

WELCOME TO BOVINGDON NEWS



The world is a strange place at the moment. Normally, when I sit down to write this editorial, I start with comments about the state of the weather or a personal update on what I and my family have been up to, but one thing that is standard is that I always exhort you all to get out and about and connect with the village and the people living in it... whether it be the social or sports clubs, or the many events organised in and around the village.

This one is different though: I have spent the last 22 years working from home, however life has now been turned upside-down - trying to find routine and normality in a world that has just thrown out the rule book and coping with enforced isolation is difficult for us all. The key thing to remember now is that we are all in the same boat and, quite simply, to be kind to each other when and where we can... and also remember that phrase when this is over.

Stay safe everyone, and see you on the other side.

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If you would like to join us or need more information, please contact:

Dick Gardener: 07860 811154, email: rmgardener@gmail.com

web page: www.bovingdon.org/village/?page_id=1191

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Chairman's Report



Christmas Fayre and Lights

On 1st December we had yet another successful village Christmas Fayre together with the second grand Christmas lights switch-on. This year we were very lucky to have Trisha Goddard,



who was taking part in *Dancing On Ice*, to switch on the lights and we are very grateful to ITV for organising this. The Christmas lights have been a great success, however they are totally dependent on the generous sponsorship from local businesses and individuals. The current sponsorship will expire after this year and we would urgently appeal for new sponsors to come forward otherwise the lights may not continue.

Village Warden

The Village Warden contract with Sunnyside Rural Trust has continued into its second year. Hopefully you will all have noticed their personnel collecting litter and carrying out a variety of other works and improvements in and around the village.

Parish Meetings

On 6th January, at the Parish Council meeting, I made a presentation of a plaque to Margaret Horwood in recognition of her 45 years as a voluntary yoga teacher. The plaque will be placed in a newly created garden to the side of the Memorial Hall, which has been paid for by the many past and present members of the yoga group. Her daughter Rebecca and granddaughter Lucy Dinn, who were here on holiday from Australia, accompanied Margaret to the presentation.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on Monday 11th May at 7:30pm with refreshments from 7:15pm. We are delighted to announce that this year the speakers will be Katie Price, the recently appointed Governor of HMP The Mount, and Councillor Ben Richardson who will be talking about the role of the new Emergency Service Volunteers. We do hope that many of you will be able to attend, and complimentary refreshments will be available during the evening.



Neighbourhood Planning

The Neighbourhood Planning Group has continued to meet on a regular basis and they are making great progress with many aspects of the plan, despite some setbacks in respect of obtaining the likely housing numbers from the Dacorum Borough Council. We are very grateful to Councillor Julia Marshall who is leading the group and to all of the group members for taking this forward. It continues to require a great deal of commitment and time from Julia and the group members. Please see the separate article, on page 12, from Julia about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.



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Chairman's Report (cont'd)

Future Events

As you are probably aware, the weekend of the 8th-10th May 2020 has been set aside to celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, marking the end of the war in Europe on 8th May 1945. The VE Day 75th weekend will be an international celebration of peace — a time to remember. To embrace this occasion, the Parish Council has decided to organise an event in the Memorial Hall. It will be an opportunity to 'step back' in time to 1945 and join the Bovingdon VE Celebrations. We are holding a Tea Party, with music and dancing at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th May from 4pm to 7pm. Tickets will be £12 and available from the Parish Office. It is hoped that people will dress in 1945 style, if they can. Do join us for this special occasion!



The fourth Bovingdon Parish Fun Run will be taking place on Sunday 6th September. Please see the article on pages 62-63 within this magazine and also the Parish Council website for further details, and to download entry forms.

Bovingdon Market

The entire village was affected to some degree by the increased activity at the market during the run up to Christmas. The enlarged size of the market coupled with reduced parking and woefully inadequate traffic management were all contributory factors to the chaos. Subsequently Dacorum Borough Council Enforcement Team have served breach of planning notices on the market operators, who in turn have submitted a planning application that seeks to regularise the current breaches. The Parish Council have objected to the application and we are hopeful that the Planning Officer will support our objection. In essence we believe a market of the size proposed is not viable on the airfield site, as was demonstrated by the chaos of last year.

When you read this hopefully the Coronavirus will have passed, life will have returned to normal and we will be looking forward to a long and peaceful summer.

*Councillor Graham Barrett
Chairman, Bovingdon Parish Council*

Planning Committee Report

The village continues to be under pressure from developers. Since the granting on appeal for housing to the rear of 50-53 Chesham Road, a further application has been submitted for eight new houses on an adjoining site. We are waiting for Dacorum Borough Council to publish their draft-housing plan, which we expect to be published later in the year. In the interim your local representatives are endeavouring to ensure that any new housing will be accompanied by appropriate improvements to infrastructure within the village.



*Councillor Graham Barrett
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I write this on 25th March so very aware that the impact of the Corona Virus will be reaching a peak when you read this.

Each day I join a video conference call with senior officers at the County Council who have, for weeks now, been planning and actioning the work to make sure that as far as possible our most vulnerable residents are kept safe, cared for, have food, meals and medicine delivered. HILLS delivers meals on wheels, 16,000 last week alone. I also know that many of you have stepped up to the plate and are looking after friends, family and neighbours across the village. If that's not enough, many of you have offered help through Team Herts volunteering and the NHS is also recruiting volunteers.

Within the County our hospitals and social care staff prioritised for CV-19 patients before the worst of the epidemic hit... so Watford Hospital was ready. Our care providers and carers are also in the front line as residents fall ill, in care and nursing homes, and then receive patients back from hospital. My heartfelt thanks to all of you who work or volunteer with the NHS or in Social Care.

Only in February in what seemed more normal times I was hugely supportive of the 2% local tax increase going straight into the pockets of care workers, with the biggest increases going to those visiting and providing care to people in their own homes. In light of the current situation I think this makes even more sense now.

The County Council has prioritised around CV-19 and delivering care; you will be aware we had to shut household recycling centres and, reluctantly, libraries, lunch clubs and day centres, as well as schools. Some of our highways and environmental work has been delayed. We have a positive and ambitious programme to improve our environment and address the challenge of climate change, as releasing carbon into the atmosphere becomes ever more problematic.

Like so much now plans are on the back-burner but if CV-19 teaches us anything it is how we live our lives matters more than ever and all of us in local and national Government need to recognise that.

There is a lot of support for business large and small so I hope that the various grants and rebates will help you get through what is a really difficult economic situation. Please get in touch with me directly or through the Council, there is a lot of support to be had.

Locality budgets are available so do ask if your village organisation needs a helping hand. There is also my Highways budget, which I spend but only after listening to you and the Parish Council. My thanks to so many for work on the market, speeding, traffic, the High Street, village plan and more.

Lastly, I just wish you and your families all the very best in these difficult times.

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The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was established 20 months ago and meets each month on a Tuesday evening. As well as the main meetings, each group gets together regularly to advance the four main areas of the plan. Housing, Transport, Business and Community/Environment.



We have spent a great deal of time researching and canvassing residents' opinions and are now at a stage where the groups are writing policies for the final plan.

The main purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to create policies on 'land use' and each group has been using the information gathered to formulate policies specific to their areas:

- the Transport Group are looking at ways to improve public transport, parking provision in the High Street, road safety, encourage alternative modes of transport and reduce traffic flow through the village.
- the Business Group are aiming to protect and improve the High Street as a commercial zone, by upgrading the layout, attractiveness and parking, support existing businesses and protect employment within the parish, and improve the communications infrastructure.
- the Community & Environment Group are seeking to improve and extend community and sports facilities, and to protect and conserve buildings, green spaces and other valued assets within the parish. They are also looking at establishing policies that codify community and environmental protections for all new developments.
- the Housing Group probably has the most difficult task of all: looking at areas which would be most suited to development within Bovingdon Parish. We had hoped to work with Dacorum Borough Council to identify sites within the village envelope and adjacent to it, as the DBC Local Plan has not been finalised; unfortunately, DBC made it clear that they are unwilling to share any information on their preferred sites or to engage with the Steering Group on this issue. After six months and more of failed negotiation the Housing Group will be carrying out their own assessment of the sites known to them. They will also be formulating design criteria to ensure developments meet high standards of design and build.

It is our intention to hold another Open Day in the summer to present our draft policies to the residents. Please check the Bovingdon Parish Council website and Facebook pages for details.

Julia Marshall, Chair of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
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Bovingdon and District Horticultural Society



The death of a tree is a sad event like the loss of an old friend. After the recent turbulent weather there have been many fallen including two on Box Lane. I can only imagine that there

will have been many others in people's gardens. Hopefully these unfortunate specimens will be replaced. In addition to the severe gales this year broke the 2016 record of the warmest and wettest winter ever recorded. Already in early March there are daffodils everywhere and green shoots appearing on hedgerows, my roses are in leaf and even the Agapanthus are showing signs of life... every year seems to bring fresh challenges for us gardeners. As I write this our Spring Show is still almost a month away, so gardening challenge number one will be to find a daffodil to exhibit!



Our calendar for 2019 ended with our annual social in November. Each year we have a theme and after having tried ferret racing (smelly!), horse racing (hard work pulling those wooden horses down the Memorial Hall), skittles (exciting but frustrating in equal measure), we decided to plump for that old favourite, the quiz night. Yes, you may say that can be challenging too but at least we did not have to get out of our seats. The questions were tough (very few were on gardening!) but there are clearly some brainy people in Bovingdon as some groups achieved a high score. Food and drink were provided by members themselves and there was a very convivial atmosphere in the hall. This year our annual social will be on 13th November, theme to be decided!

After a difficult winter it will be nice to get together for our first spring talk. Last year garden historian, Russell Bowes, kept us spellbound with his dramatic presentation *The Poison Garden*. Sadly many of our members missed this talk so we have invited him back to give us *The Devil's Garden* on 18th March. Let's hope that the Coronavirus does not scupper our plans. The second talk on 23rd April will be a talk by George Lockwood on *Acers For The Small Garden*. This could be helpful if you need to replace a tree in your garden or are looking for something striking to grow in a pot. Both talks will be in the Baptist Church and are open to everyone. More details can be found on our website www.bovingdonhortsoc.org.uk



This year we will be staging our usual three shows: Spring on 4th April, Summer on 27th June and Autumn on 12th September. A very important spring event is our plant sale that takes place this year in the Memorial Hall on 2nd May. Last year we saw an increase in numbers of customers so hope to have some returners this year. Perhaps the closure of Garden Scene in Chipperfield prompted people to come and give our sale a try. The members who sell plants at this event are experienced growers used to local conditions and well placed to offer advice if needed.



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website nearer the time of the visit. Last year's visit took place in April so July should see a different display of wonderful plants.

Free entry on the Wisley visit, discounted seeds, 10% discount from some local shops and nurseries and the opportunity to buy bulky composts etc on our annual order are all benefits of being a society member. If you are interested in joining us please contact our membership secretary, Michael Leon, on 833665.

We wish you all a successful gardening year and hope to see you at one of our events.

Doreen Woods, 833520 / www.bovingdonhortsoc.org

Christmas Street Fayre & Lights

Sunday November 29th — that's the date now confirmed for the Annual Bovingdon Christmas Street Fayre and celebrity switch on of festive lights when we hope ITV will provide another star of its hit TV show *Dancing on Ice* to illuminate the High Street.



The Parish Council and Tracy Wood of Lily's Florist and Café are aiming to bring together a community group to organise the Street Fayre, building on the success of previous years.

Tracy is to be congratulated on keeping the Street Fayre alive after the heavy snow forced the cancellation of the Fayre in 2017. She has done an admirable job but is keen that the Fayre develops further and grows into a major event for the village — organised by the community, for the community.

Local clubs, groups and organisations will be invited to be represented on an event steering group to ensure buy-in from all sections of the community. Villager Gary Cullum is working closely with the Parish Council and Tracy to help make this happen.

There will be more updates on the Bovingdon Facebook page, as we move towards summer but, for now, don't forget to put the date on the family calendar or under the fridge magnet!



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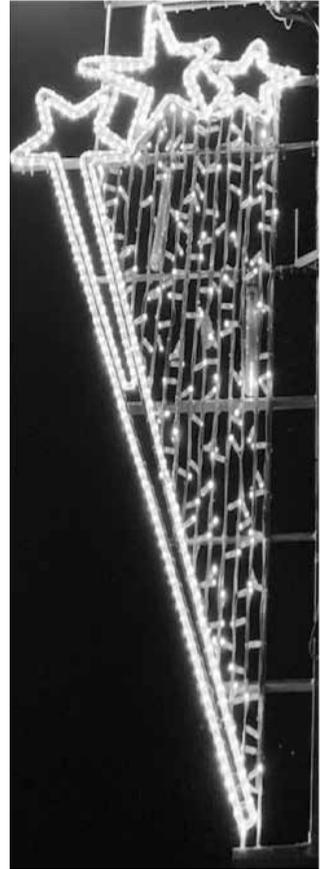
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**Thanks to all for making the
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In collaboration with *Dancing on Ice*, the
2020 Bovingdon Christmas Lights Switch-on
and Street Fayre will take place on
Sunday 29th November

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ladybirds Club

We have had another enjoyable six months at Ladybirds and been pleased to welcome new members.



Our varied programme included singing carols with St Lawrence Church choir, a wonderful Christmas meal (Boxmoor Lodge did us proud yet again), an exhibition by our painting group and interesting speakers including Sam Snow who explained her role in the prevention of the illegal importation of animals etc. Sam kindly waived her fee, which was included in the £120 donated to Bovingdon Lunch Club.

Other donations were: £25 to Alzheimers in memory of Pauline Jarman; £30 to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Society; £100 to Air Ambulance; £160 to St Lawrence Church towards replacing a bench; £160 to Bovingdon Scouts; and £20 to The Poppy Factory. In addition many of our speakers donate their fee to their own particular charity.

Our knitting group continue to raise funds for charity and are at present working on Easter items for Marie Curie (donations of wool are always appreciated). Look out for their stall at Bovingdon Village Market.

The club's first meeting was held on 3rd March 1965 by Margaret Horwood, and so we will be celebrating our 55th year with a meal at Little Hay.

This spring and summer we are looking forward to more interesting speakers, a bluebell walk, a Boxmoor Trust walk, a BBQ and coffee evenings. Small groups of our ladies meet informally in their homes to enjoy tea and chats, and we will also be helping out at the library and the Village Fun Run... as you can see we keep very busy!

Sue Baxter, our chairman, is organizing a coach trip to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire on Wednesday 17th June. The cost is £20 per head to include the land train. Anyone interested in joining us please contact her on 831804.

Ladybirds meet twice monthly on Monday at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm; if you would like to learn more please see our programme, which is displayed outside the Hall and on the village web page under www.bovingdon.net under heading Memorial Hall > What's on at the Hall and in Bovingdon News Village Diary. If you would like to just turn up on the night you will, of course, be very welcome... we are a very friendly group.

Should you like some more information please ring me.

Kathy Banks, 832702

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Well, it's all change this year for our club after approximately 15 years at Bovingdon Football Club. Our senior members (five of whom are now in their nineties) have been kindly accepted into Dudley House, which is better equipped to provide a more comfortable day. We would like to thank Beryl, Fred and, more recently, Mel for all their wonderful help over the years.



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sharon Keen who, after seeing our struggle to raise much needed funds, put us in touch with local businesses and groups who have been kind enough to help us — namely the Co-Op and the Dacorum Community Trust.

Though our members will be moving, Margaret Horwood will very kindly still be keeping us on our toes with her monthly chair keep-fit.

We are now looking forward to a new year and hope to get some outings booked for our members. We are still appealing for anybody out there with a talent who would be willing to entertain us. We would like to say one more big thank you to all our volunteers who stay loyal and willing.

Brenda Franklin, Co-Ordinator
832006

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As I write we are putting the finishing touches to our planning application to build an extension to the church, so by the time you read this I am hoping that the application will be in and you will all have had the chance to find out more and to comment. If that's not the case, we've hit another snag!

It has been a very long drawn out process to get to this stage. Since we 'went public' with our initial plans in 2017, we have held meetings with Dacorum Planning and Conservation Officers and received pre-application advice. We have worked closely with advisers from the Diocese of St Albans and gained their enthusiastic support for our scheme. We have shared our plans with conservation bodies including Historic England, the Victorian Society and the Church Buildings Council and received various opinions and advice, some of which we have accepted and modified our plans accordingly.

Of course, it is impossible to please everyone. Conservation bodies in particular start from the position that change to a historic listed building causes 'harm', and we have to demonstrate that the benefit we are creating will outweigh any 'harm' we may cause. We remain convinced that this is the case because of the pressing need to provide a modern, flexible space suitable for both church and community use. Our church needs safe, comfortable and hygienic 21st century facilities if we are to attract and retain new congregations. And the best way to conserve a heritage asset such as ours is through the continued presence of a viable congregation, willing to use the building regularly and to fund its upkeep.

The facilities provided by our extension will be similar in size to (but much more modern than) those of St Lawrence Hall in Vicarage Lane. There will also be much more extensive parking in our church car park than there is for current Hall users. If our planning application is successful we will therefore aim to sell the Hall for conversion or redevelopment, using the proceeds to help fund our building costs. This will be subject to a further planning application.

Meanwhile we have been thinking during Lent about 'Care for God's creation'. How can we, as individuals and as a church community, take better care of the world we live in? The Church of England's General Synod (our parliament) has set new targets for all parts of the church to work to become carbon 'net zero' by 2030. We will be developing plans to meet this target, and energy efficiency will be a major factor in our new extension and in our modernisation of the existing church building.

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Bovingdon Evening WI

The Bovingdon Evening WI have had a varied programme over the last few months — after a glorious summer, rain was forecast for the day of our garden party so the event was held in the Baptist Church with a lovely 'potluck' lunch. We have enjoyed a social evening when we decorated several gingerbread men — very messy but lots of fun. Our speakers have amused and horrified us with the *Secrets of a Store Detective* and *Making Crime Pay* — not by robbing banks but by writing novels!



At our Christmas meeting we enjoyed the Aston Bell Ringers and several of us 'had a go' (not as easy as you might imagine) in front of a panel of judges Strictly Style! Our January Speaker talked about Safety in the Home and when shopping, including how to protect credit cards from being copied. In February we heard about Butser Ancient Farm and in March a craft evening trying our hands at three different crafts. In April Jackie Day spoke about Training Guide Dogs for the Blind.

For the remainder of 2020 we look forward to hearing some interesting talks and participating in several fun social activities including a craft evening, a darts evening and our Annual Spring Meal. The programme of monthly lunches continues proving to be increasingly popular; it is a lovely way to get to know other members of the WI as well as enjoying a meal at a local café.

Have a look at our programme of events in 2020, which is displayed in the library or call us to find out more.

Do come along... you will be most welcome.

Jenny Thirlwell, 831491
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The Friends of St Lawrence Church Trust exists in order to help ensure the preservation of Bovingdon's Parish Church and Churchyard for current and future generations. We are a registered charity, which is independent from St Lawrence Church but we work closely with it in order to fulfil our objectives.

The winter has been harsh for we have lost two of our founding members in Jean Hird and Geoffrey Crockford.

Last Christmas our Christmas card was a print of a watercolour painted and donated by Marion Perkins in memory of her husband Carl. We printed 1,500 and all were sold producing a surplus of £499. We are very grateful to all those who supported us by buying packs of cards.

We ended the year with £53,800 of funds that are available for church restoration work. This will be necessary for St Lawrence received its quinquennial report from St Albans, which itemised remedial work amounting to £27,000; the most obvious is the repair of the clock that has been silent for quite some time now. So far we have donated £8,500 to the church as the works are carried out.

We are still waiting for the long-expected estimate for the redecoration and restoration of the interior of the church building but it is understood that the costs could be in the region of £40,000. The corner of the nave behind the organ is in a particularly bad state.

The only date that we can give you at this stage is the annual coffee morning, which will be held at West Winds on Bovingdon Green on 6th May 10am-12noon. We hope that we will see many of you there

We will be holding an Open Gardens during the summer and will circulate the date and venues later in the spring.

Our Trustees are: John Walker — Chairman and Treasurer; Jane Cayley — Secretary; Charles Burch — PCC Representative, Pauline Wright, Tom Morkill and Caroline Walker. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join us, either as a Trustee or as a volunteer at one or more of our events.

We look forward to seeing you all at our events this year.

John Walker, Chairman & Treasurer

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OWL — Police alerts for Communities and Watch Schemes

Register for free to receive local, timely alerts regarding incidents, issues and events from your local policing team and partner agencies. If you do not have an email address you can still register on OWL and street co-ordinators will keep you updated on crimes in our area and current scams. To join OWL: register at www.owl.co.uk or drop your details in to the Parish Clerk's office, or if you would like to become involved with Neighbourhood Watch, then please call/email me.

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*Julie Steer, NW Ward Co-ordinator for Bovingdon, Chipperfield and Flaunden
NW Deputy District Co-ordinator for Dacorum
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The Bovingdon Players



This year marks the centenary of the Bovingdon Players, as we have been resident in the Memorial Hall since it was built in 1921. Over that time we have staged a staggering number of productions – almost every kind of play you can imagine from classic and contemporary dramas, to comedies, musicals, pantomimes, tragedies and farces.

Our last production, in November, was Martin McDonagh's brilliant dark comedy, *Hangmen*, which told the story of the 'second best Hangman in England' and how he copes with the abolition of hanging. It went very well and was awarded the National Operatic and Dramatic Association's 2019 Best Drama award for our district, as well as being nominated in the Technical Award category for some very tricky special effects. This year's November production is still in the pipeline, so look out for information later in the year.

If you are interested in performing or being a part of the backstage team in Bovingdon Players productions, we always welcome new members and would love to hear from anyone who fancies joining in. Thanks to everyone in Bovingdon for coming along and supporting their local theatre group in the Memorial Hall! We look forward to seeing you again soon.

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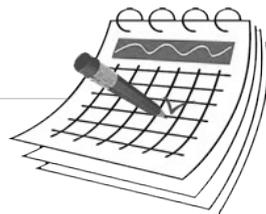
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Bovingdon Evening WI	Shirley Hart / Jenny Thirlwell	380355 / 831491
Bovingdon Village Facebook	www.facebook.com/groups/bovingdon	
Bovingdon Players	Robert Peacock	info@bovingdonplayers.com
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Bovingdon Village Market	Julie Steer	07803 141254
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Ladybirds	Anne Tavener	380405
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Lunch Club (Over 60s)	Sue Miller	832569
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Police — Hemel Hempstead	www.herts.police.uk	101
Pre-School	Shanna Walker	834188
Rainbows	Karen Dance	kdance66@gmail.com
Royal British Legion	Tom Morkill	834268
Seishinkai Shotokan Karate Int'l	Jeff Carson	07855 958549
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Tennis Club	Craig Blyth — Coaching	07941 550850
	Rebecca Rose — Membership	07903 849919

Village Diary



Key

B	Bowls Club	BC	Baptist Church
BG	Bovingdon Green	BPA	Primary Academy
C	Clubroom, MH	LIB	Library
MH	Memorial Hall	STL	St Lawrence Church
STLH	St Lawrence Hall	T	Tennis Club

May 2020

3	B	Sun	10:00	Bowls Club: Open Day
4	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: History of My Tea Rooms
5	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
6	BG	Wed	10:30	FoSL: Coffee Morning (held at West Winds)
9	MH	Sat	16:00	BPC: VE Day Tea Party
11	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
11	MH	Mon	19:30	BPC: Parish Council Meeting and AGM
16	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
18	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Charity Fund-raising
21	BC	Thu	20:00	History Group: The Five Rothschild Houses

June 2020

1	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
1	MH	Mon	19:30	BPC: Parish Council Meeting
2	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
8	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Clarinet and Poetry
4	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: AGM
10	BC	Wed	19:30	Evening WI: Brass Rubbing
13	STL	Sat	14:00	St Lawrence: Church Fête
18	BC	Thu	20:00	History Group: London and the Blitz
20	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
22	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
27	MH	Sat	TBA	Horticultural Society: Summer Show
29	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Sunnyside Rural Trust

July 2020

5		Sun		FoSL: Open Gardens
6	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
6	MH	Mon	19:30	BPC: Parish Council Meeting
7	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
8	BC	Wed	19:30	Evening WI: How to Control the Wife
13		Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: BBQ
15	BC	Wed	19:30	Evening WI: Charity Fund-raising (TBA)
16	BC	Thu	20:00	History Group: TBA
18	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
19		Sun	TBA	Horticultural Society: Trip to RHS Wisley
20	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Mixed Media and Textiles
27	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting

Trade Directory

<i>Page</i>	<i>Listing</i>	<i>Company, Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>
15	Accountant	Emma Stevens	07736 835167 / 831462
26	Beauty Therapy	Time 2 Relax, Gill Kedgley	832459
61	Butcher Shop	Meat Hook, Guy Coertze	07796 690287 / 832300
7	Caterer	Leon Catering	832277
21	Childcare	Montessori at Home, Angie de Mink	07955 691721
61	Computer Tuition	Reeboot, Karen Cramer-Smer	388537
9	Counselling	WAY-in	07307 199625
7	Digital Transcription	Farrspark, Steph Farrer	07913 086477
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43	Driving Instructor	Peter Moore	07879 831750 / 832889
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49	Hall Lettings	Baptist Church	hallhire.bovingdonbaptist@gmail.com
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53	Pre-School	Bovingdon Pre-School	834188
65	Reflexologist/Therapist	Nature's Touch, Sharon Coomber	07557 687042 / 831089
23	Solicitors	Underwoods	430900
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Regular Events

MH	Mon	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School ^{TT}
BC	Mon	09:00-11:00	BBC: Baby & Toddler Group
STLH	Mon	09:15-10:30	Hatha Yoga
BC	Mon	10:30-12:00	Coffee Morning (1 st and 3 rd Mon)
C	Mon	13:30-16:00	The Art Group
BPA	Mon	17:00-18:00	Beavers ^{TT}
MH	Mon	18:00-19:00	SSKI Karate
BC	Mon	18:00-19:00	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BPA	Mon	18:00-19:30	Cubs ^{TT}
BC	Mon	19:15-20:15	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BPA	Mon	19:30-21:00	Scouts ^{TT}
MH	Mon	19:30-21:30	Ladybirds (fortnightly)
STLH	Mon	19:30-20:30	Beginners Yoga Class
MH	Tue	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School ^{TT}
C	Tue	14:00-15:00	Child Health Clinic (fortnightly)
BC	Tue	16:30-17:30	Rainbows ^{TT}
BC	Tue	18:00-19:30	Brownies ^{TT}
MH	Tue	18:00-20:30	Kredible Kg (puppy/dog obedience classes)
BC	Tue	19:45-20:45	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
MH	Wed	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School ^{TT}
STLH	Wed	10:00-11:30	St Lawrence Toddler Group
FC	Wed	10:30-15:30	Bovingdon Day Care
MH	Wed	14:30-16:00	Evergreens (fortnightly)
T	Wed	17:00	Adult Social Tennis
MH	Wed	18:00-19:00	SSKI Karate
MH	Wed	19:00-20:15	Hatha Yoga
BC	Wed	19:30-21:30	Evening WI (monthly)
MH	Thu	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School ^{TT}
MH	Thu	16:45-17:45	Loko Dance (Freestyle and Street Dance — age 3+)
C	Thu	18:30-19:30	WW Workshop (formerly Weight Watchers)
MH	Thu	18:45-20:15	Bovingdon Yoga Fitness
MH	Fri	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School ^{TT}
LIB	Fri	09:15-09:45	Toddler Tales
T	Fri	09:15	Ladies Tennis
BC	Fri	09:30-10:30	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
LIB	Fri	10:00-11:30	Knit 'n' Natter (NOT last Friday of the month)
BC	Fri	11:30-1:30	Bovingdon Lunch Club (Over 60s)
STLH	Fri	18:00-19:30	Martial Arts
T	Sat	08:00	Tennis — Men's Practice
BC	Sat	08:15-09:15	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BC	Sat	09:30-10:30	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
MH	Sat	10:00-11:00	Horticultural Society Supply Hut (rear of MH)
MH	Sat	10:00-12:00	Bovingdon Village Market (monthly — 3 rd Saturday)
STLH	Sat	10:45-12:30	Dancing
T	Sat	14:00	Social Tennis
T	Sun	11:00	Social Tennis
STL	Sun	08:00	St Lawrence: Book of Common Prayer
STL	Sun	09:30-10:00	St Lawrence: Family Praise (not 1 st Sunday)
STL	Sun	10:00	St Lawrence: Family Communion (1 st Sunday Only)
STL	Sun	10:30-11:30	St Lawrence: Parish Communion or Morning Prayer
BC	Sun	10:30	Baptist Church: Sunday Service

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STLH	St Lawrence Hall
T	Tennis Club
^{TT}	Term time only

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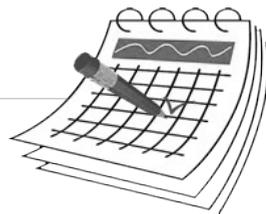
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Village Diary (cont'd)



Key

B	Bowls Club	BC	Baptist Church
BG	Bovingdon Green	BPA	Primary Academy
C	Clubroom, MH	LIB	Library
MH	Memorial Hall	STL	St Lawrence Church
STLH	St Lawrence Hall	T	Tennis Club

August 2020

4	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
15	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
17	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
23		Sun		History Group: TBA

September 2020

1	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
2	MH	Sat	09:30	Horticultural Society: Plant Sale
6		Sun	10:00	Bovingdon 10K and 3k Fun Run
7	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
7	MH	Mon	19:30	BPC: Parish Council Meeting
9	BC	Wed	19:30	Evening Wl: Social (TBA)
12	MH	Sat	TBA	Horticultural Society: Autumn Show
14	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Welcome Back
17	BC	Thu	20:00	History Group: Garden Cities and Other Utopia
19	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
28	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
28	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Fund-raising — A Trip to Uganda

October 2020

1		Thu	16:00	St Lawrence: Back to School BBQ
6	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
12	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Club Night
10	BC	Wed	19:30	Evening Wl: Mercy Ships
15	BC	Thu	20:00	History Group: Berlin in World War II
17	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
19	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
26	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Seeing Isn't Believing
31		Sat	17:00	St Lawrence: Light Party

Village Diary Entries



If you have any events you wish to publicise in the Village Diary, please send the details to me and I will ensure their inclusion in the relevant issue — thank you.

Steph Farrer, Editor, Bovingdon News
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Bovingdon Evergreen Club

Overall, we had a good year in 2019, however membership numbers did dwindle due to bad health and generally getting older.



At the beginning of the year we had a most interesting talk by a local wood sculptor who told us how it all started for him and he brought along several wonderful pieces that he had sculpted. We had a talk about The Donkey Sanctuary and the work that they do in trying to stop cruelty to such innocent animals.



In May we had a lovely canal trip and enjoyed a fish'n'chip lunch on-board; the weather was a bit chilly but not as bad as the previous weeks had been. In July several members enjoyed a trip to Wood Green where a 'music hall' type of entertainment took place, and included a roast lunch to begin with; this outing is always popular and appreciated by those who attend.

During the year seaside trips were arranged to Margate and Southend, and we also visited Bourton-on-the-Water. We had musical entertainment including choirs, folk groups and ukelele players! We had two outings to garden centres, had lunch and explored the plants and knick-knacks for sale. One entertainment that is especially enjoyed is a quiz, and we are fortunate enough to have a local quiz master accompanied by two ladies who keep track of the scores — we may not know all the answers but the afternoon is filled with fun and laughter.

We celebrated our 67th birthday in November with a lovely tea and entertainment provided by *The Jolly Jazzers*. We ended the year with a Christmas lunch at Little Hay Golf Club and, a few days later, went to Bovingdon Academy and listened to the children singing their Christmas songs.



Regrettably, at our AGM (February this year) I stood down as chairperson; as no-one was willing to take on the role the club is now run jointly by the committee... it is hoped that this will work but only time will tell.

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, at the Memorial Hall. The first meeting being Bingo and the second one is various entertainment, quizzes and talks on a wide range of subjects. Why not come and join us? Just turn up whenever you fancy coming, arriving for a 2pm start.

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Local History: it is taking longer than anticipated to improve the local history section because of copyright and data protection issues but it will happen. If you would like to donate any old photographs of Bovingdon or the surrounding villages or a book on the area, please hand them in at the desk for the attention of Carole, Catherine or Jenny. Please leave your contact details if donating a photo, as we may need to contact you regarding copyright.

Volunteering: there is a noticeboard in the library, which contains local volunteering opportunities; please come in and have a look, as small groups need help and support to survive.

Donations: if you have any good quality books, recent releases for adults or children that are now just sitting on the shelf please consider donating them to the library. We can only accept books in good condition, published in the last four years and only a couple at a time. There is a donation bin just inside the main front doors of the library. Where possible, we will add the books to library stock or, if they can't be added, we will sell them and any proceeds will go towards buying new books.

We thank you for your continued support and we hope you will consider volunteering at your local library or with another local group.

*Julie Steer, Chair
Bovingdon Library Committee*

Reduce, Re-use and Recycle



Most people know that there are some great second-hand items to be had at bargain prices from your local charity shop. But did you know that each time you buy from a charity shop you are making an important contribution to supporting sustainability initiatives? Rennie Grove Hospice Care's chain of 28 shops across Herts and Bucks are all embracing the 'Reduce Re-use Recycle' theme by taking a number of measures to reduce waste.

"Donations including clothing, shoes, accessories, books and bric-a-brac can all be sold in our shops" explains Deborah Gould, Director of Retail and Trading at Rennie Grove. "Items that, for a number of reasons, we are unable to sell ourselves are sold to a merchant for recycling. As well as making a contribution to waste reduction, this method of disposal also generates an income to the charity of around £162,000 in a year."

This month each one of Rennie Grove's shops is reinforcing the waste reduction message by creating eye-catching window displays to highlight how seriously the charity takes the cause. Find your nearest shop at www.renniegrove.org/shops or visit eBay and search for Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

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Connect

The new identity for ***Bovingdon Care***

Bovingdon Care has been re-branded as ***Bovingdon Connect*** to emphasise the service that we wish to provide and avoid confusion with any organisations providing personal or domestic care services. There will be no change in the service that we offer, which is to make volunteer-driver transport available to Bovingdon residents who have essential appointments at hospitals, clinics, surgeries and other facilities that they cannot easily reach by public transport. Although the original name will inevitably be used informally for some time and our publicity material is being updated gradually, the new name, ***Bovingdon Connect***, is effective from now on.

Access to the service remains unchanged. Please call or send a text message to ***Bovingdon Connect*** on ***07376 832999*** between 9:30 and 12:30 on weekdays, a few days before your appointment, to tell us where you need to get to and when. Our duty coordinator will then try to find a driver (or drivers) able and willing to get you there and back. If it is the same driver doing the return trip, you can agree the timings and arrangements with them directly.

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Our service is available on the basis that we are giving a lift to a friend or neighbour. Our drivers cannot be expected to be responsible for the passenger's physical or mental health, other than their normal duty of care to anyone travelling with them, although they will usually go beyond that. Anyone in need of a carer for everyday life should be accompanied by a carer when being transported by Bovingdon Connect.

Bovingdon History Boards

So you think you know Bovingdon? Now the warmer weather is here, do take a stroll around the village and answer the following using our local history boards:



Start at the Memorial Hall, turn left down the High Street and cross onto Chipperfield Road, continue until you reach the first board opposite Austins Mead.

Q1 *What sport was played on the site of Austins Mead?*

Turn back towards the High Street, crossing to the other side of the road when possible, to the next board, which overlooks 'The Docks'.

Q2 *The Ryder Memorial was built as a cover for what?*

Turn left up Green Lane, then turn left at Bovingdon Green walking past the QEII 'Fields in Trust' plaque, until you reach the third board.

Q3 *Apart from cricket, what other sport did the Americans play on the green?*

Retrace your steps to Green Lane, turn left continuing to the junction with Ley Hill Road, turn right and then right again onto Chesham Road, and onto the fourth board.

Q4 *The B17 Bombers, which used Bovingdon Airfield, were known as?*

Continue along Chesham Road, cross over the High Street onto Hempstead Road and the fifth board.

Q5 *Who was the 'Teacup Poisoner'?*

Continue along Hempstead Road, turn right down Vicarage Lane and under the lychgate into the churchyard and the sixth board.

Q6 *When was a church first established in Bovingdon?*

Continue down the path, turn right and then right again into the High Street, and back up the hill to the Memorial Hall, your original starting point.

All the answers can be found on our local history boards.

Happy Hunting!

Bovingdon Brownies

1st Bovingdon Rainbows and 2nd Bovingdon Brownies

both have spaces for girls. Both groups meet on a

Tuesday evening at the Baptist Church Hall. Rainbows is for girls aged 5-7 and meets 4:30-5:30pm, while Brownies is for girls aged 7-10 from 5:45-7:15pm. Both groups enjoy games, crafts and activities. If you would like more information, please contact me.

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Bovingdon Lunch Club

We are a social club for elderly residents who meet up every Friday, in the Baptist Church Hall, High Street, for a coffee and chat followed by a two course lunch. Catering for a mixture of newcomers to the village and lifelong Bovingdon residents, the lunch club is a great place to make new friends.



At time of writing we have been to Little Hay Golf Club for a post-Christmas outing. We are currently planning a summer outing in June followed by our Christmas Afternoon



Tea with entertainment in Chipperfield in November. We are very grateful to the Ladybirds for their grant which we will put towards our forthcoming outings.

Pictured here is one of our members recently celebrating a significant birthday with friends.

Our thanks to all our helpers without whom we would not be able to provide this valuable service to the village. The sole purpose of Bovingdon Lunch Club is to provide for the comfort and welfare of its members who are elderly residents of Bovingdon. So, if you, or you have a neighbour who, would like a change of scene and company, please contact us for more details.

Sue Miller, 832569 / Sue Sturtivant, 833023

Bovingdon Bowls Club

We are currently just a few weeks away from our early awaited pre-season trip to Cyprus. A bit further down the line awaits the Weymouth weekend in August, but before these we will see the climax of our ever-popular winter league, now in its 30th year. If you've ever wandered past the Memorial Hall on a winter's Sunday morning, or stopped and watched for a while, as many do, you will know what I mean when I say it's played in true sporting fashion.



Throughout the close season, alongside the winter league, we enjoy social events with music and dancing, quiz nights, race-nights, coffee mornings, darts, bingo or just sharing a glass on our regular Friday nights in pleasant surroundings with stimulating company.

Oh yes... and we are one of the most successful bowling clubs in the area, as I reported on at more length in the last edition of Bovingdon News, with both our men and women featuring well in the latter stages of District and County competitions.

If you are interested in joining a club that offers bowls at all levels and much, much more besides, just call or email me (on the details below)... or better still, come along to our no-obligation Open Day on Sunday 3rd May from 10am-12noon.

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Jerusalem, Jerusalem ... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. (Matthew 23 v 37)



A year ago we began a new season of openness to God and to others with social activities in and around the village. We've had groups as big as 15 on our *Walk, Talk & Coffee* mornings, and people of all ages at Table Tennis club in the chapel on Sunday afternoons. Our Autumn quiz night saw the church packed with enthusiastic participants. We have been delighted to welcome the wider Bovingdon community to these events and to Sunday services and midweek groups such as Coffee Morning and Youth Group. However, what 'walking together' on a well-being journey will look like for us over the summer of 2020 is almost impossible to imagine in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic. Churches, like other organisations, are having to cease all meetings to protect the health of the vulnerable — and all plans for the summer and autumn are provisional as we follow guidelines from the government, NHS and WHO.

All of us are living with a certain amount of uncertainty and anxiety for ourselves and for our loved ones. However, there is one thing we can rely on utterly — God's faithfulness and compassion towards us, like a brooding mother hen protecting her chicks. God is not distant, even in the hardest of times. Nothing can separate us from God's love. So, church members will continue to love and serve Jesus whether they are able to meet together or not, and we are praying for creative ways to stay in touch with — and show care for — neighbours even if some of us are confined to our homes. At our last Coffee Morning before the curfew began, we were brainstorming ideas of 'projects' to work on if and when we may need to self-isolate. Here's what we came up with:-

- Reading — library members are allowed up to 30 books out at any one time!
- Write your memoirs/family history/village history.
- Organise your photos into albums or take the time to compile a book of photos for your family — with captions/dates/names etc. Any photos which show Bovingdon village life in days gone by put them to one side to show the local history group.
- Knit/crochet/paint/draw/do home crafts and hobbies.
- Do jigsaws/puzzle books.
- Phone someone, or try doing a video call (like Skype).
- Get into the garden and keep on top of the weeding and watering.
- Try speaking to God — and even spend a few minutes in quiet each day waiting for God to speak to you.
- The BBC will be broadcasting a church service every Sunday morning — tune in to worship.
- If you have a Bible, why not take it off the shelf, dust it down, and see what food for thought you might find there, what promises to give you hope?

And remember you are not alone. Do email or phone me if you'd like to chat, or need some help.

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Bovingdon Village Market



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There is a wide range of items available at the market, including hand-made gifts, crafts and cards for every occasion, both savoury and sweet food products, plus seasonal plants and vegetables... pop in for a treat: whether home-cooked or hand-made!

If you wish to join us as a stall-holder or volunteer, then please contact me.

Julie Steer, 07803 141254

Royal British Legion Update



In the November 2019 issue of Bovingdon News I reported on the huge success of the Poppy Appeal collection in 2018 at National and regional level, which was boosted by the commemoration of the end of World War I, to record the best results ever. In Bovingdon that totalled £5,892, and the combined total of both villages was £15,360. In 2019 the Bovingdon total was raised to £5,928, and the combined total was £12,790. Two major factors influenced these results, in that the increased Bovingdon figure includes £1,183 collected at the Bovingdon Market on the airfield for the first time, and the Chipperfield figure was reduced by £1,000 because they were unable to collect much at the fireworks, which was a washout. However the Bovingdon figure is the eighth consecutive year of year-on-year growth, and I thank everyone who has been involved and/or contributed to that for their efforts and generosity. Well done.

2020 also has plenty to commemorate and in particular VE Day and VJ Day, along with a number of major battles, and while we shall not be a fully fledged branch of the RBL we shall aim to have a presence at a number of local events throughout the summer. During 2019 our collection team included a number of volunteer newcomers, which was very encouraging. If there is anyone else who would like to work with us in an administrative position I should be delighted to hear from them. It will not be a very time consuming role, but rather a link with the Hemel Hempstead Branch and the RBL offices at County/National level, and the co-ordination of internal communications in both villages.

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Bovingdon Cricket Club

At the time of writing in early March, the Club is in the middle of pre-season indoor nets at Amersham School, looking forward to the start of the season at the end of April and hoping for some dry weather in the meantime to allow the groundsman to get on with some pre-season wicket preparations.



By the time this article is published the season will already be underway. A league restructure has seen our Saturday side stay put in Division 7B of the Saracens Hertfordshire League. Jack Blackburn is skippering the league side this year and we have high hopes for the season. In the last decade we have had five promotions and three relegations. Hopefully I'll be reporting on one of our more successful league campaigns come the November issue.

For the Sunday side, Gavin Ivey has put together an excellent set of friendly fixtures once again. Last year we won more than we lost — our best performance in over a decade — with a great team spirit and everyone contributing. 2020 also looks promising plus we have a short tour to Eskdale in September to look forward to as well.

We are planning net sessions on the green on Wednesday evenings this year. If you are interested in playing a bit of cricket, do get in touch.

Mark Carine, Hon. Secretary, 07738 200297
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Volunteer Centre News

Support4Dacorum have created an exciting new volunteering opportunity: a Community Links Volunteer, who will provide support, social contact and improved access to activities and services for people with social needs identified by Community Navigators and Social Prescribers, Dacorum-wide. The volunteer will have the opportunity to work with individuals who need support, motivation and guidance, on a one-to-one basis.



The nature of the role will vary — from supporting the person in engaging or re-engaging with local social networks and activities — for example, accompanying the person to local activities and encouraging them to attend on their own or with new friends, supporting a person to get outside in their garden, working alongside them and helping them develop their self-confidence, or helping them to organise their paperwork so they feel they are in control.

Volunteers will be matched to the client, depending on location, skills and interests. These opportunities will not be long term, and could be as little as an hour a week. The volunteer will work closely with the Community Navigators to manage the amount of support required. Volunteers will be required to provide two references, and have a DBS check. Full training will be provided.

If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please contact us.

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St Lawrence Churchyard

At 4.5 acres, the St Lawrence churchyard is one of the largest in Hertfordshire so it does take a concerted effort to keep it looking at its best, without being overly manicured given its rural location. A merry band of volunteers meet on the first Saturday of each month to work in the churchyard and, at time of writing, the first session of 2020 has just taken place to clear away the winter debris.



On average around a dozen volunteers attend the churchyard mornings. We start at approximately 10am and break for refreshments at 11am. Some volunteers have other weekend commitments and call it a day then while others work on — though it's game over by 1pm. Removal of ivy, brambles and self-seeded holly, elder and hawthorn is always on the agenda, along with strimming, mowing, flint collecting (useful when the perimeter wall needs some TLC) and weeding. The team is also responsible for managing three wild flower areas in the north and north-eastern areas of the churchyard between May and September.

Traditionally, rural churchyards have not been subjected to the use of pesticides and herbicides. As a result, it's amazing what wild flowers grow here and each is recorded as is other wildlife, including the multitude of birds that visit the churchyard. If you've never seen a green woodpecker then pop along early in the day and see them at work feeding from the churchyard's numerous ant hills.

If you would like to join the Churchyard team, even if you can't commit to every first Saturday, then please call/email me for further details... it's extremely satisfying and rewarding work.

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School Links

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Staffing

The Pre-School work on the Ofsted ratio of 1 adult to every 4 children under the age of 2 years and 1 adult to every 8 children over the age of 3 years. Our staff have many years of experience between them and provide a friendly and supportive environment for learning.

Qualifications range from NVQ Level's 3 and 2 in Children's Care Learning and Development. We have a Dedicated Safeguarding person and a SENCO.

All contracted staff regularly attend the core care courses required for Early Years Practitioners including Paediatric First Aid

and Safeguarding Children, combined with various other training courses to enhance their continued professional development.

Parental involvement and Partners

Parents are invited to play a part in Pre-School life in a variety of ways - helping during a session, sharing stories with groups of children or even cutting out shapes at home.

The Pre-School is run and overseen by a voluntary committee enabling parents to maintain its core values and exceptional standard of care for the children first and foremost.

Sessions

Pre-School sessions are designed to be fun and educational with plenty of opportunities for free play as well as adult led activities in small groups.

The sessions are planned to help children with their all-round development and, due to our large sheltered area in the garden, the children are offered outdoor play time whatever the weather!

Bovingdon Primary Academy

Over the past six months, we have been very active in the school: during September, we celebrated 'European Day of Languages'. This theme day gave pupils the opportunity to look at a European country in detail. Classes took part in all sorts of activities from traditional dancing and music, to food tasting and learning to greet each other in different languages. It was lovely to see pupils sharing their own personal knowledge and experiences, as well as trying new things.



November saw us raising awareness of diabetes by having a (blue-themed) non-uniform day and activities to support World Diabetes Day, including an assembly where diabetes was explained and discussed, and an after-school cake sale that raised over £200! Donations from the non-uniform day were split equally to support diabetes and Children in Need, and the children raised a fantastic £526!

December brought us the annual BAPA Christmas Extravaganza. Adults and children alike had a wonderful time walking around the fayre buying Christmas presents for their friends and families (and maybe a few treats for themselves too!), as well as playing games and winning prizes. Every year group and choir performed on stage in the hall to a crowd of happy spectators. Our highlight was definitely Santa's Grotto, which was a spectacular sight with the man himself meeting children to hear what they wanted for Christmas!



World Religion Day took place in January. The children looked at the six main world religions and examined the similarities and differences between them, including Year 1 pupils using various creative tools to make the different symbols to represent our multicultural society while Year 4 pupils, following on from their previous topic of 'food rules' created a range of food plates for numerous religions. Year 5 used the religious symbols to create a united piece of artwork to celebrate belonging in a community with many different beliefs and religions. It was agreed by all that it was a fantastic day where the pupils were able to show their wide range of beliefs but also celebrate their differences.



We celebrated World Book day in early March with both children and staff getting dressed up as some of their favourite characters from books. The day started with assemblies to get everybody excited about the day ahead and we talked about the importance of sharing stories with others; the children then took part in a parade to show off their costumes. Last year to celebrate World Book Day we had a week-long celebration of books but this year we decided to go one step further and are having a month long celebration of fiction, poetry, Shakespeare and even non-fiction science books: as at time of writing we are currently 'Marching into Reading'.

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Bovingdon History Group

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History Group



Bovingdon History Group has continued to meet throughout the autumn and winter. Our speakers have proved to be popular, attracting 30 to 40 members to each of our meetings. We are grateful to Bovingdon Baptist Church for making us welcome and for the excellent facilities they provide. Our lectures are usually held on the third Thursday of every month, at 8pm. Exceptions are July and August, when we usually have walks and visits. The meetings are open to members who pay an annual subscription of £12 and also to non-members who pay £3 per meeting. The Village Diary (on pages 33 and 37) shows the titles of the lectures for the remainder of this year.

The talk last September was given by Adam Smith entitled *The Rothschild's Tring Park and Estate*. In the 1830's the Rothschild brothers were keen to follow the pursuits of the gentry and go hunting. At that time hunting was very popular in the Vale of Aylesbury and the opening of the railway to Tring gave easy access to the area from London. Initially the brothers had no interest in property and just wanted stabling for their hunting horses. They rented stabling in Hastoe but found this impractical, with the steep slope



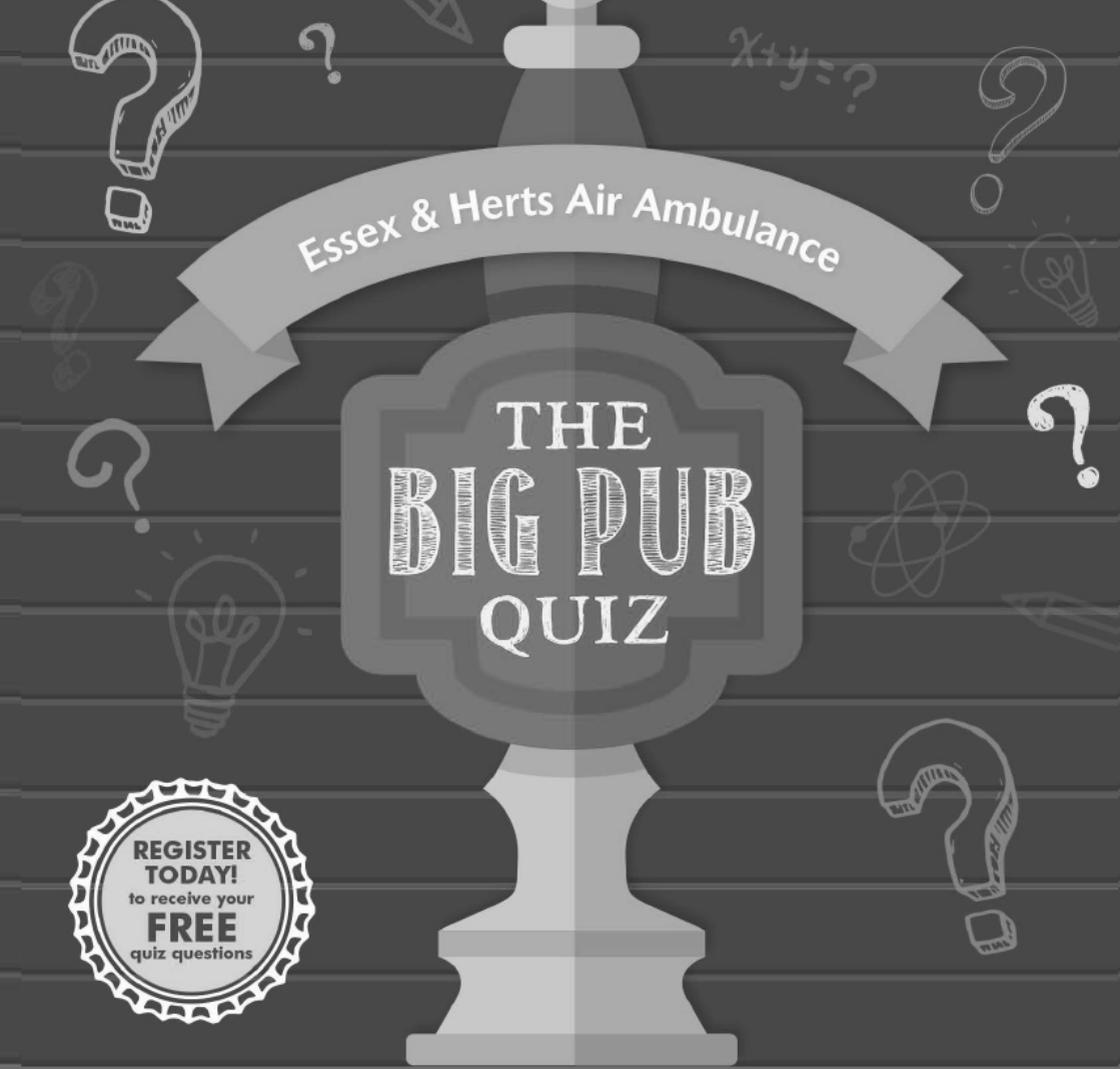
down from Hastoe proving dangerous for the horses, particularly in bad weather. They then rented the stables in what is now Tring Park House. Later generations of the Rothschilds bought the house as a family home and carried out extensive building work, resulting in the building we have today. The Rothschilds have left a great legacy in Tring.

In October our speaker was Marion Hill, whose talk was entitled *Treasures of the Archives*. She gave us a comprehensive description of both the organisation and some of the contents of the Hertfordshire County archives. They cover all aspects of life in Hertfordshire from the Middle Ages to the present day and grow year by year.

In November our talk was given by Alison Eskriett. Her topic was *A Woman's Lot in the 18th Century*. Although in many respects women were second class citizens, this was before the Industrial Revolution and cottage industries gave opportunities for man and wife partnerships. Alison showed us a delightful slide of a man and wife at home, with the wife spinning yarn and her husband weaving it into cloth. The Industrial Revolution in the 19th century made life harder for working women in the grim wool and cotton mills.



In December Roy Woods entertained us again with his talk entitled *The Way We Were*. This was a further selection from his postcards of Hemel Hempstead, showing delightful semi-rural scenes around the town, from Bourne End to Leverstock Green, before the New Town was built.



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Bovingdon History Group (cont'd)

We held our Annual Dinner in January this year. We had an excellent meal, provided by our caterer Julia Maddox; the dinner was again very successful, with about 60 people attending. Our after-dinner entertainment was provided by Tony Earle with a talk entitled *A Look at the Musicals*. He illustrated this with a series of short film clips, starting with silent films of 19th century music hall acts accompanied by phonograph recordings, moving forward to Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire and other shows in the Twenties and Thirties, concluding with clips from *Oklahoma* and other more recent shows. We all sang along to the well-known numbers and thoroughly enjoyed the show.



Our speaker in February was Elizabeth Walden. She is a member of the Green Guides in St Albans who organise tours of St Albans and also give talks to local societies. Her topic was *St Albans: A Thousand Years of History* — quite a challenge to cover in an hour. She started in the pre-Roman era then illustrated the main features of Verulamium before moving on to the history of the Abbey and Monastery, and the growth of the town on the hill. It was fascinating to see how the town plan has scarcely changed from then to the present day, through mediaeval growth to the coaching trade and the coming of the railway in more recent times. A most entertaining and professional lecture.

We always welcome new members at our meetings and you will be assured of friendly company and a stimulating evening. The meetings are advertised in the library and locally. Please see the Village Diary for details of our forthcoming programme; there is also a copy of the programme on the noticeboard in the library and on the Memorial Hall noticeboard.

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1st Bovingdon Rainbows



Rainbows have enjoyed an amazing start to our new meeting day, venue and time. The girls spent last term learning about money and safety! We tried our hand at *shove ha'penny*, *rolling pennies*, *coin chain challenge* and ended with a visit to the local shops to buy goods within our set budget. Strangely, the girls wanted to buy sweets... along with spending money we had a traditional Hallowe'en party with apple bobbing and the chocolate game, and we made fruit kebabs and no-bake fireworks.

The girls and I also designed post cards that we delivered to The Mountbatten Home, where we had a lovely welcome from many of the ladies and gentleman, along with juice and biscuits. The Rainbows were able to share tales with our hosts along with a couple of Christmas songs to end our visit. We have promised to visit again in the summer for a Teddy Bears picnic. Some of our girls joined the Brownies and Guides from our Division on a day out to Legoland; although the weather was not kind to us we had a fun day.

We would welcome more Rainbows and Brownies to join our unit in Bovingdon, as well as any adult support in running the unit. Why not visit the Girlguiding web site where you can find out more about our new programme and register your interest in our unit.

Karen Dance (Red Squirrel), 1st Bovingdon Rainbows Leader
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CPRE Hertfordshire Awards 2020



For those caring about their community and/or the environment, our annual Awards Scheme is now open and we invite you to think about the people or groups who help improve life in your community and/or enhance the environment in Hertfordshire and nominate them for an award.

We want to recognise those who work so hard to protect, promote and enhance towns or villages and/or the surrounding countryside to make them better places to live, work, go to school or enjoy for today and tomorrow, and to celebrate their efforts. For example: charities, informal groups, events, businesses and individuals of all ages. "It is great to see individuals and groups receiving recognition for their work and contribution to the community," Cllr Jeff Jones. There is a lot happening across Hertfordshire and we would love you to nominate, or to spread the word by telling others about the awards. We are happy to receive self-nominations.

**For more information contact gill@cpreherts.org.uk
www.cpreherts.org/uk/awards**

To make a nomination just download a form from our website and return it to us. Closing date is 31st May 2020 and our judges review the nominations during the summer and the Awards are presented at an evening event in October.

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Bovingdon 10K and 3K Fun Run

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6th September 2020

Bovingdon 10K and 3K Fun Run



We will be holding the fourth annual Bovingdon 10K and 3K Fun Run on 6th September 2020, so save the date and invite your friends.

Last year it was another fantastic event that attracted just short of 300 runners in the 10K and 90 in the 3K Fun Run. We are hoping for 300–350 runners in the 10K this year and over 100 in the 3K Fun Run so if you know of anyone who wants to take part or you can twist someone's arm into running or volunteering then you can apply for the 10K, 3K Fun Run and volunteering via the Parish office, or sign up for the 10K on www.runbritain.com or www.letsdothis.com (search for Bovingdon).

In 2019 the runs raised over £11,000 for different charities (from runner sponsorship) and enabled the Parish Council to put more money into the Parish Grant fund for local community groups to apply for funding. We were not able to put as much in as prior years due to increasing costs of first aid, and the fact that we purchased more signs and equipment.

If you are a local business and would like to co-sponsor this event, please contact the parish via Mike Kember at: office@bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The run would not take place without the hard work of the Parish Council in organising the event but also could not take place without the many volunteers and runners who turned up in force again in 2019. We really appreciated all the volunteers who helped last year, either as on course marshals, lead and trail cyclists, secure storage helpers and all those at the Memorial Hall helping with registration, teas and coffees and assisting the runners in to place, not to mention those tasked with time-checking and handing out the goodie bags. If you can spare a few hours, or even just one hour, during either Saturday 5th September or Sunday 6th September please contact the Parish on 833036, or Julie or myself directly.

Please help us to make this race the one that all runners want to enter, your support and encouragement on the course have already been noted by runners, so lets keep up the enthusiasm. The whole purpose of the runs is to engender a community spirit (which was clearly on display in previous years), provide a fun and healthy activity and to raise money for the community grant scheme, which all local community groups can apply to.

All that remains is to wish you all happy training, for those running (as I will be this year) or planning to run.

Richard Taylor and Julie Steer (Councillors and Race Directors)



4th Annual Bovingdon Parish

10K and 3K Fun Run

Sunday 6th September 2020

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Last year was another fantastic event and we are looking to expand the event this year with more runners and more marshals, so if you want to run or help, we will be happy to see you.

All money raised is used to help local groups via the Bovingdon Parish Council Grant Scheme.

Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club

www.bovingdontennisclub.co.uk



Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club has had a very busy end to 2019 and beginning of 2020 with leadership changes, improved facilities, increased membership outreach, more opportunities to play and increased fun!

After 11 tremendously successful years as Chairman of the club, Gordon Bettis has decided to step down and simply enjoy the fruits of his labours. Martin Allen has taken over as Chairman until the next AGM at which time all interested parties will be invited to stand and a full vote by the membership will be taken to fill the position.

Martin joined the club nine years ago along with his wife Margaret. An active member playing in some league games and social, he joined the committee as Head of Facilities to improve and keep up all the areas around the club and grounds including the new landscaping. Friendly and approachable he brings new blood to the committee. We are excited to have Martin at the helm and looking forward to continuing our progress under his leadership.

Over the past few months, we have resurfaced Courts 1-3 and installed lighting for all courts. Courts 4 and 5 have been deep-cleaned and the fencing around Court 1 has been opened up so that it's easy for spectators to enjoy watching play. Finally a beautifully landscaped area in front of the clubhouse has bedded in and provides a great environment for watching and socialising.

Our head coach, Craig Blythe, has focused his time on increasing the opportunity for members to play and improve their skills. We have 14 different teams in external Leagues including the Watford & District League, Aylesbury Winter League, Hot Rackets, Hertfordshire League and Mens Vets. We have also opened up more opportunities for our 90 juniors to participate in Team Challenge competition and internal social tennis. Individual and group coaching sessions are on offer for both adults and juniors and Craig provides opportunities for group drills in specific skills. Finally we continue to run our social-competitive Winter Mixed Doubles Leagues and American tournaments, open to all members, to make sure we don't get too pudgy with all that Christmas pud! Next up is our annual Club Championships.

We are always exploring ways to include the community in club activities and encourage new members to try us out and discover a love of tennis. We have had ladies tennis, Pimms & Chocolate sessions, Discover Tennis open days, and Junior Competition. The club is now offering a fantastic new member's half-price membership and, as well as our Rusty Rackets sessions, have started Improvers social sessions for new members to brush up their skills in a fun and supported environment. We have created club tennis wear including hoodies, t-shirts and other clothing that can be purchased by any member. Our courts remain available to hire by non-members at only £5 per hour.

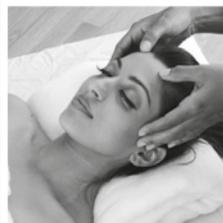
All-in-all it's been a busy and fun few months. We welcome folks to come watch events such as the Junior LTA events that are held at our club, or any of our matches against other clubs. All members are also eligible to enter the LTA Wimbledon ballot to secure tickets for this iconic event.

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Yellow Line Parking — Parking Enforcement Update

Dacorum Borough Council Parking services confirmed that from August 2019 to February 2020 there have been over 90 Civil Enforcement Office visits to the village and no parking notices issued. The Parish Council are working with Parking Operations at DBC and are hoping to be included in one of the Civil Enforcement Office visits to see how the visits work in practice.



We raised the following concerns:

- **The state of the double yellow lines in Old Dean** — the Civil Enforcement Officers (Saba Park Services UK Ltd) have explained that the double yellow lines in Old Dean are in a good condition and fully enforceable.
- **Parking on pavements** — in England, vehicles parked on the path only automatically attract a Penalty Charge in Greater London. Dacorum Borough Council's Parking Service can only issue Penalty Charge Notices to vehicles where there are waiting restrictions in force, therefore, we cannot issue Penalty Charge Notices to inconsiderately parked vehicles on the path unless there is a waiting restriction in force along the adjacent kerb line. Any legally taxed and insured vehicle can park on the public highway as long as no traffic regulation orders prohibiting waiting at that time are in force and they are not causing an obstruction. Obstruction is a police matter and if you believe that a vehicle is causing an obstruction, it is the police that should be informed on their non-emergency number 101.
- **Vehicle obstructions to dropped kerbs and driveways** — vehicles are not permitted to park on the public highway causing an obstruction to any part of a dropped kerb. If there is no dropped kerb and no waiting restrictions in force (ie yellow lines), then a vehicle is permitted to park. Vehicles that park causing an obstruction (preventing vehicles exiting their own driveways) where there are no parking restrictions, should again be reported to Hertfordshire Constabulary on the non-emergency 101 telephone number.

Yellow lines are enforceable from the centre of the road to the boundary of private land, and any vehicle seen parked on the carriageway, footpath, pavement or verge in these instances will be issued a Penalty Charge Notice after an observational period. Dacorum Borough Council policy allows a blue disability badge holder to park on a single or double yellow line waiting restriction for up to three hours.

Unfortunately a Penalty Charge Notice is unable to be issued to a vehicle based upon written correspondence or photographs taken by persons other than a Civil Enforcement Officer. However, if a person should notice a vehicle they believe to be in contravention of a waiting restriction, they can contact The Parking Service on 01908 223505 and our enforcement contractor (Indigo Park Services UK Ltd) will try to get a Civil Enforcement Officer there as soon as possible.

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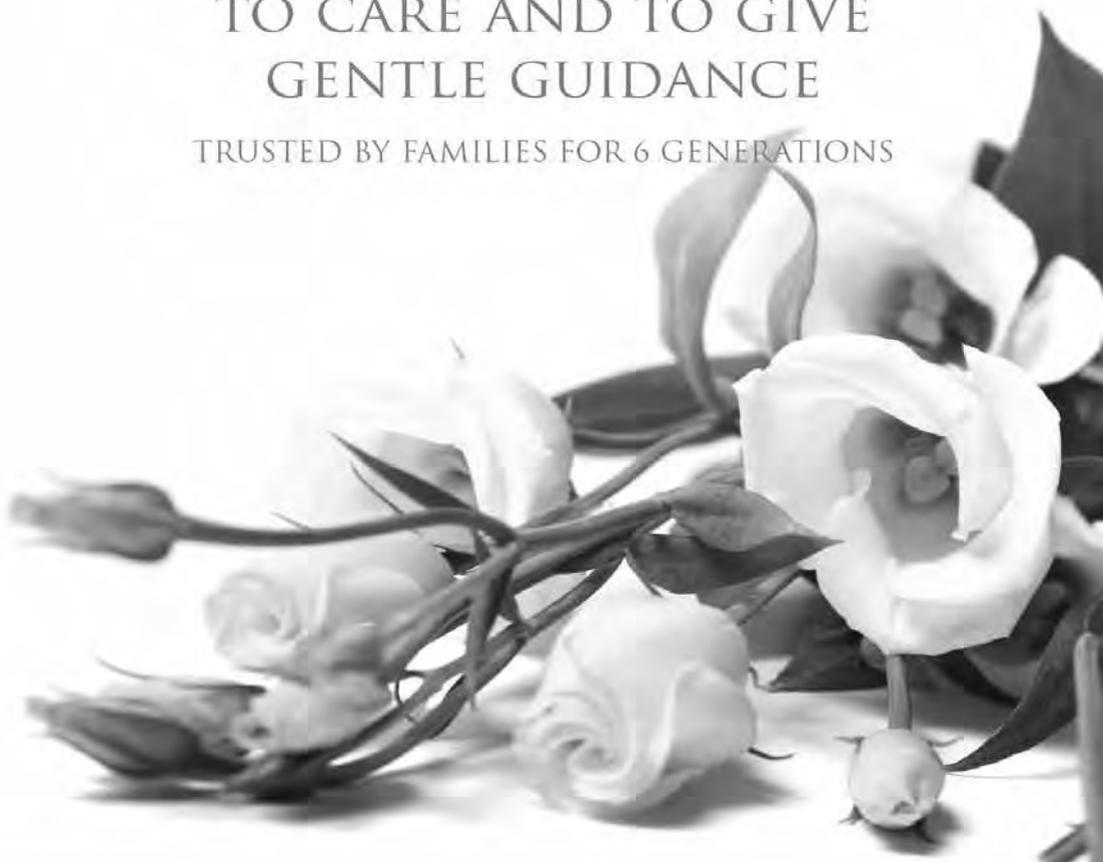
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