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# WHAT'S ON IN MARCH 2012

## MONDAYS

- 10:00am – 12 noon Multi Activity Group at Seth Ward Community Centre. Contact Dave Austin on 01763 272066.
- 10:30am – 12 noon Iyengar Yoga Classes at URC Hall – term time only. Contact Jen Harris on 01920 821288.
- 10:00 & 10:45am Stretch'n'Grow – 10:00am session for 18 months to 2 yrs; 10:45 for over 2s. At Seth Ward Community Centre. £2 per family. 01763 273008
- 1:30pm – 3:00pm Stay & Play at Jenyns First School, Braughing. £1 per family. 01763 273008.
- 1:30pm – 3:30pm Senior Citizens Club at URC Hall, Baldock Road. Bingo and an afternoon of socialising. For more information contact Jeanne Clark on 01763 274631.
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm Cougars Under 7s training, Norfolk Road. Andy on 07941 078069.
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm Shotokan Karate at Seth Ward Community Centre. Contact Peter Deacon on 01462 642922.
- 7:00pm Play Bridge for experienced players at Buntingford Bowls Club. £2.50 per session. Contact Gwen on 01763 272775 or Eddie on 07976 896718.
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm Pilates at Benson Hall. Contact Jacqui on 01763 274681.
- 7:30pm – 8:15pm Abs (body toning) session at Fit Together Gym, Buntingford. Contact Al on 07739 131694.
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm Buntingford Community Choir at Edwinstree School, Bowling Green Lane. No need to read music, no auditions, just bring your enthusiasm! For more details call 07814 912595 or email [buntingfordchoir@gmail.com](mailto:buntingfordchoir@gmail.com).
- 7:30pm – 9:45pm Buntingford & District Youth Club for young people aged 13–19 years, held at the Technical Institute, Baldock Road. Contact Nick Howell on 07789 92764 or email [nick.howell@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:nick.howell@hertscc.gov.uk).
- 8:15pm Circuit Training at Seth Ward Community Centre. Contact 01920 823677.

## TUESDAYS

- 9:15am – 10:15am Badminton at Seth Ward CC, £2.50 per session. 01763 273712.
- 9:30am – 11:00am Tuesday Toddlers at URC Hall, Baldock Road. £1.50 includes drink and snack. Term time.
- 10:00am – 11:00am Under 1s Group at Buntingford Bowls Club. £1 per family. 01763 273008.
- 11:15am – 12:15pm Musical Minis at Seth Ward Community Centre. £2 per family. 01763 273008
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm Leapfrogs Pre-school (Great Hormead). Cookery sessions for ages 2 to 5 years, £6.75 per session. It is not necessary to be attending the pre-school. Booking is required. Please call 01763 289942. Term time only.
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm Musical Minis at Seth Ward Community Centre. £2 per family. 01763 273008
- 3:30pm – 9:00pm Buntingford Dancing School – Dance classes at Layston School. Contact Philippa on 01763 271010.
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm Cougars Under 12s Blues training, Norfolk Road. Shaun on 07836 214129.
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm Cougars Under 14s training, Norfolk Road. Frank on 07768 078167.
- 7:00pm – 8:15pm Grade 5 Ballet Lessons, Layston School. Contact Philippa on 01763 271010.
- 7.30pm Buntingford Karate Club, Edwinstree School Gym. Contact Bill Hooper 01763 273123.

## WEDNESDAYS

- 10:00pm – 3:00pm Story Sacks at Jenyns First School, Braughing. £1 per child. 01763 273008.
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm Baby Café for pregnant mums and new parents with babies under 20 weeks. At Bramble Hill Children's Centre, Mill Close. 01763 273008.
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm Cougars Under 10s training, Norfolk Road. Martin on 07834 318518.
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Circuit Training for 50+ at Seth Ward Community Centre. Contact Rita on 07957 558782.
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm Cougars Under 11s training, Norfolk Road. Sean on 07860 365681
- 7:30pm – 8:30pm Body Circuit classes at Seth Ward Community Centre. Contact Rita on 07957 558782.
- 7:30pm – 8:15pm Boxercise/Tae Bo session at Fit Together Gym, Buntingford. Contact Al on 07739 131694.
- 8:00pm – 9:00pm Cougars Under 16s training, Norfolk Road. Mike 01763 271750.
- 8:00pm Horizon Divers at Freman Pool. Contact 01920 823955.

## THURSDAYS

- 9:30am – 11:00am Little Ones Mother & Toddler Group at Scout Hut. Contact Jean on 01763 272081 or Lindsey on 01763 274868.
- 9:30am – 11:00am Mother & Toddler Group at Anstey Village Hall (next to the school). Arts & crafts, music, outdoor activities, small world play, trikes & bikes & role play. Term-time only, £2.50 per child (tea & coffee, snacks & juice included).
- 9:45am – 11:00am Jumping Jacks Stay & Play, Herts County Guide Headquarters, Cottered. £1 per family. 01763 273008.
- 10:00am – 12:00pm Carpet Bowls at The Bowls Club, Wyddial Road. Phone Julia on 01763 272584.
- 11:00am – 12:00pm Fitness for 50+ at Seth Ward Community Centre. £4 per person per class. Contact Eileen Dixon 01763 257474 or 07966 222272, or email: eileensaerobics@hotmail.com
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm Leapfrogs Pre-school (Great Hornead). Art sessions, 18 months to 5 years, 1:30pm–2:30pm, £6.75 per session or £4 a session if parents stay with their child (under 2s must be accompanied). Booking required. Phone Kim Semple on 01763 289942.
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm Baby classes run by the Best Start Club at the Scout Hut, Bowling Green Lane. Magical Musical Playdays, for 1 to 3 years olds, start at 1:00pm; followed by Baby Signing classes, for 0 to 16 months, at 2:00pm. Contact Laura Sheriff on 07801 796334. Email: laura@thebeststartclub.com.
- 4:30pm – 6:30pm Drama workshops for 15 to 18 year olds with Stagefrights Theatre at Seth Ward Community Centre. Contact Dave on 01438 232181 or email stagefrights2009@yahoo.co.uk
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm Cougars Under 9s training at Norfolk Road. Kevin 07930 192079.
- 5:30pm – 10:00pm Buntingford Swimming Club at Ward Freman Pool. Contact Adelaide Boon on 07710 550050.
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Cougars Under 8s training at Norfolk Road. Matt 07814 838460.
- 6:15pm – 7:00pm Jazzercise Class at Seth Ward Community Centre.
- 7.30pm Buntingford Karate Club, Edwinstree School Gym. Contact Bill Hooper 01763 273123.
- 7:45pm – 9:45pm Buntingford Badminton Club at Seth Ward Community Centre. Contact Liz James on 01763 274010.

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH (CONT.)

### FRIDAYS

- 9:30am – 10:30am Badminton at Seth Ward Community Centre – term time only.
- 10:00am – 11:00am Baby & toddler 'Rhyme Time' at Seth Ward Centre. £1 for first child, 50p for additional children to include tea & coffee. Contact Bramble Hill Children's Centre 01763 273008.
- 11:00am – 12:00 Drop-in Breastfeeding Support Group at Bramble Hill Children's Centre, Mill Close. Led by the health visiting team. 01763 273008.
- 3.30pm – 8:00pm Buntingford Dancing School – dance classes at Layston School. Contact Philippa on 01763 271010.
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm Cougars Under 15s training at Norfolk Road. Darren 07764 573696.
- 5:30pm – 8:00pm Friday Project, Buntingford & District Youth Club for young people aged 13–19. A range of activities, held at the Technical Institute, Baldock Road. Contact Nick Howell on 07789 92764 or email nick.howell@hertsc.gov.uk.
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Cougars Under 10s Stripes training at Norfolk Rd. Dave 07836 231915.
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm Cougars Under 12s Whites training at Norfolk Rd. Dave 07786 933963.

### SATURDAYS

- 8:30am – 2:45pm Buntingford Dancing School – dance classes at Layston School and United Reformed Church Hall, Buntingford. Contact Philippa on 01763 271010.
- 9:15am – 2:00pm Musical Theatre School for 4–14 year olds at Seth Ward Community Centre. New students needed. Call Anna 07545 788433 or email stage-door@brilliantmusicaltheatre.co.uk.
- 10:00am – 11:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in the month, Dad's/Male Carers Group at Buntings Nursery. £1 per child. 01763 273008.
- 2:15pm – 4:15pm Drama workshops for 6–15 year olds with Stagefrights Theatre at URC Hall, Baldock Road. Telephone Dave on 01438 232181 or email stagefrights2009@yahoo.co.uk.
- 2:00pm – 4:00pm Police Surgery at Buntingford Police Station, Baldock Road.

- MONDAY-FRIDAY** 9:00am – 5:00pm Buntingford Heritage Centre in the Manor House.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### MARCH 2012

- Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am–4:00pm. Antiques & Vintage Fair at Barkway Village Hall (see page 17). Rosei Frost 07912 322 538
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm. Buntingford & District Caged Bird Society at Benson Hall. New members welcome. Enquiries Mr W Lodge 01920 438482.
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 for 8:00pm. Buntingford Gardeners Club Annual General Meeting and Spring Exhibition at URC Hall, Baldock Road. Margaret Howarth 07747 355017
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 7:45pm. Buntingford WI meeting at URC Hall, Baldock Road. Speaker Marlene McAndrew (see page 26)

## **MARCH (CONT.)**

- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm for 2:30pm St Richard's Church – Bingo at Benson Hall.
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm. Spring Quiz in aid of EACH at Millfield School (see page 8). Jason 07716151833
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00–2.00pm. Buntingford WI Spring Lunch at Benson Hall
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 5.00–6.30pm. Oliver Heald MP surgery at the Manor House.
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm. Buntingford Railway & Local History at the Crown PH. Bill Davies – 'On and Off the Footplate'
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30am–2:30pm. Ashfords & Carters Close – fundraiser in aid of Breast Cancer Research in Ashfords Lounge, Garden Road. Soup & roll lunch, raffle, cake stall, books and craft stall with Easter goodies.
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 7:15 for 7:30pm. Quiz night at Benson Hall, in aid of St Mary's Aspenden Restoration Fund. Tickets £8, to include Ploughman's (bring your own drink and glasses). Sheila Drage 01763 271256.
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30am–12:00noon. BALA Coffee Morning at Benson Hall – coffee, cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle.
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 for 7:30pm start. Quiz Night at The Bury, hosted by The Co-op in aid of Buntingford Scout Group (see page 21).
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Charity Football Match at the Bury. Buntingford Veterans vs Spurs Legends. Gates open 12:00noon, kick-off 2:00pm (see page 42)
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm for 2:30pm St Richard's Church – Bingo at Benson Hall.
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm. Buntingford & District Flower Club – Gill McGregor presents 'Spring Delights'. At Benson Hall; parking at rear of hall, entrance through Rib Way. Doors open 7:00pm.

## **APRIL 2012**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Soccer School with Buntingford Cougars (see page 43)
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm. Braughing Music Society presents John Benson and his Stars of British Jazz (see page 44)
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm. Buntingford Civic Society AGM at Benson Hall.

## **MAY 2012**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Festival, The Fox, Aspenden. Free Entry. 01763271886.

## **JUNE 2012**

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Street Party organised by Buntingford Chamber of Commerce
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Buntingford Gardener's Club trip to Beth Chatto's Garden
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00–4:00pm. Buntlympics 2012 at Seth Ward Recreation Field. Entry forms from The Clerk's Office at the Manor House, tel 272222.
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Buntingford Carnival. See pages 22 and 23 for application forms.

If you would like to have your event in the diary of events pages, please contact **Christine Noble** 01763 273095  
email: [Journal@buntingfordcivic.org.uk](mailto:Journal@buntingfordcivic.org.uk)

# USEFUL LOCAL INFORMATION

- POLICE STATION:** Baldock Road, Buntingford  
Non-emergency telephone: 101
- Saturday Police surgeries:** Every Saturday, 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Buntingford Police Station
- GAS:** Emergency (gas leaks) – Freephone 0800 111 999
- ELECTRICITY:** Emergency (power loss) – Freephone 0800 7838 838
- WATER (Veolia):** Emergency – Freephone 0800 376 5325
- SEWERAGE (Thames Water):** Emergency – Telephone 0845 920 0800
- DOCTORS:** **The Medical Centre** – White Hart Close  
Telephone 01763 271362 (24 hours)  
**Orchard Surgery** – Baldock Road  
Telephone 01763 272410 & 272411 (after hours)
- B A S H (Buntingford Action For Social Help):** Providing transport for hospital/doctors appointments, telephone Jane Winter 01763 271484
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, RACE, HATE or RAPE CRIME:** Confidential Information Help-line: 01992 554440 (in an emergency, dial 999)
- LOCAL COUNCIL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:** **East Herts District Council** – 01279 655261  
Housing – 01279 714714  
Benefits – Freephone 0800 373852  
**Buntingford Town Council** – 01763 272222  
**Hertfordshire Highways** – 01438 737320
- BUNTINGFORD LIBRARY:** All enquiries including renewals call 0300 123 4049  
Select option 1 (renewals) 03:00–23:45 every day  
Select option 2 (all other enquiries) Mon–Fri 08:00–20:00, Sat 09:00– 6:00
- Mondays: 09:00 – 18:00  
Tuesdays: 14:00 – 18:00  
Wednesdays: CLOSED ALL DAY  
Thursdays: 09:00 – 18:00  
Fridays: 14:00 – 18:00  
Saturdays: 09:00 – 13:00  
Sundays: CLOSED ALL DAY
- CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** The Manor House, Market Hill, Buntingford
- Mondays: 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Tuesdays: 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Wednesdays: 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Telephone advice available Monday to Friday  
10:00am – 4:00pm on 08444 111 444
- HOUSEHOLD WASTE SITE:** Watermill Industrial Estate, Aspenden Road
- Open: Mondays – Fridays 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday 10:00am – 1:00pm

## EDITOR'S LETTER

This month there wasn't a single 'letter to the editor', I'm sad to say, but with everything that is going on in the town this year, I'm sure that is not a situation that is likely to crop up too often. The Buntlympics, planned for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, promises to be fun – Jill Jones gives us a reminder of how to enter a team on page 20. And then, of course, there is the Carnival on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – application forms for stalls and for the Carnival parade are on pages 22 and 23.

Development of various sorts is likely to be an ongoing topic for debate this year. As reported in the Mercury, and also mentioned on page 10, Sainsbury's have appointed a specialist company, ProLogis, to come up with proposals for their old Buntingford site. More detailed information should be made public in April, with an opportunity for anyone in Buntingford to comment. Meanwhile, as a Hare Street Road resident, I have been watching with interest as surveyors measure up our road and the field between us and the Causeway. If housing development does go ahead here, a particular concern is where the access road will go, and how this will impact on traffic.

Traffic is also a growing cause for concern on Aspenden Road, as you will see if you turn to our new 'Ideas and Opportunities' column on page 11. Clyde Millard and John Noades set out a summary of the problem and potential solutions as reported to the Traffic Action Group. How much longer can the narrow bridge over the Rib cope with the heavy lorries and all the other traffic that uses this road?

Another new column makes its first appearance this month, replacing Brian Lemay's much-missed 'Gardening Year'. The growers at Church Farm, Ardeley, have offered to write a regular column of seasonal 'Garden Notes', which I hope gardeners out there will find interesting and useful.

Finally, wasn't it great to see some snow at last? Not everyone will agree, I know, but the pupils at Layston School did, as you will see on page 29. Now that we've had some winter, we can start looking forward to spring.

**Christine Noble**

**Many thanks to Debbie Lemay for proofreading**

**Copy deadline for the April 2012 Journal is  
12.00 noon on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

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# Spring Quiz

Saturday 10th March 2012 @ 7:30pm

Millfield School, Monks Walk, Buntingford

£7 per head, food included, paying bar

Please book ahead to avoid disappointment – call  
Jason on 07716 151833

All proceeds in aid of E.A.C.H.  
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# Buntingford Civic Society

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Buntingford Civic Society will take place on Tuesday, 24th April, 2012, at 7:30pm in The Benson Hall, Buntingford.

*Following the business of the meeting, there will be a short talk by **District Councillor Mike Carver** (Executive Member for Planning Policy, East Herts Council) on **Planning in East Herts for the period to the year 2031.***

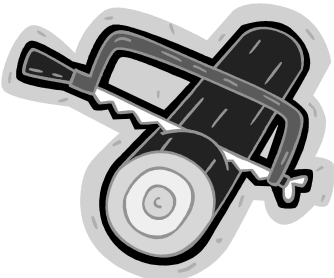
Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

## Oliver Heald MP

will be hosting a surgery for his constituents at

**The Manor House, Buntingford, on  
Friday, 16th March 2012**

**5:00 to 6:30pm**



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# Buntingford Civic Society



## Have a Voice – ‘Things they are a-changing’

Recent editions of the Mercury have had good coverage of the consultation by ProLogis on the future of the Sainsbury site. The Civic Society with others is ambitious that the site could be developed into part of the Hertfordshire cluster of science parks, with all the attendant employment opportunities from managerial and professional through the technical and supportive skills to run such a park. It seems a backward step to redevelop the site as a distribution centre with its inherent access problems on Hertfordshire's very congested roads.

ProLogis say that after consultation with the Town Council, Chamber of Commerce and Civic Society there will be a public meeting. Please attend and participate, for the decision will impact on Buntingford for many years to come. It is hoped that soon a 'Neighbourhood Plan' will be in place with a clear vision of Buntingford through to 2031 and in the format required to inform East Herts Council of the expectations of the townsfolk and not developers.

The Civic Society AGM will be held 7:30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Benson Hall. Readers of the Journal who are not members are as usual welcome, but be prepared as we will try to sign you up. The future of the Civic Society and continuation of its good work in the town depends entirely on active membership. There will be a keynote speaker and light refreshments will be served.

Time for a few gripes. The poor old River Rib is getting overloaded with cans, bottles and blue plastic bags – it looks dreadful and the ducks are not amused. Why do some members of our community have so little regard for the place where they live? The imposition of parking regulations is having major consequences with the dispersal of parked vehicles in inappropriate places. An increasing problem reported to the Town Council Traffic Action Group is vehicles parked on the very edge of junctions and restricting the view of traffic entering the road. The potential for a serious accident is there waiting to happen! And last, but not least, when will East Herts get Barratts to fulfil their commitment to build the traffic calming 'gateway' on London Road ? It was a requirement when planning approval was granted due to the increase in traffic volume on the estate and access to the main road.

Very pleased to see that Freman College did so well in the more demanding OFSTED inspection. Congratulations to Headteacher Helen Loughran, her team and the college students.

Derek Cooper  
Chairman

**Check out our website at:  
<http://www.buntingfordcivic.org.uk>**

# Ideas and Opportunities

*An occasional new column setting out some of the infrastructure and planning options facing Buntingford and the surrounding area.*

## ASPENDEN ROAD

Aspenden Road is the only access to the Watermill Industrial Estate and is totally inadequate, dangerous even, for the volume and size of the traffic that uses it for access to the estate, to say nothing of the traffic to and from Aspenden. Any further development at Watermill will make this bad situation even worse.

Whilst other solutions are conceivable – such as a new access from the A10 bypass, for example; or another bridging point over the River Rib directly into Watermill from, say, near the junction with Fairfield – it is likely that the most practical and achievable solution is improvement of Aspenden Road itself. In particular, the section between Fairfield and the existing River Rib bridge is hardly wide enough for two cars to pass safely, especially on the unsighted bend.

We propose that Aspenden Road is widened from the edge of Fairfield to the bridge for better access to the Watermill Estate and also to the aggregate site, which is beyond the entrance to Watermill and also generates heavy truck traffic.

The narrow River Rib bridge currently has a 'Give way to oncoming traffic' sign. A better solution might be traffic lights with vehicle sensors. Or the bridge could be effectively widened, to allow two cars to pass, by eliminating the footpath from the north side and providing a pedestrian footbridge close to the existing bridge. It would, however, still be one-way only for trucks on the bridge.

We understand that a request by local residents for a pedestrian crossing in Aspenden Road, near the junction with Fairfield, was turned down in the recent past. With the increase in traffic flows in Aspenden Road that decision may need to be revisited.

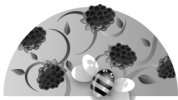
A traffic survey carried out over a 45-minute period in Aspenden Road, mid-week, mid-morning, in mid-December, counted 3 trucks and 77 movements of cars and vans.

**Report for Traffic Action Group  
Clyde Millard & John Noades, January 2012**



**Typical traffic on Aspenden Road and the narrow bridge over the River Rib**





# Bramble Hill

Children's Centre

Bramble Hill Children's Centre is based in Mill Close in Buntingford and our main purpose is to offer access to services for children under 5 and their families.

Due to the popularity of Musical Minis, we have decided to run two sessions each Tuesday, at Seth Ward Community Centre during term time. We will still run the original session from 1:30 – 2:30pm, but we will now have an additional session from 11:15am – 12.15pm. Musical Minis is an interactive musical group for parents and children aged 1 – 3, and includes music, action, songs, musical instruments, lots of bubbles, parachutes and puppets.

We are in the process of planning our Easter holiday programme. Further information will be sent out around the middle of March to everyone on our mailing list. Activities will include a Shaker session at Buntingford Library, Beginner Biking at Jenyns School in Braughing, and Kindermusik at Seth Ward Community Centre in Buntingford.

If you would like to be included on our mailing list and receive regular updates from the Children's Centre please email us at [bramblehill@ymcacentralherts.org.uk](mailto:bramblehill@ymcacentralherts.org.uk), or call us on 01763 273008.

Please keep an eye on our website for information regarding our Easter activities – [www.bramblehillchildrenscentre.org.uk](http://www.bramblehillchildrenscentre.org.uk) – or give us a call.

We look forward to seeing you.

If you would like to have your event in the Buntingford Journal please contact **Christine Noble** 01763 273095  
email: [Journal@buntingfordcivic.org.uk](mailto:Journal@buntingfordcivic.org.uk)

## Ashfords and Carters Close

are holding a fundraiser in aid of

### Breast Cancer Research

on Saturday 17th March at 11.30am till 2.30pm

in Ashfords Lounge, Garden Road

We will be serving a soup-and-roll lunch and having a raffle, cake stall, books and craft stall with Easter goodies.

*Please come and support this worthy cause and please wear something pink.*

# Liberro

## *The latest exciting new shop to arrive on Buntingford High Street*

Aspiring Buntingford entrepreneurs Emma and Simon Christou officially opened their first Liberro electronic cigarette shop at 59a High Street on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. They were joined by Buntingford Mayor, Councillor Stan Bull, who cut the ribbon and helped them celebrate with a glass of champagne.



**Toasting the future of Liberro: Emma Christou  
with husband Simon and Mayor Stan Bull**

This is the second shop the couple have opened in the High Street in the past three months, the other being Lost Ark Games which opened its door in November 2011. Both businesses already trade successfully as online shops – Emma manages the Liberro electronic cigarettes business [www.liberro.co.uk](http://www.liberro.co.uk), while Simon manages the Lost Ark Games business [www.wargaming247.com](http://www.wargaming247.com).

Emma and Simon were one of the first companies to introduce electronic cigarettes to the UK through their online shop. That was more than four

years ago and they now sell globally. Buntingford was home first to the distribution centre for the online shop and now to their first retail high street shop. If successful, they plan to roll out Liberro retail shops across the UK.

Emma Christou, managing director of Liberro, explains: “The shop stocks a wide range of electronic cigarettes, from disposable one-piece e-cigs to starter packs. There are more than 50 different flavours and a range of accessories and we are happy to show people how these work if they would like to visit the shop for a demonstration.

“The perfect alternative to smoking, electronic cigarettes are about 70 per cent cheaper than traditional cigarettes and are healthier too, as they contain no tar, tobacco or carbon monoxide, but still provide the nicotine hit. Electronic cigarettes produce a realistic, satisfying smoke-like vapour, but there is no smell or ash, which means they can be e-smoked in places where smoking is not permitted, like pubs and restaurants!

“Being members of the Chamber of Commerce and involved in the local community through family life in the town, we hope that the Liberro shop will attract more people into Buntingford, so the whole community and other shops in the High Street can benefit.”

So if you would like to know more about e-cigarettes, why not pop into Liberro and see Emma, or give her a call on 07794 600064. Email: [emma@liberro.co.uk](mailto:emma@liberro.co.uk)



So firstly let's look at Roger's will, which was transcribed some time ago when we were looking at other members of the family. The executors of his will were his wife Frances Hale and the 'Reverend John Maryon of White Rooden in Essex'. (One of the witnesses was 'Jno Vaughan' – I wonder if this Mr Vaughan has any links with Elizabeth Vaughan's family? Research for another time!)

As Frances was living in London, and the Rev John was in Essex, it still seems strange that Roger was buried in Layston, so far from his home and that of either of his executors.

Now comes the rather interesting part – in rechecking family names that have been researched as part of the Layston Memorial descendants search, I find something that is very intriguing and may provide the answers.

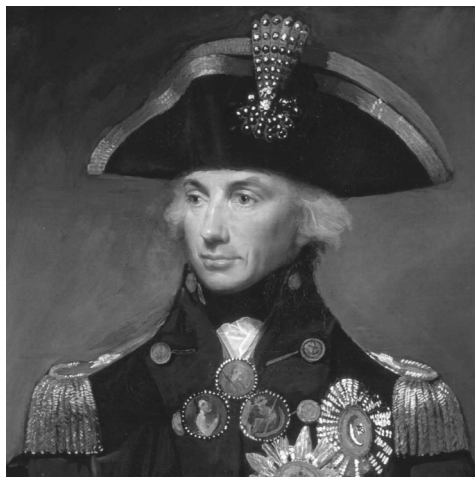
The only reference to the Hale surname is in the *History of Hertfordshire* by Chauncy, where he makes a chance mention of the name 'John Hale'. This John Hale married Mary Crouch, daughter of John Crouch and Margaret Johnson of Corneybury, Layston. Possibly the marriage date was 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1681, but that's unconfirmed (we like to find at least two sources of information before we accept something to be true). If this date is correct, Mary would have been at least 38 at the time of marriage and therefore not likely to have had many, if any, children. Although I can find no record of them having children, I believe that it's highly likely they had at least two – Roger Hale and, of course, his sister Elizabeth Hale, who went on to be the Elizabeth Furness mentioned in his will.

Mary Crouch married John Hale in 1681, as previously stated. I assumed that both Mary and John died relatively young and having rechecked the Parish Registers from Layston I find in 1705 'Mrs Mary Hale Widow of St James Westminster Middlesex was buried Nov 10'. Therefore John Hale had predeceased her – leaving the two Hale children, Elizabeth and Roger, alone in the world except for their mother's family in Layston.

It would also answer the question of why Rev John Maryon was one of the executors of Roger's will. The Reverend was married to Roger's cousin Margaret Crouch. As Mary Crouch and John Hale (parents of Roger Hale and his sister Elizabeth) died early, the most likely family members to nurture the two children would have been the Crouch family in Layston – which would be why Roger was buried in St Bartholomew's Layston: it was his home church.

All this leads to only one conclusion – Captain Roger Hale was the great-grandson of the original John Crouch whose memorial is in the Chancel!

I do love it when these bits of history all tie themselves together. With a bit of effort I could now work out the family link between Captain Roger Hale and a more famous seaman, who also has links with our little church – Admiral Horatio Nelson (right).



**For more history and information related to St Bartholomew's, visit:  
[www.layston-church.org.uk](http://www.layston-church.org.uk)**



# CHRIST CHURCH

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH BALDOCK ROAD BUNTINGFORD

**MINISTER:** Rev Duncan Goldie  
The Manse  
Meeting Lane, Melbourn  
Cams SG8 6AN  
Tel: 01763 260747

**SECRETARIES:** Gwen & John Edwards  
'Great Stones'  
Hare Street, Buntingford  
Herts SG9 0AD  
Tel: 01763 289460

## MORNING WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:00AM

March	4	Morning Worship	Dr Jeffrey Barham
	11	Morning Worship	Rev Duncan Goldie
	18	Morning Worship	Prof D M Thompson
	25	Morning Worship	Rev Duncan Goldie
April	1	Palm Sunday	Rev Duncan Goldie

This year's **Churches Together Lent course** started on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February** and lasts for **five weeks**. There will be **one** meeting each week in Christ Church Hall. Lunch is from 12.00 (bring your own – tea and coffee is provided), then the course starts at 1.00pm to finish at 2.00pm prompt. All denominations are welcome.

**Churches Together** will be holding an **open air service on Good Friday**, which this year is on 6 April, on Market Hill, starting at 12.00 noon.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Junior Church** meets at 11.00am every Sunday during term time and welcomes all children and young people.

**The Bright Hour** – a time for fellowship with prayers, hymns, activities and occasional visiting speakers – meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

**Coffee & Company**, organised by '**Churches Together**', is in the Church Hall every Thursday from 10.30am for anyone wanting fellowship and time for a chat.

**Lunches organised by Christian Aid** are held in the Church Hall from 12.30 to 2.00pm on the first Friday of the month.

## ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER Catholic Church

3 Station Road, Buntingford Telephone 01763 271471

**Parish Priest: Father Ian Dickie**

**HOLY MASS** is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30am and 6:30pm

Holy Days at 10:00am and 8:00pm

Weekdays at 9:15pm; Saturdays at 10:00am

Saturdays at 6:00pm at Furneux Pelham

**CONFESSIONS** are each Saturday from 10:30am – 11.15am







## United Benefice of

St. Mary's – Aspenden  
St. Peter's – Buntingford  
St. Mary the Virgin – Westmill  
Church of England



**Reverend Ian Hill – Telephone 01763 274072**

There is a full and varied pattern of worship across the three churches:  
St. Peter's in Buntingford has a more contemporary style; St. Mary's in Aspenden has a more traditional style; St. Mary the Virgin in Westmill has a more liturgical style.

*Everyone is welcome at any of the churches*

### Services for March

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St. Mary the Virgin, Westmill	Sung Eucharist
	10:00am	St. Mary's, Aspenden	Family Service
	11:00am	St. Peter's, Buntingford	Family Worship
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St. Peter's, Buntingford	Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St. Mary's, Aspenden	Holy Communion
	11:00am	St. Peter's, Buntingford	Holy Communion
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> MOTHERING SUNDAY	9:30am	St. Mary the Virgin, Westmill	Sung Eucharist
	10:00am	St. Mary's, Aspenden	Family Service with Baptisms
	11:00am	St. Peter's, Buntingford	Family Worship
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St. Mary the Virgin, Westmill	Morning Worship
	9:30am	St. Mary's, Aspenden	Holy Communion
	11:00am	St. Peter's, Buntingford	Holy Communion

## Antiques & Vintage Fair

**At Barkway Village Hall, SG8 8BS**

**Sunday 4th March, 10:00am– 4:00pm**

**Entry £1 – Homemade cakes & Refreshments**

All enquiries: Rosei Frost 07912 322538

Or email: [info@flapperfortunes.co.uk](mailto:info@flapperfortunes.co.uk)



# Edwinstree Middle School

March looks like being literature month! We start by celebrating World Book Day with pupils and staff dressing as their favourite book characters. We had a fantastic day last year when we broke the Guinness World Record for 'The Largest Gathering of People Dressed as Story Book Characters', and this year we hope to break our own record with Millfield First School joining us. Look out for us on our walk through Buntingford High Street on Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> at about 9.00am.

Year 6 tutor Miss Clee entered a Dan Freedman competition and won a visit from the author. His books are a great favourite with pupils and they are looking forward to meeting him on March 20th. We also have a return visit from author Sue Hampton, who is coming into school to hold workshops with Year 6 students.

Year 7 followed up their talk from Antarctic expert Chris Hindley with an educational visit to Cambridge taking in the Scott Polar Museum, Botanical Gardens and Zoology Museum to compliment their Geography studies.

We would like to congratulate Carly Bays, Harry Draper and Chloe Lence on being selected for the East Herts team to swim in the County gala.

Well done also to our under-12 basketball team, who were runners-up in the North East Herts district competition. They had wins against Ralph Sadleir and Roysia schools before coming up against a very strong Greneway team. Our under-11 mixed basketball team also did well: they were runners-up, again to Greneway, after impressive wins against Roysia (26-0) and Ralph Sadleir (16-0).

Our Year 7 rugby team are through to the County finals to be played at Bishops Stortford on March 7<sup>th</sup> and we wish them well.



The speed stacking contest, won by Rib House

Mr Hayward held an inter house speed stacking contest, with Rib coming out overall winners with a fantastic display from their team members.

We had two outstanding collective worships with Tutor Group 8BM celebrating the Chinese New Year, and Tutor Group 5S asking us to consider buying Fairtrade products to help children in other countries.

Year 7 were enthralled by Anthony Glenn on a return visit to school to

celebrate the works of Shakespeare and enhance pupils' studies of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Toby from the 'Cheese Plate' in Buntingford came into school to talk to Year 5 about what he had learned in school that helped him to run his business. Everyone had a cheese tasting session and received an 'I Love Cheese' badge and a mini cheese.

The Edwinstree School Association held a very successful fundraiser with 'The Overtures' playing to an appreciative audience. Thank you to everyone in the Buntingford community for supporting this event and also to Ronnie and Fiona in Kirkhams for selling tickets. The following week a disco was held for pupils.



Tutor Group 8BM greet the Chinese Year of the Tiger

**Diane George**





# BUNTINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL

*A QUALITY TOWN COUNCIL*

Plans for the forthcoming Buntlympics are now well under way and it's promising to be a fantastic event. All we need now are the competitors. You can enter a team made up of all age groups, family, friends or work colleagues. Each contestant will receive a participant's medal, with gold, silver and bronze medals being awarded for the winners in each event. Entry forms are available on-line or from The Manor House.

We received many complaints about icy pavements during the recent bad weather. Herts Highways prioritise the gritting schedule, with roads being the main priority. We were given a small amount of salt to spread on pavements at our discretion. Unfortunately, the supplies and staff we have did not allow for side streets, but we did our level best to keep the main pavements clear. There is no truth in the rumour that you can be sued if you clear ice outside your property; this did prevent some people taking action, making it difficult for people to get out and about.

The recent bad weather also caused a pipe to burst at the Norfolk Road Pavilion resulting in a great deal of damage. Insurance assessors are taking stock of the situation and once the building is dried out we hope to get on and make the necessary repairs.

**Jill Jones MILCM Cert HE**

Town Clerk

Office hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00am–5:00pm; closed Fridays

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website: [www.buntingfordtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.buntingfordtowncouncil.co.uk)

## **Town Council meetings for March 2012**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30pm – Amenities Committee

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm – Planning Committee  
8:00pm – Resources Committee

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm – Planning Committee  
8:00pm – Full Council

All meetings will be held at The Manor House  
Members of the public are welcome to attend

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The **co-operative**

*is hosting a*

# Quiz Night

raising funds for

# Buntingford Scout Group

on Friday 23rd March 2012

At The Bury, Buntingford

7:00pm for prompt **7:30pm start**

**Tickets £6** including a cold buffet



# BUNTINGFORD CARNIVAL

In aid of local voluntary organisations and clubs in Buntingford

## STALL APPLICATION FORM

Date – *23rd June 2012*

Theme – *Olympic Britain 2012*

If you would like to join in the fun on Carnival Day 2012 by having a stall in the street market, please complete the booking form below.

- Stalls can be set up from 8.30am
- Pitch size 10ft wide x 6ft deep
- Charge £20 per pitch
- No tables supplied

Name / Organisation .....

Type of Stall .....

(e.g. tombola, food, bric-a-brac, etc.)

We wish to reserve ..... pitch(es) and enclose a cheque for £ ..... made payable to **Buntingford Carnival Committee**.

Name and address of contact .....

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Tel no: .....

Date: .....

Please return the completed form to:

Mrs H. Baker, 20 Fairfield, Buntingford, Herts, SG9 9NT

Tel: (01763) 271176 for further information.

# BUNTINGFORD CARNIVAL

## PROCESSION / PARADE APPLICATION FORM

Date – *23rd June 2012*

Theme – *Olympic Britain 2012*

If you would like to join in the fun on Carnival Day 2012 by taking part in the procession/parade, please complete the booking form below.

- Assemble at Norfolk Road Playing Field car park
- Judging at 2:00pm, procession starts at 3:00pm
- Free entry

We wish to take part in the \*Best adult's / \*Best Children's / \*Best Trade / \*Best Family or Individual entry / \*Best Pre-School class **(\*please circle class entered)**

Our entry \*will / \*will not have music **(\*please delete as necessary).**

If vehicle based, we confirm that our motor insurance policy permits use of that vehicle in the carnival procession/parade and this will extend to indemnify you as organisers.

Signed ..... Print Name .....

Name and address of group / organisation / individual .....

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Tel no: ..... Date.....

**PLEASE NOTE: AT THE END OF THE PROCESSION/PARADE YOU WILL BE DIRECTED BY A MARSHAL TO PARK, UNLOAD AND DISPERSE SAFELY**

**Note on insurance:** As organisers we have public liability insurance, which covers damage or injury resulting from the day's events, e.g. something or somebody falling off a float. Our insurance does not include damage done by a motor vehicle in the procession. It is the responsibility of the vehicle owner to ensure that their motor policy permits use in the carnival and that their policy will extend to indemnify us as organisers. We understand that as long as the owner is not being paid to participate in the carnival their normal policy should be sufficient, but each entrant must check with their insurers.

Please return the completed form to:  
Mrs H. Baker, 20 Fairfield, Buntingford, Herts, SG9 9NT  
Tel: (01763) 271176 for further information.

# Global Travels

## Dubai: A Family Fun Destination

With guaranteed good weather all year round, beautiful beaches, world-class hotels and a safe environment, Dubai is fast establishing itself as a perfect destination for families. Whatever your age or interest, from culture to action and adventure, the Emirate has something for everyone. For parents, it's always a top priority that the kids will be kept entertained and happy while they're on holiday – in Dubai this is taken care of in every sense! And with 138 direct weekly flights from the UK, a luxury holiday catering to all the family's needs is only a seven hour flight away.

**Here is just a taste of what is on offer for families to enjoy in Dubai:**



The extraordinary 'Atlantis the Palm' hotel

**Aquaventure at Atlantis the Palm:** Aquaventure is the ultimate watery adventure, with 17 hectares of water-based attractions, the pinnacle of which is the 30-metre high Ziggurat with seven slides and the 'Leap of Faith' – a near vertical drop into 'Shark Tank'. The park includes 2km of river action with cascades, waves and rapids, as well as a private beach with watersports. Also present are 'The Dig', with 18 unique and unusual exhibits, and Ambassador Lagoon with 3 million gallons of water and over 65,000 sea creatures.

**Dolphin Bay at Aquaventure:** An 11-acre coastal habitat with 6 million gallons of seawater filtered from the Arabian Gulf. The marine habitat includes three shallow lagoons as well as deep-water interactions and is home to 28 bottlenose dolphins.

**Dubai Mall – Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo:** One of the most diverse collections of marine life in the world – more than 33,000 living animals from 85 species, including piranha, giant catfish, playful otters, a Humbolt penguin colony, harbour seals, sharks and rays, and much more. The Mall has the world's largest viewing panel (32.8m wide and 8.3m high), while the Aquarium has an acrylic walkthrough tunnel with a special 'lunar-cyclic' lighting system altering the ambience depending on the time of day.

– **Ice Rink:** A winter wonderland, with an Olympic-sized rink. – **SEGA Republic:** Five zones of entertainment for all ages at the first SEGA Republic indoor theme park in the region. Visitors can enjoy nine heart-stopping attractions and 150 amusement games.

– **Kidzania:** A city made for children where youngsters take on 'real jobs' in a pint-sized world. From flying a plane, to driving buses, working in restaurants, as a surgeon, dentist or shop assistant, kids 'run' the town, even using their own currency and language.

**Ski Dubai:** The first indoor ski resort in the Middle East.

**Playnation:** Located at Mirdif City Centre Mall, Playnation is packed with unique attractions for all ages, including 'i-FLY' skydiving experience, Soccer Circus, Cité des Enfants, Magic Planet and Yalla! Bowling.



**Children's City:** The first 'edutainment' city in the UAE, for children between 2 and 15 years, where they can explore, play, discover and learn about the world in which we live.

**Desert Safaris:** A popular way to discover more about Arabic culture. Most desert safaris offer tourists the opportunity to 'dune bash' in a 4x4 with experienced driver, do a camel ride and try sandboarding before stopping to watch the beautiful sunset.

### More than just sun, sea and sand

Anyone who has Dubai down as a mere 'sun, sea and sand' destination doesn't know the place. The city boasts a host of enthralling sights and experiences, from traditional souks to amazing architecture. The peaceful setting of **Creekside Park** makes it a great place to while away a few idle hours. Remember to take your bargaining skills to **Deira Gold Souk** – as well as plenty of the yellow stuff, every kind of jewellery imaginable is here, including diamonds and pearls to elaborate Indian and Arabian wedding necklaces. The relatively humble **Sheikh Saeed Al-Maktoum House**, near the mouth of the Creek, was once the home of Dubai's rulers, the Al-Maktoum family. Nowadays it houses an engaging exhibition of photographs from pre-oil times. There's no mistaking the 828m marvel known as **Burj Khalifa**, home to the Armani Hotel as well as offices and residential apartments. The highlight for visitors is the view from the observation deck on the 124<sup>th</sup> floor. The Burj Khalifa may be bigger, but no building symbolises Dubai more than **Burj Al Arab**, the sail-like, seven-star, beach-side hotel.

### Accommodation and sample cost

Dubai is well known for five-star hotels, but here I have picked five options offering value for money as well as luxury:

- The Ramada has a great location in downtown Dubai and a self-catering option.
- The four-star Al Manzil and Qamardeen hotels, are close to the Dubai Mall.
- The Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Resort is one of the best value beachfront hotels, right on the Gulf.
- Also beach-side, Jebel Ali Golf Resort and Spa has an all-inclusive package with a vast choice of dining and activities included.
- Traders by Shangri La in Deira is a great base for exploring Dubai.

Flying with Virgin from London, the 5-star Atlantis The Palm costs from £2210 for a 3-night stay for a family of 4, £3033 for 5 nights. This is inclusive of transfers, half board and upgrade to Atlantis room, and access to Aquaventure. Based on 2 adults and 2 children under 12 sharing a room and valid from 10<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012.



The world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, has an observation deck on its 124<sup>th</sup> floor

For more information visit [www.globaltravelbuntingford.com](http://www.globaltravelbuntingford.com)  
or call Jeff on 01763 273344

## **BUNTINGFORD W.I.**

We were extremely sorry that the bad weather in February meant that we had to cancel our monthly meeting as we were all looking forward to seeing Louise Reed who was coming along in character as 'Fanny Kemble'. It is hoped that we will be able to re-book her later on this year.

We are holding a Spring Lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Benson Hall, from 12 noon until 2 o'clock, and would love to see as many of you there as possible. See the separate advert below for details.

Our next meeting is at 7.45pm at the United Reformed Church Hall on Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, when Marlene McAndrew will be coming to talk to us about the National Census and a house in Clerkenwell.

Visitors are always welcome so if you are new to the area, or have never been to a WI meeting, why don't you come along one evening? Forget about Jam and Jerusalem – the modern WI has so much more to offer. Apart from monthly meetings with speakers on a wide range of topics, we have occasional trips to various places of interest or local theatres, crochet and games mornings, petanque days and annual party nights.

If you are interested in finding out more you can telephone Pat on 01763 271305, or alternatively just turn up at one of our meetings – always held on the second Thursday of the month.

**Val Hume**

Please come and join the ladies of BUNTINGFORD W.I.

at **The Benson Hall** for a

**SPRING LUNCH**

on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**12 noon – 2:00 pm**

Soup and a roll (£1.50)

Tea or coffee (30p) Homemade cakes (50p)

Plus a Raffle

## **EAST HERTS CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

The Manor House, Buntingford

### **Drop-in:**

Monday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am – 1:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am – 1:00pm

### **Telephone:**

08444 111 444

Monday – Friday

10:00am – 4:00pm



## **Heating oil – how to make sure that the price you pay is the price you agreed**

**I use heating oil to heat my home and recently bought some more to get me to the end of winter. When the man came to deliver my oil, he charged me more than what was quoted. Are they allowed to do that?**

No. Some oil suppliers might try to charge you a higher price than you agreed, perhaps because the market price of oil has gone up since your order, but they're not allowed to do that.

Once you have a contract with the supplier and have agreed a price, this price will normally be fixed. This applies even if the agreement was verbal and not written. You should refer them to your original agreement and only pay the price agreed. However, it could be difficult to prove that you agreed a lower price unless you have written evidence. So it is always a good idea to agree the price in writing when you make the order, even though this is not a legal requirement.

Make sure that this written information includes any other conditions on the price. For example, there might be a set time period during which the price is valid.

If you order your oil over the telephone or internet, this is distance selling. This means you are entitled to certain pieces of information in writing, such as the price you agreed and the date it will be delivered.

Have you considered joining an oil buying scheme or club? Enterprise Herts (a Community Interest Company) has formed a community based countywide oil buying syndicate which will enable you to reduce the cost of your heating oil each time you place an order through it. The scheme is backed by CDA for Herts, a long-established and well-respected Hertfordshire charity.

To find out more about the oil buying scheme contact: [office@cdaforherts.org.uk](mailto:office@cdaforherts.org.uk) or phone 01707 695504. Or visit: [www.cdaforherts.org.uk](http://www.cdaforherts.org.uk)

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# LAYSTON C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

We are delighted to share with you the good news that we have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag! The Eco-Warriors, past and present, spent an exciting morning last month showing our Eco Inspector, Simon Perry, all the things that we do in school to be eco-friendly. This includes recycling, litter-picking and running a 'Switch It Off' campaign. The children are particularly proud of our Wild Wood where we are developing habitats to encourage more plants and animals to make it their home. The Eco-Warriors were eager to share it with Simon and he was very impressed by their enthusiasm. Our Green Flag has just arrived and we need to find it a home too. Has anyone got a flagpole to spare? Many thanks to Mrs Gillingham who worked so hard to help the school to achieve this prestigious award.



**Celebrating being awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag**



**Lucy lighting a candle in memory of St Alban**

Year 3 spent a very interesting day at St Albans Cathedral. They looked at the beautiful stained glass windows and tried their hands at creating their own. They also learnt and re-enacted the story of St Alban. The highlight of the day for Lucy was being chosen to light a candle for St Alban because her birthday is nearest to the day in the church calendar when he is commemorated.



**Snow at last – Hooray!**

The long-awaited day that the snow came! Everyone had a brilliant time rolling giant snowballs and building snowmen. Reception children investigated what happened to buckets of snow when they brought them into the classroom, whilst Year 2 hunted for and photographed the footprints left by animals and birds.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please take a look at our website at: [www.layston.herts.sch.uk](http://www.layston.herts.sch.uk). Or contact us on 01763 271235 to arrange a visit.

**Gill Langley  
Headteacher**

## **Introducing Tillie** (our 15-week boxer pup)

She never walks normal ... just a leap and a bound,  
like a little spring lamb, she gambles around.  
Because she's white, her long waggy tail  
resembles, very much, a fast flapping sail!  
With a tummy soooo pink and one eye to match,  
the other eye's black, like a pirate's patch!  
When she's not eating, she's glued to the log burner,  
now she sits to command ... she's a really fast learner.  
But the thing that's best about Tillie ... oh so bendy,  
is that Dylan dog loves her - she's his new best friendly!!!

**Teresa Bonner**



# Millfield First and Nursery School



This has been a very busy half term here at Millfield with the children enjoying their topic work on 'Before our time'. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January the Key Stage 1 children had a fantastic day experiencing Victorian life. They all looked wonderful dressed as Victorian children and had a great time trying out a range of Victorian experiences including blacking shoes, mopping floors and sewing. In the afternoon they entertained one another with a range of Victorian entertainment such as singing and a 'Flea Circus'! The company 'History Off the Page', who led the day, were really impressed by the behaviour of our children.



Above and below: A taste of what life was like in Victorian times



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February the KS2 children had a wonderful time when they came to school dressed as war time evacuees. They experienced life in a 1940s classroom and spent some time in an Anderson shelter to understand how it felt in an air raid.

In the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January we held an International Week. Each class in the school chose a country and all the children moved around the school investigating life in these countries. They really enjoyed learning about life in other parts of the world. On Friday afternoon the children held an assembly to share some of the things they had learnt about Norway, Morocco, Russia, China, Borneo, Kenya and Columbia.



**Exercise Chinese-style as part of International Week**

The PTA recently held a very well attended children's disco at school. The children enjoyed dancing as well as eating pizza and chips! The next PTA event is a Quiz Night here at Millfield on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, which I very much hope will be just as successful and enjoyable.

This month we were grateful to receive a cheque for £150 pounds from Budgens. They raised the funds for the school during the late night shopping evening in Buntingford before Christmas. We are going to put the money towards ICT equipment.

If you would like to know more about our school please visit our website: [www.millfield.herts.sch.uk](http://www.millfield.herts.sch.uk) or contact the school on 01763 271717.

**Kathy Willett, Head Teacher**

Welcome to all the new members who have joined us since the start of the year. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March we will be hearing about the work of the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Doors open 2pm

at the Seth Ward Community Centre. Guests are welcome, £2 including refreshments.

As part of the Olympic year, Herts U3A are organising 2 linked walks over the 193 mile Hertfordshire Way and the 50 mile Lea Valley Path. There are 23 walks in total, of 6 to 14 miles. We are organising the 13 mile Hare Street to Royston leg on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

With over 200 members and 20-plus interest groups covering bridge to keep fit, eating out to wine tasting, there is always something to do. Yearly membership is just £12.50 and includes the U3A News delivered to your home. For more details, please phone

**Christine Jeffries 01763 273466 or Jean Devenish 01763271783.**

First Monday Contact Hilary Curtis	Craft Group 01763 272323	2pm – 4pm Various crafts
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March Contact Carol McKimmie	Walking Group (2hours plus) 01763 271054	9:50am – 12:00noon TBA
Last Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Contact Dave Austin	Wine Appreciation £5 01763 272066	8pm – 10pm Seth Ward CC Please take 2 glasses
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Contact Hilary Curtis	Shorter walks (1hour plus) 01763 272323	10.30am TBA
Individual sessions Contact Colin Gibbons	Family History 01763 271398	In Buntingford
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March Contact Alan Rumble	Computers (all levels) £3 01920 823608	2.00pm – 4.00pm Seth Ward Community Centre
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2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays Contact Christine Jeffries	Singing for Pleasure 01763 273466	2:00pm – 4:00pm Wyddial
Every Tuesday Contact Alan Smith	Bridge (all levels) 01763 287657	10.00am – 12.00pm Homes
Various Contact Val Lohead	Out to Lunch 01279 658069	Various
Various Contact Evelyn Smith	Social Outings 01763 272241	Local theatres, meals out, quiz nights, outings etc
Mondays Contact Dave Austin	Keep Fit £2 01763 272066	10am – 11.30am Seth Ward Community Centre
Last Wednesday Contact Anne Austin	Book club 01763 272066	2.30pm Fairfield
Every Friday (not school hols) Contact Rosemary Poulton	Pilates £20 for 6 or £5 per session 01763 271598	1.30pm – 2.30pm Seth Ward Community Centre
Every Wednesday Contact Dave Austin	Table Tennis £2 01763 272066	2pm – 3pm Seth Ward Community Centre
Every Wednesday Contact Roy Ellard	Badminton £2 01763 271578	3.15–4.15pm Seth Ward Community Centre
Every Thursday Contact Julia Peacock	Carpet Bowls £2 01763 272584	10am – 12noon Bowls Club, Wyddial Road
Contact Lyn Paynton	Art Appreciation 01920 821017	Various
Every Monday Contact Vidyut Sharma	Yogic breathing £5 01763 271779	10 – 11.30am Monks Walk
Last Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March Contact Mick Westwood	Strollers 01763 272594	2.00pm Various places
Contact Jean Devenish	Seated exercises	01763 271783





## **MARCH 2012**

### **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Civic Dinner 19:30– 23:00**

Hosted by the Mayor of Bishop's Stortford, Cllr Alan Burlton, at The Rhodes Arts Complex, Southmill Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3JG. Entertainment by Jacqui Ison School of Dancing. Tickets £40. Enquiries to Renee Friend on 01279 755320, or email: renee\_friend@msn.com.

### **Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Coffee Morning 10:30–12:00**

You are welcome to attend our fundraising coffee mornings, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Markwell Pavilion in Bishop's Stortford. Enquiries 01279 755320.

### **Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Net Working Lunch 12:3–14:00**

At Grill 55, 55 South Street, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AL. A monthly networking lunch run by Isabel Hospice Corporate Relationship Manager, Julie North, in association with Marketing Kinetics, welcoming companies from all over Herts & Essex. Cost of £15 includes buffet, glass of wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee. This month's event is kindly sponsored by Ross Strang Ltd. Would you like to sponsor a 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday? Sponsorship of £100 includes promotion on website and email invites, display of literature and banners at the event, and a 10-minute presentation. Contact Julie North 01707 382547.

### **Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Crocus Walk**

An annual event organised by Val Whybrow in the Thriplow area in aid of Breakthrough, this year with additional donations and raffle in aid of Isabel Hospice. For more information please ring Val on 07931 115661.

### **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Jumble Sale, Thundridge Village Hall 14:30–16:30**

20p entry. Come and grab some bargains. Contact 01920 462992.

## **APRIL 2012**

### **Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Apr – Coffee Morning 10:30–12:00**

At Markwell Pavilion, Bishop's Stortford. Enquiries 01279 755320.

### **Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Apr – Net Working Lunch 12:30 - 14:00**

At Grill 55, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AL. Contact Julie North 01707 382547.

### **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Apr – The 3 Peaks Challenge: Ben Nevis, Snowdon, Scafell Pike**

Incorporating ascents of the 3 highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales, the challenge covers a travelling distance of over 475 miles with 3,407 metres of ascent over 26 miles of mountain paths. The ultimate endurance challenge in Britain and a must for climbers and walkers. Whether you try to complete in the challenge time of 24 hours, or just take your time and enjoy the views and mountain air, this is an experience not to be missed. For more information contact Julie North on 01707 382547.

### **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Apr – Jumble Sale, Thundridge Village Hall 14:30 - 16:30**

### **April 2012 – Coast to Coast Walk: from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay**

Flexible dates in April. For more information contact Julie North on 01707 382547.



# Garden notes

## from Church Farm Growers

Welcome to the first in our new column of seasonal gardening tips and projects. To kick off we are focusing this month on ways to deal with garden and kitchen waste. At Church Farm we have the luxury of a relatively large amount of space in which to work and so we are currently using two methods. We've given here information on both of these, and we would also extend an invitation to anyone to visit the farm to find out more about them – or any of the work that we do.

## Dealing with Garden and Kitchen Waste

### Composting

Composting is a particular enthusiasm of mine, as it should be for any gardener, I believe. There is something deeply satisfying about the deliberate harnessing of natural processes to render nasty, smelly, organic materials into a dark, crumbly 'soil', teeming with life and everything that a growing plant needs. Given time, of course, everything that lives will return to the earth as something like garden compost. But a skilful gardener, when building a compost heap, knows what materials to use and how to combine them, in order to achieve the best and fastest results.

The stuff available to the composter comes as two types: 'greens' and 'browns'. The 'greens' consist of any humid organic material that has recently been alive. This includes all kitchen waste (avoid cooked stuff); non-woody garden refuse, such as grass cuttings and weeds (except roots of perennials and anything that has set seed); manures of herbivorous animals and poultry, if available; and recently removed crop residues from the garden or allotment. The 'browns' are any older and dryer ingredients, such as straw, hay, shredded paper and cardboard.

Building a good compost heap entails making alternate layers of these 'greens' and 'browns', thereby helping to generate the correct balance of carbon and nitrogen,



**Before (above) and after (below): the material in the compost heap shrinks and settles as bacteria get to work**



and keep a good quantity of air trapped in the structure of the heap. This will ensure that the conditions favour aerobic bacteria – bugs that need oxygen in order to function. These critters break down the compost rapidly and produce a surprising level of heat in the process, which helps to destroy any plant pathogens or weed seeds that might have got into the mix. A compost pile made in this fashion will begin to rot down very quickly, and you will notice it collapse over a couple of weeks (see the before and after pictures, left). Thereafter, regular turning will re-aerate the heap and hasten the reduction of all that stuff into something resembling malt loaf. It is a magical transformation, and there is no better soil improver or plant food than well made garden compost. Happy composting!

**Rik (Head Grower)**

## **Worm Farming**

We're also working on breeding worms here with the view to feeding them to our chickens. Worms are a valuable source of protein, and the resulting 'vermicompost' or 'Black Gold' in which the worms live can be used to help vegetables to grow in the spring.

In the wild, some worms eat dead plant material that is full of bacteria and fungi, and also particles of soil containing other small living organisms. All these things are mixed up in the belly of the worm, and what comes out the other end is a rich source of beneficial microbial life. This improves soil structure and texture, makes nutrients available to plants, and improves disease resistance.



**It might not look very active, but these bins contain some very busy and very useful worms**

In our worm farm we use food waste that decomposes, and the worms eat the decayed matter, which is teeming with useful bacteria. Worm farms are an ideal way of recycling food waste all year round, with the advantages of producing free fertiliser and chicken food (or fishing bait if you prefer). There are various species of worms, distinct from the common garden earthworm (*Lumbricus terrestris*), which are suited to worm farming, such as the tiger worm, the European nightcrawler and the red wiggler. So why not set up your own worm farm to recycle your kitchen and garden waste, and enhance the health of your soil in the process.

**Luke (Grower)**

We hope you have enjoyed reading about how to get the best out of your kitchen and garden waste, and that you'll enjoy future instalments of Church Farm gardening tips and projects. Church Farm, Ardeley, is an ecological and low-carbon food and farming enterprise – a place for wildlife, beauty, diversity, community and people. Our focus is on rare-breed, traditional British livestock raised to high welfare standards, and the best-tasting heritage varieties of fruit and vegetables. Our paths are free to walk all year round, and we have free parking available to all visitors. Come and meet Rik, Luke, and our other farmers to learn more about our farm, and enjoy the food they produce in our café, shop, and our pub over the road, The Jolly Waggoner.



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### SATURDAY SPECIALS

28<sup>th</sup> April - GLEE Family SPECIAL

15<sup>th</sup> September - NOTOWN WITHOUT MOTOWN

24<sup>th</sup> November - MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR MARCH

3<sup>rd</sup> March - THE BELIEVERS - our Beatles look alike band

10<sup>th</sup> March - NO ENTERTAINMENT - free jukebox, pool, snooker

17<sup>th</sup> March - CHASER (new to club), from Queen to Quo

24<sup>th</sup> March - MOVIE STARS - club favourite

31<sup>st</sup> March - BAZOOKA JOE - rock covers band

Members free, Guests £4 when entertainment provided or £7 for a special night

Don't forget to check out our page on facebook. And check out our website for information about bands, how to join as a member, and updates and photos of great nights at the Social Club. New Members are always welcome, and for any of you lapsed members, you are always welcome to rejoin at anytime.

# BUNTINGFORD GARDENERS CLUB



The Gardeners Club met in February when we thoroughly enjoyed an evening learning about the River Stort, from the source to Harlow, from years ago until the present day. It was very interesting and enjoyable.

Members were reminded that the Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, when we shall also stage a Spring Exhibition. The show guide was distributed and members were urged to enter the exhibition. There are a variety of classes, which should cover something that members grow or bake or do. Do enter.

The club will be needing a new Chairman (not an onerous task) and two committee members. About 3 or 4 committee meetings are held a year and the tasks are shared out between committee members. Do have a go, if only for a year.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June has been booked for a trip to Beth Chatto's garden. We have not been there for quite some time, so it should be an enjoyable outing. The evening visit for July has also been booked, but come to the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March to find out where. URC hall will be open from 7:30pm to allow exhibition entries to be displayed.

I look forward to seeing you all on that evening. I hope that the weather that we are having as I write this has gone by then.

Margaret Howarth, Chairman  
07747355017

## Buntingford **Dramatic Society**

# PANTOstein



Once again, we wish to thank our wonderful audiences and all who helped to make our pantomime so successful and enjoyable.

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Our special thanks go to 'The Cellar' who did an excellent job as Box Office and supplier of drinks.

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

## You Old Romantic You!

I have been looking at myself of late – no, not in that narcissistic way or even, heaven forbid, a cursory medical search, always a bad move as I have found it's best to avoid that sort of thing. There is nothing more guaranteed to be a recipe for disaster than if one starts reading about medical complaints. Even worse, a routine visit to the doctor. It never fails: you go in healthy and in a matter of minutes, longer if the GP's running late or fiddling with his computer, you come out with another ailment. The waiting rooms are filled with sick people, coughing and spluttering, and the GP wants nothing more to brighten his or her day than some idiot turning up with a diagnosis gleaned from TV or the internet! "I saw this on Channel 5 and I think I have it at an advanced stage?" "Nasty!" Indeed, despite mass government advertising encouraging us men to make a visit to the surgery whenever something worries, one is more often despatched with a flea in your ear for taking up the Doc's valuable time, or after a lot of humming you are asked to go away and come back in a fortnight if it's no better. This is medical-speak for: "I've no idea what he's got but if it's no better in a week or two I can always refer him to a consultant, that will slow him up! Next patient!"

No! My self-examination was more of the spiritual type; you see I feel I have become jaded of late and am falling behind in the sensitive and romantic stakes. One has also noticed that recently senior management has been dropping hints and referring more and more to her 'Women's Own Bumper Book of Italian Recipes'. Now, I am a bit partial to the odd plate of the Turin knitting, so long as it doesn't include that pernicious bulb. Why oh why do such a wonderful people, with such a beautiful language and country, have to foul up their food with garlic? Still, there's a downside to every thing!

"I have always fancied a ride in a gondola," the boss reflected wistfully over her All Bran one morning. This came as a bit of a shock as the only ride I was anticipating was on the 700 to Letchworth! "Venice is a beautiful city", she went on. Apparently this insight was as a result of a documentary presented by a redundant Venetian aristocrat on BBC Four. I wasn't sure if it was the magnificence of the Grand Canal or the oily charms of the greying smoothy that attracted the memsahib. So with great enthusiasm we adjourned to the travel agent, yes I know it may be 50p cheaper on the dreaded web but I am old-fashioned and I like to talk to a real person who can tell the difference between Dundee and Dover and, with luck, understand what I want by way of a break to foreign climes. Don't get me wrong, the web is ideal for getting a cheaper deal on something with which you are familiar, but a special holiday needs an expert!

In short we were given excellent service and follow up, and we soon found ourselves approaching the Grand Canal aboard a pristine launch. The lagoon of the fabled city was full with mammoth cruise liners, like floating skyscrapers. As we passed these huge chunks of white steel we craned our necks to see what seemed like ants waving from the uppermost levels. Were they waving in friendship or appealing for help to rescue them from some form of prison hulk? The attractions of the cruise liner to date have eluded me. Not least the fact that I might meet somebody like me and get lumbered with them for a week or two in some kind of floating aquatic hell, with my only distractions the enticements of endless food and entertainment and, on occasions, the various stomach plagues that make the copious amounts of conveyor-belt grub academic. Still these attractions have their followers who love to see how much they can eat in a week and applaud the efficaciousness of a daily stroll round the deck with a 360-degree view of the sea! Apparently a selected few get to eat with the crew!!

So we come full frontal to that most famous of cityscapes and even my jaded cynical spirits are lifted. Venice, of course, has many beautiful buildings but as I walk round buffeted by thousands of tourists like ourselves, I cannot help but question the overall layout of the place, which looks like the town planners were out to a particularly long lunch (and I thought it was only our local planning department that had some weird and wonderful interpretations of 'planning').

We passed on a coffee for £20 and ran the gauntlet of the food police as we sat on the steps and enjoyed an al fresco lunch. Then it was onto that 'ride', so with the help of our dedicated guide we joined the line to await our turn in a gondola. I entered into the spirit of the moment and tried to communicate in my poor Italian with the gondolier, but I soon learnt that despite paying a king's ransom, the man with the big oar was doing us a favour by allowing us to sit in his boat! Indeed it had become noticeable that the Venetians seemed to resent all the visitors, despite the billions of euros they bring to their slowly sinking city. But Hey Ho!

After a great deal of shuffling about we finally got settled and on our way. The guy in the stripy shirt executed a natty turn, narrowly missing an incoming launch, and this action got me looking round for the lifebelts. But 'Elf and Safety' Venetian-style apparently is just a shrug of the shoulders. So much for the harmonisation of the European Community: the Italians, like the French, seem to ignore all the things that would put our H & S officials in cardiac arrest.



Anyway, we soon found ourselves in the canal network, the calls of the oarsmen echoing off the dark walls, and we were entertained by the sounds of a string quartet practising in an upper room in one of the old buildings. Magic! Being so absorbed, we hardly noticed the large hoardings of the sponsors who make huge donations to the city's survival. I am minded to reflect that when one sups with Old Nick a long-handled spoon is imperative.

All too soon we were back at the pier, but not before a small altercation with our captain when I had the temerity to grasp one of the decorative ropes that adorned the sides of the craft. It was a reaction to our personal matalot executing a 'Jeremy Clarkson' and doing a nautical handbreak turn as we docked. He made it quite clear that the equivalent of his fluffy dice were not for handling and it took all my will not to launch into that eighties hit 'Shut up a your face'. However, on balance the whole experience was great and the look on the beloved's face made it all worthwhile.

If one dwells on the reality of it all – millions of people flocking to a city slowly sinking under its own popularity; tourists paying up to £200 a pop to ride through an open sewer in a safety-challenged canoe; the local population, especially the shopkeepers, treating all with equal contempt – one might be forgiven for judging a visit to Venice not to be recommended. But was it worth it? You bet it was! Pass the Cornetto!

**Vyse**

# B A L A

Buntingford Action for the Less Able

Registered Charity No. 1094426

## Minibus trips March 2012

			<b>Cost</b>
<b>MARCH</b>			
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am – 12ish	Bishop's Stortford Town Centre	£4
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am – 2:30pm	Country Homes & Gardens and Bury Lane Farm Shop, Melbourn – Cotton Traders, Pavers Shoes, Edinburgh Woollen Mills, Plants, Deli etc.	£4.50
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 12ish	Tesco at Bishop's Stortford.	£4
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	'Kiss Me Kate' at Saffron Walden	Tkts £12 Bus £4
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am – 3:00pm	Welwyn Garden City – John Lewis, M&S, Debenhams, WHSmith, Boots etc.	£6
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 12ish	Bishop's Stortford Town Centre	£4
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am – 12ish	Tesco at Bishop's Stortford	£4
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	'Orpheus in the Underworld' at Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage	Tkts £12.50 Bus £4
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Cambridge shopping	£7
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 12ish	Bishop's Stortford Town Centre	£4
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am – 2:30pm	Van Hage Garden Centre	£5
<b>APRIL</b>			
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 12ish	Tesco at Bishop's Stortford	£4
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	'My Son Pinocchio', musical at Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage	Tkts £15.50 Bus £4

To book a seat or for more information phone 01763 273623 or 01763 271708

## Coffee Morning

at Benson Hall, Buntingford

Wednesday 21st March – 10:30am to 12:00noon

Coffee / Cakes / Bric-a-Brac / Raffle / Marmalade

Proceeds for the B.A.L.A. Minibus





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**Buntingford – Charlotte Creedon and Adam Frame**  
**Villages – Amanda Higham**

If you have any issues to raise, or just want to say hello, please stop by at the dates, times and places given below.

**Charlotte or Adam will be available in Buntingford on:**

1<sup>st</sup> March, 10:30–11:30 at the United Reformed Church, Baldock Road, Buntingford

5<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30–11:30 at St Peters Church, Buntingford

12<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30–11:30 at St Peters Church, Buntingford

19<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30–11:30 at St Peters Church, Buntingford

**Amanda will be in the following villages on:**

7<sup>th</sup> March, 3:15–3:45pm – Albury, outside Village Hall

13<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00–10:30am – Stocking Pelham

21<sup>st</sup> March, 9:30–10.00am – Little Hormead

28<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30–10:00am – Meesden, outside Village Hall

28<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00–10:30am – Brent Pelham

*(Times are subject to change at short notice)*

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# BUNTINGFORD TOWN FC

www.buntingfordtownfc.com



Fixtures have been far and few between in recent weeks and those that did take place did not turn out too well for us.

The **First Team** had to wait until the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month before they played their second game in January (the first being on the 2<sup>nd</sup>), and our lack of fitness showed when they went down 8-1 to Wormley Rovers. The snow then put paid to further matches until the 18<sup>th</sup> February when a good performance unfortunately still ended in defeat by the odd goal in five at Bovingdon.

The **Reserves** continue to play some great football but are still struggling to secure a winning streak. A 1-1 draw at Cuffley was followed by an excellent 3-0 victory over Bovingdon, and then, following the snow, the team suffered a disappointing 3-1 defeat at home to Codicote.

## CHARITY-FOOTBALL-MATCH Buntingford Town VETERANS

VS

## SPURS LEGENDS

**Sunday 25th March**

**The Bury, London Road  
Buntingford**

**Gates open 12pm  
kick off 2pm**

IN SUPPORT OF  
**Hertfordshire  
Air Ambulance**



**Adults - £4. Children under 16 - £1**

The club's **Veterans** have also been experiencing patchy results, losing to Walkern (2-0), beating Enfield (4-2), and then losing 3-0 to Broxbourne Borough. They will hope to hit better form on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March** when they will be entertaining **Spurs Legends** at The Bury in a charity match in support of the Herts Air Ambulance Service. Please come along and support this good cause!

Finally, I would like thank everyone who came along and took part in our 70s / 80s music quiz on 18<sup>th</sup> February. It was very well attended, everybody appeared to enjoy themselves, and we managed to raise vital funds for the club. Without the support of the people of Buntingford we would struggle to survive, so your help is really appreciated. As usual, for more information on fixtures, check our website:

[www.buntingfordtownfc.com](http://www.buntingfordtownfc.com)

**Chris Thurgill**  
Chairman, Buntingford Town FC

## **BUNTINGFORD COUGARS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**Welcome back**

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