

WELCOME TO BOVINGDON NEWS

What an utterly glorious summer we had! The blue skies and continuous sunshine just made everybody and everything seem so much happier and nicer! I, however, seem to have spent most of the summer away... a lot of my texts lately have started with 'Which country are you in at the moment?' what with trips to Lindos and Athens plus a long-awaited trip to New York to spend time with an old school friend, not to mention the trips away with the family in the UK too. Thankfully, wherever I went the sun came with me but it's always nice to come home.

I'm thinking that the next six months should be a little quieter, but with all the planned activities in and around the village: the Christmas Street Fayre (see page 55), the Christmas church services at both St Lawrence and the Baptist Church, the Remembrance Service, plus all the events booked in by our village clubs and societies (see the Village Diary pages on 33 and 37); these six months are going to pass in a whirl!

And on that note, as time is hurrying by: can I be the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I now need a lie-down... I've used the Christmas word in September... and I am so not ready for that – I'm still in sunshine-mode!!

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Copy for the next edition of Bovingdon News

We welcome articles from any residents of the village – without your support the Bovingdon News would not be the interesting read it currently is! Any articles must be submitted by March 7th either by email (to steph@farrspark.co.uk) or post (to the Parish Clerk's office). For advertisers, payments and any changes to advertisements should be submitted by February 28th (BACS is preferable but if payment by cheque it should be made payable to Bovingdon Parish Council) to the Parish Clerk's office. Adverts may be supplied as complete files (preferably PDFs, black and white only) or can be created in-house (all b/w images and texts to be supplied with a hard copy please). Please note, however, to avoid repetition within editorial copy the area code 01442 has been omitted from some local phone numbers.

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Disabled Toilet

The toilet for the disabled is accessed using a RADAR key available from Mike Kember, Parish Clerk. Please note: the public toilets within the Memorial Hall will now close at 1pm on Fridays.

Refuse Bank Holiday Collections

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Parish Council Vacancy

As mentioned in the Chairman's report on page 7, Dave Wilder (our village warden is retiring, so we have a vacancy... if you are interested in applying for the position, please contact Mike Kember, Parish Clerk, for further details on 833036 or parish.council@bovingdon.net

We are also hoping to recruit the services of a Minute Taker to assist the Neighbourhood Planning Group; it will only be for two to three evening hours per month. If you feel able to help us, please contact Councillor Julia Marshall on 07725 051694 or Mike Kember (as above) for further details.

Request for Articles

Come on all you budding journalists... young or old! Bovingdon News NEEDS YOU! As I say in the opening pages of each issue: we welcome articles from any residents of the village – without your support, Bovingdon News would not be the interesting and stimulating read it currently is!



So, do you have a Bovingdon story to tell? Something you think the village needs to know? Something you would like to share with the village? Your club/society not represented within the pages of Bovingdon News?

Please send any article submissions to myself via email... and I look forward to a deluge of reading for the next issue!

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We need more volunteers, both to answer the phone and to provide transport. We now take calls on Wednesdays but still need more **coordinators** to make it easier to cover this. We definitely need more **drivers**, as the allocation of

runs can become difficult particularly during holiday periods.

Neither task is a very onerous commitment and some people do both. With enough volunteers available, phone **coordinators**

usually do one or, by choice, two mornings a month and **drivers** typically do one or two journeys a month. A phone duty would be busy if you had to deal with more

than a couple of calls; also, you can divert the calls to your mobile phone so you can still be doing other things and are not tied to your landline. Drivers can choose whether to accept any run requests and can often fit in another task after dropping off their passenger, especially if they can be contacted by mobile phone to arrange collection for the return trip.



We also need someone to help with our **comms and computing**. There is no rocket science involved, so any non-technophobe volunteer who has some familiarity with spreadsheets, websites & social media plus a willingness to drag a technosaur into the modern age would be a real bonus!



**If you are interested in joining us please call me,
Richard Gardener, on (01442) 833674, 07860 811154
or email rmgardener@gmail.com**

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Chairman's Report

By the time you receive this edition of the Bovingdon News, Christmas will be fast approaching.

The Annual Bovingdon Parish Meeting took place on 14th May with refreshments being kindly donated by Bovingdon Village Stores and Zeera. In excess of 60 local residents attended. The Council invited Jacqueline Veater, a highly respected and experienced planning consultant to speak at the meeting; she gave an interesting and informative presentation on Neighbourhood Planning. Jacqueline has worked with a number of Parish and Town Councils, assisting them to formulate their Neighbourhood Plans, subsequently getting them successfully adopted. The Parish Council has decided to move forward with the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Bovingdon and Councillor Julia Marshall has agreed to take the lead on this. Please see her report (on page 22) on the plan and progress to date.

On August Bank Holiday Monday the Friends of Bovingdon Green once again organised a highly successful Dog Show on Bovingdon Green. A large number of villagers, together with their dogs, attended the event. It is great to see the Green being used for community events, and we very much appreciate all the hard work and efforts of FoBG in organising this event. Please see the FoBG article (page 30), which gives more details of the day.



The following Sunday saw the second annual Bovingdon 10k Run and 3k Fun Run take place. This is a Parish Council event instigated by Councillor Richard Taylor, ably assisted by Councillor Julie Steer together with assistance from other members of the Council and many villagers. I would like to personally thank Richard and Julie for taking the lead in organising the event, which required a tremendous amount of hard work both in preparation and execution. Please see the article Councillor Taylor has written with a more comprehensive report on the event (pages 57-60).

Earlier in the year the Parish Council, led by Councillors Alison Gunn and Julia Marshall, organised a Christmas Lights initiative inviting local business to support the Council in providing a new approach to lighting the High Street at Christmas. I am pleased to say that this has been highly successful and hopefully you will shortly be able to see the results. I would like to thank all the businesses and individuals, who contributed to this. Please see the separate article from Councillor Gunn (pages 44-45), which provides more detail.



The Community Library Steering Group has now been established and is being led by Councillors Julie Steer and Adrian Watney. Please see the report from Councillor Steer (page 66) in this issue for up-to-date details.

Chairman's Report (cont'd)

Dave Wilder, our much respected and long-standing Village Warden, who I am sure many of you will have noticed about the village with his car and trailer collecting litter, decided to retire at the end of June. Dave had worked for the Parish Council for over 13 years and as a token of our appreciation the Council presented him with a water colour picture of a Bovingdon village scene painted by local artist Liz Hobson. There is an advertisement in this edition of Bovingdon News advertising for a new Village Warden, if you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in this post please get in touch with Mike or Lisa in the Parish office for more details.



The Parish and Borough Council elections will take place on 2nd May 2019 so if anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please see the information sheet on page 8 detailing all the relevant information. However, please contact Mike Kember at the Parish Office, or myself if you would like any further information or to discuss in greater detail.

Finally on behalf of the Parish Council Team, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Councillor Graham Barrett

Chairman, Bovingdon Parish Council

Planning Committee Report

In respect of planning issues, the Parish Council and Borough Council Planning Committees refused inappropriate development schemes on Chesham Road, Hempstead Road and Green Lane. The Runways Farm Appeal hearing took place in August at The Forum and was attended by over 30 residents, together with Stewart Riddick and myself. The inspector has now published his decision, which allows motorsport activities to continue, but only if an acceptable management plan is put in place within two months of the decision. The McCarthy and Stone development is now complete and largely occupied.



Finally, the Tesco Express development is proceeding, which will greatly improve the visual aspect at the High Street/Chesham Road junction.

Meetings have recently taken place with DBC in respect of additional parking in the High Street and we are also continuing to engage with HCC and other stakeholders on this subject.

Councillor Graham Barrett

Chairman, Planning Committee

Parish Councillor Election



Why not consider standing for election to become a Parish Councillor for Bovingdon? Ten Councillors sit on Bovingdon Parish Council, each one elected for a term of four years. As a Councillor you will be responsible for representing the local community in matters including planning, outdoors activities, Parish finances and the Memorial Hall.

Who can become a Councillor? You can become a Councillor if you are:

- over 18 years old
- a Commonwealth citizen or citizen of the European Union
- an elector and have resided in the parish or within three miles of it or occupied, as an owner or tenant, land or premises therein or have your principal place of work in the parish

Do I need any qualifications? You do not need a formal qualification to become a Councillor. Life experience is the most important asset that a Councillor can have, and Councillors often have transferrable skills from their jobs or volunteer work.

How much time will I need to give? The time you will spend on Council duties will vary depending on how much you choose to take on. As an example, you are likely to spend your time:

- communicating with local residents
- attending meetings with parish office staff about issues raised by residents
- attending Parish Council and Committee meetings – usually held in the evening; you might be expected to attend approximately 14 meetings each year
- attending meetings of any outside bodies that you represent, for example, Friends of The Mount
- preparing for meetings.

If I am elected, will I get any support or training? All newly elected Councillors will be offered training organised by the Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils. We will provide a welcome session and an introduction to the council for all new Councillors. You can also seek guidance and advice from existing Councillors.

Will I be paid to be a Councillor? Parish Councillors do not receive a salary, although you are able to claim, within reasonable limits, for any travelling costs and other expenses incurred in carrying out council business.

What do I do next? If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact Mike Kember, Parish Clerk, on 833036 or parish.council@bovingdon.net

The local council elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019. The closing date for registering your interest as a candidate is by 4pm on Thursday 5th April 2019. Nomination papers will be available from the Parish Office during March 2019.



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County Report



I cannot believe that at the start of October it is still t-shirt weather; I get a bit miserable as the colder, darker weather closes in but this year... cracking Autumn. Another reason to be cheerful: you still have a thriving County Council. I say that because Northamptonshire doesn't and several Councils around the country are struggling. It is true that the Government grant has been cut but we anticipated that and cut our cloth accordingly, so we have a leaner workforce and do things differently and probably more efficiently. We still spend £1million a day looking after our most vulnerable older residents and about the same every two days on Children's services. Our Youth Offending teams were rated Outstanding last month. Vital work with young people.

The most recent change is the revamp of Children Centres, now Family Centres, which will link ever closer with Health visitors and school nurses to provide the best possible support for families with children up to 11 years of age. Full local details will come out this Autumn.

I was disturbed to read in the paper of a father from Bovingdon who felt the local roads were too dangerous for him to take his child cycling on. I raised this as an issue with the Cycling and Access team to be told cyclists are spat on, verbally abused and on occasion deliberately driven at. Now I would be the first to agree that Cycle Pelotons can be difficult to get past but I hope we can all be a little more tolerant especially as the sport is getting ever-more popular. Nick Truran is the County officer for all matters two-wheeled.

This month the flood report comes out, which will be presented in a public meeting. There has been an extensive look at the causes of the flooding in September 2016 and the law says we share this with residents. I look forward to hearing all views and concerns at that time.

Public Health is a constant in our news with concern over sugar, salt, ham, bacon, too much sun, not enough sun, Gwyneth's eggs (don't ask). Some of our older residents are at risk of malnutrition so healthy weight cuts both ways. Hertfordshire dedicated 2018 'Year of Physical Activity' and I am homing in on my challenge to run all the Hertfordshire Parkrun, about 18! Parkrun is brilliant at getting you out in the fresh air, costs nothing, is run by volunteers and is always welcoming. You will get hooked... 9am every Saturday, check out their website.

Highways is always a hot topic and rightly so, the government gave us an extra £2million for potholes; every bit helps and I keep plugging away with my local budget to target overlooked bits of road and pavement, which you let me know need doing. Chesham Road bend, Green Lane footpath, Vicarage Lane and Dudley Close pavement are done and I have asked that the hedges on Chipperfield Road are cut back so that pedestrians can at least get out of the road. If you are a landowner with a hedge next to a road please give it a good haircut this winter, in advance my thanks for doing this.

There has been a spate of car and van crime, please report everything to the police. We want their attention and to that end I will speak with the Police and Crime Commissioner this month.

And finally, my thanks to all at the Parish Council and volunteers for another fabulous set of runs around the village back in September. So many runners but efficient, welcoming organisation on the day; not as hilly as Kings Langley and a joy to run down the High Street at the end.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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Bovingdon and District Horticultural Society

A year of contrasts does not adequately describe the impact that this year's weather has had. Our landscape has dramatically changed from an arctic snow scene to African savannah in the space of six months. Miraculously many plants survived the 'Beast from the East' only to be scorched by weeks of unrelenting sunshine. Not only was the cold damaging but the sheer weight of snow broke branches from trees and shrubs, littering lawns and verges. The early promise of spring was set back until April. Despite the challenges of the unpredictable weather keen daffodil growers in our society coaxed their bulbs into spectacular blooms for the Spring Show on 14th April. Our first show of the year is always well attended with many flowering bulbs, floral art, handicrafts and paintings.

On May 5th our annual plant sale attracted more people than ever before. Society members grow vegetables, flowers, shrubs and herbs to sell. This not only helps them to edit their own stock but supplies buyers with good value plants and, of course, helpful tips on how to get the best from your purchases; you don't get that in the supermarket! Sellers donate a percentage of their takings to the society and this helps to cover the cost of staging our shows.



Also in May we had a late spring talk given by Jacqueline Aviolet, a nursery owner from Kent. The title of her talk *I Am a Tulip – What Are You?* took a sideways look at gardening and plant names. With her extensive knowledge Jacqueline was able to link members of the audience to plant varieties; she shares her name with a tulip whilst members were irises, violas etc. This was a very entertaining and interactive talk, threaded through with advice on how to grow the plants and anecdotes on gardening in general. We love illustrated talks but her unique style and warm personality made a pleasant change from the usual slideshow.



One of the annual activities that our society has been involved in for many years is the provision of hanging baskets for the village High Street. Local traders are offered a planted basket at a nominal fee to hang at the front of their premises. They then have to care for it throughout the summer and are automatically included in the competition to find the best basket. This year proved to be a challenging one, as baskets require a lot of TLC... leave them for a day without water in hot weather and you have a hanging hay bale! As I write this in early September, however, the baskets in the High Street still look lovely. They were judged in July and the winners once again were Pendley Estates, second prize went to Churchill Butchers and third to The Gentlemen's Barbers. Well done to all who took part and many thanks to Steve Fosket of Stoney Lane Nursery for planting them.

By the time we reached the Summer Show things were hotting up. This was the beginning of our African summer and the vegetables were already suffering from the lack of rain. Conversely flowers had done extremely well resulting in a significant increase in the number of flower exhibits on last year. Sadly there were fewer entries in the quilting and patchwork classes; usually we can fill a wall with beautiful quilts but not this year. We hope that quilting is not going out of fashion so if any ladies out there like to sew, please delight us next summer with more of your stunning handiwork. Let us not forget the new exhibitor, Ann Rees, who won the Langley Leisure Services Cup for her beautiful quilt. Congratulations!



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Bovingdon and District Horticultural Society (cont'd)



Over the last three years, in addition to our winter social, we have staged a summer outdoor one where members could enjoy tea, cake and chat whilst wandering round a beautiful garden. Last year Brian and Jane Bradnock played host in their wonderful garden at Huntsmoor. This July we returned to Longmeadow to enjoy the recent developments in Caroline and John Walker's stunning garden. About 40 people came and spent a warm afternoon catching up with friends and eating delicious cakes.

We are still pursuing our search for allotments for the village. Since the building of HMP The Mount the council have been unable to provide us with an alternative site. Despite us approaching several organisations over the last five years we are still without anywhere. If there is anyone out there who could help, please contact us via our website www.bovingdonhortsoc.org.uk

Now the days are shortening and we are preparing for our Autumn Show. After some recent rain we are hoping for more vegetable exhibits than were entered in the Summer Show. This is also the time of year for dahlias and chrysanthemums to take centre stage, so it will be interesting to see how they have survived the extreme weather. Unique in this show is a class for homemade drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. After such hot weather members who grow grapes will probably have had a good crop, but the resulting wine will have to mature so we will have to wait until 2019 to sample that vintage. Anyone who has their own micro-brewery, however, could win a prize for an interesting brew. Beer seems to be enjoying a rise in popularity so, along with fruit liqueurs, the drinks section of the show could be very interesting. It is such a shame that only the judge gets to sample the goodies in the cookery and drinks classes!



After this our next event will be our winter social evening in November. This year we will be getting competitive with a skittles alley. Members are invited to bring along food and drink to share with friends at the beginning of the evening, and there is often a sumptuous spread on the tables. Perhaps during the evening people will have time to think about the next gardening year and discuss what to grow; after the weather we have encountered this year, this will be a difficult decision. Do you grow more sun-loving vegetables or stick to the old favourites? We will be giving out Thompson and Morgan seed catalogues to help members with this conundrum.

If you are interested in gardening and looking to take part in shows, listen to interesting talks or sharing ideas with others why not join us? There is much more information and details of how to join on our website www.bovingdonhortsoc.org.uk We hope to see you at one of our events.

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News from St Lawrence Church



An exciting development at St Lawrence this autumn has been the expansion of our work with children and young people. A small planning group, which had been meeting for some months, produced a report in June recommending the appointment of a Children and Families Worker. The post has been taken up by Alison Cartlidge, a member of our congregation with a wealth of experience working with children and young people. Our Explorers Group for 7-11's now meets weekly, rather than just monthly, and our Youth Group (for secondary school children) now meets twice a month. If you have children aged between 7 and 15 who are interested in joining us, do please get in touch with me. Both groups meet currently on a Sunday afternoon: Explorers at 4pm and Youth Group at 5.30pm.

Church doesn't just happen on a Sunday. We have several small groups, which meet in people's homes, some weekly, some fortnightly, usually to follow a course or study a particular book of the Bible. These groups can be a great source of encouragement, as church members meet informally to learn more about their Christian faith, share their experiences and support each other both spiritually and practically. Between September this year and next March these groups are also devoting several sessions to a course called 'Leading Your Church into Growth', as we seek to grow not just in numbers but in the depth of our faith and our commitment to our local community.

Meanwhile we continue – we hope – to offer a warm welcome to everyone: occasional visitors, families seeking Christening for their child, couples wanting to marry, those who have lost a loved one. Not to mention all those who visit the church or churchyard during the week for a moment of quiet or to admire the beauty of our building and its setting. God's love extends to all!

Advent begins on December 2nd and is the time of preparation for Christmas. During Advent we will read and hear the words of Isaiah, which Jesus came to fulfil through his life and ministry: "to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind." I pray that we may all give some time over this Advent to thinking about how Jesus can set us free, and how we in turn can help to bring that freedom to others.

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On 28th April we held our annual Safari Supper. This was the second time that we have held it in spring rather than autumn: 41 people participated and it proved to be a jolly crowd, contributing £550 to our funds. This was a good participation compared with previous years and so we will make the change a permanent one, although we are always open to suggestions. All are welcome to join us and new faces will be welcome. It is not a prerequisite to be a churchgoer to take part, indeed many are not.

On 9th May, Caroline Walker hosted a coffee morning at Long Meadow in Flaunden Lane. It was a lovely occasion and the weather was good but walking to Flaunden Lane rather than Bovingdon Green is a bit of a stretch for many of our regular supporters and our attendance was just 65 compared with 129 the previous year. However, we raised £920, which was a splendid effort.

Our major event this year was the Music Festival held in St Lawrence and the churchyard over the four-day period 5th-9th July. This was our second such event inspired by Adrienne Walters and organised by her, Charles Burch, Pauline Wright and Jane Caley plus a team of volunteers, and consisted of a total of eight concerts or events. These included two classical music chamber concerts, a concert by the Bovingdon Primary Academy Choir and Steel Pans, a jazz 'double bill' concert with two local groups, a morning for young performers, an afternoon of relaxed folk, soul and jazz music entitled 'Ballads, Burgers and Beer', a choir and vocal double bill and an opera gala. It was a scorchingly hot weekend and the World Cup was on but we had the benefit of the experience gained last year raising £4,200. The Festival depended not only on the generosity of the performers and sponsors but also on the hard work of a team of volunteers who made it all happen.

It is planned that the next project will be the redecoration of the interior of the church itself but we wait in some trepidation for the outcome of the five-year review of the condition of the church building and by the time you read this our plans may have changed drastically. We are in good heart with nearly £50,000 held for this.

It is with great sadness that I must report that Carl Perkins died on 24th August. Carl had been a Trustee for five years and was a most diligent and able Friend. More than that, he was a true friend and we will miss him dearly.

Our work to preserve our beautiful church and churchyard goes on and we are so grateful for the support of the people of Bovingdon and the surrounding area.

If you would like to know more about the Friends, or get involved, please do get in touch with us. Our Trustees are Pauline Wright, Jane Cayley, Charles Burch and me.

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Bovingdon Evening WI

Bovingdon Evening WI have been in our new 'home', Bovingdon Baptist Hall, for over a year. That year has gone very quickly and we have been armchair travellers visiting the Scottish Islands, the World of Fungi and then back in time to find out about Georgian Housekeeping.



Our members have produced some lovely photographs, knitting, flower arrangements and tasty shortbread biscuits for our annual craft competition. For our October meeting, we will have had a speaker from Medical Dogs, followed by the Gunpowder Plot in November and then for our Christmas meeting in December we are being entertained by a professional singer and 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree'; and tasting a few mince pies. We have visited Amersham Museum, the Frogmore Paper Mill and held our Annual Pitch and Putt 'Open' competition.

As with our speakers, our members have a varied mix of interests. Some volunteer locally for the Boxmoor Trust, HM Prison and Bovingdon Library for the Home Library Service, and with the current changes to Bovingdon Library members are now part of the new volunteering teams. Other members like to walk long distance trails, currently walking the Chiltern Way, and have previously completed the Hertfordshire Way – an excellent way to see our local countryside; in past years, the Coast-to-Coast and the West Highland Way have been tackled. One of our members enjoys open water swimming and has just completed the River Arun 6.5k challenge!

We will always welcome new members or visitors to further enhance our opportunities. Many of us started as young mums taking the evening off and leaving Dad to babysit while we had some 'me time'. The WI is all about inspiring women and with many new WIs being started across the country by working mums, why not give us a try?

Shirley Hart, 380355 or Annette Compton, 834898

Royal British Legion Update

Chipperfield and Bovingdon Sub-Branch



The branch has had a busy summer. We had the RBL gazebo out at the Bovingdon Church Fête, Chipperfield Village Day, and the Bovingdon Dog show, and overall collected £330 towards the annual Poppy Appeal of which £205 was collected in Bovingdon, for which many thanks.

Much time has been spent planning the events in October arranged to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the ending of World War I, however the disappointment has been the failure to recruit any new members to the Committee, and particularly someone to be our Secretary/Administrator. If this situation persists the vision of establishing a new full branch will be unachievable and we shall retreat back to being no more than a source of support for the Annual Poppy appeal.

Anyone interested, please contact me as soon as possible – thank you.

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Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan

As stated in the last edition of Bovingdon News, the Parish Council agreed to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Bovingdon, determining that it represents a significant opportunity for our community to build upon the things we cherish about our village and influence how it grows and develops over the coming years.



The first task was to apply to Dacorum Borough Council for the whole of Bovingdon Parish to be designated as the area to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan. Dacorum will open a six-week consultation period in October, inviting comments from interested parties, on the area designation.

We established a Steering Group of 20 local residents who meet on the second Tuesday of each month to work on the Neighbourhood Plan; at the time of writing this they have met four times. The Parish Council has also employed the services of a Consultant to assist in our endeavour.

The Steering Group has been working on producing a 'Vision Statement' for the Neighbourhood Plan together with 'Objectives' concentrating on four main subjects:

- Housing and Design
- Community Facilities
- Transport and Traffic
- Business

The Neighbourhood Plan will also contain policies that will establish how the Vision and Objectives will be achieved.

The next task will be to consult with the residents, community groups and business owners within Bovingdon Parish. Part of this consultation will include an Open Day, to be held at the Memorial Hall, and a survey, which will be delivered to all households in Bovingdon. The dates have not yet been confirmed, but we are hoping to arrange the Open Day for early December and the survey to take place a month later.

The date of the Open Day and details of the survey will be widely published on Parish noticeboards, the Memorial Hall and on BPC website: <http://www.bovingdon.net/bpc/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bovingdonparish/>

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Open Day and to deliver the survey around the village. If you are interested in helping please contact Mike Kember on 833036 or email: [parish.council @ bovingdon.net](mailto:parish.council@bovingdon.net)

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Sands is currently working with your local children's hospice and are looking to find volunteers to help them set up a new Sands Group in the Woodford area. We need people prepared to become part of a Committee, including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and Befrienders. The Chair helps the committee work together as a team, following the aims of Sands and ensuring that the Group works within the Sands Group Constitution. The Treasurer role would be especially suitable to anyone with financial acumen, as well as an interest or empathy with Sands' work.

Befrienders are also needed to provide support to anyone affected by the death of a baby over the phone and in person at group meetings. The new befrienders must successfully complete Sands' Befriender training, and a minimum of two years must have passed since their baby died.

Sands support groups are run on a voluntary basis by people, many of whom have themselves experienced the death of a baby. However not all Committee members have to be bereaved parents. As long as you have an empathy and interest in our work we would urge you to get involved.

Rose Abrehart, East Network Coordinator said: “I hope that there are people who will consider helping to set up a Group in the area so we can look to provide support to bereaved parents and their families at a devastating time for them. Currently there is little support in the area for these parents and it is very much needed. I would urge anyone who could help to get in touch.”

For further information on the roles or to find out more about the group, please contact me.

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Autumn already!! Doesn't time fly when you are having fun and we definitely have had fun at Ladybirds: we've had a makeup demonstration by Ali (Sally was made over for a trial run before going to Buckingham Palace and she did look super), a very interesting talk about lavender by Ingrid Waldron, Gilly Pusey told us about dying and spinning wool (what beautiful colours and textures) and Bernadene taught us how to make our own lovely jewellery. We had our annual Garden Party in June with cream teas and a Chinese raffle raising £240 for charity. What a lovely afternoon. Thank you to Sue and Joe for hosting the garden party and our July BBQ this year.



At the end of July and in August we held three coffee evenings and auctions, again raising money for charity. The venues were the Football Club, a member's house and the Visitor's Centre at The Mount. A big thank you to all the venue providers, as we raised over £400: £100 was donated to the Bovingdon Day Care Centre, £100 was given towards the Parish Council's Christmas Lights fund and the remaining £200 was kept by the Club, as we are also a registered charity.

We are pleased to announce that The Box Moor Trust have awarded a grant of £220.10 to the Ladybirds to purchase two pop-up gazebos with leg weights. The gazebos will be used by the Club at outdoor events throughout the year and by members as required.

Around 15 Ladybirds are knitting poppies to adorn the High Street for Armistice day, funded by the Club. If anyone has any wool that they are not using and wish to donate it for our knitting group for their projects please let me know and we can arrange collection or drop it off at the monthly market. Even small balls of wool are handy as they are used to make the 'dementia muffs'. The group wish to thank everyone for their support and donations which enable them to keep knitting!!!

And just recently, 13 Ladybirds and four partners volunteered to help run the Village 3k and 10k runs, both in the Memorial Hall and out on the streets marshalling... we do like to support the village.

The Ladybird Club is a registered charity and for over 20 years Stephen Pinder has reviewed the Ladybird accounts. We would like to thank Stephen for his support over the years; it was much appreciated and we wish him a happy retirement. Unfortunately this now means we are looking for someone to review and certify that our accounts represent an accurate statement of affairs in April/May in time for our AGM on the second Monday in June.

If you or anyone you know may be able to help in this respect, please contact us.

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. 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, then please give me a call.

Kathy Banks, 832702

Are you involved with a charity or do you have an interesting hobby or job and fancy telling us about it? Many of our speakers are raising funds for charities they support for which we give an agreed donation. We are always looking for speakers.





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Paws on the Green, Fun Dog Show 2018

Friends of Bovingdon Green (FoBG) is a small group of volunteers who organise and run the 'Fun Dog Show' on Bovingdon Green each year. The aim is to bring together the local community and highlight the wonderful green and surrounding area. On August Bank Holiday Monday we held our fourth annual 'Fun Dog Show' on the village green. Last year was the hottest August Bank Holiday on record and the heat was challenging for dogs and humans alike but thankfully the weather this year was perfect for our event and, as a result, it was extremely well attended. There was a good variety of refreshments available, including a BBQ, teas, cakes, soft drinks and ice cream supplied by Archie's Ices.



Pro Dogs ran a wonderful display of obedience and agility and gave owners and their dogs an opportunity to have a go over the agility course; and they also helped with the PA system. The dog show classes were well subscribed with prizes for Waggiest Tail, Prettiest Bitch, Handsomest Hound, Junior Handler, and Golden Oldie. As always it was a difficult job for the judges choosing winners, as there was such a variety of lovely dogs with their proud owners!

In addition to the dog show we had classic cars (thanks to local residents and Chiltern Aston Martin Centre), and stalls to browse around, including Boxmoor Trust, Guide Dogs for the Deaf, Medical Detection Dogs, Bovingdon Scouts, The Dogs Trust, British Legion, Physiotherapy for Dogs, Animal Photography, a Local Artist, the Tennis Club, Neighbourhood Watch, Oscar dog supplies, Friends of the Mount, St Lawrence Church and Pro Dogs first aid for dogs. The church organised a children's treasure hunt and we ran a very successful tombola and raffle, with prizes kindly donated by residents and the following local businesses:

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Thank you to the Mayor of Dacorum, Councillor Rosie Sutton and her husband Graham, and to the residents of Bovingdon and surrounding villages, who joined in the fun and helped to raise money. Profits in excess of £600 from the Dog Show will be distributed to local charities.

A special thanks goes to the following for all their help and support: Buddies Doggy Day Care, and Hope Vets for taking charge of the judging; Tom Senior for donating rosettes; Theravets for donating prizes; Boxmoor Trust for loan of equipment; Kay at Bovingdon News for distributing flyers; The Mayor for attending; and Mark Carine for use and manning of the cricket pavilion.

Finally a huge 'thank you' to the dedicated, small band of volunteers who make up FoBG without whom this event could not take place. We are keen to carry on organising the dog show as an annual event and possibly organising more events, HOWEVER we really need more volunteers to continue. Please contact me if you are interested in being involved in the future.

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Village Diary

November 2018

4	STL	Sun	16:00	St Lawrence: Memorial Service
5	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
5	MH	Mon	19:30	BPC: Parish Council Meeting
6	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
9	MH	Fri	19:30	Horticultural Society: Winter Social
11	STL	Sun	10:30	St Lawrence: Remembrance Service
12	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Charity Night
14	BC	Wed	20:00	Evening WI: The Gunpowder Plot
15	BC	Thu	20:00	History Group: Country House Servants
16	STL	Fri	19:30	St Lawrence: Wine Tasting Evening
17	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
24	STL	Sat	14:00	St Lawrence: Christmas Market
26	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Sunnyside Rural Trust
28	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting

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

December 2018

2	MH	Sun	16:00	Bovingdon Christmas Lights – Switch On
2		Sun	16:00	Bovingdon Christmas Street Fayre
2	STL	Sun	18:30	St Lawrence: Advent Carol Service
4	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
10	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Christmas Social
12	BC	Wed	20:00	Evening WI: Rocking Around the Christmas Tree
13	BC	Thu	20:00	History Group: Dropping Off SOE Agents and Supplies
15	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
17	BC	Mon	10:15	Baptist Church: Coffee Morning – Carols & Mince Pies
19	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
23	STL	Sun	10:00	St Lawrence: Nativity Service
23	STL	Sun	18:30	St Lawrence: Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
24	STL	Mon	15:00	St Lawrence: Crib Service
24	STL	Mon	16:30	Baptist Church: Christmas Eve Christingle
24	STL	Mon	23:00	St Lawrence: Midnight Communion
25	STL	Tue	10:00	St Lawrence: Christmas Day Family Communion
25	STL	Tue	10:30	Baptist Church: Christmas Day Celebration

January 2019

8	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
9	BC	Wed	20:00	Evening WI: The Murderous Butler
14	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
14	MH	Mon	19:30	BPC: Parish Council Meeting
17	MH	Thu	19:30	History Group: Annual Dinner
21	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Welcome Back
28	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: TBA

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39	Hall Lettings	St Lawrence Hall	07854 195671	
13	Hardware & DIY	Jarmans		832141
41	Health & Beauty	Reflections Clinic	07711 846731	834236
43	Market	Bov. Village Market, Julie Steer	07803 141254	
9	Martial Arts – Karate	SSKI, Jeff Carson	07855 958549	
31	Oven Cleaning	Ovendazzle	07853 206193	01923 261567
3	Page Design	Farrspark, Steph Farrer	07913 086477	
31	Painter/Decorator	Allan Brown		832103
17	Plumbing	AA Plumbing Solutions	07782 122555	831519
27	Plumbing & Heating	Manor Heating, Vic McDonald	07712 265034	834373
61	Pre-School	Bovingdon Pre-School		834188
49	Reflexologist	Ametrine Reflexology, Emily Laver	07717 783728	
39	Reflexologist/Therapist	Nature's Touch, Sharon Coomber	07557 687042	831089
3	Secretarial Services	Farrspark, Steph Farrer	07913 086477	
15	Solicitors	Underwoods		430900
11	Taxi Service	Murray Rogers	07710 470676	
21	Taxi Service	Mark Humphrey	07973 470202	500750
17	Travel Agency	Tailor Made Holidays		737847
65	Tree Surgeon	Treecare, Paul Empson	07782888698	832279
65	Veterinary Practice	Hope Vets		833198

Regular Events

MH	Mon	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School (term time)
BC	Mon	09:00-11:00	BBC: Baby and Toddler Group
STLH	Mon	09:15-10:30	Hatha Yoga
BC	Mon	10:30-12:00	Coffee Morning (1 st and 3 rd Monday)
C	Mon	13:30-16:00	The Art Group
MH	Mon	16:45-17:45	Rainbows (term time)
BPA	Mon	17:00-18:00	Beavers (term time)
MH	Mon	18:00-19:00	SSKI – karate (children and adults)
BC	Mon	18:00-19:00	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BPA	Mon	18:00-19:30	Cubs (term time)
BC	Mon	19:15-20:15	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BPA	Mon	19:30-21:00	Scouts (term time)
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 (term time)
BPA	Tue	17:30-19:00	Brownies (term time only)
C	Tue	18:00-20:30	D Force (puppy/dog obedience classes)
BC	Tues	19:45-20:45	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
MH	Wed	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School (term time)
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 (children and adults)
MH	Wed	19:00-20:15	Hatha Yoga
BC	Wed	20:00-22:00	Evening WI (monthly)
MH	Thu	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School (term time)
S	Thu	09:15-11:15	Babies and Toddlers
MH	Thu	17:00-19:00	Loko Dance (Freestyle and Street Dance – age 3+)
MH	Thu	19:00-20:30	Bovingdon Yoga Fitness
BPA	Thu	19:30	Weight Watchers
MH	Fri	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School (term time)
T	Fri	09:15	Ladies Tennis
BC	Fri	09:30-10:30	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BC	Fri	11.30-1.30	Bovingdon Lunch Club (Over 60s)
C	Tue	14:00-15:30	Child Health Clinic
MH	Tue	14:00-16:00	The Lanes Children's Centre: Under-1s Group
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	10:00-12:30	Bovingdon Village Market (monthly – 3rd Saturday)
STLH	Sat	10:45-12:30	Dancing
T	Sat	14:00	Social Tennis
MH	Sun	09:00-10:00	Zumba with Emma
T	Sun	11:00	Social Tennis
STL	Sun	10:30	St Lawrence: Family Praise (not 1 st Sunday)
BC	Sun	10:30	Baptist Church: Sunday Service

Key

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BC	Baptist Church
BG	Bovingdon Green
BPA	Primary Academy
C	Clubroom, MH
FC	Football Club
MH	Memorial Hall
STL	St Lawrence Church
STLH	St Lawrence Hall
T	Tennis Club

Useful Contacts

General

Dacorum BC	Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead (www.dacorum.gov.uk)	228000
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Hertfordshire CC	County Hall, Hertford SG13 8DE	01992 555555
Mediation Hertfordshire	help@mediationherts.org.uk	268044
Pest Control		228275
Wasp Nests	Dacorum Call Centre	867867
	(environmental.health@dacorum.gov.uk)	

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London Underground	0845 330 9880	www.tfl.gov.uk/tube
National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Red Rose (352)	01296 747926	www.redrosetravel.com
Traveline	0871 200 2233	www.traveline.info

Utilities

Electric Hazard		0800 404090
Power Failure (local provider)	www.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Power-cut/	
Gas Leaks		0800 111999
Water Leaks	www.thameswater.co.uk/reportaleakonline	
Sewage Emergencies		0845 9200 800

Medical

Chemist	Manor Pharmacy	37 High Street	832127
Dentist	Anusha Tandon and Vivek Tandon	Hyde Meadows	832144
	Simon Michaels	60 High Street	832212
	Nick Shah, Kunal Shah and Modupe Sasanya	57 High Street	833922
Doctor	Archway Surgery	52 High Street	833380
	Longmeadow Surgery	16 High Street	833295

Village Diary (cont'd)

February 2019

5	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
6	C	Wed	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
13	BC	Wed	20:00	Evening WI: How to Control the Wife
11	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: TBA
14	BC	Thu	20:00	History Group: TBA
16	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
25	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: TBA

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March 2019

4	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
4	MH	Mon	19:30	BPC: Parish Council Meeting
5	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
6	STL	Wed	20:00	St Lawrence: Ash Wednesday Communion Service
11	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: TBA
16	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
25	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: TBA
25	BC	Mon	20:00	History Group: AGM and talk (TBA)
27	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
31	STL	Sun	10:00	St Lawrence: Mothering Sunday Service

April 2019

2	STLH	Tue	15:30	St Lawrence: Tea Time
8	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: Club Night
10	BC	Wed	20:00	Evening WI: My Life in a Founding Hospital
14	STL	Sun	09:30	St Lawrence: Palm Sunday Special Services
14	STL	Sun	10:30	St Lawrence: Palm Sunday Special Services
17	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
19	STL	Fri	10:00	St Lawrence: Good Friday – United Walk of Witness
20	MH	Sat	10:00	Bovingdon Village Market
21	STL	Sun	10:00	St Lawrence: Easter Sunday Communion Service
29	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds: TBA

Please note the following date in May:

13	MH	Mon	19:30	BPC: AGM and Parish Council Meeting
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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
steph@farrspark.co.uk / 07913 086477

News from Bovingdon Baptist Church

145 years of loving and serving God



The apostle Paul's favourite metaphor for the church was that of a human body, with Christ as the head. It's a great picture, because what it describes is an organic whole made up of many parts. Unity in diversity. A body missing eyes can still function by relying more on senses other than sight, but one eyeball – in fact, any individual part – cannot survive long in isolation from the rest of the body. It is the same with human beings. We function best when working together within community. And, in the church, all the parts (seen and unseen) function best when doing the things that Jesus – our 'head' – commands us to do.

Members of BBC are involved in community life in many ways, both as part of 'church' and as part of various village groups, teams and societies. We were there handing out cups of water to thirsty 10k runners... some of us were at the commemoration for the end of World War I in the Memorial Hall in October... and we'll certainly be at the Christmas Street Fayre on 2nd December, joining with St Lawrence folk to bring you the story of the first Christmas – with real animals provided by a local petting zoo. Do look in on us if you're passing that afternoon – we'll be on the grass verge opposite the library from 4-6pm.

Another metaphor for church is 'family'. If you're looking for a place to belong, a place to worship Jesus, a place to be part of an extended church family, do come along to one of our Christmas services and see whether you're the missing 'I'!

Celebrate Christmas 2018 With Us

Sunday 2 December	4-6pm	Bovingdon Churches Nativity at the Christmas Fayre (opposite the library – come and see us! There'll be shepherds, kings and angels, real animals, carol singing, and storytelling. <i>With thanks to Appreciating Animals, Bellington</i>
Monday 17 December	10.15-11.30am	Coffee Morning: Carols & Mince Pies
Monday 24 December	4.30-6pm	Christmas Eve Community Christingle A collection will be made for The Children's Society's work with disadvantaged young people. The service starts at 4.30pm, with refreshments afterwards.
Tuesday 25 December	10.30-11.15am	Christmas Day Celebration

Rev Mary Moody, Minister

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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, for a coffee and chat followed by a two-course lunch. Catering for a mixture of newcomers to the village and life-long Bovingdon residents, the Lunch Club is a great place to make new friends.



This summer we all enjoyed a return trip on the Grand Union Canal aboard Sheldrake 3 courtesy of Waterways Experience in Nash Mills. The warm sunny weather was ideal and the canal was pretty and peaceful, as we cruised towards Apsley Basin. Members and crew all enjoyed a yummy afternoon tea courtesy of our helpers. Future outings include a Christmas afternoon tea with carols at the end of November and our annual post-Christmas lunch is planned for February when members diaries are not so full.



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 or Sue Sturtivant, 833023

Hatch, Match & Dispatch

Baptisms

Leo Howard
Barney Howard
Scarlet Saddi
Aria Phillips
George Phillips
Theo Truman
Saoirse-Rose Osborne
Mason Loakes
Josephine West
Teddy Fowler

Marriages

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Adam Mash & Francesca Ellis
Joshua Quigg & Samantha Kemp
Paul Branson & Rachel Jakeman

Deaths

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Lillian Crofts
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Christopher Clapham
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Bovingdon Village Market



Bovingdon Village Market is a non-profit making, monthly market for the community. Monies raised are re-invested back into the village; the funds represent the monies raised from stall holder charges less hall rental. The cost of a table is £5 (medium) and £7.50 (large) and the monthly market is run by volunteers, supported by the stall holders and customers.

This year we have donated £600 for the purchase of a large cherry tree to replace the tree blown down in 2017 opposite the library in the High Street. The tree has been ordered and will be planted from November onwards (weather dependant) and maintained by Dacorum Borough Council for two years.

All the items below are available in the Bovingdon Village Market... pop in for a treat: whether home-cooked or hand-made!

- Do you know someone who is having a baby? Why not buy a handmade 'piggy bank' and put a few coins in for the happy event?
- Lavender has antiseptic qualities so bath salts made with Dead Sea Salts and Lavender are very relaxing and refreshing...
- A selection of individual and large quiches, cheese scones, chocolate brownies, steak and chicken pies and a few 'different' cakes...
- Hand-made gifts for every age and occasion – including cards, paintings, baby knits
- Looking for a special card, one of a kind..?
- Different crafts which make lovely gifts including bottle lights (choose your spirit bottle and light colour for that personal touch), candle cups, rag wreaths and canvas bags... and why not add a hand-made greeting card..?

Lots of crafts, gifts and produce on offer – why not come and see?

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

Julie Steer, 07803 141254



Bovingdon Village Market – 10am in the Memorial Hall

- 17th November 2018
- 15th December 2018
- 16th February 2019
- 16th March 2019
- 20th April 2019



Bovingdon Village Market

3rd Saturday monthly

February - December

10.00 am – 12.30 pm



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All Enquiries contact Julie 07803 141254





The Parish Council, local Villagers and Businesses join together to bring Christmas Lights to Bovingdon High Street...

Thanks to the generous support of the Parish Council, local villagers and businesses, Bovingdon High Street will be sparkling this festive season, with Christmas lights on all 16 lamp posts from the top of the High Street down to the Ryder Memorial!

The official switching-on ceremony, also marking the opening of the Christmas Street Fayre, will take place:

Outside the Memorial Hall at 4pm on Sunday 2nd December

There is still time to contribute and help light up Bovingdon High Street for the next three years!

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The Bell, a lovely 18th Century Grade II listed family-run pub with log burning fires and a pretty garden terrace. The Bell offers food freshly prepared to order with well-kept ales and a fantastic gin and wine menu. From business meetings and local group gatherings to celebration parties – we can tailor a menu to suit any occasion!

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This year they are celebrating 20 years of saving lives and, thanks to their supporters, they have been able to welcome their first purchased helicopter, the Agusta Westland 169, to the fleet.



EHAAT aim is to save lives, reduce or prevent disability, or suffering from critical illness and injury, by delivering a first class pre-hospital emergency medical service to the people of Essex, Hertfordshire and surrounding areas. Their Doctors and Critical Care Paramedics provide advanced medical care on-site that is normally only found in the Emergency Department and once stabilised, patients are rushed to the most appropriate hospital for their needs. This early intervention makes a dramatic difference to each patient's survival.

Without access to National Lottery funding and with limited support from Government, EHAAT continue to rely upon the generosity and goodwill of the people and businesses of Essex and Hertfordshire to remain operational and keep saving lives – working together funded by you!

There are so many ways you can help including donations and also volunteering. You can give a little (or a lot) of your time to support the charity and make a life-saving difference. Their life-saving service is only possible thanks to the team of dedicated Volunteers who give their time, energy and skills to this worthy cause. From helping out at fundraising events and bucket collections, to raising vital funds or awareness, or using your professional skills in our offices, there are many ways you can volunteer for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

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Bovingdon Primary Academy

Bovingdon Primary Academy continues to offer an outstanding education to 440 children from the ages of 4-11. The heart of Bovingdon's community for young families, the school strives to provide an all-round start to life by focusing on helping the children move onto the next stage in their education as well-rounded individuals who have maximised their academic progress and developed interests in sport, art, the environment and the community.



In Summer 2018, we were proud to have achieved a Road Safety Award – bronze on Modeshift Stars. Over the year, Mr Watts, the Assistant Principal, led the school children to travel to school in more sustainable ways and to influence the area, local politicians and the public to support this. We have worked with St Lawrence Church to encourage parents to use their car park for school drop-off and pick-up reducing parking in the High Street. The children are encouraging parents to park further away and walk, and to support this we are just about to introduce a 5-minute Walking zone around the school. The children took part in lots of road safety initiatives last year – Year 6 achieved their Bikeability (Cycling Proficiency) course and took part in a BMX training day, Year 2 enjoyed their Scooterbility workshop, and the school participated in Walk to School week in May and Clean Air day in June. This coming year, we plan to improve some of the facilities for cyclists in school by fundraising for new bike racks and scooters; measure the difference children travelling more sustainably makes; and enable the children to lead improvements to road safety themselves through the Eco Council. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with these initiatives, and of course any donations to the fundraising is always welcome.

There has been a strong revitalised focus on reading in the school with families donating books for each classroom's book corners and the Reading Room.

The school parent association (BAPA) have launched a new school lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for the children. It's a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together and give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children by providing extra resources for the children and improving the school environment, as well as running extra-curricular activities such as music, art and sport.

We are extremely proud of all the children's academic achievements and the results this year are testament to theirs and the teaching team's commitment to academic excellence. In 2018, Bovingdon pupils leaving the school who were working at the expected level was around 20% above the national average (of particular note is 95% of pupils working at the expected level in Maths and Writing).

We are also very pleased to see excellent achievements in sport, with strong partnerships with a range of clubs including Hemel Stags Rugby and Herts Cricket. The school is champion at 14 different sports including netball, tri-golf, rounders, girls' and boys' football, indoor athletics and cross country! A special mention to the Year 5 and 6 girls' football team who reached the quarter finals of the South East of England tournament. We entered almost 50 tournaments during the year, and we are very proud that almost every child was part of this success taking part in a sport club or fixture.

The village community continues to offer tremendous support to the school. Thank you to the parents, carers and everyone in the village who helps so much.

Clare Norton, Chair of Governors (Local Advisory Body), 406545



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Bovingdon Cricket Club

The cricket season is drawing to a close as I write this in late September – just two weekends of friendly fixtures left before the square is laid to bed. The weather already feels distinctly end of season – cold and wet, and a marked contrast to the weather earlier in the season.



The parched outfields of July and August meant that there were some high scores this season both home and away. Unfortunately, we rarely managed to score quite as many runs as the opposition. We finished the league season with a good win against Old Elizabethans but it wasn't enough to save us from the relegation zone and we will be playing our Saturday league cricket in Division 7A next year.

The Sunday side had an enjoyable set of friendly fixtures once again. We were joined by our old friends from Headstone St George this year, adding strength to the squad. Andy Ellis had an excellent season, rarely failing with the bat and it was great to see some of our younger players contributing significantly to the team's performances. Of particular note is Olivia Cook who bowled extremely well and became the first female cricketer to take a wicket for the club in our 134 year history.

We continued to run under-12 and under-13 teams this year and we were delighted that we had a good take up for our 'All stars' initiative, an eight week programme on Friday evenings aimed at 5-8 year olds. We are very keen to further develop this next year.

We are always on the look out for new players. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you are interested in joining.

Mark Carine, Hon. Secretary, 07738 200297

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The Bovingdon Players

The Bovingdon Players have been providing entertainment since at least 1921 when the Memorial Hall was built, staging almost every kind of play you can imagine – classic and contemporary dramas, comedies, musicals, pantomimes, children's productions, tragedies and farces.



In June we put on one of our fun-packed murder mystery productions – *The Final Act* – with audiences competing to work out whodunnit. Our next outing is still being planned at the time of going to press, but you can always check out what we're up to on Twitter (@bovingdonplayer) or Facebook (Bovingdon-Players).

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.

Robert, info@bovingdonplayers.com

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Come and join us for some festive fun! To help you get in the mood for Christmas, there will be arts and crafts and fun activities for all the family to take part in. Santa will make an appearance in his grotto and his elves will be there to support him.

The Box Moor Trust is a charity that manages nearly 500 acres of grazing and amenity land on behalf of the local community. Predominantly open access, the land is free to visit and explore, and includes woodlands, recreation areas and meadows. The Trust runs events for community groups and the general public in Hemel Hempstead and Bovingdon, ranging from history talks to guided walks. Our offices are on the London Road and we have meeting rooms that can be hired out if you are short of space. Please contact us for more details.

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1st Bovingdon Scout Group

Scout Hut Clean-Up... we have had quite a busy few months here at 1st Bovingdon Scout Group. Firstly however, we have to thank our amazing village community who have been so supportive of our group following the vandalism of our Scout Hut. Everyone pulled together to help with the clean-up operation and a group of volunteers worked tirelessly to tidy and clear the site on a particularly hot Sunday afternoon in July. They filled a skip's worth of rubbish and now it looks so much better than it did, thank you!



Cub Camp in July... the Beavers and Cubs enjoyed a fun (and very warm!) camping weekend in July working on their outdoor adventure skills. The children held a mini sports day, focusing on the importance of teamwork, making team flags and having fun together. Dinner consisted of inside-out pizzas and chocolate orange muffins cooked on the campfire.

Dog Show in August... we were asked to support the Bovingdon Dog Show on Bank Holiday Monday and we were there with Splat the Rat and Name the (toy!) Puppy stalls. The Mayor even had a go at splatting the rat! The Cubs and Beavers also made sure the dogs didn't go thirsty by supplying our washing up bowls to use as dog bowls. We had a great afternoon raising money and awareness for our Scout HQ project. Thanks to the Friends of Bovingdon Green for having us!

New Scout Group... do you have a son or daughter aged 10-12 who would be interested in joining 1st Bovingdon Scout Group? We are re-opening Scouts at Bovingdon in September, and will meet on a Monday night between 7.30-9pm in the Key Stage 1 Hall at Bovingdon School. We are part of a busy District who have lots of activities to join in with on top of our weekly meetings. If you think your child would be interested in joining, please email Nicky at Nickyruss10@hotmail.com.

Fundraising... we have been working very hard to promote our fundraising for the new Scout Hut project. We are in the initial planning phase and are looking to raise funds to finance the necessary professional fees. We have also been given the opportunity to be awarded between £1,000-£4,000 with the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme for the months of September and October. Hopefully we will get the winning number of tokens and we'll know the outcome sometime in November. Thank you to all those who have supported us with this!

We are very fortunate to live in a community where we have so many generous people supporting our cause. Special thanks go to the Sacred Spring Sanctuary, all those who so kindly donated to our Just Giving page and into our collection tins over the past few months – thank you!

Ross Dorras, 07876 398392 / ross.dorras@btinternet.com

Hiring Bovingdon Memorial Hall



Bovingdon Memorial Hall is available for all to hire and we are delighted with the wide range of activities in the Hall – just remember these groups need your support to continue. But we would also like to promote the Hall as a wonderful venue for parties, weddings and other functions. Our prices are very competitive; if you are interested in making a booking or just want to check out the facilities on offer, please contact either Mike or Lisa in the office (contact details below). The areas available to book are as follows: Clubroom (maximum 30 persons), Main Hall (including kitchen and garden – maximum 130 persons) or all (clubroom and main hall, including kitchen and garden – maximum 160 persons); and the facilities include:

- Main Hall/kitchen – 130 people / stage / enclosed rear garden
- Clubroom – 30 people (maximum)
- All Areas – 160 people maximum
- Access – wheelchair access through main front doors / internal and external toilet
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- Equipment – table tennis table.



Please see the Bovingdon Parish Council website www.bovingdon.net (under the heading for Memorial Hall) for more details, including booking form and conditions of hire.

Event	Room	Mon-Fri £ per hour	Sat-Sun Up to 12 noon £ per hour	Sat-Sun 12noon-6pm £ per hour	Sat-Sun 6pm-Midnight £ per hour
Reg. charities and 'not for profit' groups	Clubroom	£7.25	£7.25	£10.25	£12.25
	Main Hall	£11.25	£11.25	£17.25	£24.75
	All Areas	£14.25	£14.25	£22.75	£27.75
Community users and indi- viduals	Clubroom	£8.25	£8.25	£10.25	£12.25
	Main Hall	£12.25	£12.25	£17.25	£24.75
	All Areas	£15.75	£15.75	£22.75	£27.75
Commercial us- ers and public authorities	Clubroom	£10.25	£10.25	£11.25	£14.25
	Main Hall	£14.25	£14.25	£18.25	£26.25
	All Areas	£17.75	£17.75	£24.75	£32.75

Hire payment **MUST** be made during office hours a minimum of 14 days in advance of the booking. To secure the booking, a deposit **MUST** be paid within seven days; £250 where alcohol is available (£70 on all other occasions). Bookings will be charged according to the number of hours booked, rounded up to the nearest quarter hour and can start at any of the following: on the hour and every quarter hour thereafter.

**For all booking enquires please contact the Parish Office
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Neighbourhood Watch – Bovingdon Ward Update



As at 24th September we have 1,088 residents now registered in the Bovingdon area (which incorporates Box Lane, Bourne End, Felden, and surrounding areas), which is just over a 47% coverage. If you would like to become involved with Neighbourhood Watch then please contact me. Please ensure that if a crime is committed that it is reported to the police.

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 coordinators will keep you updated on crimes in our area and current scams.

To join OWL register at www.owl.co.uk; if you wish to be considered as a co-ordinator for your street, please send your details (name, address, telephone/mobile, email) to either myself, PCSO Bardhyl Agallili (bardhyl.agallili@herts.pnn.police.uk) or drop them in to Mike Kember at the Parish Clerk's office in the Memorial Hall.

*Julie Steer, NW Ward coordinator for Bovingdon, Chipperfield and Flaunden
NW Deputy District coordinator for Dacorum
nwatch_julie@btinternet.com / 07803 141254*

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Bovingdon Day Care



We are a Day Centre supported by Age Concern Dacorum and we meet every Wednesday to provide a day out for the elderly in the village and to maybe give their families a break. We provide morning coffee and tea, a two-course lunch and afternoon tea with cake. We play games, and Margaret Horwood comes and gives them gentle exercises once a month. We have entertainment and outings when we can. We have a small but enthusiastic band of volunteers and we have been operating for the last 28 years.

We are asking if there is anyone out there who has a talent of any sort that they would like to share with us, as we struggle to get people who can come and entertain our elderly friends. In the same vein, if there is anyone who thinks they could perhaps spare an hour or more on a Wednesday, this would be very much appreciated, as we also struggle when we make visits to garden centres or going out to lunch.

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Bovingdon 10k and 3k Fun Run

Sunday 2nd September dawned... and another successful day was had for the running of the second Annual 10k and 3k Fun Run. The weather was beautiful and contributed to a wonderful atmosphere at the start line and all around the course. Following on from last year's inaugural event was no mean feat, but we believe this year's event was bigger and better and we hope to have even more participants and volunteers next year.



We had 242 registered runners in the 10k and 89 in the 3k Fun Run, which was a huge increase on last year; we hope to get to 300 and 100 next year... watch this space!

Yet again the community came together to provide sponsorship, volunteers and encouragement on the course. We had monetary contributions, signage, granola bars, water and prizes donated by the following:

- Wilsons of Bovingdon
- Rough Stuff Oak
- Zeera
- Bovingdon Village Stores
- Councillor Richard Roberts
- Dacorum Borough Council
- Orbital Signs

As many of you are aware, any profits from the race goes to a village community fund run by the Parish Council and although exact figures are not yet in, we will put just over £2,000 into the grant fund this year for the benefit of local organisations; see the Parish website for details of how to apply for a grant.

Many runners run to raise money for local charities and we are aware that over £2,600 was raised for St Francis Hospice by Team Krane, over £1,000 for the Air Ambulance, as well as money for other charities, which when all combined raised over £5,000.

As ever, the team of dedicated race organisers, led by Race Directors Julie Steer and Richard Taylor who, alongside the Parish Office, worked very hard to ensure the success of the event, the UK Athletics adjudicator adding that it was a "great event".

The 3k race set off first from under the gantry start line outside the Memorial Hall: there were prizes for first male and first female and the best fancy dress, each receiving a £10 Amazon Gift Voucher. The 3k prize winners were as follows:

- Male – Jamie Prince
- Female – Lottie Coupland
- Fancy Dress – Chris Williams

This year's 3k was a huge success with 40 more runners than last year, so thank you to all that took part.

The 10k set off from the playing field behind the Memorial Hall. Chip timing was again in place and as the runners were ready to set off they were reminded of the course record of 34 minutes and 18 seconds. Wilsons of Bovingdon again provided the kilometre marker signs and they really add to the professionalism of the course.

This years event was chosen by Dacorum and Tring Athletic Club to be their 10k Championship and we are grateful for their support; it meant some very keen athletes were on the start line.

With the weather being so warm, we were not expecting a super fast time. However, when the eventual male winner, Alan Davidson, turned for home on the High Street, the record seemed in sight. Ultimately, Alan finished in a time of 34 minutes and 27 seconds, just outside the record of 34:18.

As for the female race, that was won for the second year in a row by Kate Rennie of Dacorum and Tring Athletic Club in a time of 38 minutes and 24 seconds, just over 30 seconds slower than her time in 2017 but still nearly five minutes quicker than the second place finisher.

Each winner received a cheque for £25 and an engraved oak cutting board provided by Rough Stuff Oak.

At the end of the race, planning begins for next year but it would be remiss of us not to once again focus on our amazing volunteers, from the Councillors who give their time and efforts, our sponsors who allow for a great race and our fantastic marshals with Cow Bells to encourage the runners. If we could mention all our volunteers and marshals individually we would... so we have on another page! Thank you to each and every one of you no matter what you did or how long you helped for.

We already have runners signed up for next year and we will be asking for more volunteers throughout the year.

So... what are you doing on Sunday 1st September 2019? Running? Volunteering?

Let us know...

Cllr Richard Taylor and Cllr Julie Steer
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Bovingdon 10k and 3k Fun Run (cont'd)

Our grateful thanks go to ALL our wonderful volunteers at this year's 10k and 3k Fun Run... and here they are, in no particular order:

Adrian Watney	Wendy Wrigley	Alan Wrigley
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Sue Arundel	Sue Miller	Fraser Miller
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Julia Marshall	Judith Wilford	Ian Wilford
Joanne Blackwell	Jillian West	Chris West
Jenny Bishop	Janet Bond	Sarah Grover
Jane Gilmore	Jackie Richardson	Iris Stanmore
Graham Barratt	George Grover	Caroline Bier Allen
Geoff Allen	Ellie Martell	Donna Martell
Dan Martell	Paul Pritchard	Donna Jones
Dick Gardener	Sherry Gardener	David Sturtivant
Dave Stent	Caroline Walker	Brad Gunn
Andrew Simms	Alison Robinson	

and the Baptist Church volunteers who ran the water station at Green Lane

And our sponsors who provided everything from money, energy bars, water, prizes, signage and banners: Wilsons of Bovingdon, Zeera Restaurant, Orbital Signs, County Councillor Richard Roberts, Dacorum Borough Council, Rough Stuff Oak, Bovingdon Village Stores and Nicky Speed

We thank you all for your invaluable help and assistance.

Cllr Richard Taylor and Cllr Julie Steer
Co Race Directors

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Saturday Junior Coaching

The junior courses are run at the club on Saturday mornings throughout the year between 8:30am-12noon. We start at age five and run nine beginner, improver and advanced player courses. Details of courses are on the website. Individual and small group sessions can also be organised mid-week after school and in the holidays.

Floodlight League

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School Links

Bovingdon Pre-School, located in the heart of the village community, is a well established centre of learning. On the doorstep of Bovingdon Primary Academy, close links have been forged between the two settings allowing a smooth transition from one to the other when the time comes. The children share in various annual celebrations with the Foundation Stage children and often preview many of their performances.

Staffing

The Pre-School work on the Ofsted ratio of one adult to every four children under the age of 2 years and one adult to every eight children over the age of 3 years. Our staff have many years of experience between them and are dedicated to providing a friendly and supportive environment for learning.

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Parents are invited to play a part in Pre-School life in a variety of ways – helping out 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

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Bovingdon History Group

Bovingdon History Group

Bovingdon History Group is well supported at its monthly meetings and we have roughly 50 members this year. We are grateful to Bovingdon Baptist Church for making us welcome and for the excellent facilities they provide. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month, except July and August, at 8pm. The meetings are open to members who pay an annual subscription of £12 and also to non-members who pay £3 per meeting.



Our lecture in March was given by Trevor Baker, whose subject was the *History of Sainsburys*. John Sainsbury and his wife opened the first shop in London in 1862, with a distinctive frontage and interior fittings. The business was very successful and by the time John died in 1928 there were over 128 shops. Starting with meat and poultry, the shops added more counters for fresh vegetables and eventually a wide range of packaged groceries. Each counter had its own till, which seems clumsy today but was more convenient than visiting several shops, particularly in bad weather. This was the start of one-stop shopping and the supermarkets we know today. It remained a family business until it went public in 1973.

At our next meeting, in April, Alison Eskriett gave an entertaining talk on *Leisure and Pleasure in the 18th Century*, illustrated by some beautiful slides showing both the elegant pleasures of the rich and the more robust village events enjoyed by the more ordinary folk.

In May, the lecture was given by Hugh Granger. On this occasion his subject was the *Art of Deception in World War II*. He gave us many examples including a fictitious army of over 100 German spies who sent voluminous false reports on Allied troop movements and armaments manufacture back to Germany. Probably the most crucial deception was to convince the German High Command that the D-Day offensive would focus on a landing near Calais, not in Normandy. To this end, in addition to the false information, a huge number of realistic inflatable models of tanks and guns were deployed in the fields of Kent, ready for 'the invasion'. Several German Divisions were retained near Calais, reducing pressure on the Normandy landings.



Our lecture in June was given by Alan Thomson. Alan has spoken to us before on *Hertfordshire in the Civil War*. On this occasion his topic was *Hertfordshire in the 17th Century*, which gave us a wider perspective of a relatively prosperous county, a convenient day's ride from the clamour and odours of London.

In July we had a most interesting morning visit to the Pitstone Museum. We were met with coffee and biscuits by Dennis Trebble and his fellow volunteers. He explained that the museum is housed in the barns of a Victorian farm. There is a large collection of old agricultural implements and machinery, which was the original basis of the collection. The museum is well known locally and has received many donations of a wide variety of private collections and we spent a fascinating two hours being shown round by our guide. There were two rooms of 1940's domestic memorabilia, which many of us remembered





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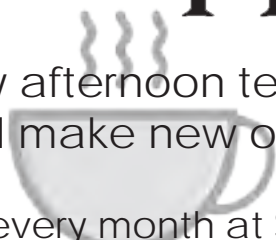
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Bovingdon History Group (cont'd)



from our childhood. In terms of scale on the one hand there was a beautiful Gauge 00 working model railway, on the other hand there was a monster Crossley 'gas engine', which took four men heaving on the flywheel to start. The most exciting exhibit was the reconstructed cockpit section of a Lancaster bomber with working instrumentation. Opening the throttles produced the simulated roar of the aircraft engines. After the visit we had a very enjoyable fish and chip lunch at The Three Horseshoes pub in Winkwell.

In August we visited the RAF London Museum at Hendon. The airfield became an RAF station in 1927 and was a Fighter Command station in World War II. It is the Centenary of the RAF this year and the museum is undergoing a major upgrade. We were met by our guide and were given a very informative tour of many of the exhibits including British, American and German planes, evoking memories of wartime newsreels and films – Spitfires, Hurricanes, Messerschmits, Heinkels and many more.



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 a copy of the programme in the library.

Sylvia McClelland, Secretary

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Bovingdon Community Library Update

A steering group has been formed – Helen Ellis, Jane Gilmore, Julie Steer, Patty Taylor, Adrian Watney and David Wright. We currently have over 40 volunteers shadowing the library staff and learning what it takes to run the library daily.



We have volunteers that come in weekly, fortnightly and term-time only usually in 2 hour 15 minute or 2 hour 30 minute slots depending on which day of the week. We have to have a minimum of two people per session or we will not be able to open the library. When the handover is complete we will still have one paid member of library staff for 20 hours of the 30 hours that the library is open. We are now at a point where we can look to take on more volunteers and will be running induction sessions for them in late October and November.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a grant from our County Councillor Richard Roberts, which will enable us to run events at the library once we take over; though a date has yet to be agreed for the full handover. We have already organised a 'Knit & Natter' session that takes place every Friday (bar the last Friday of the month) between 10am-11:30am. Future events will be advertised locally.

If you would be interested in supporting our Community Library, please either pop in to the library and leave your details or email bovingdonlibraryvolunteers@outlook.com

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who have come forward to support our library and give up their time in doing so. Thanks also go to the library staff for all the training, advice and support that they are giving us during this handover and beyond.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR LIBRARY OPEN

Julie Steer

Bovingdon Community Library, Steering Committee

julie.bovparishcouncil@btconnect.com

A New Chapter for Bovingdon Library

Community Libraries are partnerships between the county council and the local community. The council owns the library premises and remains responsible for building maintenance, the supply of library stock, ICT facilities, and some staff support. A Volunteer Steering Group takes on responsibility for the recruitment and management of volunteers from the local community who supervise the library and help people to use the self-service resources. If desired by the local community, volunteers can also organise additional events and activities for their library. All Community Libraries have a Buddy Library and a LibraryLink facility, which allows customers and volunteers to easily access support from library staff in another library.

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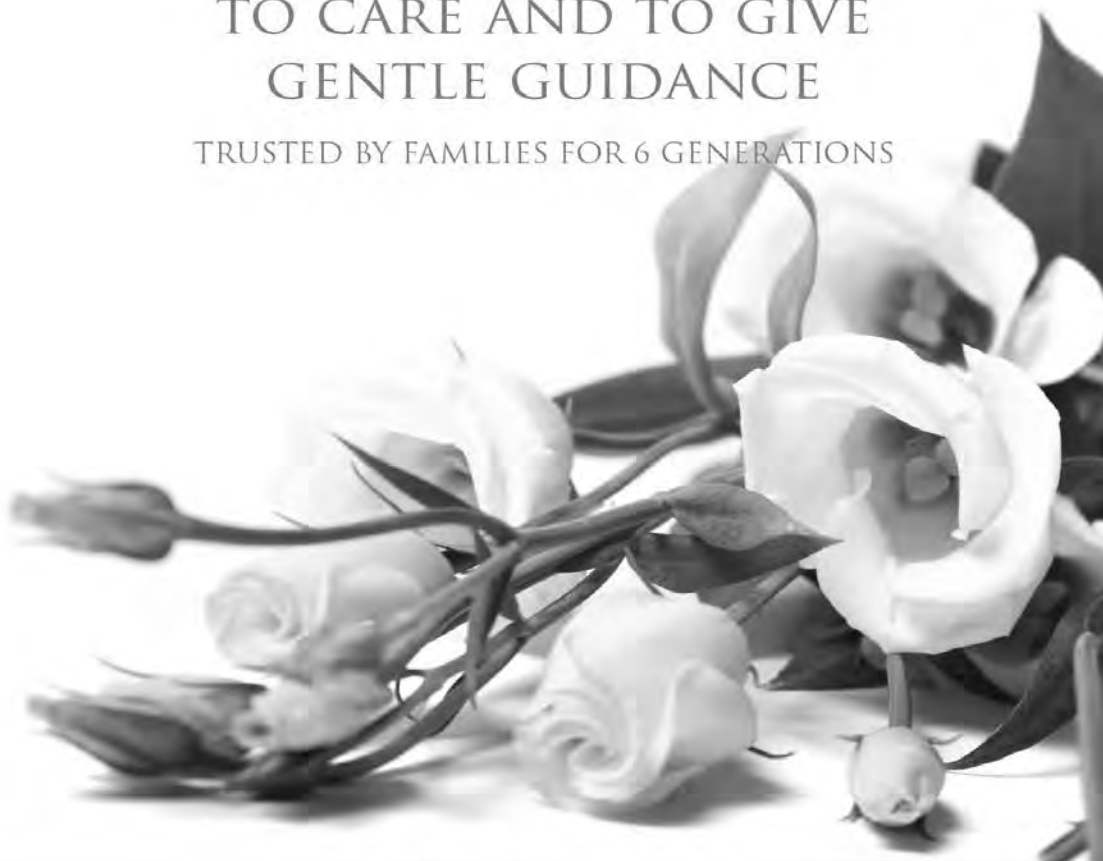
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