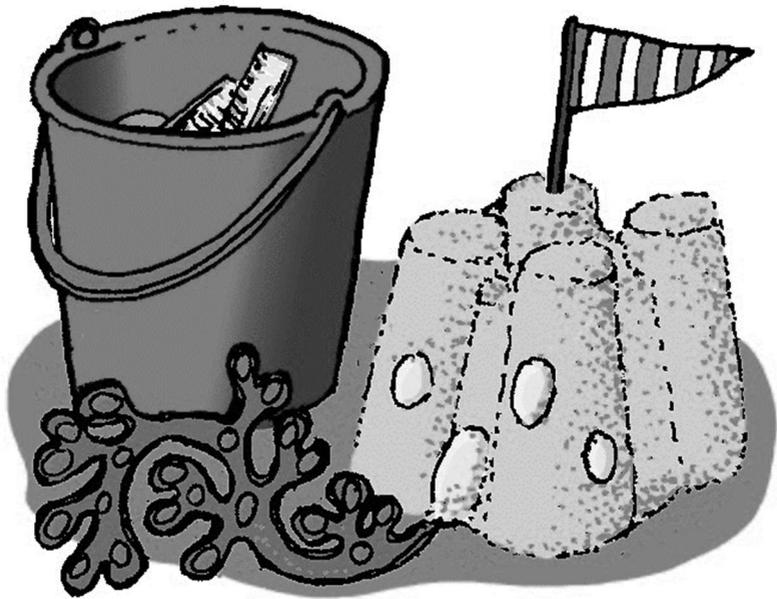


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Dear Friends of the Parish of White Waltham and Woodlands Park,
“Boy from home done good!” “Girl from the neighbourhood succeeds!”
We all get a bit proud if someone we know or are associated with does well – achieves fame or glory – whether it be a family member, colleague or friend.

In Luke 4 we have recorded the ‘homecoming’ of Jesus. He comes back to Nazareth, having achieved some fame throughout Galilee as a wise and powerful teacher. Can you imagine the buzz? “What will he say and do?”
Jesus has a scroll of Isaiah opened, and reads these words:

*‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’*

Then, into the expectant hush he says

“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Wow, good news, the season of the Lord’s favour, but who is this for?

Maybe Jesus was speaking to you?

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 **White Waltham**

Good news to the poor, the materially poor yes, but importantly the ‘poor in Spirit’ of whom Jesus also says, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”.

Who are these poor?

The poor are **prisoners** – do you ever feel trapped by situations, habits, attitudes? Maybe it is money and greed or jealousy, sensuality and the chase of the next experience for fulfilment, or a destructive relationship or habit.

Maybe Jesus was speaking to you.

The poor are **blind** – in the bible, light is associated with truth and good; darkness is ignorance and deceit. Do you feel the need for wisdom, for truth and a better understanding of who you are and what you are for?

Maybe Jesus was speaking to you.

The poor are **oppressed/crushed** – do you feel a guilt or unworthiness, or that feeling of almost being suffocated by problems so that you cannot summon the strength and direction to escape?

Maybe Jesus was speaking to you.

But we need to understand that the ‘poor’ are humble. They are ready to receive help, admit their lack and failings, not self-reliant nor self-righteous.

We have been thinking about that in our church family. We pray that when you visit with us you will find us repentant, humble and so offering a loving welcome to you. Because we all need to receive God’s love in Jesus, none of us is more worthy or deserving than any other, even (and especially) the vicar! And the good news for the poor that Jesus came to proclaim, is that we can indeed receive the help we need freely, not because of who we are or what we do, but through who God is and what God has done.

Good news for the poor indeed!

If you feel you don’t know much about who the historical Jesus is, and what he said and did, we would love it if you came along on a Sunday morning to find out more. Or do join our course this autumn as we look at the short book of Mark, explore what this good news is, and share our questions and doubts. More details on page 9.

Dave

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As the term draws to a close, we reflect on what has been a busy and successful year here at Woodlands Park School. The summer term has been full to the brim with activities and events.

With the weather improving this term, we've been using our outdoor spaces more. The forest school has been a hive of excitement, as our EYFS children have been creating nature trails and learning about mini beasts. Our Year 1s and 2s have visited Odds Farm and with the recent hot days, the children have enjoyed cooling off in our swimming pool.



Swimming is not the only sport we have been working on this term. Our Sports Days provided an opportunity to participate and compete in track and field events. Our Year 1 – 6 day started with an opening ceremony, where four flag bearers led our houses (Ashdown, Dean, Epping and Sherwood) out onto the playing field. Children were supported by 6th formers from Cox Green and participated in running, jumping and throwing events. It was a close competition but Epping House were the triumphant winners!



The school were also invited to represent Maidenhead at the Berkshire Youth Games, which took place at Braywick Leisure Centre in June. With the sports programme significantly improving this year, we were pleased to receive the bronze School Games award for the first time.

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In the penultimate week of term, we held our Key Stage 2 production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. The show was the hottest ticket in town, with both nights sold out! The children loved performing to their families and many of the children showed how much they have grown in confidence, over the course of this year.



At the start of the new academic year, we will be hosting two open mornings and our first ever open evening. Please check our website – www.woodlandsparkschool.org in August for details of dates and times.

We wish all our families a happy holiday and we look forward to the start of another exciting academic year, in September!

Jamie Miles

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Church Family Picnic

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All of these were had on Sunday 12th June as we gathered in the churchyard for our church family picnic. But what makes it a “church family” picnic? Isn’t the church a building, and who are the family?

We are blessed in our village to have a beautiful church building, but the building itself isn’t actually the church; the church is the people and the people are a family.

One of the wonderful things about being a Christian is being adopted into a new spiritual family. Suddenly inheriting parents and grandparents, uncle and aunts who love you and whom you can love; children who make you laugh and keep you young, brothers who tease you and encourage you, sisters who laugh with you and cry with you. Old and young from all walks of life, a motley bunch who are far from perfect, but who love each other as they have been loved by their Heavenly Father.

A church family picnic is not just a club of folk who like singing hymns and enjoying the churchyard on a Sunday afternoon; it’s a loving family, sharing the ups and down of life together. And the wonderful thing about this type of family is that it is never full, it is ever-growing as we welcome in with open arms any who would love to join us.

Katie Croft



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We've had a busy few months with a visit to Waltham Place, a Garden Party and an interesting morning where a visiting demonstrator showed us how to do a pedestal arrangement. All thoroughly enjoyed by our members.

Here are some more dates for your diary:

Saturday 2nd September at 10am – a workshop on practising what we learnt from our recent demonstration in any container you like. Bring your own flowers and foliage. In The Tree House.

Saturday 23rd September at 10am – decorate the church for Harvest Festival. In the church.

Friday 3rd November at 2pm – a Autumn Garden visit to St Timothee, Pinkneys Green – a tour of the garden, slides and a talk to include tea and cake – cost £16. Please give your name and money to Carolyn at one of the September meetings.

There will be some Christmas activities including a coffee morning, a demonstration and a Christmas workshop in late November and early December. Dates and details in due course.

We always welcome new members to our friendly group. You don't have to be an experienced flower arranger to join us.

For information on any of our activities please contact Carolyn Thompson 07834 545967, Liz Atlay 07881 785131 or Julia Hodgson 07904 999685.

We look forward to seeing you.



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Playing Updates The sun finally arrived in a big way and cricket has been in full flow since the early season washout. Both our league sides find themselves halfway through the season now. At this stage of the season, it's been a mixed bag and both sides currently reside in 8th place – see league tables below:

1XI – Division 4A

Team	P	W(T)	W(O)	D	T	L	A/C	F(+)	F(-)	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Ump Bonus	Points
1 Purley-on-Thames	9	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	16	10	0	8	157 ↕
2 Newbury	9	1	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	10	10	0	8	148 ↕
3 Wokingham 3	9	1	3	2	0	2	1	0	0	27	13	0	8	146 ↕
4 Thatcham Town	9	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	17	20	0	7	145 †
5 Reading 2	9	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	15	16	0	8	140 †
6 Cove 2	9	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	26	24	0	7	136 †
7 Finchampstead 3	9	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	27	17	0	8	131 †
8 White Waltham	9	1	1	3	0	2	2	0	0	31	16	0	7	115 †
9 Taplow	9	0	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	24	18	0	7	107 ↕
10 Boynce Hill 2	9	0	0	2	0	6	1	0	0	46	30	0	8	91 ↕

**one particular bright spark has been the performances of Matt Furness, who currently at the half way stage has the second most runs in the league structure (of some 220 teams) – fantastic work Matt!*

2XI – Division 6B

Team	P	W(T)	W(O)	D	T	L	A/C	F(+)	F(-)	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Ump Bonus	Points
1 Kidmore End 2	9	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	16	7	0	1	172 ↕
2 Sulhamstead & Ufton 2	9	2	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	6	9	0	7	152 ↕
3 Theale & Tilehurst 2	9	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	29	20	0	2	127 †
4 Wokingham 4	9	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	27	14	0	3	127 †
5 Aldershot 2	9	1	2	2	0	3	1	0	0	24	16	0	8	124 †
6 Purley-on-Thames 2	9	2	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	26	17	0	7	107 †
7 Finchampstead 4	9	1	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	28	16	0	0	98 †
8 White Waltham 2	9	0	2	1	0	4	2	0	0	18	15	0	4	95 †
9 Boynce Hill 3	9	0	1	2	0	4	2	0	0	42	24	0	0	95 †
10 Bagshot 2	9	0	2	3	0	2	2	0	0	25	10	0	0	93 ↕

Our Sunday side have also been playing regular cricket and it's pleasing to see so many youngsters appearing for the team. We also hosted the annual game v The Beehive on 25th June which was a successful day, raising money for Prostate Cancer UK.

It's been great to see our Juniors playing regular league cricket, with particularly excellent performances from our U11's and U9's who registered their first win of the season recently.

Other News As always, the club has been fundraising hard and we are delighted to say our new nets will be fitted in the coming weeks. This will be a big boost for the club, and we look forward to unveiling them soon!

Feel free to pop by the club for a drink on match day, we'd love to see you.

Many thanks, *Jonny Mahoney (WWCC Chair)*

For more information, or if you are interested to join/train with the club, then please visit our website or contact us using one of the below options:

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Woodlands Park Summer Fayre

On Saturday 24th June, Housing Solutions coordinated a 'Summer Fayre' in Woodlands Park. Maybe you were there?

We were there as the church, running games for free, and giving away (too many?) sweets and lollies in reward for good throws, lucky guesses, and clever shoving of 2 penny pieces. (Quite an impressive record was set for this last one!) There were a good number of other stalls and community groups represented such as the scouts, some advice groups and Woodlands Park School too.

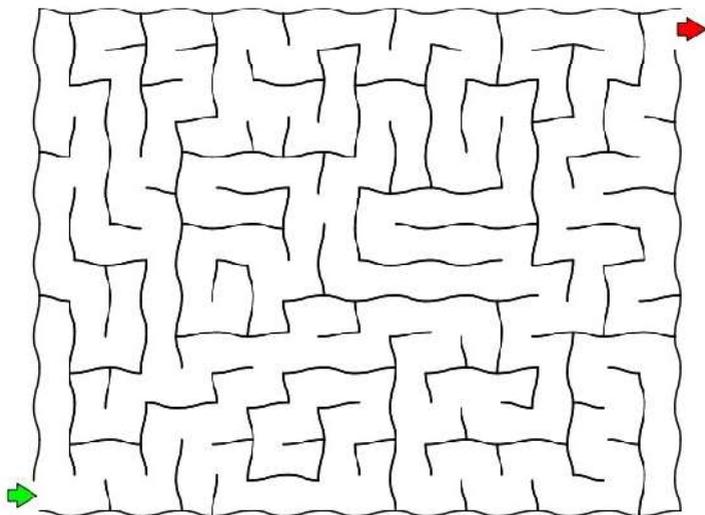
Despite the heat, a good number of people turned out, and there was soon a crowd of happy painted faces, clutching modelled balloons to see. Well done to Lorna from Housing Solutions, who worked to coordinate the various helpers and groups. This is always a lovely time to meet and have fun together as a community, recognising some friends and making new relationships.

We continue to pray for you in the parish, and we want to know how best to love our neighbours; what practical help or events would bless you most effectively and so share on the blessings we are given freely by our loving Father God. As well as, of course, to hold out the free invitation to join us in our church family, as we grow in our love for God and for each other.

Dave

Revd Dave Atallah

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White Waltham CE Academy



It has been a jam-packed summer term with lots of exciting learning and experiences for all the children at White Waltham. Below are just some of the highlights for a brilliant end to the school year.

Foundation have been very busy this term! First with their topic about hats, where the children learnt all about different types of hats and their uses, including: hats to keep us safe; hats for special occasions and hats of faith. The children loved setting up and running their own hat shops in the role play area, as well as designing and making their own hats. The children were able to show off their creations during their own Mad Hatter's tea party, which was a lot of fun!

For the second half of the summer term, Foundation have been learning all about plants and growing with their extraordinary garden topic, where they have had the chance to learn about the different parts of a plant. They have set up their own garden centre in the role play area to buy and sell different seeds and plants. They children planted some of their own plants, including a tomato plant, and watched as the tomatoes developed and ripened.

Foundation also had two school visits this term. Firstly, they were able to go on their visit to Waltham Farm, where they learnt all about the animals at the farm and how to take care of them. Foundation also visited Windsor Great Park's environmental centre to learn about woodland plants and wildlife.



Year 1 and 2 have really enjoyed their topic 'Our Wonderful World'. In this environmental themed topic, they have learnt about the famous broadcaster and natural historian Sir David Attenborough. They learnt that he has visited countries all around the world to explore the animals and plants that live there. The children then located Madagascar on the world map. They investigated the climate in Africa and how animals are adapted to live there. The children then did some fieldwork on the school grounds to see what living things can be found there and discovered an array of minibeasts! The children completed observational drawings of the insects and created collages of them inspired by the work of Eric Carle (author of the Very Hungry Caterpillar).



To enhance the learning throughout this topic, Year 1 and 2 visited Beale Park to learn about the animals they look after that come from Africa and how they are suited to their natural habitat.

Year 3 and 4 have been learning about kings and queens with their topic 'Marvellous Monarchs'. They looked back to almost 1000 years ago in 1066, when William the Conqueror became king after the battle of Hastings. They learnt about how the role of a king is very different today to how it was in William's reign and learned about how key events, such as the signing of the Magna Carta, resulted in monarchy having less power. In Geography, the children learnt about the United Kingdom. Learning the names of the four countries and their capital cities as well as landmarks and climate differences between each area of the UK.

For the second half of the summer term, the children have been thinking about how to take care of our environment. They gathered recyclable materials and used these to make eco-friendly musical instruments. To enrich this learning, the children were joined by Fred from 'The Beat Goes On' to learn about how to use household items as well as body percussion to make different rhythms.

Year 5 and 6 have been very inspired by their topic 'Global Warming'. They began the topic by learning about the causes and effects of climate change. They used maps and data to explore parts of the world which are most impacted and why. In Design Technology, the children learnt about flooding in Bangladesh due to the changing climate. They then designed and made a sustainable floating garden prototype to solve the problem of growing crops in flooded areas. The children learnt about King Charles III and his keen interest in the environment and ways to protect it, including the Terra Carta - an agreement by businesses to move towards a more sustainable future. As part of this topic, the children visited Epping Forest to take part in a workshop by the Field Studies Council.



We finished the year with a fantastic production of Matilda. The children really enjoyed learning the famous story written by Roald Dahl and learnt lots of new skills putting on the performance. We were hampered by the rain during our rehearsals, which meant the final performance went ahead without being able to practise it fully beforehand. The children all did a superb job of learning lines, songs and dances.

The children were able to support in the creation of props and set design for the production too. The whole experience was a wonderful finale to our 2022-23 academic year and the year 6's did a brilliant job of leading the production. Hopefully, it will be a special memory for them to have of the end of their primary days.

Mrs Denham

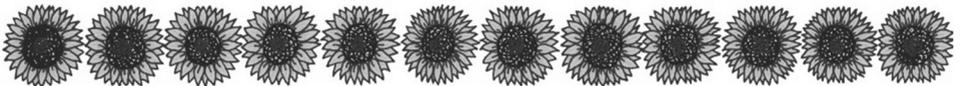
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Could you help with online Language Lessons for Refugees?

In April of last year, I saw a plea for people to help with online English language classes – no need for any previous experience or qualifications, just be willing and available on Zoom for an hour and a half each week in term time. I had been looking for a manageable way in which I could support those arriving from Ukraine in particular, so I expressed an interest in helping and duly signed up!

After a quick training session via Zoom, I saw a class at a time and day of the week that suited me and found myself helping in a group led by an experienced teacher, along with a number of other ‘tutors’ like me. We are emailed some details before each session so we know what topic we are doing (e.g. ‘eating out’) and during the session we each take a small group of 3 or 4 people to chat through some pre-prepared questions/areas for discussion - perhaps using photos, video or audio to prompt our conversation. I have really enjoyed being able to engage with the students through the classes and making a difference, albeit in a very small way.

Classes are very over-subscribed (300+ people on the waiting list!) with numbers of helpers being the limiting factor. ***So if you could help, please email Bridget on waltham.vicar@btinternet.com.*** I’ll try to answer your questions and can provide details of who to contact to find out more.



Musings on modern life

Gardens are not made by singing ‘Oh how beautiful’
and sitting in the shade.

Rudyard Kipling

If parents haven’t learned something from experience,
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Anon

What we see in others often reveals something about us.

Anon

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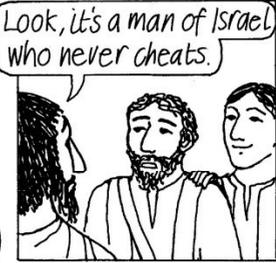
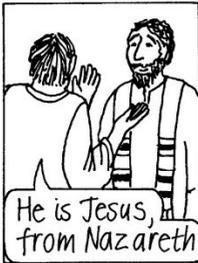
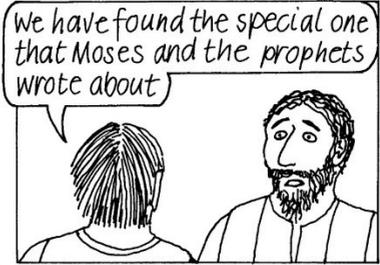
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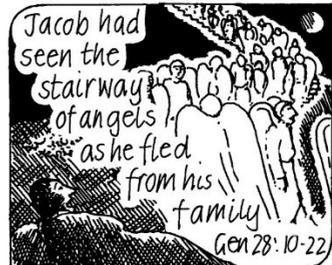
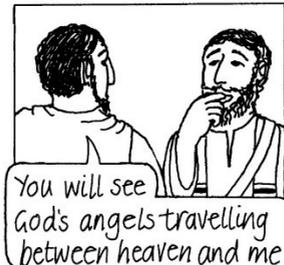
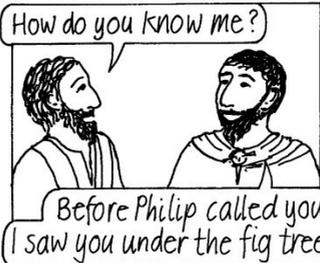
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 1 verses 35 - 51

After Jesus had called Peter and Andrew to be his disciples, he went to find their friend Philip ...



Background: the ancestor of the Israelites was Jacob, whose name meant 'Grasper' or 'Cheat', and who cheated his father and brother. God gave him a new start and a new name - Israel - 'Prince of God'. Gen 25, 27, 32



...and complete this Wordsearch about it!

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Restoration of the Chapel Room

Just over a year ago, a few bits of lime plaster were found on the floor in the Chapel Room. An inspection was made and we quickly realised that a restoration project was needed.

We applied to the Diocese to get a repair underway quickly, but this always takes time. We had wanted to use modern materials (to save on cost and labour) but these suggestions were rejected so we agreed to restore the lime plaster onto the original laths, plus a lime-wash paint as a full restoration project. The estimated cost was £20,000 which we raised from trusts, very generous local people and our own congregation. We thank God for these very kind donations and are very grateful to all those who have been supporting this project.

The work involved removing loose plaster, cutting out the many cracks back to the laths and fitting 24 metres of mesh between the rafters to provide a solid base for the new lime plaster. There were three layers of lime plaster, as originally built, and then three coats of lime-wash paint to finish off the decoration. The rest of the Chapel Room was then carefully painted in lime-wash to match everything up.

Our world is full of damaged situations and things falling apart. There are plenty of cracks that need to be repaired. There are pieces that need to be renewed – replaced with better, stronger leadership and decision making. Our world needs to have a whole new foundation (like the plaster with its strong mesh fixings) and a new coat of paint to freshen everything up.

As for you and me, we too are flawed and have broken pieces in our lives – cracks that need major restoration. The Bible reminds us that Jesus came:

- to mend the broken
- to sort out the weak cracks in our lives
- to restore us to what we should be like

It is only when we accept his inspection report of our situation and recognise that we need an expert to restore us back to full health and usefulness, that he can properly help us.

The Bible calls all these failures in our human structure 'sin' and Jesus is the only saviour in the world who can deal with all of our sin because:

- he died on the cross for you and me and overcame all sin and evil
- he rose again from the dead, demonstrating his power to save by defeating death.

So come to church, have a look in the Chapel Room and remind yourself of how the restoration in there reminds us of the restoration that Jesus offers each one of us.

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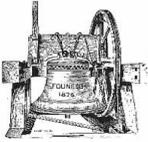
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Tales from the Bells



 *White Waltham Bell Ringing*

Earlier this year was the Sonning Deanery Branch AGM. As a member of the Branch, and as Bell Captain, I attend these meetings. While at the meeting I discovered something very interesting: ringers who are long-serving members and have shown dedication to their tower and ringing are eligible to receive a certificate called a "Testimonial". After a bit of research, I discovered that one of our ringers was eligible for this certificate, which was long overdue....

Something as special as this was presented during a church service at White Waltham in front of the rest of the church family. It is for this person's dedication in their service in calling people to worship by the ringing of the bells. The award was for Bob Packer, formerly of Shottesbrooke where he served as tower captain for many years. He was elected a member of the Guild in April 1970. He had begun his ringing at Caversham tower.

Although Bob has physically had to give up ringing, something that he has loved doing very much, he continued to assist me when I deputised for a few years at Shottesbrooke. Bob continued to support the ringing by being tower correspondent, and assisted me in the writing of Tales from The Bells article for the parish magazine up until the change in the administration of Shottesbrooke church, after which he has become a member of White Waltham tower. Bob still continues to pay his subs to the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers so that he is kept up to date with regards to any news about ringing.

There is one very important role that he continues to do for me and the ringing at White Waltham. This role has been, and continues to be, that of praying: praying for more ringers. And God has answered Bob's prayers for the bell ringing at White Waltham. We have gained two new recruits! It is hoped that God will continue to answer Bob's prayers for us so that we are able to continue to ring the bells at White Waltham, calling people to worship and for those who are yet to find Christ, to know that the church is here whenever they need it, be it at times of sorrow or celebration.

Bob was thrilled to bits when he received his certificate, which is now displayed in pride of place at his home. Congratulations and thank you Bob for your continued support and contribution to ringing.

Lesley Graves *Bell Captain*

Tel: 01628 822000 Email: white.waltham@sdb.odg.org.uk

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 9th September

WHY?
It's the annual Ride & Stride event!

This national event happens every year across the country. Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride - simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family, perhaps every person in your congregation could sponsor you?

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm and many people make a day of it. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open and offering refreshments too.

Your nominated church (St Mary's, White Waltham we hope!) will benefit hugely as they will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need.

More details will be available closer to the event from your local co-ordinator, Bridget Tracy (Waltham.vicar@btinternet.com) or from the BHCT Ride & Stride website <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>



Triumphant Love

The war in Ukraine has shown us the horrors that can occur when hatred is released and we witness a disregard for human life. We have become witnesses of man’s inhumanity to man. One is tempted to ask, ‘Why?’ and, ‘What has gone wrong?’

How indeed does evil enter the world? ‘To every action there is an opposite reaction’. The manifestation of hatred that we have seen has been countered by an outpouring of compassion – an innate love has prevailed. It has been said ‘for evil to flourish, it is only necessary for good men and women to do nothing’. When such goodness is released, virtue becomes prominent. As people flee the horrors of conflict, an outpouring of love becomes evident, aid is offered in a multitude of ways. Where there has been destruction, lives taken, and attempts at total annihilation, we are reminded of those words of Jesus that we find in Luke’s Gospel:

*‘Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body
and after that can do no more’.*

(Luke 12:4)

Bob Packer

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In May's edition, Maureen thanked all who voted for her and allowed her to continue working for you in this beautiful Ward. She also informed you she was looking forward to working with George, her fellow councillor who was elected and very excited to be one of your councillors for Hurley and Walthams Ward. This is the Ward he grew up in and continues to live in and, like Maureen, knows the area. George feels honoured and privileged that you have put your trust in him to represent you on the council. He is looking forward to meeting so many of you over the next few years and working with you and for you.

Our local news

Many of you will be aware of the congestion on Cannon Lane due to vehicles queuing to enter Manor Green School. 'Keep Clear' signs have been inserted on the road at either end of the tunnel and further schemes are being looked at to alleviate this congestion.

For note: the applications 22/02213 and 22/02197 for the gas fired electricity facility on land south of Howe Lane, Paley Street has been withdrawn.

COUNCIL NEWS

A New Community Lottery for RBWM

Windsor & Maidenhead Community Lottery provides a free online fundraising tool to local Not For Profits and charity groups to create more sustainable fundraising revenue.

Good Cause registrations are open. For those Good Causes it is a FREE opportunity to use incentivised giving with Windsor & Maidenhead Community Lottery without having to worry about lottery licensing – RBWM take care of that so you don't have to. Visit www.rbwm.gov.uk for more details and to register.

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- Your own public Good Cause webpage and private dashboard on the lottery website
- Regular **monthly payments**

Highways

Remember, you can report potholes, overhanging vegetation etc. directly to the council on the council's website www.rbwm.gov.uk and enter 'report it form' in the Search box or via: <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/apply-pay-report/report-it>

Cost of Living

This was mentioned in May's edition and a link for anyone seeking help was given. However, since then interest rates have increased and nothing seems to have decreased. We are aware that those who were just about managing then may now find it more and more difficult to manage.

You may be aware the library in Maidenhead has officers who can help with advice around the cost-of-living support and/or getting online to access the support. Our libraries are safe spaces for the community. During opening hours, people are welcome to use library facilities, use the public-access computers.

Another good point of call is our VCS partner Citizens Advice, who can be contacted via freephone on 0808 278 7914. They exist to help solve life's problems by providing free, impartial, confidential and independent advice and information to everyone.

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/community-and-living/community-support/here-help>

Biodiversity lending library

There is specialist equipment you can borrow to find out more about the biodiversity in your garden or nearby environment. To conserve nature, we need to know what is around us, and how it is changing. You could see if bats are ducking and diving in the skies above your garden by borrowing a device that can pick up their chirps and clicks that are too high a frequency for us to hear. There are also thermal monacles and cameras to discover what shy creatures come out after dark, and the grassland nets to investigate the biodiversity clinging onto the long stalks. Simple identification guides are also available to borrow.

The lending library is managed by our team at Braywick Nature Centre. The equipment is free to borrow for you to complete your own biodiversity surveys, which can be uploaded on our website. If you'd like to borrow something, please contact the library as below. We hope you enjoy finding out more about the wildlife in your local area.

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You may like to get involved, share ideas, discuss important topics, provide feedback on policy, planning and contribute to the future of your borough. www.rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk

We hope you all have a lovely summer and take advantage of all the activities over the summer. Please remember, we are here to help you with any council issue you may have.

Maureen and George

Maureen Hunt and George Blundell



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Restrictions:

The trustees cannot help pay for rates, taxes or other public funds. However, it may use its funds to add to help that is already being provided out of public funds.

Each application for funding will be considered separately. Applications that are successful on one occasion may not be successful in future.

If you believe you would qualify for funding, please get in contact with the clerk by email (carolynt52@icloud.com) or telephone (07834 545967) and you will be contacted by your local Trustee.

A letter of support will be required from:

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Smile Lines

Smart worms

Earth flew in all directions as the crimson-faced would-be golfer attempted to strike the ball. "Goodness," he finally blurted to his caddie, "the worms around here will think there's been an earthquake."

"Never mind," said the caddie, "they are pretty smart – by now they will be hiding beneath the ball for safety."



Way ahead

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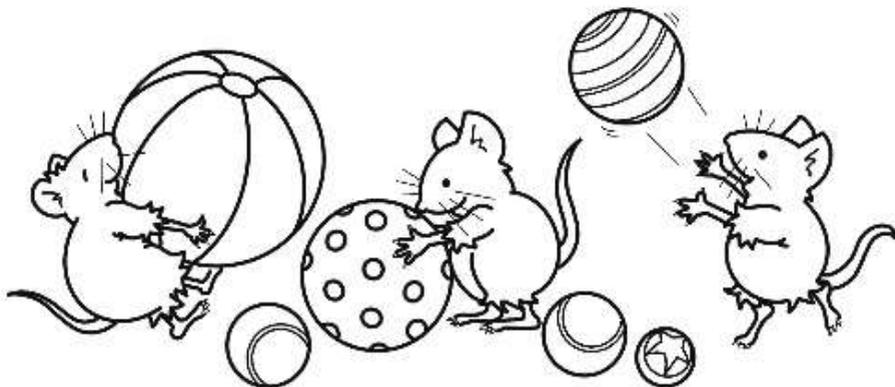
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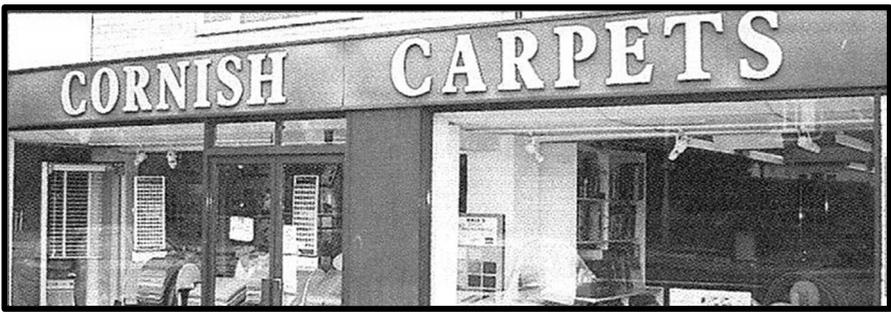
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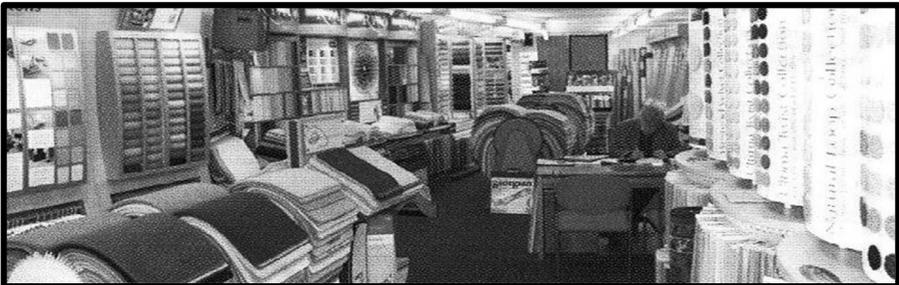


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