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## WELCOME TO BOVINGDON NEWS

Welcome to Bovingdon News, indeed... your new, shiny, colourful Bovingdon News! Still containing all the useful village information: if it's happening in the village, it should be in here, and it also remains your go-to point of reference for anything about the village and the surrounding area. I do hope you all enjoy the new look!



Bovingdon News may have changed but life still appears to be on <pause> for us all... there is light at the end of the tunnel, but it does still feel a long way to the end of this tunnel. I normally exhort you all to get out-and-about in the village, enjoy the events, join the clubs and societies, take part in village life and this time is no different, apart from adding in support the local businesses, albeit taking care of ourselves and each other in the process.

Stay safe... and hopefully we'll get to press <play> on life soon!

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## **Miscellaneous**

### **Memorial Hall Toilets**

Due to the current situation, the public toilets will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please refer to our website and Facebook page for any updates regarding the re-opening of the toilets. The toilet for disabled users remains open as usual, and is accessed using a RADAR key.

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Mr Whichello who lived at Bovingdon Grange, said that if the village could raise £1,000 he would match it with a further £1,000. The villagers formed a hall committee and successfully raised the required money so plans for the hall were drawn up. In the light of these plans Mr Whichello decided to increase his donation to £2,000 to fund the substantial building we have today. The Memorial Hall was built in 1921 at a cost of £3,000 with the money raised by public subscription and the generous donation of Mr Whichello.

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## **Chairman's Report**

When you read this Easter will have passed and hopefully we will all be looking forward to a more normal and well-deserved summer.



The Parish Office still remains closed with all Parish Council personnel working from home. The Memorial Hall has also remained closed other than for use by the Bovingdon Pre-School and the NHS Blood Transfusion Service.



All Council meetings have taken place, and will continue to take place via Zoom, for the foreseeable future. Members of the public can access Council meetings via the link that is on the respective meeting agenda on the Parish website. When you join a meeting you will be asked to identify yourself. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and again members of the public are welcome to attend.

In respect of future events unfortunately there is not much to relate, however please see separate article (in the centre pages of this issue) from Richard Taylor regarding the annual Bovingdon 10K and Fun Run races.

General maintenance work and litter picking continues to be carried out in the Parish by Sunnyside Rural Trust and separately we have awarded them a contract to clean up the pond on Bovingdon Green. This will involve removing a large area of iris plants to enable the pond to re-establish its water surface area. The removed vegetation will be placed at the pond edge to ensure any disturbed creatures can return to the pond.

Flooding at the bottom of Green Lane with the junction of Ley Hill Road has been a recurring problem over the winter months. The Parish Council has had discussions with representatives from Hertfordshire Highways about this issue and we understand that they will be undertaking further investigations in the near future. In addition, we understand that proposals made by the potential developers of the land at Grange Farm would incorporate flood mitigation measures that would permanently alleviate flooding at this location.



The Parish Council has also had several discussions with Hertfordshire Highways about carrying out improvements to the parking outside the Co-Op and Jarmans. A scheme of improvement to this area is currently being refined and we are hopeful that improvements will be carried out during this financial year.







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## **Chairman's Report** (cont'd)

We are now approaching summer and I hope that we will all be able to enjoy some normality and hopefully some of you will be able to get away on holiday! My very best wishes to you all for a happy and relaxed summer.



*Councillor Graham Barrett*  
*Chairman, Bovingdon Parish Council*

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## **Planning Committee Report**

I reported in October that the Dacorum Draft Local Plan was scheduled to go out for consultation in November 2020, which it duly did and was held open for comment over an extended period, which ended on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021. We understand that there have been a great number of comments from across the Borough that are now being analysed and should be reported on in early summer.

Work has continued on the Neighbourhood Plan by a dedicated group of volunteers, please see the separate report on progress from Councillor Julia Marshall who is leading this project.

In respect of planning within the village there have not been any notable new applications however there are currently three applications, which are subject to appeal. The first is an appeal by the operators of Bovingdon Market where they are seeking to vary the planning permission in respect of the designated parking area and the area of market operation. The Parish Council has objected to both variations, as we believe, if granted, this would exasperate what is already an overcrowded venue that adversely impacts on village life, particularly around the Christmas period. The operators of Drift Limits have lodged the other two appeals where they are seeking to remove a condition that gave them planning permission that was limited to two years. They are also seeking to vary a further condition that relates to their management plan.

*Councillor Graham Barrett*  
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## **County Report**



A sobering milestone this week when we reflected on the losses from COVID-19 and the devastating impact of this horrible disease. We are still some way off understanding why some people are so poorly, young and old, and others just sail through. The good news is that half the country has now been jabbed and in care settings the rate is over 90%. Visiting in care homes is now happening and I hope all our freedoms to get out and about and live life to the full, will move into a more normal phase this summer. Remember some people have been shielded and isolated for a long time; go and say hello when you can. To our volunteers, care staff and nurses who have been working flat out and trussed up in PPE, thank you again.

By the time you read this we will have had elections for the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner. The County Council ward I have represented for the past four years covers Bovingdon, Chipperfield, Flaunden, Felden, Bourne End and Kings Langley, it has been a privilege to represent you and I hope you can see that working with Borough and Parish Councillors we have got a few things done. Over that time each Councillor has had direct control for their ward of £360k of highway budget and £45k to support local community causes, including this year for COVID-19 support.

Now I know Shantock Hall Lane is trashed by the chicken farm lorries and we will have to do something serious to sort that out but do ask, anything and everything, it's never too soon then it can be planned and programmed.

In the next few years the most difficult challenge for local Government will be landing the planned development locally. We now have the Dacorum cabinet lead for planning under Alan Anderson and for all things Environment under Graham, I look forward to working with both, as they tackle the things that matter most to many people.

I have been asked to look at replacing some very big trees on narrow roads, nobody likes trees being lost, so no loss without replacement but I do understand that reduced light and homes threatened by tree roots is a problem. We can work through this carefully with the support of residents.

Slightly further afield I am worried about the proposed MOTO service station planned for the other side of the M25 next to Kings Langley and will be speaking to Grant Shapps to ask that this be dismissed, I foresee chaos if this goes ahead. Likewise, in Winkwell I have put funding aside to get the rat-run from Chaulden Lane blocked off.

Dealing with surface water will be a very serious priority for the next four years, building on the good drainage work in Ryder Close, sorting out Green Lane and the water that flows towards The Moody Estate. This year the County Council agreed to increase the drainage budget by £10m to support flood prevention.

The County budget agreed in February also put £10million aside to support safer road speeds, walking and cycling, not for the sake of clamping down on motorists but to make our villages more pleasant to live in.

Feel free to get in touch, and best wishes.

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## **Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan**

This past year has been a challenging one for the Steering Group. In common with many groups, we have been unable to meet in person and this has meant all our meetings have been held online via Zoom. Our group has reduced further under these difficulties and we now have a small band of dedicated volunteers, who have worked hard to keep the project on course.



We have continued to work on the Neighbourhood Plan, writing policies and assessing potential housing sites, but progress has slowed down considerably. Unfortunately, restrictions have also meant that the consultation on our draft policies, which we had planned to hold in the Memorial Hall at the end of last year, has had to be delayed and alternative means sought to consult with residents and canvass their opinions.

We are currently working with West Herts College students to produce an online presentation for residents, which will set out our draft policies, and I am hopeful that this will be up and running by the end of April. Views and feedback from residents will be invited.

We will publish the presentation, policies and a link to a brief survey of residents' views on the Parish Council website ([www.bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk/Neighbourhood\\_Plan](http://www.bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan)). Please check the Bovingdon Parish Council website and Facebook pages for details.

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It was late summer when I wrote the last Bovingdon News article and we were then enjoying relative freedom and seemed on track to enjoy a very Merry Christmas. Little did we know how things would change! The first casualty was our annual social evening in November. Since then we have had to cancel both of our Spring talks and the Spring Show. Until the relaxing of restrictions on meetings the social side of our activities will sadly have to stay on hold.



Fortunately nature cannot be put on hold and, as the spring advances, we are able to return to our gardens with the hope that by summer we will be able to socialise once more.



Not all of our activities have been curtailed and in November our annual seed order to Thompson & Morgan went ahead as usual. This year was the biggest for some time, over £500, boosted no doubt by more of our members wanting to grow their own vegetables. Following on from the seed buying we are now awaiting our bulk order of composts that we have delivered by lorry in mid-March.

With restrictions possibly easing by late May we are planning to stage our Summer Show on 26<sup>th</sup> June; if the Memorial Hall is open. We have kept the schedule from last summer's cancelled show and if you are interested in entering any exhibits the details will be on our website ([www.bovingdonhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.bovingdonhortsoc.org.uk)). We have moved the paintings section from the Spring Show to the Summer Show to allow artists to show their lockdown masterpieces; subjects for the painting classes will be the same as appeared in the 2020 handbook with the addition of three further subjects for paintings. Therefore the six subjects to paint are: Vintage, Seascape, Nature's Patterns, A Churchyard, A Portrait of a Person, A Country Post Box or Boxes. Photographs will be exhibited in the Summer Show as usual and the subjects are: Stones, Water, Sport and Happy Days (a collection of four photographs.)

Despite having to cancel the talks in the spring we have booked Nick Bailey for 3<sup>rd</sup> November to give us a talk: *Reviving a Tired Garden*. Some of you may not be familiar with the name but he often appears on *Gardener's World*. Nick is an enthusiastic plantsman and last year presented a TV programme on South African flowers. He is also a garden-maker, author and speaker on TV and radio. He spent seven years as Head Gardener at the Chelsea Physic Garden where he restored and developed the plant collections. Tickets for this very special talk will be on sale in the summer and are available for non-members as well as our members.

We are all longing for escape from this lockdown but until then we will be resuming our normal activities in the garden. Lawns need mowing, seeds need sowing, weeds need hoeing and only severe weather will stop us gardeners from doing what we love.

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THANK YOU



## **News from St Lawrence**



In my piece for the last issue of Bovingdon News written in September 2020, I reflected on the sense of exile we had felt during the first lockdown as we were prevented from holding church services for the first time in 800 years. Then we had the second lockdown and, as I write, we are still in the third lockdown, hoping and praying that it is the final one.

Unable to welcome visitors to church in any number, we decided to take church outside instead. For as long as the weather held we had some wonderful outdoor Sunday services on the gravel by the south porch. As autumn drew on we moved back inside, with limited capacity, but with a number of people joining our worship via Zoom. For the big events, where we knew we couldn't fit everyone in, we improvised. We recorded a short but moving Remembrance Day Ceremony, with our friends at Bovingdon Baptist Church and representatives of the Parish Council and the Royal British Legion, which was (and still is) available on our YouTube channel. Prior to that we held our Hallowe'en *Light Party* outside, with lights and marquee kindly provided by Adam Cook from New Vision Effects. Over 70 families visited, we gave away more than 200 goodie bags and everyone said how much they appreciated enjoying 'the light which shines in the darkness'.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve often attracts more than 150 people. As we couldn't hold this inside we organised instead a Walkabout Advent Calendar, publicised entirely through social media. So many people offered to put a Nativity image in their window that we were able to have two routes round the village, both with 23 windows. Small family parties could be seen wandering round Bovingdon with smart phones and calendars in their hands. Again over 200 people took part and over 50 of those came along to the churchyard on Christmas Eve to sing carols, collect a small prize and admire our nativity display and Christmas tree by the south porch.

We had planned an outdoor carol service but as Tier 3 gave way to Tier 4 we felt we had to cancel. Nevertheless we went ahead with outdoor carol singing on a bright and sunny Christmas morning, and many of our usual Christmas Day worshippers were able to come and sing their hearts out.

Through all of this time, the people of Bovingdon have responded generously to our support of DENS. So far our regular collections and deliveries have provided over one and a half tons of food for their Foodbank.

As winter turns to spring we are looking forward to returning to church for Mothering Sunday and Easter, and, after that, to a summer in which we can once again hold weddings, baptisms, our annual Summer Fête and many more events.

While this has been a time of sadness and isolation for many and of bereavement for those who have lost loved ones to the pandemic, our faith has shown us that God does not desert us in times of trouble. In the person of Jesus Christ he suffered and died for us, and was raised from the dead on Easter Day to show that sin, death and darkness can be overcome. At this time of year we celebrate Pentecost when God sent his Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us. As we emerge from the pandemic we pray that broken lives may be mended and that we may continue to find new ways to witness God's love and to serve the community in which we live.

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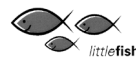
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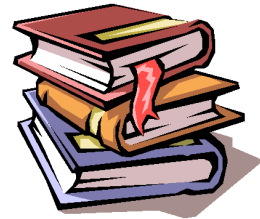
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## **Bovingdon Community Library Update**

At present our Community Library remains closed due to COVID-19. The main library in Hemel has re-opened but with restrictions, please refer to the Herts library website for more details ([www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx)).



Hopefully the risk assessment for our library will be complete by the time you are reading this. There are also plans for our library to be repainted and carpeted, as this has not been done since the library first opened on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1991. This is an ideal time for the work to be done rather than closing again later in the year for the works to be completed. Our volunteers are willing to come back as soon as the opportunity arises; when we re-open it will be with restricted hours at first and with new rules in place to ensure everyone's safety. This information will be advertised locally once we have more details.

**Volunteering:** We may also be looking for some new volunteers if you have a few hours to spare.

**Local History:** Unfortunately, this is all on hold at the moment, as no one is able to access the library. We will update you further in the next issue.

**Donations:** If you have any good quality books, recent releases for either adults or children that are now just sitting on the shelf, please consider donating them to the library, once we re-open. We can only accept books in good condition, published in the last four years and only a few 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*

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## **Friends of Bovingdon Green**



Friends of Bovingdon Green is a small group of volunteers who have organised an event on Bovingdon Green for five years. The aim of the events was to bring together the local community and highlight the wonderful green and surrounding area. The cricket club kindly allowed us to use the area and the pavilion facilities for our events.

August Bank Holiday Monday 2019 was our final event as a group and we are now keen to pass the mantle to new volunteers working in partnership with Bovingdon Cricket Club.

We have a wealth of experience and funding to support a new group. Should you require more information and/or be interested in starting a new group, please contact me.

*Anne Barrett, [annekathrynbarrett@gmail.com](mailto:annekathrynbarrett@gmail.com)*

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# Bovingdon Memorial Hall

Registered Charity No. 238850 / Gift Aid XR97748

The Memorial Hall is located in the heart of the village and is an ideal venue for parties, christenings, weddings or any other social gathering. The Hall, run by the Parish Council via the Hall Management Committee, is the centre of a wide variety of regular village activities, including a pre-school, dance and theatre groups, exercise classes, local clubs and dog training to name but a few. Horticultural shows, a monthly village market (selling homemade produce) and private functions also make full use of its many facilities.

*Further information and hall hire charges can be found on the Parish Council website*

**[www.bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

Facilities include:

- Main Hall including Kitchen and Garden (maximum 130 seated) •
- Clubroom (maximum 30 seated) • Large production stage in Main Hall •
- Large enclosed rear garden • Internal and external toilets for the disabled •
- Loop system (for the benefit of the hard of hearing) in the Main Hall •
- A fully equipped kitchen • Projector screens in Main Hall and Clubroom •
- Projection stand • Table tennis table • PA system in the Main Hall •



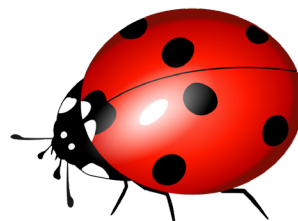
**Keep an eye out on the noticeboards for posters and updates on what is happening in the Hall**

**To view the hall or to make a booking,  
please contact Lisa or Mike at the Parish Office  
833036 or email [office@bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk)**



## **Ladybirds Club**

A group of ladybirds is called a loveliness and this certainly applies to Bovingdon Ladybirds Club. Although we have not been able to meet up since March 2020 it is amazing what members have achieved. We have members who are Keyworkers, volunteering for the vaccine rollout, delivering birthday cards, shopping, collecting prescriptions, making phone calls, writing emails, posting letters, the list is endless.



Chairman Sue and treasurer Julie arranged for everyone to receive a Secret Santa present along with a Christmas card and several newsletters courtesy of other members. Along with help from Jean and Carol 80 cards were written and boxes of shortbread wrapped along with one of Min's hand-crocheted mask extensions. We set about delivering these on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, fortunately just before another lockdown. Ladybirds like to support local businesses and charities, so purchased the shortbread from Chipperfield Garden Centre and the Christmas cards from The Friends of St Lawrence,

All four of us received such a lovely warm welcome arriving unexpected at front doors and, fortunately, most ladies were home, which made our mission so much easier. It was worth all the effort to see everyone and bringing smiles to faces at the same time as having long overdue conversations. We asked that the present should not be opened until Christmas Day and we've since heard lovely stories about the suspense this caused. Thank you for all the wonderful messages of appreciation we received.

Evergreens Club gave us a donation from their closing funds, of which we gave £50 towards Bovingdon Christmas Lights along with £50 from Ladybirds Club.

In the Autumn the painting group designed the fronts for Christmas cards. Sadly, of course, we couldn't display them last Christmas but have great hopes for Christmas 2021 when we can all be together again.



Thankfully, as I write this, 17 million vaccines have been administered, which gives us a glimmer of light at the end of a very long tunnel. The Memorial Hall has been booked as and when we can socialise again, and Sue and Joe have dates in their diary for a Garden Party and a BBQ.

The lack of one-to-one conversation is difficult but there is always a Lovely Ladybird we can talk to by picking up the phone and dialling their number.

*Sue Baxter, 831804 / Kathy Banks, 832702*

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Bovingdon Rainbows**



Although Rainbows only met a few times face-to-face last term, we were very productive. Many of the Rainbows had worked extremely hard during the first lockdown and completed many clauses of the programme. We were also able to have a number of outdoor meetings on Bovingdon Green and Chipperfield Common. We had many nature trail walks, completed Alphabet challenges, and went hunting for some treasure.

We had great pleasure in being able to present some of the Rainbows with their Bronze Award, a massive well done to those girls in achieving this award! And congratulations also to the four girls who took their Rainbow Promise



Although we are presently not able to meet under the new lockdown, we are having some zoom meetings. This has allowed us to keep in contact with the Rainbows and continue with activities that can be shared with all the girls, and some of the girls will have completed enough challenges and badge work to be awarded their Silver Award next term. Another first for our unit.

The girls will be creating gifts for Mother's Day and taking on the Anglia Challenge during the Easter holidays. Keeping fingers crossed, we will be able to have a face-to-face Easter celebration!

We are always looking for girls to join our unit, and the Brownie unit that meet after us. If you are interested in Girlguiding take a look at our website ([www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)) to see more of the adventures that we enjoy.

*Karen Dance, Unit Leader, [kdance66@gmail.com](mailto:kdance66@gmail.com)*

## **Bovingdon Brownies**



2<sup>nd</sup> Bovingdon Brownies are not currently meeting due to lockdown restrictions. We are hoping these will be eased after the Easter holidays and we can at least meet outdoors then. Bovingdon Brownies will be keen to recruit new girls after Easter so if anyone aged between 7-9 would like to join when we can go back, they can contact me.

*Bekki, 07852 931086 / [bekki.olah@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:bekki.olah@highwaysengland.co.uk)*

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# **SEISHINKAI SHOTOKAN KARATE INTERNATIONAL (SSKI)**

[www.sski.org](http://www.sski.org)

Beginners\* Karate classes for all! If you are looking to try a new martial art, keep fit, or even train for the next Olympics, why not come on down and give Karate a go. It teaches discipline, instils confidence and develops fitness, but most of all it is good fun!

*\*Classes are for male and females 14 years and over*



**Contact Sensei Jeff Carson**  
on **07855 958549** or **[sski.jeff.sensei@gmail.com](mailto:sski.jeff.sensei@gmail.com)**  
to register your interest or find out more.

**Classes held at Bovingdon Memorial Hall**  
**Every Monday and Wednesday 6-7pm**







## **Bovingdon Christmas Lights**

The Parish Council would like to thank the village businesses whose generosity helped bring festive lighting and Christmas spirit to Bovingdon High Street and the residents of the village for the past three years.

Thanks to major contributions by IHP Ltd, Bell Poultry Farm, the taxi service Kings Ace Cars, and local building contractor Chay Hedger Ltd, plus donations by villagers, during November and December alone we were able to raise £3,500.

We are now at the end of the three-year funding period but following the great success of the Christmas Lights and the excellent funding support, Bovingdon Parish Council are now reviewing options for the next three years, details of which will be available soon, together with sponsorship packages.

## ***A Special Thanks to our Sponsors***

### **Gold Sponsors**

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The Bovingdon Villager — Dancing on Ice  
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White Rose Funeral Directors — AAD Electrical Services

**For further information,  
please contact the Parish Clerk's office on**

**833036 / [office@bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk)**



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# VILLAGE DIRECTORY

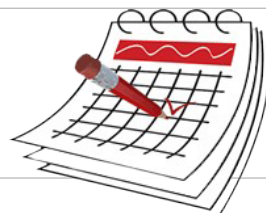
## Village Directory

Babies and Toddlers	Hayley	07957 663324
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Ross Dorras	07876 398392
Bovingdon Connect (was Bov. Care)	Careline	07376 832999
Bovingdon Village Facebook	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/bovingdon">www.facebook.com/groups/bovingdon</a>	
Bovingdon Players	Robert Peacock	info@bovingdonplayers.com
Bovingdon Primary Academy	School Office	406545
Bovingdon Village Market	Julie Steer	07803 141254
Bowls Club	Simon Johnson	07773 557723
Boxmoor Trust Office		253300
Brownies	Bekki Olah	bekki.olah@highwaysengland.co.uk
CAD Volunteer Centre	Kerry Armogie	kerry@communityactiondacorum.org.uk
Child Health Clinic	Health Visitor	0300 123 7572
Churches	Baptist — Rev Mary Moody	831756
	Catholic — Rector Michele du Saire	01923 264377
	St Lawrence — Rev Charles Burch	833298
	Mark Carine	bovingdoncc@hotmail.com
		0800 555111
Cricket Club	Brenda Franklin	832006
Crimestoppers	Shirley Hart / Jenny Thirlwell	380355 / 831491
Day Centre	Kevin Horwood	867116
Evening WI		265028
Fire — Community Safety Officer	www.hertsdirect.org/fire	0300 123 4046
Fire — Hemel Fire Station		bovingdonfc@gmail.com
Fire — Home & Safety	John Walker	834025
Football Club	Jo Bain	jo@bain-family.org
Friends of St Lawrence	Prison / Visitor Centre	836300 / 836516
Hatha Yoga	Doreen Woods	833520
HMP The Mount	Sylvia McClelland	pandsmcc@mccllell.plus.com
Horticultural Society	Anne Tavener	380405
History Group	Enquiries & Mobile Service	0300 123 4049
Ladybirds	Sue Miller	832569
Library	Michael Leon	833665
Lunch Club (Over 60s)	Julie Steer	nwatch_julie@btinternet.com/07803 141254
Meals-on-Wheels	Mike Kember	833036
Neighbourhood Watch	www.herts.police.uk	101
Parish Clerk	Pre-School Office	834188
Police — Hemel Hempstead	Karen Dance	kdance66@gmail.com
Pre-School	Tom Morkill	834268
Rainbows	Jeff Carson	07855 958549
Royal British Legion	Marlowes, Level A Blue Car Park	259259
Seishinkai Shotokan Karate Int'l	Karen Wright	baptism@stlawrencebovingdon.com
Shopmobility	Craig Blyth — Coaching	07941 550850
St Lawrence Baptism Team	Rebecca Rose — Membership	07903 849919
Tennis Club		

# VILLAGE DIARY

## Key

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## May 2021

4	Zoom	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
<b>4</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>BPC: Parish Council Meeting and AGM</b>
12	Zoom	Wed	19:30	Evening WI: AGM

## June 2021

7	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
<b>7</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>BPC: Parish Council Meeting</b>
5	B	Sat	10:30	Bowls Club Open Day — <i>Give Bowls A Try</i>
6	B	Sun	10:30	Bowls Club Open Day — <i>Give Bowls A Try</i>
9	Zoom	Mon	19:30	Evening WI: <i>Now There are Four</i>
21	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
26	MH	Sat	TBA	Horticultural Society: Summer Show

## July 2021

5	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
<b>5</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>BPC: Parish Council Meeting</b>
12	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
14	Zoom	Wed	19:30	Evening WI: <i>Telling My Story and the Outcome</i>
26	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting

## August 2021

8	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds
16	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
TBA				Evening WI: Garden meeting TBA

## September 2021

5	MH	Sun	10:00	10K and 3K Fun Run
6	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
<b>6</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>BPC: Parish Council Meeting</b>
13	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds
27	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
27	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds

## October 2021

11	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds
18	C	Mon	18:30	BPC: Planning Committee Meeting
25	MH	Mon	19:30	Ladybirds

*Please note: all events listed are subject to COVID-19 Guidelines.  
Please check with the relevant organisers for full details of each event, including location*

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# TRADE DIRECTORY

<i>Page Listing</i>	<i>Company, Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>
11 Accountant	Emma Stevens	07736 835167 / 831462
51 Beauty Therapy	Time 2 Relax, Gill Kedgley	832459
41 Butcher Shop	Meat Hook, Guy Coertze	07570 538209
9 Computer Tuition	Reeboot, Karen Cramer-Smer	388537
57 Counselling	WAY-in	07307 199625
7 Digital Transcription	Farrspark, Steph Farrer	07913 086477
17 Driving Instructor	Pete Moore	07879 831750 / 832889
4 Education	Lockers Park School	251712
59 Electrician	Fusion Electrical	07415 059883 / 07305 643181
47 Electrician	J C Cooke	07905 356895 / 832153
13 Fuel Merchant	G C Parish & Sons	832224 / 832341
60 Funeral Directors	A & C Tadman	01923 264296
59 Garage Services	Bowron Motorcare	07860 882970 / 834634
45 Gutter Cleaning/Repairs	Gutterbuster, Adam Cooper	07749 977997 / 874540
13 Hair Dressing (Mobile)	Hair by Fiona	07885 491988
37 Hall Lettings	Baptist Church    hallhire.bovingdonbaptist@gmail.com	
19 Hall Lettings	Memorial Hall	833036
12 Hall Lettings	St Lawrence Hall	07756 562722
15 Hardware & DIY	Jarmans	832141
47 Health and Beauty	Health Hub, Zandra Christie	07866 587117
37 Health and Beauty	Reflections Clinic	07711 846731 / 834236
55 Hypnotherapy/Reiki	Lyn Palmer	07889 159727 / 833688
43 Market	Bov. Village Market, Julie Steer	07803 141254
23 Martial Arts — Karate	SSKI, Jeff Carson	07855 958549
51 Oven Cleaning	Ovendazzle	07853 206193 / 01923 261567
7 Print Design	Farrspark, Steph Farrer	07913 086477
37 Painter/Decorator	Allan Brown	832103
11 Plumbing and Heating	Manor Heating, Vic McDonald	07712 265034 / 834373
39 Pre-School	Bovingdon Pre-School	834188
17 Reflexologist	Ametrine Reflexology, Emily Laver	07717 783728
13 Reflexologist	Sam Reflexology, Sam Jones	07967 235273
21 Solicitors	Underwoods	430900
3 Taxi Service	Executive Private Hire	07710 470676 / 07973 470202
9 Travel Agency	Tailor Made Holidays	737847
41 Veterinary Practice	Hope Vets	833198
7 Wasp Control	The Wasp Man, Gary Jess	07780 953222





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# The 4th Annual Bovingdon Parish Run 10K and 3K COURSES

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



## **Bovingdon 10K and Fun Run**

On September 5<sup>th</sup> 2021, the Parish Council will again host the 10K Run and Fun Run following last years cancellation due to COVID-19. At time of going to press, and presuming that there are no further lockdowns, the runs will take place this year. The event is being advertised on the [www.runbritain.com](http://www.runbritain.com) and [www.letsdothis.com](http://www.letsdothis.com) websites and we hope to have 400 plus runners across both events.

The 10K run is for the more experienced runners and there will be prizes for the first three men and first three women. The Fun Run will be over a course of 3K and is for children and parents (all children under 10 are to be accompanied by an adult). Entry fees for the events are 10K — £16 (£2 discount for UKA members) and Fun Run — £6

As a parish, we are always looking for volunteers to help marshall the courses and we need approximately 40-50 Marshals on the day. In addition we need volunteers to help in the Memorial Hall with registrations on the morning of the event. If you live in the village or surrounding areas, it would be really helpful if you could marshall your area. There will be a Marshals Meeting on the Saturday preceding the event. We will also require volunteers for the Saturday to help put up the course signs.

Any profits made at the event will be available to local organisations through the Parish Council grant scheme.

*Richard Taylor and Julie Steer*  
Race Directors

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(including 10K and 3K Fun Run – organised by Bovingdon Parish Council)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

# Registration Form

Surname:		Address:
First Name:		
DOB:		
Gender:	MALE / FEMALE	Postcode:
Club/Team (if any):		Mobile:
Affiliated to UKA?	YES / NO	Email:
Registration No:		Est. Time (10K only):

**Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> – £25, 2<sup>nd</sup> – £15, 3<sup>rd</sup> – £10**

(Male and Female, 10K ONLY)

*A signed entry form will be considered as an acceptance of the UK Athletic Rules and a declaration that you will compete on foot and run entirely at your own risk. No accompanying dogs or cycles allowed.*

*All runners will receive a finisher's medal. THIS IS A CHIP-TIMED EVENT FOR THE 10K ONLY*

**NOTE: YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR HEADPHONES DURING THIS EVENT AS IT IS RUN ON OPEN ROADS NOT CLOSED TO TRAFFIC**

Data Protection: BPC is the Data Controller under new data protection law and will use the information provided which may be shared to UK Athletics for race administration only. Data will be retained for two years. Individuals have a number of rights under data protection law, including the right to request their information and the right to make a complaint about our handling of your personal data to the Information Commissioner's Office ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)). Further information about the processing of your data can be found at [www.bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bovingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk). You can contact the Parish Council's Data Protection Officer, Paul Russell, at [paul@micrshadevsm.co.uk](mailto:paul@micrshadevsm.co.uk) or 07772 657446.

*Request for Consent: you can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Council Office.*

- We may contact you to keep you informed about future Bovingdon 10K/3K runs
- We may use your name and photo in our newsletters, our website, or Facebook page
- Please tick here if you intend to Pre-Register on the day before the race

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## ENTRY FEES

**10K Run (minimum age 15)**  
Start: 10:15am

**£16** ☐

(£2 discount for UKA members)

**3K Fun Run (minimum age 8)**  
Start: 10am

**£6** ☐

(all children under 10 to be accompanied by an adult – entry via Parish Office only)

*Entries on the day subject to race limits and increased entry fees*

Send Cheques (payable to **Bovingdon Parish Council**) with Registration Form to:

### **Bovingdon Parish 10K**

Bovingdon Parish Council, Memorial Hall,  
High Street, Bovingdon HP3 0HJ

or enter via [www.runbritain.com](http://www.runbritain.com) or [www.letsdothis.com](http://www.letsdothis.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Race entry fees are non-refundable or transferable once entries are accepted. If you are unable to run for any reason or in the unfortunate cancellation of the event which is beyond the control of the race organisers, you understand and accept the rules and terms of the entry including that there will be no refund of race fees.

## DECLARATION

*I am medically fit and enter at my own risk and fully understand that the organisers can in no way be held responsible for any injury, illness or loss incurred to my person or belongings during or as a result of the event, including on the course or changing areas. If you have a medical condition, please detail below, and confirm that you agree to the terms of entry.*

**Any Known Medical Conditions**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

*Parent or Guardian must sign and complete consent form if runner is under 18 on the day of the race*

I consent to (NAME):

Signed:



# 10K COURSE DESCRIPTION

**Plenty of time to train..!!!**



## **Start: George V Playing Field (behind the Memorial Hall)**

- Onto Church Lane then head up Stoney Lane
- Onto the public footpath to Hempstead Road
- Turn left and head into the village
- Turn left on to Vicarage Lane
- Turn right at the Church onto Church Lane
- Turn left onto the High Street
- Straight onto Chipperfield Road
- Turn right on to Flaunden Lane, continue down to Flaunden
- Turn right onto Hogpits Bottom up the hill changing to Long Lane
- Turn left onto Shantock Lane
- Turn right onto Shantock Hall Lane
- Turn right at the junction onto Ley Hill Road
- Continue onto Chesham Road
- Turn right onto the High Street

**FINAL RUN: down to the finish outside the Memorial Hall**

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# REGULAR EVENTS

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FC	Football Club	TT	Term time only



## Monday

MH	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School <sup>TT</sup>
STLH	09:15-10:30	Hatha Yoga
BC	10:30-12:00	Coffee Morning (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
MH	14:00-16:00	The Art Group
BPA	17:00-18:00	Beavers <sup>TT</sup>
MH	18:00-19:00	SSKI Karate
BC	18:00-19:00	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BPA	18:00-19:30	Cubs <sup>TT</sup>
BC	19:15-20:15	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BPA	19:30-21:00	Scouts <sup>TT</sup>
MH	19:30-21:30	Ladybirds (fortnightly)
STLH	19:30-20:30	Beginners Yoga Class

## Tuesday

MH	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School <sup>TT</sup>
C	14:00-15:00	Child Health Clinic (fortnightly)
BC	16:30-17:30	Rainbows <sup>TT</sup>
BC	18:00-19:30	Brownies <sup>TT</sup>
MH	18:00-20:30	Kredible Kg (puppy/dog obedience classes)
BC	19:45-20:45	Pilates (Lisa Giles)

## Wednesday

MH	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School <sup>TT</sup>
STLH	10:00-11:30	St Lawrence Toddler Group
FC	10:30-15:30	Bovingdon Day Care
MH	16:00-16:30	Bov. Dance Academy: Mini Ballet (ages 2-4)
MH	16:35-17:20	Bov. Dance Academy: Contemporary Dance (age 9+)
T	17:00	Adult Social Tennis
MH	18:00-19:00	SSKI Karate
MH	19:00-20:15	Hatha Yoga
BC	19:30-21:30	Evening WI (monthly)

## Thursday

MH	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School <sup>TT</sup>
MH	17:00-18:00	Loko Dance (Freestyle and Street Dance — age 3+)
MH	18:45-20:15	Bovingdon Yoga Fitness



## USEFUL CONTACTS

### General

Dacorum BC	Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead ( <a href="http://www.dacorum.gov.uk">www.dacorum.gov.uk</a> )	228000
Dog Warden		228418
Drainage Problems	Council Tenants	228666
	Public Drains, Thames Water	0845 920 0800
Environmental Health		228455
Handy Person Scheme	Age Concern Dacorum	259049
Hertfordshire CC	County Hall, Hertford SG13 8DE	01992 555555
Mediation Hertfordshire	<a href="mailto:help@mediationherts.org.uk">help@mediationherts.org.uk</a>	268044
Pest Control		228275
Wasp Nests	Dacorum Call Centre	867867

### Dacorum Fault Reporting — Self-help

You can report faults in Dacorum such as abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, fly tipping, waste collection issues and more... see [www.dacorum.gov.uk](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk) for more details.

### Refuse Bank Holiday Collections

Details of Bank Holiday collection dates will be published in local press and will also be available on the Dacorum website: [www.dacorum.gov.uk](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk)

### Herts Highways Fault Reporting — Self-help

You can report faults in Hertfordshire such as potholes, street light issues, traffic signal problems and more. You will get a reference number and can enter an email address to receive updates... see [www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/highways/hhonline services/hfr/](http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/highways/hhonline services/hfr/) for more details.

### Public Transport

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London Underground	0845 330 9880	<a href="http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tube">www.tfl.gov.uk/tube</a>
National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950	<a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>

### Utilities

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

### Village Medical Services

<b>Chemist</b>	Manor Pharmacy	37 High Street	832127
<b>Dentist</b>	Simon Michaels	60 High Street	832212
	Laurel Cottage	57 High Street	833922
<b>Doctor</b>	Archway Surgery	52 High Street	833380
	Longmeadow Surgery	16 High Street	833295



## REGULAR EVENTS

### Key

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



### Friday

MH	09:00-13:00	Bovingdon Pre-School <sup>TT</sup>
LIB	09:15-09:45	Toddler Tales
T	09:15	Ladies Tennis
BC	09:30-10:30	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
LIB	10:00-11:30	Knit 'n' Natter (NOT last Friday of the month)
BC	11:30-13:30	Bovingdon Lunch Club (Over 60s)
STLH	18:00-19:30	Martial Arts

### Saturday

T	08:00	Tennis — Men's Practice
BC	08:15-09:15	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
BC	09:30-10:30	Pilates (Lisa Giles)
MH	10:00-11:00	Horticultural Society Supply Hut (rear of MH)
MH	10:00-12:00	Bovingdon Village Market (monthly — 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday)
STLH	10:45-12:30	Dancing
T	14:00	Social Tennis

### Sunday

T	11:00	Social Tennis
STL	08:00	St Lawrence: Book of Common Prayer
STL	09:30-10:00	St Lawrence: Family Praise (not 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)
STL	10:00-10:30	St Lawrence: Family Communion (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Only)
STL	10:30-11:30	St Lawrence: Parish Communion or Morning Prayer
BC	10:30	Baptist Church: Sunday Service

*Please note: all regular events listed are subject to COVID-19 Guidelines.  
Please check with the relevant organisers to see if these events are taking place.*

### Village Diary/Regular Events Listings

If you have any events (either regular events or one-offs) you wish to publicise in the Village Diary or Regular Event listings, 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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## **News from Bovingdon Baptist Church**

*145 years of loving & serving God*



Two years ago we began a new season of openness to God and to others with social activities in and around the village. We 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 quiz night saw the church packed with enthusiastic participants. We were 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' looks like for our church family, friends and neighbours has changed dramatically since the Coronavirus pandemic struck.

Since the end of March 2020, we have held just two services inside our church building. Churches, like other organisations, have generally had to cease in-person meetings to protect the health of the vulnerable. However, we have found ways of adapting and new ways of supporting one another through these anxious times. We join together to worship God via video-conferencing. We have held prayer meetings, church business meetings, coffee mornings, social events and even our annual quiz online. We've got a weekly newsletter that gets delivered to the folk who can't access the internet. We've painted pebbles and hidden them around the village for schoolchildren to discover during the school holidays. And at Christmas we made 650 Make-a-Christingle at Home Kits and gave them away to the children at Bovingdon Primary Academy and Bovingdon Pre-School, and then to other friends and neighbours, brightening up their Christmas (and raising £300 for The Children's Society).

At our last in-person Coffee Morning in March 2020, we were brainstorming ideas of 'projects' to work on if and when we were locked down or self-isolating at home. 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 compile a book of photos for your family — with captions/dates/names etc. If you find 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/WhatsApp)
- 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
- Listen to Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4. Or visit a church website to find out about virtual worship services locally — or anywhere in the world! Our website is [www.bovingdonbaptist.org.uk](http://www.bovingdonbaptist.org.uk)
- 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?

*'He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.' (Psalm 91 v 4)*

*'Jerusalem, Jerusalem ... how often I have longed to gather your children together,  
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## **News from Bovingdon Baptist Church** (cont'd)

*145 years of loving & serving God*

All of us are living with 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, and we are not alone. Nothing can separate us from God's love.

So, church members will continue to love and serve Jesus whether they are able to meet in person or not, and we continue to pray for — and look for creative ways to show care for — our neighbours even while we are confined to our homes. Do email or phone me if you'd like to chat, or need some help.



*Rev Mary Moody, Minister*

*831756 / minister.ovingdonbaptist@gmail.com*

*www.ovingdonbaptist.org.uk*

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## **Bovingdon Bowls Club**

At the time of writing this article, we have just been informed of our road-map out of lockdown with children going back to school in a couple of weeks and boy, have we got everything crossed for a successful outcome. By the time this goes to print we could even be looking at a well-deserved pint down the pub, although I for one won't be spending too much time looking at it. If that is the case, Bovingdon Bowls Club will be raising a glass to every one of you in the hope of a healthy and prosperous future for all.



We, as always, look on the bright side and have made our plans and preparations for the coming season and we hope to pick up with the level of success we enjoyed in previous seasons. As an inclusive organisation we are always willing to take on new members and with this in mind we are running two ***Give Bowls a Try*** days on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June** (10:30am to 2:30pm).

You do not need to be intending to join the club and will not be pressured to do so, but if you fancy a fun morning out pop in and have a go. All you need are flat-soled shoes, trainers are fine, and a sense of humour. After being cooped up for so long we could all do with getting out and circulating. We offer much more than just bowls with a full social calendar throughout the year. So, if you want to find out more about us come along to one of the Open Days, or contact either myself or Andy Smith, our club secretary

*Steve Woods, steveawoods@btinternet.com*

*Andy Smith, 07432 082299*

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## **Neighbourhood Watch — Bovingdon Ward Update**

Across the Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield Ward (which incorporates Box Lane, Bourne End, Felden and surrounding areas) we have 161 NW watches. As of 23<sup>rd</sup> February, we have 1,450 residents now registered in the Ward, which is good news, as it means a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is operating in your street or very close by.

Register for FREE at [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk) — simply enter your postcode and sign up! You will also see other watches that are available in your area in addition to Neighbourhood Watch including: Business Watch (for incidents and scams impacting businesses), Shop Watch (for incidents and scams impacting retailers), CCTV Watch (if you have CCTV or a video doorbell with recording and would like to help the police with local investigations by providing access to recordings if asked), plus the self-explanatory Dog, Rural, Horse, Allotment, Canal and Heritage Watches

If you would like to become involved with Neighbourhood Watch or would consider being a street coordinator then please contact me.

*Julie Steer, NW Ward coordinator for Bovingdon, Chipperfield and Flaunden  
NW Deputy District coordinator for Dacorum  
[nwatch\\_julie@btinternet.com](mailto:nwatch_julie@btinternet.com) / 07803 141254*

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## **Bovingdon Cricket Club**

It is mid-March as I write this and we are gearing up for the season that, we hope, will start at the end of April. Our groundsman has been doing an excellent job with the wicket and it is looking in fantastic shape. Unfortunately, the pavilion fence was vandalised in early March but hopefully, by the time you read this, it will have been repaired and we are very grateful to all of those who have offered their support.



We hope that nets will start on the Green in early April, subject to COVID-19 restrictions. The league season starts in early May and we will once again be playing the Saracens Herts League Division 7B, skippered by Jack Blackburn. Sundays will see our regular set of friendly fixtures; if anyone is interested in joining us, please get in touch.

The Lords Taverners will be back for a return match on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June (look out for more details) and the summer will also see the return of county cricket to Bovingdon with the club hosting the Herts Over 70s Second XI v Surrey Over 70s match, also in June!

This year, we are delighted to be able to offer Allstars cricket sessions for children aged 5-8 and Dynamos cricket for children aged 8-11. We will be working with coaches from Cricketvision to deliver these sessions on Friday evenings and are really looking forward to seeing the return of junior cricket to the Green.

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Open to all levels of ability from beginners to the experienced. £7 per drop-in session. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining either the Monday morning or Wednesday evening classes.

*Jo Bain, 834251 / jo@bain-family.org*

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## **A Life Story — Cardiff to Bovingdon in 93 years**

I came up with the idea of writing my mum's life story back in April last year, partly as a way of filling our time together on my twice weekly visits during her COVID-enforced imprisonment in her flat for what we thought would be just a month or so...!



The target audience for the book is primarily mum's great and great-great grandchildren, most of whom know her well, but who live in a very different world to that which she was born into. However, you can't write about one person without including their relatives and friends to some degree. So we included what we knew, and researched about my Dad, and both their parents, siblings and their off-spring, which broadened the scope of the book making it more of a complete family history.

When we set out to write the story we didn't know what form it would take, nor if or how it would be published. However, it now exists as a 94-page A4 hard-back book of 21,000 words with key event photos as a permanent record for all the family.

The extended family members, who all got copies for Christmas, absolutely loved Mum's story and some of her words have since been included in a drama video that was jointly produced by Dacorum BC and Pursued By A Bear Productions about Hertfordshire womens' life experiences; she has also presented the war chapter to a pensioner's group meeting via Zoom. We have also heard that my son and daughter have both used the book for some bedtime stories for their children.... so the stories live on!

If anybody feels like tackling such a project I would be happy to give advice on how to go about it, plus I have some excellent local publishing contacts; so please get in touch.

*Chris Day, chrisday555@yahoo.co.uk*

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**Planned Re-Opening — 17<sup>th</sup> July  
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# **Bovingdon Village Market**

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## **Scouting in Bovingdon**

As for everyone it's been a very different year for Scouting in Bovingdon. Many parents have got involved with their Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in doing badge work, hikes and camps at home! When allowed we have had face-to-face meetings, many outside in the grounds of our Scout HQ (as you can see from the photo) so well done to all our Scouts for continuing to attend meetings despite some challenging weather conditions.

**Scouts** 



Our Cubs have continued to meet through Zoom sessions during the lockdowns and we have all learned new digital skills.

Everyone is looking forward to the return to face-to-face Scouting from 29<sup>th</sup> March outdoors and 12<sup>th</sup> April indoors. We can't wait to use our new camping equipment when residential stays are allowed later in the year.

Apart from continuing through a challenging year, great progress has been made on our project to get a new Scout HQ for Bovingdon. We are investigating several alternatives and have already raised over £30,000 towards our new Bovingdon Scout HQ.

We have just started a new *Just Giving* page for 1<sup>st</sup> Bovingdon Scouts to raise funds for our new Scout HQ, which will be a resource for various groups in Bovingdon. All donations will be much appreciated.

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## **Bovingdon Evening WI**

Just a year ago we had become aware that the COVID-19 had been detected in the UK in high numbers and then suddenly we were in lockdown on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. No-one expected that we would again be in lockdown for the third time a year later!! Hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel — when you read this in May everyone over 50 years old should have received their first jab of a vaccine.

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Despite the restrictions the WI have continued to keep in touch with members — there is a WhatsApp group, monthly Zoom meetings and phoning members; all members have received a birthday posy. And now that members are more confident using Zoom we will be having Zoom meetings with speakers starting with a talk about Amersham Auction House.

Several members have shared their lockdown projects on WhatsApp — knitting a jumper for grandchildren, making cushion covers from scraps of fabric, painting furniture. We are compiling a photographic record of this weird year — wildlife and plants seen and the various activities enjoyed. We have enjoyed the local quiz trails and the photo quiz all produced by our members, which have added interest to our walks. At Christmas one of our members made Christmas cards, another made fudge and all members received presents of a homemade Christmas card with a quiz plus a bag of fudge.

Last year our charity fund raised £250 for Bovingdon Lunch Club, and we have decided that our charity this year will be Bovingdon Scouts. We continue to fund raise by making masks and selling and re-selling second-hand paperbacks to our members and friends; as of February we have already raised £78.



We are hopeful that later this year we will be able to meet again face-to-face... subject, as everyone is, to government restrictions and guidelines.

We welcome new members — contact Shirley to find out more.

*Jenny Thirlwell, 831491*

*Shirley Hart, 380355 / shirley.hart@ntlworld.com*

## **Hatch, Match & Dispatch**

### **Baptisms**

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### **Marriages**

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## **Bovingdon Primary Academy**

It is said that times of hardship can bring people closer together. This was certainly the case for the adults and children of Bovingdon Primary Academy. The announcement of lockdown came as a blow to us all and as a school community which thrives on connectedness, we were no different. Lockdown brought with it many questions and concerns but for us, reducing the impact for our wonderful pupils and staff was our main priority.



At a time of such uncertainty, we knew anxiety would be high so decided to make things as 'normal' for our community as we possibly could. Therefore, the children continued to access top-notch learning, support and feedback through Google Classroom with all involved loving how versatile and easy it was to use. Wellbeing, which has always been a priority for our school was pushed even further to the forefront with a million and one ideas swimming around our minds as to how best to support our pupils, staff and community.

It is well known that the use of technical devices for children across the globe increased during lockdown. Being conscious of this and the effects too much screen time can have on wellbeing, we introduced *Wellbeing Wednesdays*. This asked children to step away from their screens on Wednesday afternoons and to take part in activities which encouraged creativity, fun and ways to connect with family members. This was a great success and we were thrilled with how our pupils took to this and all the other initiatives.



We always pride ourselves on fun and engaging learning and lockdown was certainly no exception. We particularly enjoyed our World Book Week celebrations, which included a daily episode of *The Masked Reader*. The children would eagerly await the daily post, which had a number of Bovingdon's staff members dressed in disguise giving themselves peculiar names like 'Invisible Woman' and then reading a story or an extract from a text they love. The children adored trying to guess who was who and the week's celebrations ended with a video message from *The Masked Singer's* very own Joel Dommett himself!



There is so much more I would love to share, like our special PSHE assemblies and lessons linked to heightening and supporting wellbeing or the continuous ways the PE team kept our children active before, during and after lockdown but to mention everything would mean a significantly higher number of additional pages. All I would like to say is, despite all of the trials and tribulations that came with COVID-19, our school and community were able to find a rainbow within those clouds together, supporting each other to get through and to even continue striving to do our best. The strength of community got us through and for this we are all eternally grateful.



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## **Bovingdon History Group**

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History Group**



Bovingdon History Group, like everyone else, has been unable to meet since March last year due to COVID-19. However, we are a group member of the Hertfordshire Association for Local History (HALH) and are invited to their annual Symposium. This lasts one day and a number of speakers are invited to address a theme of local historical interest. Last year's theme was *The Country House at War*, with a programme of four lectures

As a normal meeting could not be held, HALH asked each of the speakers to speak on one of four Zoom meetings held on Wednesday evenings last November. These were very successful, with over a hundred people joining each meeting.

The first lecture was by Helen Fry entitled *Trent Park: Home of the Secret Listeners* and was based on a book she has just published entitled *Walls Have Ears*. Trent Park was a large country house that was fitted out as comfortable quarters for captive high-ranking German officers with secret microphones in every room, enabling German-speaking listeners in the basement to record and translate their conversations. A subtle approach by the officer in charge led to the generals being befriended and given alcohol. They were even taken shopping in Harrods and for afternoon tea at Simpson's and the Ritz. Over time the generals relaxed and began to discuss military matters with each other, revealing valuable information, including secret weapons, V1, V2 and V3. Latimer House was used in the same clandestine way, with microphones everywhere, including garden seats and trees.



The next lecture was given by Alistair Hodgson whose subject was *Salisbury Hall and the de Havilland Aircraft Company*. At the start of World War II the de Havilland company were building Tiger Moths as training aircraft for the RAF. As metals were scarce and expensive, Sir Geoffrey de Havilland obtained funding for a prototype fighter/bomber built from a balsa wood laminate. This revolutionary development had to be kept secret so Salisbury Hall, near London Colney, was acquired for this. The prototype had to be stripped down and shipped by road to the de Havilland airfield at Hatfield then secretly re-assembled and test-flown. The trials were very successful, the aircraft designated as a Mosquito and large numbers built, making a vital contribution to our war effort. De Havilland sub-contracted the building of the laminated bodies to UK furniture manufacturers, and assembled the aircraft at Hatfield.



After the war Salisbury Hall became the first aircraft museum in this country with a Mosquito as a prize exhibit. There is a very interesting collection of other aircraft and memorabilia, many undergoing restoration. Our speaker is curator of the museum and is supported by an army of enthusiastic volunteers.

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## **Bovingdon History Group** (cont'd)

The third lecture was entitled *Poles Apart -The Story of Barnes Lodge, Kings Langley in World War II* and was given by Roger Yapp. Members of the Polish Radio and Intelligence Services escaped from Poland at the start of the war and were initially accommodated in a London Hotel. As numbers grew they were moved to Barnes Lodge, at that time part of the Shendish estate. They set up a radio and cypher group with radio links to resistance groups in Poland and also to Bletchley Park, though they were not allowed to visit Bletchley Park. Further properties were acquired one of which was a large house with extensive grounds in Shothanger Way in Felden.



Of particular interest to Bovingdon was the story of Henryk Zygaliski. He was a mathematician who had worked on an Enigma coding machine before the war and escaped via Vichy in France, Spain and Portugal reaching England in 1943. He lodged in Bovingdon and worked in the cypher unit in Shothanger Way. He passed over to Bletchley Park his manual method of cracking the Enigma code. After the war he remained in England and became a lecturer at Battersea Polytechnic.

The final lecture was given by Des Turner and entitled *The Special Operations Executive (SOE) at Aston House, the Frythe, Briggens and the Thatched Barn*. These were Hertfordshire houses, some of the more than 50 country houses requisitioned throughout England and Scotland by SOE. A large number were used for the selection and training of agents to be dropped into enemy occupied Europe. In addition, many houses were used to manufacture items needed to support the agents. Some specialised in the manufacture of weapons such as exploding mice and cigars, and guns such as a Sten gun disguised as a walking stick and small suitcase. Other houses were clothing factories making hand-made clothes in the style and fabrics of the target countries. Due to the scale of SOE, one house in Hertfordshire became a printing factory, producing top quality forgeries of identity cards, travel warrants and ration books. Documentation on SOE was de-classified in the 1990's and enabled our lecturer to carry out the very detailed research needed for this most interesting lecture.



*Sylvia McClelland, Secretary, [pandsmcc@mccllell.plus.com](mailto:pandsmcc@mccllell.plus.com)*

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# Bovingdon



# Connect

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

The new identity for **Bovingdon Connect** to  
Bovingdon Care has been re-branded as **Bovingdon Connect** to  
be near to normal when this issue of Bovingdon News is published.  
Please call or send a text to 07376 832999 to make a booking.

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 **Bovingdon Connect** on **07376 832999** between 09:30 and 12:30 on weekdays (or send a text message), ideally 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) available 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.





## **St Lawrence Churchyard**

As this edition of Bovingdon News is delivered, spring will be in full bloom in the Churchyard and will soon be giving way to summer. Indeed, the snowdrops were up and looking beautiful in January and February as evidenced by a number of photographic posts on Bovingdon Facebook. Daffodils were radiant in February and March and crocuses and native primroses were abundant too.

The 4.5 acre St Lawrence Churchyard is a living sanctuary for wildlife, unspoilt by agriculture and development and is maintained by an enthusiastic and dedicated team of volunteers who meet, COVID-19 permitting, on the first Saturday of the month throughout the year. Regular jobs are grass mowing, strimming, shrub trimming, pruning and the removal of self-seeded ash, holly, elder and the ever-present brambles.

At the time of writing, at the end of February, a number of individuals were planning for some exercise at the beginning of March to clear some end of winter debris and remove the last of the Christmas wreaths and decorations from graves.

There are records of over 1,700 graves but there have been many more burials down the ages as there has been a church on the site since the year 1200.

As the Prime Minister's route out of lockdown is followed, so the team will be able to meet in greater numbers and partake in refreshments through summer and into autumn. By the time summer arrives the team will be on top of grass mowing and strimming, apart from in the three managed wildflower areas in the north and north-east areas of the churchyard that are left untouched until August when one area is cut, followed by another in September and the third in October. Nothing is cut in these areas until the wildflowers have resown their seeds.

This year's snowdrops were prolific, and, at the time of writing, the greenery is above ground that should ensure a fine display of bluebells under the canopy of trees.

We continue to recycle as much churchyard waste as possible and rarely have more than one bonfire a year — and that is timed to co-incide with Bonfire Night.

There are times of the year, especially at the height of the growing season in summer, when a few more mid-week volunteers could take some pressure off the Saturday team. If you have some time and could spare an hour or two a month, or you would like to join the monthly gardening team in one of Hertfordshire's biggest and most beautiful churchyards, do please make contact: I'd be delighted to hear from you, and you would be made most welcome.

*Gary Cullum, Churchyard Officer, St Lawrence Church*  
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## **Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club**

[www.bovingdontenniscub.co.uk](http://www.bovingdontenniscub.co.uk)

A friendly, local club, the Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club has had a busy year, despite multiple disruptions to play. Over the course of the year we were delighted to welcome many new members across all ages and levels of play, all of whom have contributed to the vibrant nature of the club. For many, playing tennis during this trying time has provided welcome respite from the difficulties of the last year.

Despite the restrictions in place during parts of the year, we still managed to run many of the activities that are so enjoyed by our members: social play sessions, beginners' groups, improvers' sessions, junior activities and coaching drills. We even ran a few floodlit tournaments alongside our hugely popular box leagues.

For those members who are more competitive, we entered teams in local leagues in the mens, ladies and mixed doubles categories. All of our teams were performing extremely well before yet another lockdown curtailed our play. While disappointing it augers well for the upcoming season when we will once again enter teams to compete against other local clubs.

Of course, there have been periods when we have been unable to play but a small team of innovative volunteers have got members together in a series of virtual social events. Ranging from wine and gin tastings, through quizzes to a murder-mystery evening, we have reconnected with friends to have some off-court fun together.

Work to maintain and enhance the club's premises has also continued. An active 'workers group' made up of enthusiastic members works hard to provide a pleasant, practical and safe environment in which to play with new additions including perimeter lighting, side netting and a spectator shelter. To continue the club's development, we have recently undertaken a survey of members to understand what they want from their club. The results are eagerly awaited and will inform a strategy for the club which will be reviewed at an EGM in the coming months.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to being back on court. We have put in place multiple measures to provide a safe environment in which to play, including the installation of multiple hand sanitizers, registration codes, and signage. If you would like to join us, we would love to welcome you. We have a range of membership options all of which are outlined on our website.

We hope to see you at our courts on Green Lane soon.

[www.bovingdontenniscub.co.uk](http://www.bovingdontenniscub.co.uk)





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## **Royal British Legion Update**



During the period from March to November 2020 nothing much took place due to the lockdown and restrictions imposed by the Government. We were frustrated by not being able to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day or VJ day in traditional fashion, and nor could we support village events such as the Church Fête and the Dog Show with a gazebo presence, all of which would have normally collected up to £500 towards the annual poppy collection. The Remembrance Service in November also had to take place in the churchyard. However when the operational restrictions were eased by the government in the late summer and autumn, we were able to hold a limited poppy collection, and, led by the school, which collected over £700 pounds, and the shops, some of whom collected more than in any previous year, we collected over £3,200, which was an excellent outcome in the circumstances.

Our friends in Chipperfield did particularly well, so the overall total for the Sub-Branch was £9,810, which is only approximately 10% below the average for the past five years in spite of no contribution from either the fireworks in Chipperfield or the Market on the airfield. I thank all the collectors, donors and individual contributors for their time, effort, and generosity in helping to achieve such a satisfactory result.

Now we have a roadmap set by the Government for the rest of this year it is for us to re-establish connection with those bodies who were unable to contribute in 2020 due to external factors but who will now be able to support us, and individually be mindful that there continue to be a large number of ex-military personnel and their families who need our support. We must also try and take full advantage of commemorating any special military events during the rest of the year as guided by the RBL.

*Tom Morkill, 834268*  
*Sub-Branch Chairman*

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## **Volunteering in Your Local Community**

Despite being closed since the first lockdown, the Volunteer Centre has been supporting local voluntary organisations, and recruiting volunteers to help out in the local community.



We have been extremely busy helping to recruit hundreds of fantastic volunteers, who have offered their time to help at the two local COVID-19 Vaccination Hubs at Maxted Road and Hemel Hempstead Hospital, to help drive elderly and vulnerable people to hospital and doctor appointments, and to make regular phone calls to vulnerable people in the local area.

If you are interested in volunteering in your local community please contact the Volunteer Centre.

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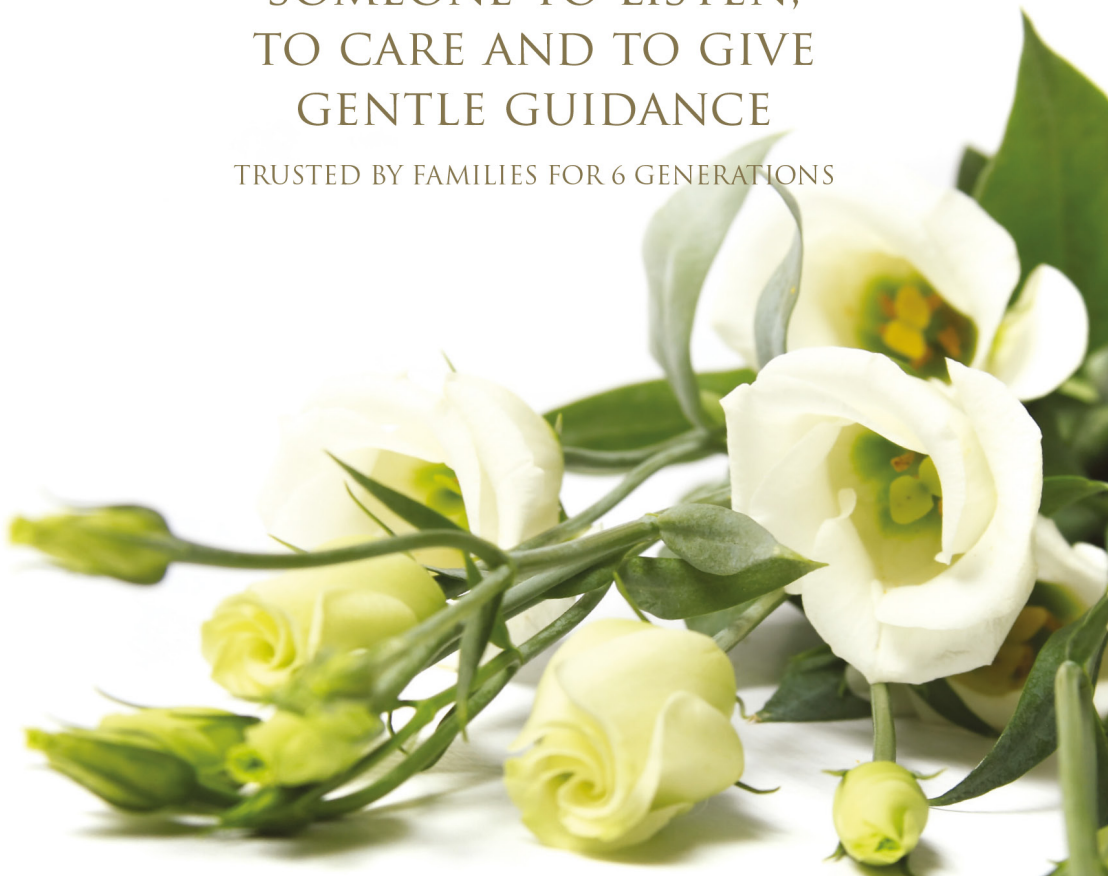
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## **LIBRARY OPENING TIMES**

Bovingdon Community Library remains closed due to the on-going COVID-19 situation. However, the main library in Hemel has re-opened but with restrictions, please refer to the Herts library website for more details:

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In the interim, all library members are also eligible to use any other library within the Hertfordshire boundaries. Please check the Herts library website for full details of library services during COVID-19

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/library-services-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/library-services-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak)

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# Parish Office Information

The Parish Office at the Memorial Hall remains closed to visitors until further notice. We are still working though; if you wish to contact the Parish Council please either email or call us on the details below, during normal office hours.

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