 'Birds without Borders' – Peter Holden from the RSPB. Long distance migration of birds and animals.

SATURDAY 21st

- *PB Horticultural Society Quiz Night.
- Mount Grace PTFA Family Quiz Night. £9 adults, £4.50 children. 7pm for 7.30pm.
- *Barnet Walks The Battle of Bar net: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm.

SUNDAY 22nd

- Mothering Sunday Celebration A service for all the family. 10am, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Followed by refreshments. Details 07803 756088.
- Dogs and Daffs Charity Walk Hatfield House, 9.30am–4pm.
- NHS Blood Donor Session at Elm Court.

WEDNESDAY 25th

- *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

THURSDAY 26th

- *Cuffley Horticultural Society 'Walthamstow Wetlands', 8pm. Alison O'Connor.

SATURDAY 28th

- *PB Horticultural Society Spring Show.
- National Gardens Scheme Open for charity. Hatfield House, 11am–4pm.

SUNDAY 29th

- *Whiteebbs Museum of Transport Fire Memorabilia Sale, 10am–4pm. Adults £7. Museum open.
- *Potters Bar Society Walk.
- National Gardens Scheme Open for charity. Hatfield House, 11am–4pm.
- North Mymms Church Community Singing 3pm.

APRIL

WEDNESDAY 1st

- *PB Horticultural Society Dr Brenda Harold. Brenda was a lecturer at Brunel University.
- *Wednesday Community Club Stephen Poxon.

THURSDAY 2nd

- *PB Filmmakers Club Video equipment, improving our technical expertise as we find out what our Blu-ray player can do.
- North Mymms Church Gym and Dance Display by Mount Grace pupils, 7–9pm.
- *Potters Bar Society Town group meeting, 7.30pm, Tilbury Hall.

SATURDAY 4th

- *Cherry Lodge Cancer Care Easter Fair, 11am–4pm at St James Church, 71 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, EN4 8RN. Fantastic gifts for all, original and unusual crafts. Join us for some Easter fun and cakes. Kids' Corner and Egg Hunt. Contact Tina on 020 8441 7000.
- *Barnet Walks East Barnet Village: a guided walk. Meet outside old East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, EN4 8SG, 11am.
- King Charles the Martyr Church Messy Church, 3–5pm.

SUNDAY 5th

- Tudor Legacies Hatfield House. Meet the 6 wives of Henry VIII. 11am–4pm.
- *Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve conservation work, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.

MONDAY 6th

- *Cherry Lodge Cancer Care 10am–3.30pm, Dawn Ledgard Clothes Sale at Hadley Wood Tennis Club, Hadley Wood Association Centre, 1–7 Crescent East, Hadley Wood, EN4 0EL. This season's beautiful clothes collection, jewellery and lots of new stock just in. Contact Tina on 020 8441 7000.
- *Barnet Philatelic Society Spring Auction (viewing from 7pm).

TUESDAY 7th

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

WEDNESDAY 8th

- *Wednesday Community Club 1pm, Easter Lunch and Service.
- RSPB Afternoon meeting, all welcome. Trees and people – why we need trees and why they need our help.

THURSDAY 9th

- Tenebrae Service at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm.
- *Oakmere WI 'Salisbury Hall and the De Havilland Aircraft Museum' – Alistair Hodgson.
- *Enfield National Trust Association Sharon Bernstein: 'Pure Grenada, the Spice of the Caribbean'. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 01707 650969.

FRIDAY 10th

- Easter Fun Chapel Manor Gardens.

SATURDAY 11th

- Easter Fun Chapel Manor Gardens.

WHAT'S ON

SUNDAY 12th

- **Easter Communion and Creative Church** at St John's Methodist Church at 10.30am. Including options for crafts, art and cooking.
- **Easter Sunday Service** Sung Eucharist at St Mary's Church, The Walk, 10am, followed by refreshments. Said Eucharist at 8am. Details 07803 756088.

TUESDAY 14th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club** Tracy Griffin (National): Not your usual flower fix.
- **'Chicago'** presented by Potters Bar Theatre Company. Tickets from at Wylyotts Theatre 01707 645005.
- ***Barnet Walks** The Battle of Barnet: an anniversary guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am.

WEDNESDAY 15th

- ***PB Horticultural Society** Chris Thorne. Chris is a member of Ayletts News from the Garden Shelves.
- **'Chicago'** presented by Potters Bar Theatre Company. See Tue 14th for info.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** Closed.
- ***Enfield National Trust Association** Geoff Bowden: 'Funny Girls'. 2pm, Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Enfield. Info 01707 650969.
- **A Day in Rye** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £35.

THURSDAY 16th

- ***PB Filmmakers** "What can we learn from Famous Films?"
- **'Chicago'** presented by Potters Bar Theatre Company. See Tue 14th for info.

FRIDAY 17th

- **'Chicago'** presented by Potters Bar Theatre Company. See Tue 14th for info.
- ***RSPB** Evening meeting, all welcome. 'Iceland' by wildlife photographer Bill Coster, spectacular scenery and birds.

SATURDAY 18th

- **Children's Toy and Equipment Sale** Tilbury Hall, 2–4pm. Brookmans Park Rotary.
- **'Chicago'** presented by Potters Bar Theatre Company. See Tue 14th for info.
- ***Barnet Walks** The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 2.30pm.
- **Outdoor Boot Sale** sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- **Leonardslee Gardens** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £48.

SUNDAY 19th

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

MONDAY 20th

- ***Brookmans Park WI** The History of Nursery Rhymes.
- ***Barnet Philatelic Society** Members' displays, 'Capital Cities' theme.

TUESDAY 21st

- **My Fair Lady** presented by ELODS. Tickets from at Wylyotts Theatre 01707 645005.

WEDNESDAY 22nd

- **My Fair Lady** presented by ELODS. See Tue 21st for info.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** Closed.

THURSDAY 23rd

- **My Fair Lady** presented by ELODS. See Tue 21st for info.

FRIDAY 24th

- **My Fair Lady** presented by ELODS. See Tue 21st for info.

SATURDAY 25th

- **My Fair Lady** presented by ELODS. See Tue 21st for info.
- **Outdoor Boot Sale** sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- **Cotswold Village Tour** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £35.

SUNDAY 26th

- **Stamp Fair** Wylyotts Theatre, Darkes Lane, 10am–3pm. Robin 01428 717848.
- ***Whitewebbs Museum of Transport** Classic Ford Day, 10am–4pm. Adults £7. Museum open.
- ***Barnet Walks** Mill Hill Village: a guided walk. Meet outside Mill Hill East Tube Station, 2.30pm.
- ***Potters Bar Society** Walk.
- **Handel's Messiah** the Merry Opera Company's dramatization of this famous work. St Mary's Church, The Walk, 6pm. Tickets £15 adults, £5 children. Details at www.merryopera.co.uk/merry-messiah-spring-2020 or call 07803 756088.

WEDNESDAY 29th

- ***PB Horticultural Society** Juliet Morton. Juliet will talk about the beauty, variety, defence mechanisms and their place in the environment in 'The Adventure of the Butterfly'.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** Jeff's Clothes Show plus games and chat.

THURSDAY 30th

- ***PB Filmmakers** A talk on TV documentary film-making by outside speaker Paul Kittel.
- **'We will Rock You'** A fast moving show featuring over 20 of Queen's greatest songs. A great evening is promised. Tickets through Mount Grace School in advance or on the door.
- **Tutankhamen: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £65.
- **The Van Gough Exhibition** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £65.
- ***Cuffley Horticultural Society** Horatio's Garden, 8pm, Jacqui Martin-Lof.

MAY

SATURDAY 2nd

- **Outdoor Boot Sale** Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- **Jumble Sale** 4th Potters Bar Scouts, at St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar, EN6 2DZ. Entry (from Heather Way) £2 at 10am and 50p at 10.30am. Finishes noon.

SUNDAY 3rd

- ***Whitewebbs Museum of Transport** Motorcycle Meet and Show, 9am–4pm. Museum Closed. Admission by voluntary contribution.
- **Tudor Legacies** Meet the 6 wives of Henry VIII. Hatfield House, 11am–4pm.

TUESDAY 5th

- **Lunchtime Recital** Felicity Vincent (cello) and Catherine Dubois (piano), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch (£5) available 12noon to 1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 6th

- ***Wednesday Community Club** David Colton Clarke Entertains.
- **Suffolk Village Tour and Woodbridge plus Boat Trip** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £50.

THURSDAY 7th

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

SATURDAY 9th

- ***Cherry Lodge Cancer Care** Spring Quiz 7–10.30pm. Tickets £14.50 to include fish and chip supper, vegetarian option available. Teams of 8. Licensed bar and raffle. Venue Mary Immaculate & St Peters Church Hall, Somerset Road, New Barnet EN5 1RF. Contact Tina on 020 8441 7000.
- **Outdoor Boot Sale** Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- **Windsor Castle/Duck Tour** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £55.

SUNDAY 10th

- ***Whitewebbs Museum of Transport** Allegro Club UK Annual Rally, 10am–4pm. Museum Open. Adults £7.
- ***Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve** Conservation work, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.
- **Café Worship** at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm. Informal praise, prayer and discussion in relaxed setting with coffee and cake.
- **King Charles the Martyr Church** Messy Church, 3–5pm.
- ***Potters Bar Society** Walk.
- **Toy Fair** at Elm Court.

TUESDAY 12th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club** Joyce Fursedon: 'My Colouring Book'.

WEDNESDAY 13th

- ***PB Horticultural Society** Rothamstead Research Centr. To be arranged.
- ***Wednesday Community Club** TBA.
- ***RSPB** Afternoon meeting, all welcome. Images of wildlife around the world from expert photographers Ron and Maggie Tear.

THURSDAY 14th

- ***Oakmere WI** Annual Meeting, Resolutions and plant stall, bring and buy.
- ***Potters Bar Society** AGM, 7.30pm, United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane.
- ***Enfield National Trust Association** Imogen Corrigan: 'The Siren Sea'. 7.45pm, Enfield Grammar School. Info 01707 650969.

FRIDAY 15th

- ***RSPB** Evening meeting, all welcome. Bird watching in Yunnan, China by Jeff Blincow.

SATURDAY 16th

- **Potters Bar Choral Society** St Mary's Church, The Walk, EN6 1QQ, 7.30pm. Vienne Messe Solennelle and Fauré Requiem. Tickets £12.50 – tickets@pbchoral.org or 01707 65297.
- **Outdoor Boot Sale** Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- **Swanage with Scenic Train Trip** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £65.

SUNDAY 17th

- **Family Creative Church** at St John's Methodist Church from 10.30am. Crafts, art and cooking followed by 20 minutes of worship for everyone.

MONDAY 18th

- ***Brookmans Park WI** The annual meeting and resolutions decisions.
- ***Barnet Philatelic Society** Annual General Meeting plus bourse and refreshments.

WEDNESDAY 20th

- ***Wednesday Community Club** TBA.
- ***Enfield National Trust Association** Nigel Rowe – 'British Mackenzie River Expedition 2011'. 2pm, Holtwhites Sports & Social Club, Enfield. Info 01707 650969.
- **Coton Manor Gardens** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £45.

THURSDAY 21st

- **Juke Box Jive** Rock 'n' Roll with The Warren at the Wylyotts. Tickets £15. 01707 645005 or www.tickets.wylyottstheatre.co.uk.

FRIDAY 22nd

- ***Whitewebbs Museum of Transport** Enfield Pageant. Museum closed.
- **Juke Box Jive** Rock 'n' Roll – see Thursday 21st.
- **Chelsea Flower Show** Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £80.

WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY 23rd

- ▶ *Whitewebbs Museum of Transport Enfield Pageant. Museum closed.
- ▶ Juke Box Jive Rock 'n' Roll — see Thursday 21st.
- ▶ Outdoor Boot Sale Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.

SUNDAY 24th

- ▶ Slam Dunk Festival Pop-punk and rock music. Hatfield House, 12noon–11pm.
- ▶ *Whitewebbs Museum of Transport Enfield Pageant. Museum closed.

WEDNESDAY 27th

- ▶ *PB Horticultural Society Kate Harwood. Kate teaches garden history and leads talks and walks on historical gardens. Japanese Gardens in Britain.
- ▶ *Wednesday Community Club Len Little: 'Sniffer Dogs'.

THURSDAY 28th

- ▶ *Cuffley Horticultural Society Conservation Agriculture, 8pm, Paul Cherry.
- ▶ A Day in Chichester/Festival of Flowers Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £35 with festival of flowers £48.

SATURDAY 30th

- ▶ Outdoor Boot Sale Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- ▶ Bruges in a Day Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £62.

JUNE

MONDAY 1st

- ▶ *Barnet Philatelic Society Some Strange Aspects of Swiss Philately, talk and display by Neville Nelder.

TUESDAY 2nd

- ▶ Lunchtime Recital Anthony Gritten (organ), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch (£5) available from 12noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 3rd

- ▶ *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

THURSDAY 4th

- ▶ Margate and Broadstairs Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £35.

SATURDAY 6th

- ▶ Hertfordshire Philharmonia Concert including the Sibelius Violin Concerto. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Info tickets@hertsphil.org.uk or phone John Cox on 01727 857827.
- ▶ Outdoor Boot Sale Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- ▶ Canterbury Boat Trip Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £45.

SUNDAY 7th

- ▶ Potters Bar Carnival 01707 850147 for more information.
- ▶ Herts Heavy Horse Show Capel Manor Gardens.
- ▶ Tudor Legacies Meet the 6 wives of Henry VIII. Hatfield House, 11am–4pm.
- ▶ Theatre Trip Riverdance Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £89.

TUESDAY 9th

- ▶ *Cuffley Floral Art Club Kate Thomas: 'In the Garden'.

WEDNESDAY 10th

- ▶ *PB Horticultural Society Philip Mckiner. Philip is a trustee of Copped Hall.
- ▶ *Wednesday Community Club Tom Watkins: 'Communities 1st'.
- ▶ *RSPB Afternoon meeting, all welcome. South African wildlife not on the tourist agenda by Peter Warne.
- ▶ Thursford and North Norfolk Steam Train Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £55.

THURSDAY 11th

- ▶ *Oakmere WI 'Putting on a Show – Green Room Operatic Society' — Alastair Woodgate.
- ▶ *Potters Bar Society Town group meeting, 7.30pm, Tilbury Hall.

SATURDAY 13th

- ▶ Outdoor Boot Sale Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- ▶ Brighton Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £35.

SUNDAY 14th

- ▶ *Fir and Pond Wood Nature Reserve Conservation work, no experience necessary, 10am. Details see organisations pages.
- ▶ King Charles the Martyr Church Messy Church, 3–5pm.
- ▶ Café Worship at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm. Informal praise, prayer and discussion in relaxed setting with coffee and cake.

MONDAY 15th

- ▶ *Brookmans Park WI TBA.
- ▶ *Barnet Philatelic Society 'Falkland Islands', talk and display by Tony Bosworth.

WEDNESDAY 17th

- ▶ *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.
- ▶ Midsomer Murder Vintage and Afternoon Tea Cruise Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £70.

FRIDAY 19th

- ▶ Summer Flower Festival Capel Manor Gardens.
- ▶ *RSPB Evening meeting, all welcome. Speaker to be confirmed.

SATURDAY 20th

- ▶ Summer Fayre Entry £1 per family. Ladbrooke JMI School, Watkins Rise.

- ▶ Outdoor Boot Sale Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- ▶ New Forest Tour with Cream Tea Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £40.
- ▶ Summer Flower Festival Capel Manor Gardens.

SUNDAY 21st

- ▶ Family Creative Church at St John's Methodist Church from 10.30am. Crafts, art and cooking followed by 20 minutes of worship for everyone.
- ▶ Summer Flower Festival Capel Manor Gardens.
- ▶ Windsor Father's Day Lunch Cruise Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £75.

MONDAY 22nd

- ▶ Summer Flower Festival Capel Manor Gardens.

WEDNESDAY 24th

- ▶ *PB Horticultural Society Mathew Jeffery. Mathew is a botanical horticulturist: 'Alpine and rock gardens at Royal Botanical Gardens Kew'.
- ▶ Wednesday Community Club Mr R Moore: 'National Trust'.
- ▶ Great Dixter East Sussex Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £48.

THURSDAY 25th

- ▶ *Cuffley Horticultural Society What did plants ever do for us, 8pm, Timothy Walker.

SATURDAY 27th

- ▶ *Cherry Lodge Cancer Care Summer Soulstice. Old Elizabethans Memorial Playing Fields, Mays Lane, Barnet, EN5 2AG, 11am–11pm. Ticket Event Only. For tickets please contact www.summersoulstice.co.uk/tickets. Contact Tina on 020 8441 7000.
- ▶ Concert by Rarescale A flute-based chamber ensemble. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk. Details at www.stmaryspb.org.uk/music.html.
- ▶ Outdoor Boot Sale Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.
- ▶ Ypres Battlefields Tour Coach Trip. Contact 01707 903761. £62.

SUNDAY 28th

- ▶ *Whitewebbs Museum of Transport Museum Open Day, 10am–4pm. Adults£7.
- ▶ Potters Bar Music Centre Sunday Showcase free concert by their students. 3pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

JULY

WEDNESDAY 1st

- ▶ *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

THURSDAY 2nd

- ▶ *Potters Bar Society Town group meeting, 7.30pm, Tilbury Hall.

SATURDAY 4th

- ▶ Outdoor Boot Sale Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.

SUNDAY 5th

- ▶ St John's Methodist Family Fun Day and Outdoor Worship at 10.30am. Crafts, games and BBQ for everyone. Call Sally on 07941 223102 for info.

TUESDAY 7th

- ▶ Lunchtime Recital Quintessimo (wind quintet), 12.30pm. Retiring collection. Buffet lunch (£5) available from 12noon–1.30pm, St Mary's Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 8th

- ▶ *PB Horticultural Society 'Luton Hoo' — Ron Basiano. Ron is a volunteer at Luton Hoo.
- ▶ *Wednesday Community Club Diane Stevens — "REMAP" National Charity of Volunteers.

THURSDAY 9th

- ▶ *Oakmere WI 'The Work of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance' (speaker from EHAA).
- ▶ Mount Grace PTF Secondary Transfer Day for Primary School Year 6 students.

SATURDAY 11th

- ▶ Outdoor Boot Sale Sellers set up at 11am, £5 per car. Buyers 12noon at 50p at Elm Court.

SUNDAY 12th

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- ▶ Café Worship at St John's Methodist Church at 7pm. Informal praise, prayer and discussion in relaxed setting with coffee and cake.
- ▶ Camera Fair at Elm Court.

TUESDAY 14th

- ▶ *Cuffley Floral Art Club Jane Ellis — 'A Box of Delight'.

WEDNESDAY 15th

- ▶ *Wednesday Community Club Games and chat.

SUNDAY 26th

- ▶ An Evening with Michael Buble Hatfield House.

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

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Local Bowls Club welcomes New Members

It's spring, and members of North Mymms Bowls Club, Welham Green, are looking forward to the beginning of the bowling season. Our green has been prepared and looked after by our greenkeepers during the winter and is expected to be in excellent condition ready for the opening in April. At the end of last season our green was entered into The National Institute of Groundsmen Competition for best kept green and our greenkeepers were awarded a runners-up certificate, quite an achievement.

We are a small, sociable club and we have members from Welham Green, Potters Bar, Brookmans Park and surrounding areas. We play friendlies against other clubs in the district, have friendly 'roll-ups', but for the competitive bowler there is also the opportunity to play in the St Albans & District, County or National competitions. Last season both the men and ladies won their respective St Albans and District Triples Leagues.

North Mymms won the Nethercott Cup, which was kindly donated and sponsored by our local Funeral Directors, Nethercotts. This is an annual competition which is played against two other local clubs, Potters Bar and Harperbury.

We encourage anyone who is interested to contact us and come along and try the game for free. All you need to start is some flat-soled shoes. We have bowling equipment for beginners to try and qualified coaches to show you how. As a special offer to attract new bowlers the club is offering the first year's membership subscription for only £10! This is a great opportunity to play a very enjoyable game, get fresh air, and a great social life. Our green will open on the 18th April.

Please contact our Membership Secretary, Val Atkinson on **01707 645320** or email vgatkinson@btinternet.com.

'Have a Go' day at the club – some people trying out bowling for the first time.



"Pickleball", I hear you exclaim, "what's that?"

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping pong, played on a court the same size as badminton doubles. The net is low, and the game is played with a hard 'paddle' and a hard plastic ball with holes in it. Even though Pickleball is like tennis, the most important difference is the speed of the ball which travels about a third of the speed of an average tennis ball and the court is, of course, smaller and this makes the game much more accessible, particularly for seniors.

Pickleball was started in the US in 1965. Three dads whose children were bored with their usual summertime activities are credited with inventing the game, named after their dog 'Pickles' who kept chasing the ball and running off with it.

If you fancy giving it a try, come along to the Furzefield Centre, Mutton Lane, on a Tuesday morning 11.30am–12.30pm. Sessions are just £3.50 for the hour, and comfortable clothing and trainers are all you need.

"I really enjoy Pickleball, it is just the right level of exercise somehow, and it's easier on your joints than badminton" said Kim.

We look forward to seeing you.

Jenny Bertram



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Potters Bar Bowls Club welcomes a new President

Potters Bar Bowls Club holds many winter functions to ensure members can keep in touch during the close season. Weekly cribbage evenings on Thursdays have proved very popular over the last two years, as have the bridge afternoons which take place on Tuesday afternoons.

New Year's Eve saw over 50 members join together to welcome in 2020. The Social Chairman Steve Anchor and his wife Eileen co-ordinated decorations, entertainment and a delicious buffet. The ever-popular supper evenings are held once a month with members able to enjoy a meal and various card and board games.

In order to ensure that these social functions can continue, the Club recently held it's AGM to elect officers for the coming year. Over 70 members attended and following the usual business items, the outgoing President Bill Burrows thanked members for their tremendous support which included raising the sum of £2,000 for his chosen charity, the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.



Bill handed over his chain of office to the incoming President, Jan Southwell, who is also an active member of the Potters Bar Carnival Committee. Jan told the assembled members that it was a huge privilege and honour to take on the role of

President and went on to say that he was committed to doing his utmost for the Club and thanked the outgoing President and Management Team for looking after the Club so well in 2019.

Jan Southwell announced that his Charity for the coming year is 'Fight Bladder Cancer'. This organisation is a patient and carer-led charity for bladder cancer covering the UK. Over 18,000 new cases of the cancer are diagnosed every year in England and the charity works to raise awareness, improve standards of care, influence medical research, and achieve a better quality of life for those affected. Sadly, Jan lost his brother-in-law to the disease, so it is a charity he is passionate about. Proceeds from the President's annual Gala Day in August will go to the Charity.

Believe it or not spring isn't too far away and with it the opening day of the new season on Saturday 18th April. If you are interested at trying your hand at bowls, The Club, in The Walk, will be holding Open Mornings for prospective new members starting at 10am on Saturday 25th April and Sunday 3rd May. You would be very welcome. For further details please call our Membership Secretary, Peter Openshaw on 01707 657812.

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Sporting Terms - Darts

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- Bag of Nuts:** A score of 45/ grocer's produce.
- Bag of Nails:** All 3 darts in the '1' bed/ironmonger's produce.
- Barrel:** Part of the dart which you grip/wine or beer container.
- Bed:** Section of the dartboard, eg a double/crucial hotel provision.
- Three in a Bed:** 3 darts in same section/confused hotel booking.
- Checkout:** Score required to win a match/supermarket payment facility.
- Double:** The outer ring of the board/standard hotel booking.
- Double Top:** Double 20/penthouse hotel booking.
- Flights:** Wings at end of darts/Ryanair perhaps.
- Game On:** Call from referee to signify start/grouse shooting season.
- Game Shot:** Call from referee to signify end/grouse is dead.
- Leg:** One game of a match/limb.
- 3 Legs:** A set/school sports day event.
- Nine Darter:** Minimum number of darts to reach 501/Jamie Vardy.
- Oche:** line from which darts are thrown/ocellated turkey.
- One Hundred and Eighty:** Call from referee for maximum/turn in another direction.
- Right Church/Wrong Pew:** Double or trebled scored but in wrong number/confused bridegroom.
- Robin Hood:** Dart sticks in top of another/Nottingham bandit.
- Spider:** Metal web dividing the board/arachnid.



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Potters Bar Pétanque Players

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- Sunday mornings from 10am
- Tuesday afternoons from 2pm

New players are WELCOME of any ability/experience. We play socially at the times above and have Club competitions each year for: Ladies Singles, Men's Singles, Doubles, Triples and Mixed Doubles. Contact Jane on **01707 266517**. Website www.pottersbarpetanque.co.uk.

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News from Potters Bar Tennis Club

At the AGM last December, Chairman Ian Hamilton presented Judith Wheeler with a retirement gift for her service to the club as Junior Secretary and latterly Welfare Officer. She also received the Presidents Cup in recognition of her support of the club over many years. The Improvers Cup was awarded to Chris Galkiewicz, the Junior Boys Cup to Sebastian Ball and the Girls Cup to Rebecca Underhill. Mary Wikner has agreed to be the Welfare Officer. John Mills and Audrey Summers will jointly become the Junior Secretaries.

JUNIOR EVENTS - EASTER COACHING COURSES Week 1 Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April, Week 2 Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th April. Morning sessions age 5-9 years from 9am to 12noon. Afternoon sessions age 10-15 years from 1pm to 4pm.

JUNIOR EVENTS - SUMMER CAMPS Week 1 Monday 20th to Friday 24th July, Week 2 Monday 27th to Friday 31st July, Week 3 Monday 3rd to Friday 7th August. Morning sessions age 5-9 years from 9am to 12noon. Afternoon sessions age 10-15 years from 1pm to 4pm.

Application forms via www.pottersbartennis.net.

MUNCHKINS Starts on Saturday 7th March at 12'noon to 12.30pm through the summer till the end of October. Cost £3 per session.

JUNIOR FRIDAY NIGHTS Commence on Friday 24th April for the summer term until 17th July, and re-commence on Friday 4th September till Friday 23rd October. NB: Please note no tennis on Friday 8th May (VE Day Bank Holiday).

ADULT PLAY Every Monday evening 'Pay and Play' is available for adults from 7pm to 9pm (Improvers Mixed). Cost for non-members is £7.

ADULT COACHING Beginners Ladies - Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am. Non-members £5 per session. Improvers Mixed - Thursdays 10am to 11am. Non-members £6 per session. These sessions are all taken by Karl Mills, Club Head Coach, 07939 303483 who should be contacted on any coaching enquiries.

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Successful Toy Sale

Last November Brookmans Park Rotary Club held their first tabletop Nearly New Children's toy sale at Tilbury Hall as a community event. Following our advert in the last Community News we received a flurry of telephone calls and filled the hall with 22 stalls in all. Unfortunately, it was a wet and miserable day and customers drifted in slowly despite extensive promotion across town in nurseries, playgroups and on social media. However, all customers spent time browsing and enjoying refreshments before leaving with bulging bags of

good quality toys, books and baby equipment that they had purchased, and our stall holders all felt that it had been a worthwhile afternoon.

Brookmans Park Rotary Club raised in excess of £150 for their charities this year and thank you all for your support. We hope to welcome you to our next sale this Spring, where you can be sure to find some bargains.

Rotary Brookmans Park
 Invite you to a
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Calling Retired NHS Workers

A charity supporting retired NHS workers is looking to recruit new members. The NHS Retirement Fellowship is appealing for retired, and soon to retire, health service workers to join the charity. It provides social, leisure, educational and welfare activities for current and retired NHS and social care staff.



With over 8,300 members across the country, it has 130 branches, four of them in Hertfordshire; Hemel Hempstead, Stevenage, Watford and Welwyn Garden City. Normally meeting monthly, local members decide on their local programme. Wider afield there are interest groups for photography and golf, with other joint activities within the M25.

Loneliness among older people is a major health risk and the Fellowship

provides the much-needed opportunity for social support for its members. Benefits include world-wide travel insurance, discounted cruises, a benevolent fund and shopping discounts.

Why not read the website www.nhsrf.org.uk. Interested? Then please contact your local group: Hemel Hempstead 07903 383377, Stevenage 07941 619325, Watford 07765 156954, Welwyn Garden City 07884 295297 or hertfordshire@nhs.org.uk.

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Potters Bar Society walks to May 2020



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. In case of emergency please carry contact details (which can easily be found) including details of any medications and allergies that paramedics would need to note. You join all of the walks at your own risk.

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

Sunday 1st March

Meet: Shenley Car Park, Radlett Lane. Approaching from Black Lion Hill, the car park (free) is on the right by the Tea Room. *Route:* Pursley Farm, Bigpursley Wood, towards Littleridge Wood, St Margaret's Church, footpaths back to Shenley Country Park. About 5.5 miles. *Leader:* 01707 654993.

Sunday 15th March

Meet: in front of Furzeffield Centre, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar. *Route:* Walk to Wisers Lane, Water End and Blackhorse Lane. About 4.5 miles. *Leader:* 01707 655732.

Sunday 29th March

Meet: Pooleys Lane, Welham Green, AL9 7LF (TL 230059). Be aware 20mph speed limit. *Route:* Fields and woodland in Welham Green and Colney Heath. About 5 miles. *Leader:* 01707 264689.

Sunday 12th April

No walk – Easter Sunday.

Sunday 26th April

Meet: North Mymms Church. *Route:* Crossfields to Tollgate Road, Tollgate Farm and follow road towards Colney Heath. South to Redwell Farm via Coursers Farm. Return via Potwells and Cangley Grove. About 5.5 miles. *Leader:* 01707 851498.

Sunday 10th May

Meet: In front of Furzeffield Centre, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar. *Route:* Cross playing fields to Furzeffield Wood, north along railway path to Bradmore Lane, west to Water End. Cross A1 to Home Farm and return via Warrengate Farm. About 5.5 miles. *Leader:* 01707 851498.

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

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Easter Walk of Witness

For many years, Christians in Potters Bar have walked between two churches carrying a wooden cross on the morning of Good Friday to mark this special day in the Christian year.

We will be gathering at Potters Bar Baptist Church on Barnet Road from 9am, setting off at 9.30am and walking to St Mary's, The Walk. There will then be a short service (starting at 10.30am) for adults and children with some well-known Good Friday hymns and songs.

We'd love you to join us for the walk, hot cross buns and Bible story telling starting at Potters Bar Baptist Church, or if you would prefer not to walk, then do still come to the short service at 10.30am at St Mary's.

Easter Day, 12th April – 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 refreshments.

Easter Eve, 11th April – Easter Vigil and Confirmation

This service anticipates the joy to be found on Easter Day. Do join us at St Albans Cathedral as we support those from the parish who will be confirming their faith.

First, through Bible readings, the story of how God has always been caring for and leading his people, then a new light is lit outside, symbolising God's light. This light, the Paschal Candle, is then carried into the darkened Church where we all renew our baptismal vows – our statement of faith in the risen Christ.

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St Mary's Church pulls out all the stops with New Pipe Organ

Attendees at services and concerts at St Mary's Church in The Walk are enjoying the majestic sounds of a new pipe organ which became operational just before Christmas. The original organ, built in 1885 for the old St John the Baptist Church (situated where the War Memorial in the High Street now stands), was moved to St Mary's when the new church was built in 1915. The intervening years had taken their toll and by 2000 the organ was in need of major repair. After over 15 years of fundraising a redundant organ from a church in Derby fortuitously became available.

The new organ, installed by Nottingham-based organ builders Henry Groves & Son, consists of 2,250 pipes, spread across 49 stops playable on three keyboards and a pedalboard. The shortest pipe is three inches long and the longest is 18 feet.

Vicar Fr Stefan Chrysostomou says "From the very beginning, music has been a key part of Christian worship. We are called to offer our very best in praising God, and our new organ will help us do just that. Not only will it enhance our services at St Mary's, it will also contribute to enriching the musical life of our town and wider community through concerts and other events."

The church has taken expert advice from Mr Paul Hale, Southwell Minster Organist Emeritus and Mr Andrew Lucas, Master of the Music at St Albans Abbey. Paul will be playing the inaugural Gala Recital on Saturday



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Recitals at Potters Bar URC

Music at Potters Bar URC is vibrant and varied. On the first Friday of the month at 12.30pm our Director of Music, Stephen Jones, invites musicians to give lunchtime recitals; these are followed by a delicious charity lunch. Programmes have included organ and piano recitals on the church's excellent instruments, song recitals, music for two cellos, often given by musicians of international standing, as well as talented local musicians. See the church's website for details of the exciting annual programme. Evening concerts are also given, and performers have included Potters Bar's own Community Choir, Quorum Singers from St Albans, students from the Purcell School, and the award-winning London based City Chamber Choir.

The church's own choir, about ten strong at its fullest, is looking to recruit new members in all voices (soprano, alto, tenor and bass). Under the expert guidance of the Director of Music, they sing an anthem each Sunday at the morning service and practice on a Friday evening at 7pm for an hour. The church would also like to hear from any instrumentalists interested in joining us on a Sunday morning to add to our worship.

Reviving a tradition of performing a choral meditation on Good Friday early evening, Churches Together in Potters Bar have performed Stainer's The Crucifixion, Handel's Easter music from Messiah, and this year propose to perform Fauré's Requiem. More information will be available on the church's website in due course. All singers welcome.



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Tickets £24.50

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An Audience with Big Phil Campion

Wednesday 11th March, 8pm
Tickets £19

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ABBA Forever

Friday 13th March, 7.30pm
Tickets £25.50

The unique ABBA sound is replicated with an incredible attention to detail by this seven-piece band. Two outstanding ABBA girls complete the line-up adding to the essential glitz and glamour of a well-polished and gently humorous show.

24K Bruno

Saturday 14th March, 7.30pm
Tickets £23

24k BRUNO is a show guaranteed to have the whole family up and out of their seats and dancing the night away. With many hits such as 'Uptown Funk', '24 Magic', etc, this is the number one tribute to the incredible Bruno Mars.

Rock for Heroes

Friday 20th March, 7.30pm
Tickets £22

Following on from their hugely successful first years of touring, building an almost cult following, the incredible band 'Rock for Heroes' is back on the road for 2020, bringing the perfect combination of your favourite rock and pop artists, fundraising in support of the fantastic 'Help for Heroes'.

All Our Yesterdays

Wednesday 25th March, 2pm
Tickets £15

The ultimate feel-good show. One of the biggest shows of its kind in the UK, taking the audience on a breathtaking musical journey through the 50s, 60s and some of the brilliant sounds of the 70s. Including songs by Del Shannon,

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Sinatra My Way

Sunday 29th March, 2.30pm
Tickets £15

Robert Habermann sings the unforgettable songs, and tells the remarkable story of Frank Sinatra from band singer to 1940s pop idol. From his fall in popularity to swinging his way through the 1950s, recording his most famous songs and albums and building his own record label 'Reprise'.

An Evening with Liam Brady

Wednesday 1st April, 8pm
Tickets: Balcony £13.50, Flat Floor £16.50, Stalls £19.50, VIP £49

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history, it seldom takes long for them to mention Liam Brady. A left-footed player with outstanding technical ability and vision, Brady spent nine years with Arsenal, winning Player of the Year three times, lifting the FA Cup in 1979 and signing-off with an appearance in the 1980 European Cup Winners Cup Final.

Walk Right Back
Thursday 2nd April, 7.30pm
Tickets £25.50

After phenomenal sell-out tours, Walk Right Back is BACK. From the Producers of 'That'll be the Day', the show tells the story of the most successful duo of all time, The Everly Brothers. Following the brothers' rise to fame, through their decade-long feud to the glorious reunion that gave them back to the world and back to each other.

Clinton Baptiste in 'The Paranormalist Returns'

Friday 3rd April, 7.30pm
Tickets £19

As seen on Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights. The world-renowned clairvoyant, medium and psychic is back. Join us for a fantastic night of comedy as paranormal sensation Clinton Baptiste takes you on a hilarious, yet touching, journey through his life, out of the other side and beyond the Celestial Curtains.

Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science Show

Saturday 4th April,
11am and 2pm
Tickets £13, children £12

If you think science is boring,

think again. This is science as you have never seen it before. Designed for children and adults alike, the show explores the strange and magical properties of matter with exploding elephant's toothpaste, vortex generating dustbins and even howling jelly babies.

Wyllyotts Easter Show – Beauty and the Beast

Thursday 9th April, Friday 10th April and Saturday 11th April, all at 1pm and 4pm
Tickets £19.50,
Children/Concessions £17.50,
Family of Four £68

Join Belle and the Beast in the enchanted castle. With Dame Dotty taking full control of everyone's lives hindered by the hapless Muddles and arrogant Count George, what could possibly go wrong?

Choice Grenfell

Sunday 26th April, 2.30pm
Tickets £15

Commemorating the 40th

Anniversary of the loss of the hilarious, genteel, groundbreaking and incomparable monologues of Joyce Grenfell. Featuring some of the best of Joyce's hilarious songs and monologues, plus previous unpublished rehearsal recordings and personal letters from Joyce.

Seven Drunken Nights

Sunday 10th May, 7.30pm
Tickets £25

Following sold-out, smash-hit tours, 'Seven Drunken Nights – the story of the Dubliners' returns with an even bigger production. Direct from the West End, the show brings to life the music of Ireland's favourite sons.

Swan Lake

Sunday 24th May, 1pm
Tickets £20.50, children £15

Join the Vienna Festival Ballet as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary with their glorious revival of one of the best-known and loved classical ballets of all time.

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2020 Holy Week and Easter Services at Local Churches

Christ Church, Little Heath, Potters Bar (CE)

Palm Sunday 5th April	3pm	Songs of Praise Service and afternoon tea
Good Friday 10th April	2pm	Reflective Service
Easter Day 12th April	9am	Traditional Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Family Communion

Contact Revd Dominic Newstead 643119

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

Saturday 4th April	3pm	Messy Church Easter Special
Palm Sunday 5th April	9.15am	Sung Eucharist
	11am	Morning Worship*
	5pm	A Service of Music and Readings led by the Choir
Monday 6th April	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evening Prayer
	8pm	Compline
Tuesday 7th April	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	10am	Holy Communion
	5pm	Evening Prayer
	8pm	Compline
Wednesday 8th April	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evening Prayer
	8pm	Compline
Maundy Thursday 9th April	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Community Cafe Easter Service* with Easter Egg Hunt
	5pm	Evening Prayer
	8pm	Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar followed by a Silent Vigil until 10pm
Good Friday 10th April	12noon–2pm	A Reflection on the Cross with Music and Images – come and go as you feel able
	2pm	The Final Hour
Easter Day 12th April	10.30am	Communion Service for Easter Day*

*Children are most welcome at all our services however services most suitable for children marked with an **

Contact Church Office 665579

Our Lady and St Vincent Roman Catholic Church, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar

Tuesday 17th March	10am	St Patrick's Day Mass followed by refreshments
Wednesday 25th March	7.30pm	Lent Reconciliation Service
Saturday 4th April	6pm	Palms blessed at Mass
Palm Sunday 5th April	9am and 11am	Palms blessed at Mass
Maundy Thursday 9th April	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper with prayer vigil until 11pm
Good Friday 10th April	3pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Liturgy for children
	7.30pm	Meditation 'From Calvary to the
Holy Saturday 11th April	11am	Blessing of Easter Food
	8.30pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 12th April	9am and 11am	Easter Mass

Contact Canon Shaun Lennard 654359

Potters Bar United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar

Maundy Thursday 9th April	6.30pm	Holy Communion
Good Friday 10th April	7.30pm	Faure's Requiem
Easter Day 12th April	11am	Easter Day Holy Communion

Contact Church Office 665482

St Giles, South Mymms (CE)

Contact William Marsterson 01707 644180 or wmarsterson@yahoo.co.uk

St John's Methodist Church, Potters Bar

Maundy Thursday 9th April	7pm	Tenebrae Service
Easter Day 12th April	10.30am	Easter Communion and Creative Church including options for crafts, art and cooking

St Margaret's Ridge (CE)

Contact Pat Legerton 01727 822157

St Mary's, North Mymms (CE)

Contact Church Office 01727 825578

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

Palm Sunday 5th April	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Palm Procession and Parish Eucharist (gather in Parkfield Medical Centre car park)
Monday 6th April	10am	Holy Eucharist
	8pm	Compline and Address
Tuesday 7th April	10am	Holy Eucharist
	8pm	Compline and Address
Wednesday 8th April	10am	Holy Eucharist
	8pm	Compline and Address
Maundy Thursday 9th April	8pm	Sung Eucharist and Vigil
Good Friday 10th April	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	1.30pm	The Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday 11th April	8pm	The Easter Vigil an First Eucharist of Easter
Easter Day 12th April	6am	Churches Together Dawn Service
	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Easter Festival Eucharist

Contact Revd Stefan Chrysostomou 859028

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

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

RSPB POTTERS BAR AND BARNET LOCAL GROUP* Illustrated talks, Fri at Tilbury Hall, 7.45pm, RSPB members £4, others £4.50. Wed at St John's URC Hall, New Barnet, 2pm, RSPB members £3.50, others £4. Tel 01707 652836 or www.rspb.org.uk/groups/pottersbarandbarnet.

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

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

ART

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

ART IN HERTS Weekly, Tue. Furze field Court, 7.30–10pm. 650694.

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

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

CUFFLEY FLORAL ART CLUB* Monthly, Tue 7 for 7.30pm. Cuffley Hall, Maynards Place. Jessica 873821.

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

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

BABY and TODDLER GROUPS

BABY SENSORY CLASS (BIRTH TO 13 MONTHS) Award winning. Thu, Furze field Leisure Centre. Lisa 07887 700939 or barnet@babysensory.co.uk.

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

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

HAPPY APPLY BABY AND TODDLER Essendon Primary School, Wed 1.45–3.15pm, £1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DANCE

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

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

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

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

BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING Weekly, Tilbury Hall. Beginners Mon 6.45pm. Improvers 7.45pm. Advanced 8.45pm. 07711 832070 or www.nicksdanceschool.com.

BALLROOM, LATIN, SEQUENCE, DANCING North Mymms Memorial Hall, Station Road, Welham Green, AL9 7PG. Every Wed evening 8–10pm, £4. Also in Welwyn Garden City. Contact Russel 01707 264154.

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

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

LINE DANCING Wed. 2–4pm. Beginner and improver level. Oakmere Youth and Community Centre, Fetherstone Close. 859578.

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

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

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

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

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

EDUCATIONAL

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

BROOKMAN'S PARK WEA Weekly, Tue and Thu mornings. 10 week courses starting 24th and 26th Sep. More details from Lyn Pym 01707 650673.

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

FIRST CLASS LEARNING MATHS AND ENGLISH Ages 5–16. Weekly, Thu 3.30–5.30pm. King Charles the Martyr Church. Pallavi 527155.

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

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

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

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

FITNESS

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

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

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

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

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

MOVES FITNESS Weekly, Mon. St Mary's Church Hall, 7.30–8.30pm. Aerobic dance and exercise. All fitness levels welcome. Bring mat/towel. 07733 173559.

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

PILATES Weekly URC Church, Brookmans Park, Mon 9.15am and 10.15am; and Fri 9.30am and 10.30am. North Mymms Memorial Hall, Tue 9.30am and 10.30am and Wed 9.30am. Debbie 07717 841338.

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

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

GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH

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

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

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

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE Contact 01992 586969 for information.

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

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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

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

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HERTS MIND NETWORK Tue fortnightly 11am–1pm, Memory Support Group, appointment only, £1, Goodacre Court, EN6 5AZ. Tue weekly 9am–5pm, Peer Support appointment only, Maple House, EN6 5BS. Tue weekly 2–4pm, Drop-in £1, Elm Court. Contact 0203 727 3600.

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

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

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

HOBBIES

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

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

CUFFLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Monthly, last Thu. 10 times per year. 8pm. Cuffley Hall, Maynard Place. 875742.

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

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

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

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

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

PB AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY* Alternate Wed 8–10pm. Elm Court. Speakers. Members £2. Visitors £3. 651372.

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

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

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

MUSIC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OUTDOOR

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

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

FIR AND POND WOODS NATURE RESERVE Volunteers help in maintaining and improving the habitat. Monthly 2nd Sun, 10am–1pm. Meet lay-by in Coopers Lane Road, EN6 4DG. Tools provided, bring drink, gloves and good footwear. 01707 652836.

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

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

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

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

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

SOCIAL

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

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

CHARITY LUNCHEONS URC. Darkes Lane, 1st and 3rd Fri in month, 1pm. £3 per person. Please come and join us. 665482.

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

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

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

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

ENFIELD NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION Contact Pam for more information 650969.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OAKMERE WI Monthly, 2nd Thu, 7.45pm. Tilbury Hall. Contact 659873 or 650076 for more information.

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

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

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

PB SOCIETY COUNTRY GROUP Contact Alastair 653636.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPORT

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

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

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

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

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

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

BOTANY BAY PETANQUE CLUB

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

OAKLANDS BADMINTON CLUB

Weekly, Tue 8-10pm. Dame Alice Owen's School. 5 courts. Yvonne 642328.

BARRACUDA SWIMMING CLUB

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

BROOKMANS PARK TENNIS CLUB

Golf Club Road, Brookmans Park. 6 courts/floodlights. Suit all abilities. 644926.

BUSHI SEISHIN RYU (MARTIAL ARTS)

Weekly, Fri. Kidston Inst Northaw Road West, Northaw, 7.30–9.30pm. 642354.

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

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

ELIZABETH ALLEN FOOTBALL CLUB

Weekly, Sat pm. Old Owen's, Coopers Lane Road. 16+. Training Tue 8pm. Owen's School. 652422/646273.

FOOTBALL Vets football, Sat afternoons. 35+ years. Venues locally in South Herts. Evenings. 852422

PB HOCKEY CLUBadies, men and junior hockey. Ed 07763 929462.

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

KARATE, SELF DEFENCE AND FITNESS

Weekly, Wed. Furzeffield. Juniors 7–8pm. Adults 8–9pm. Sun adult and juniors 11–12noon. 07534 563456 or www.karate-masters.co.uk.

KARATE AND DEFENCE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO ADULT

Sat 2–7 years, 10.30–11.15am. 8 years+, 11.20am–12.25pm. 661544.

KARATE FOR ALL THE FAMILY Weekly, Sat. Oakmere Youth and Community Centre. Children 10.30–11.30am, adults 11.45am–1pm. 852641.

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

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

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

NORTH MYMMS BOWLS CLUB

Dellsome Lane, Welham Green. 01707 645320.

NORTHAW AND CUFFLEY BOWLS CLUB

King George V Playing Fields, Northaw Road East, Cuffley. 654883.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTH HERTS HIKERS Day hikes in Herts and hiking weekends away.

www.southhertshikers.uk or southhertshikers@gmail.com.

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

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

THEATRE

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCOUTS, CUBS AND BEAVERS For info Peter 850147.

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

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

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

YOUTH CLUBS Weekly, Elm Court. 659602.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHITEWEBBS MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT AND MODEL RAILWAY, ENFIELD, EN2 9HW

Weekly, Tue 10am–4pm. Last entry 3.30pm. Adults £7, children 5–12 years, £3. 020 8367 1898.

NORTH LONDON AND MIDDX OWNER'S CLUB meet at the Whitewebbs Museum every second Thu from 7.30pm. www.nlm-mmoc.org.uk.

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

All telephone numbers are Area Code 01707 unless otherwise stated.

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

DOCTORS' SURGERY HOURS

1) ANNANDALE MEDICAL CENTRE AT THE ELMS

Tel: 01707 644451

Surgery Hours: 8.30am–6pm Monday to Friday
 Test Results/Enquiries: 01707 622979 between 2pm and 4pm Monday to Friday
 Quarterly newsletter available from surgery or on our website
www.annandalesurgery.co.uk

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

2) HIGHVIEW MEDICAL CENTRE AT THE ELMS

Tel: 01707 871980

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

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

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

3) PARKFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 291041

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

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

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

4) POTTERELLS MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 273338

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

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

OUT OF HOURS SERVICE FOR ALL THE ABOVE SURGERIES

NHS 111 SERVICE

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

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

DENTIST

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

Local A&E Services

BARNET: Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, EN5 3DJ Tel 020 8216 5003

LISTER: Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage, SG1 4AB Tel 01438 314333

URGENT CARE – Minor Injuries and Illnesses

QE2: Howlands, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4HQ Tel 01438 314333 24 hours

CHASE FARM: The Ridgway, Enfield, EN2 8JL Tel 020 8375 1010 8am to 10pm

BARNET: Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, EN5 3DJ Tel 020 8216 5003 10am to 10pm

Local Libraries

Oakmere

High Street, Potters Bar

Monday	1pm–6pm
Tuesday	10am–6pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am–6pm
Friday	1pm–6pm
Saturday	10am–5pm
Sunday	Closed

Toddler Tales (Mondays) 2.15–2.45pm

Baby Rhyme Time (Tuesdays) 11–11.30am

Brookmans Park

Bradmore Green

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

Volunteers needed – see page 3.

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.



Wyllyotts Centre,
 Darkes Lane, EN6 2HN

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

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

Hertsmere Borough Council Potters Bar Office

Wyllyotts Centre 01707 652406. Open Tuesday 9.30am to 2pm.

NB: Now located within the CAB office.

Useful Numbers

Hertsmere Borough Council	020 8207 2277
Welwyn Hatfield Council	01707 357000
Hertfordshire Police Non-emergency	101 (national number) or 01707 354000
Herts Domestic Violence Helpline	08088 088088
Hertfordshire County Council	0300 123 4040
National Debt Line	08088 084000
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline	03454 04 05 06
Highways (including potholes, traffic light faults and streetlights)	0300 1234 047
Wasteaware	0300 1234 051
Affinity water leaks	0800 376 5325
Childline	0800 1111
Crime Stoppers Anonymous Line	0800 555 111
CAB Advice Line	03444 111 444
Environmental Health	
(1) Hertsmere:	Pest Control 020 8207 2277
	Noise (daytime) 020 8207 7435
	(night) 0845 300 0021
(2) Welwyn Hatfield:	Pest Control 0344 828 334
	Noise 01707 357242
Potters Bar Hospital	01707 653286
NHS Direct (Nurse advice and health information)	111
RSPCA Local Branch (financial help if you claim benefits, on low income, OAP's)	07872 902710
www.rspca-pottersbarhatfieldandbarnet.org.uk	
Samaritans (freecall 24 hours)	116 123