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# View from the Pew

Autumn is a time of change, the fragile leaves with their autumn colours of red, orange, yellow and gold, the harvesting of the fields around us as well as fruit and vegetables from our gardens and allotments. It is a time of abundance, full of awe and wonder, but also it's as if autumn is a reminder to us of how, fragile and constantly changing, life can be too.

In the Bible we see the reference to harvest being used in the Old and New Testament, the symbolism within harvest is still applicable today. It reminds us to share with others, to be thankful and rejoice for the blessings of harvest. We are told never tire of doing what is good.(Galatians 6:9)

Autumn is a busy time in the garden. It is a time to plant new bulbs, cut off the dead wood and prune some of the plants. However harsh and brutal it may seem this makes them ready to rest over winter, to regrow in the spring, stronger and more fruitful. God does the same in our own lives, gently reminding us that our lives are precious, fragile, constantly changing as we grow and develop, experiencing life with all its ups and downs. This harvest time, allow your Gardener to tend to your needs, pruning what is unnecessary, and giving the nutrients you need in order to flourish and grow.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. (John15:1-2)

As the seasons change along with our lives, we are still amazed with the Good News that, no matter what changes, our God is constant, never changing, and His love never fails. Whether you find yourself in a season of hurt or a season of plenty, God promises to be with us, He will never leave us or forsake us. (Joshua 1:5)

Harvest is not only a time to collect and gather crops, but more importantly, it is a time to thank God for His blessings and provision.

**Yvonne Collette** 

#### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

We are thrilled to announce the marriage of our eldest daughter, Emma Louise Hicks, to Robert Thomas Grimsdale, which took place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Holy Cross Church Sarratt, followed by a reception at the magnificent Micklefield Hall.

Jenks vintage bus transported the wedding party in grand Sarratt style to the Church. Holy Cross was bursting with love, and we were very proud parents. When the happy couple were declared husband and wife a cheer could be heard from miles around!



We are so delighted to officially welcome Rob into our family. We wish them a life full of fun laughter love and happiness.

Special thanks to Reverend Sarah, the vergers Elizabeth & Philip, the organist David, the bell ringers, the choir, John Griffith and Anna & Jamie Rankin of Micklefield Hall.

Anthony & Victoria Hicks of Deadmans Ash Lane

#### SARRATT MUMS, TODDLERS AND BABIES

Daphne Tyler is looking for someone who would like to help run the group with the possibility of taking it over. We meet on a **Monday morning 9.30-11.30** term time in the **King George V pavilion**.

For more information, please call Daphne on 07970 894205.

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER AT 9AM All Welcome



# Please come along with friends and family to enjoy our Harvest Thanksgiving

Food and other produce will be gathered for
The New Hope Trust
We will also be supporting the Bishop of St Alban's
Harvest Appeal "Thrive: Nutrition and Sustainable
Agriculture in Sri Lanka'

The church will be decorated with arrangements and displays

For further information please call the Benefice Office on 01923 264377

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#### ...AND THESE REGULAR MEETINGS

Sarratt Mums, Toddlers and Baby Group: 9.30-11.30am every Monday, term time only, in the Pavilion, KGV Playing Fields. We are a nice friendly group. Please come and join us. Enquiries to: Daphne Tyler 07970 894205

Sarratt Scouts: Sarratt Scout Group: For boys and girls. Explorers (aged 14-18) meet Monday evening, Beavers (6-8) and Scouts (10-14) meet Wednesday evening, and Cubs (8-10) meet Thursday evening. Enquiries: info@sarrattscoutgroup.org

Netherby Bridge Group meets from 2-4.30pm on Thursdays in Sarratt Village Hall's Back Room. New individuals and pairs are welcome to join this friendly group of contract bridge players - £2 a session includes teas and biscuits. Contact Margaret Stratford 01923 260475

**Sarratt Rebels Youth Football Club:** Training on Saturdays at KGV Field - **www.sarrattrebels.org** 

# Saturday 16 November 24

# 70s/80s/90s Disco Night

Sarratt Village Hall



Tables of ten available – £20 per person

Bring along your own food – doors open

7.30 pm with boogying 8.30 - 11.30pm

Theme your table after you favourite

70s/80s/90s artist – prizes for the best

Themed dress optional

Tickets Available from Sue Clark

<u>sue@suemclark.com</u> All proceeds to Friends of Holy Cross

# Sarratt Horti AGM

Wed 16 Oct, 8pm Sarratt Village Hall

Brief AGM followed by a talk:

"My Life as a Flower Gardener"

Speaker: Lisa Comfort

(Jazzy Rose Flowers, Chipperfield)





# OCTOBER UPDATE

#### 'SARRATT COMMUNITY LUNCH'

In the Village Hall on **Monday 21st October at 12.30**For contact please ring Jacky Creed – details below

#### 'COFFEE CORNER' and TREATMENTS

(treatments include hairdressing, massage and chiropody)
In the Village Hall from 10.30 to 12 noon
on Wednesdays the 9th and 23rd October

For details please ring Jennifer Haynes on 590542 or 07743 133736

#### TRANSPORT TO APPOINTMENTS

To arrange for a volunteer driver please ring 07565 399349

## ANY OTHER ENQUIRIES or PROBLEMS

Please ring Jacky Creed on 519975

If no reply please feel happy to leave a message

#### THE ARTS SOCIETY RICKMANSWORTH

Charity No. 1102829

#### Music in Art: Sophie Matthews Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Our October presentation promises to be memorable and unmissable for lovers of art and music. Sophie displays how music is depicted in paintings by great artists such as Hogarth, Bosch and Brueghel, with live demonstrations of the portrayed ancient instruments. Importantly, the authentic woodwind instruments and music are presented in their original social contexts, exploring the symbolism of music in mediaeval and Renaissance art.

Sophie Matthews is an accredited Arts Society lecturer and instrument maker. She plays a remarkable variety of early woodwind instruments such as shawm, rauschpfeife and recorder, is a singer with a travelling group of troubadours, GreenMatthews, and one of the few players of the baroque musette, an 18<sup>th</sup>C French bagpipe. She is known for her prowess in playing the English border bagpipes.

Please join us at **Sarratt Village Hall** for what promises to be a terrific, unique presentation. **Refreshments from 10.30**; **presentation at 11**. Hall entry for non-Members by suggested donation of £8.

Membership for our 2024/25 season is £45 - amazing value for money. You are welcome to join. We offer a full season of presentations, the opportunity to join in visits and Special Interest Days, and as a member of the national 'The Arts Society' you receive the three times per year Arts Society magazine, monthly highlights and 'Instant Expert' articles. See our website, and click on 'Our Society'. Or ring Irene Dubuis on 07884 173128 for further information.

Our website offers full details of our work TASRickmansworth.org.uk

#### THE DAYS CHARITY

If anyone has become 80 this year or will do so before the end of the year, please contact **Carol Chorley on 01923-265096** by the end of October.

# **September Sunday Market**

Into my heart an air that kills
From yon far country blows:
What are those blue remember'd hills
What spires, what halls are those?
That is the land of lost content,
I see it shining plain,
The Sunday Markets, where I went
And hope to come again.

And we hope you all will come again to our Village Hall Sunday Market on **Sunday 20**<sup>th</sup> **October** to see our selection of crafts – including hand made Christmas decorations and mosaic pictures, bric-a-brac, jewellery and affordable antique stalls.

Tea and coffee is available with biscuits and home made cakes. Start is 10 am to 12.30.

Any enquiries, please ring Larry on 265386.

## Countryside behaviour

Dear dog walkers and farmers, after an incident with an escaped sheep and a dog, last weekend, may we make a plea for dog walkers to be vigilant of their animals when off the lead. Also, for dog walkers to be respectful of farm animals – who like horses, consider themselves prey and are naturally fearful. Farmers, please make sure your fences are secure, so this does not occur.

Sarratt Parish Council

#### TOP FLIGHT COMEDY COMES TO SARRATT!

On **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**, the **Village Hall** will see a night of top flight comedy showcasing some fantastic acts from the international comedy circuit.

Local resident, Rupert Riley of Church Lane has teamed up with his old friend Toby Foster (as seen in Peter Kay's Phoenix nights, Ricky Gervais's Extras and who is the voice of the TV show "Bangers & Cash") to bring a super night of comedy to Sarratt.

Toby has been running successful comedy shows across the North of England for over 20 years and so has the experience and contacts to ensure a really superb line up along with professional staging – it really will feel like the Village Hall is a true comedy club for the night! There will also be a full bar with super range of drinks available on the evening.

Tickets will likely sell out very quickly so it's advisable to book early – look out for the flyer through your door for a QR code to scan to purchase tickets or alternatively use the poster on the Village Hall external or Village shop notice boards.

You can also go to <a href="https://www.lastlaughcomedy.co.uk">https://www.lastlaughcomedy.co.uk</a>. Click on "Sarratt Village Hall" and you can purchase tickets from there.

Doors open at **7pm** and the show runs from **8pm to 10pm**.

We hope to see you there for what will surely be a fun & entertaining evening of comedy right here in the heart of the village.

#### PINTS OF VIEW AT THE PLOUGH

#### **Monday 21st October**

Our next get-together of Pints of View will be held at The Plough, Belsize, on Monday 21st October, starting



at 8pm. POV is an informal gathering in which to explore topical matters, aspects of faith, moral issues and ethical dilemmas over a quiet drink. Everyone welcome.

#### Sarratt School

In our first full week of the new school year, we have been reflecting on Our School Values and Our Sarratt Way - the two rules which guide us in our school. We



always aim to 'Treat Others as we would be Treated' and strive to 'Do Our Best to be Our Best'. It's been wonderful to see the children respond to our high expectations and rise to the challenge - being courteous and kind to their peers and working hard in the classroom.

It has also been wonderful to see the many new children who join us this year settling into their new environments including our new Reception class who had a wonderful time in their first PE lesson this week!

The Harvest service is in school this year and there will be a food bank donation. Our choir are performing at St Albans Cathedral at 2.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> October for Harvest Celebration.

#### We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant.

We are seeking to appoint a cheerful, friendly individual to be part of our lunch time team to supervise and support the children during lunch break both in the dining hall and outside on the playground.

You would be required to work Monday to Friday from 11:45am to 1:15pm. We are particularly interested in candidates with an enthusiasm for play who are willing to use their own initiative to make playtimes fun, enjoyable and safe for children. This role is vital to the smooth running of lunchtimes and to assist children in gaining the skills of independent and co-operative play and their emotional wellbeing.

This post is for 7.5 hours per week, 5 days a week, term time only. £11.59 per hour pro rata.

If you are interested in the position, please **contact the school office** – **pop in or give us a call** on **01923 262003**.

Mrs Nicola O'Hare, Head of School

#### SARRATT POST OFFICE STORES

Serving our community 7 days a week
(A Community Interest Company)





To match our freshly painted shop front and as we embrace the seasonal change we are planning to do an Autumn Clean on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October and welcome all offers of help from midday as we prepare for the arrival of Halloween treats, pumpkins and a newly added gift range. This will comprise a real mix of natural products with something for everyone

from soaps, candles, notebooks, small games, reusable snack & bread bags and other kitchen items – come in and have a browse whilst picking up your milk (by far our number one seller), or bottle of Quirky Bird, also one of our most popular products!

Sarratt Green Café is stocking up too, with hot chocolate, pastel de nata, sausage rolls and bacon baps which can all be served in proper cups with saucers or on plates now that the café toilet is fully installed which means that there is no longer any limit on the amount of time you can stay, relax and enjoy the café buzz on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings – hooray!



Finally, to help with your own stocking up do remember that our Post Office is an Amazon Hub where you can collect and return your online parcels.

We look forward to seeing you soon and invite you to follow us:

Facebook: sarratt post office stores
Instagram: @sarrattpostofficestores

Thank you for all your support as valued customers and volunteers.



## **QUIZ NIGHT**



#### A fundraising event for the Sarratt Scout Group

Everyone Welcome - no affiliation to the scout group required

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November Sarratt Village Hall

Doors open: 7pm Quiz starts: 8pm

£10 per head

Raffle (please bring cash!)

Bring your own food – plates, cutlery & glasses supplied (and washed up!)

There will be a bar serving beers, wines and soft drinks at reasonable prices. We kindly request you purchase your drinks from the bar (Card payments can be accepted). If you wish to bring your own drinks, there will be a £5 corkage charge per bottle.

Tables of up to 10 people.

So, gather some friends, make up your team, and join us on 9th November for a fun evening in support of your local Scout Group. We can also put individuals together with others to make up teams.

To attend, please email us at: events@sarrattscoutgroup.org

# SARRATT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW



After a chilly start, a beautiful sunny day was the backdrop for the Autumn Show in Sarratt Village Hall on the 14th September. The preceding week was full of bad weather: rain, strong winds, hail and cold nights. But the hardy gardeners of Sarratt still had some things left to exhibit as well as tales of how much better it could have been!

Sandra Turner was the winner of the trophy for roses. But Simon Hammett dominated the other gardening categories by winning three cups: the dahlia trophy, the 'other flowers' cup and the fruit and vegetable cup. Well done Simon!

Julie Mansi was a clear winner in the cookery section and also took the Staughton Cup for the best jam. The Floral Art was a close contest with Sue Clark, Sarah Altman and



contest with Sue Clark, Sarah Altman and Janice Alder sharing the honours. The Arts and Crafts section allowed the entrants to show off



their creative skills with some amazing creations. Leigh Martins and Ted North were joint winners in a close contest.

There were some lovely children's entries with Sam and Jack Kiely plus Levente Brown winning the trophy with the Tyler



family winning the plate for the most points for a single family.

The overall show winner was Simon Hammett with Steven Booth winning a cup for the most points across the Spring and Autumn Shows.

The category prizes were presented by Lady Joanna Staughton, following the end of a delightful afternoon where the village had met to see the exhibits, see the winners and have a chat with their friends over a cup of tea or coffee.



#### SARRATT PARISH COUNCIL OPT-IN MAILING SERVICE

Dear Sarratt.

Would you like to have all-important information from your Parish Council at your fingertips? SPC will not inundate you with messages, but only give you the really



important news, like road closures. We have over 60 members and would like to push that to up to 100 before we start broadcasting. Help us to do that please.

To join please submit your email address via the link on the SPC website – visit <u>www.sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>, or scan the QR code below.



#### **OUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!**

Sarratt Parish Council has been running at two Councillors short of a full complement for over 12 months.

We are now desperately in need of volunteers to step forward to take on these roles, in particular anyone with a passion for helping to maintain the wonderful **ENVIRONMENT** of greens, woodlands, footpaths and common land we are lucky to have in the Parish.

If you would like to find out more on what's involved, please contact Mrs Lena Mortimer, Parish Clerk on **01923 262025** or email: clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk

#### CHARITY PUB QUIZ

# AT THE COCK INN, SARRATT CHURCH END WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

**STARTING AT 8pm** 

ENTRY £2 PER PERSON, WITH A MAXIMUM OF **SIX PERSONS** PER TEAM.

CASH PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM WITH AT LEAST HALF OF ENTRY FEES BEING DONATED TO:



ADDITIONAL PRIZE FOR THE FUNNIEST AND MOST ORIGINAL TEAM NAME, COME ALONG AND ENJOY A FUN EVENING.

Phone: 01923 282908 to book a table

Email: info@cockinnsarratt.co.uk

In last month's issue, we were delighted to include an unusual picture of bees on the Green. We would welcome more like that.

So if you have an unusual photo taken in the village, please send it to us at **sarrattspotlight@googlemail.com** for possible inclusion.



After last year's enormous success in raising over £1,100 for Cancer Research, our BOOTIFUL Christmas market returns. Please get in touch if you would like to book a stall and join other local businesses promoting their boutique clothing, cakes and treats, homemade goods, gifts and Christmas presents. We are asking for a £20 charitable donation to secure your spot. Please also contact us if you are willing to donate raffle prizes to help us raise even more money for our charity.

Call Zöe at The Boot on 01923262247 or email thebootsarratt@gmail.com

# CHORLEYWOOD AID FOR UKRAINE OUR AUTUMN APPEAL

Ukraine has been at war now for over thirty months – and there seems no sign of it ending. For Ukrainian civilians – orphans, refugees, the sick and wounded – another hard winter is expected and damage to essential infrastructure including power supply is likely to make things worse.

Our charity has been supported from the beginning by generous friends from both sides of the A404, and we're asking you to continue that support – by donations of clean and serviceable clothing, bedding, sleeping-bags and toys. We're asking too for further financial support – support that funds the shipment of donated items to our partner Ukrainian charity, From Dreams to Reality, in Brovary, near Kyiv.

The openness and generosity of Sarratt, Chipperfield and Chorleywood has already made a major difference to the lives of thousands of people displaced by the conflict, or who have lost family members. The need for more support has not gone away.

In order to continue our quarterly shipments of about one ton of aid supplies, we need your help!

#### Please look at our website www.cafukr.org

It will tell you more about what we are doing, and the impact of your support on the lives of our friends in Ukraine.

Jeremy Fern, Trustee

#### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPIES will be on sale from the usual venues beginning on 25th October. The Remembrance Service at Holy Cross Church is on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> and on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be 2 minute silence at the War Memorial at 11 am on The Green.

# The Church of the Holy Cross, Sarratt, and St Paul's Church, Chipperfield

The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield
Benefice website: www.hcsp.net
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#### **Holy Cross Services**:

Start at 9am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, and at 10.45am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

#### St Paul's Services:

start at 10.45am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, and at 9am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

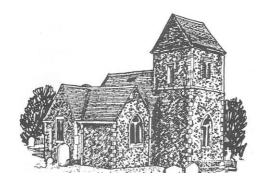
#### Everyone is welcome to attend any service in the Benefice

For the most up-to-date information, see our Benefice Weekly News Sheet on **hcsp.net**.

Church Opening Times

Holy Cross is open each day between 9am and 4pm

St Paul's is open each day between 10am and 4pm



#### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### **OCTOBER 24**

Sunday 6 HARVE	ST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS
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19th Sunday after Trinity

9am Sarratt Harvest Thanksgiving Holy Cross 10.45am Chipperfield Harvest Thanksgiving with Eucharist St Paul's followed by Benefice Bring & Share Lunch St Paul's Parish Room

Sunday 13 20th Sunday after Trinity

9am Morning Worship St Paul's 10.45am Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross

Sunday 20 21st Sunday after Trinity

9am Morning Worship Holy Cross 10.45am All Together Service Benefice Eucharist St Paul's 6.30pm Compline (Traditional Night Prayer) Holy Cross

Sunday 27 ALL SAINTS' DAY (Sunday before 1/11)

**Last Sunday after Trinity** 

9am Morning Worship St Paul's 10.45am Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross

#### **NOVEMBER 2024 (first part of month)**

#### Sunday 3 ALL SOULS' DAY

4th Sunday before Advent

9am	Morning Worship	Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's
4.30pm	Service Commemorating the Faithful Depart	ed Holy Cross
6.30pm	Service Commemorating the Faithful Depart	ed St Paul's

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#### **Sarratt WI**



Our September speaker, Tricia Thompson, gave us an entertaining talk



titled 'Leeches to Laxatives' by all about medical quackery during Victorian times, with many fascinating anecdotes and enlivened by a slide show of Victorian advertising posters.

Who knew that Queen Victoria used cocaine laced chewing gum or that sedative pills coated in heroin were sold for children?

We had a review of our various outings over the summer including a visit to the Lindengate charity garden near Wendover, which was thoroughly enjoyed and well-attended. Some of our members had a trip to the Sonning Theatre for lunch and a performance of Three Men In a Boat', which was highly recommended by those who went along.

In June, we had a stall at Sarratt Flower Festival weekend at Holy Cross Church with a bottle tombola and raised over £300 for charity including Holy Cross and Colne Valley Trust.

We also plan a walk every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month followed by a pub lunch. We have recently enjoyed had a walk around Whelpley hill area with lunch at the White Hart.

Why not give us a try? See you **2.15pm** at **Sarratt Village Hall** on the **second Wednesday of the month**. You will be given a very warm welcome with tea and cake! A lovely friendly way to spend an afternoon.

Please phone our President Leone on **07894-421748** for more information

#### Sustainable Sarratt

#### **Updated Recycling Facility in the Shop**

Thank you to everyone who has been using our recycling box in the village shop. We have to make a change because Terracycle no longer accepts pens and writing implements. Amersham Medic to Medic who







the operate Terracycle scheme for our area estimate they have recycled 400kgs of pens over the years raising £400 for their charity and diverting waste from landfill. They are grateful for the contributions from Sarratt Village.

We will now instead collect a few items which Medic to Medic are able to sell to collectors to raise funds for their projects in Malawi: Coins (old UK or any foreign currency), any stamps, old jewellery (including plastic costume jewellery/broken watches etc), CDs and DVDs in their cases.

As a reminder the recycling box is in the village shop under the counter and you can recycle the following items only:

- 1. Plastic toothbrushes (rinsed and dry), including electric toothbrush heads and interdental brushes.
- 2. Coins (old UK or foreign currency), Stamps, Jewellery (including costume jewellery, broken watches), CDs and DVDs in cases.
- 3. Printer ink cartridges. (No laser or toner cartridges)

Please do use this scheme to reduce what we send to landfill and to raise funds for Medic to Medic.

#### Sarratt Tennis Club Finals Day 2024



We were able to run a full suite of tournaments again this year culminating in six finals being played. Despite thunderstorm warnings, the day was hot and sunny,



testing players and even spectators. We had our usual excellent barbeque marshalled and procured by Kath Curtis and Simon Hammett and expertly cooked by Nick Ratliff and there was a larger than usual turnout of spectators, both human and canine.

First up was the Men's Singles Cup final between Paul Curtis and Simon Ashby. In a high quality game, Paul went up a set, 6-3, but was pegged back 6-2 in the second. Simon



prevailed in the deciding tie break,10-6, ensuring a new name on the cup. On No 2 court, the Women's Doubles Cup was being played. This had been affected by absence, COVID and injury but the final saw Clare Bennett & Cathy Vines beat Judith Wildgoose & Sarah Haynes, 6-1, 6-2.

Next was the Men's Singles Plate final with Craig Bennett beating Simon Hammett, 6-0, 6-3. On court 1 we had a re-run of the 2023 final in the Mixed Doubles with Kath & Paul Curtis taking on Jo Horwood & Mike Rogers. It was the usual cagey affair with a fair amount of height on many ground-strokes and the sneaky deployment of the Rogers Drop Serve (TM). As with last year, this final went to a tie break with Team Curtis coming out on top 5-7, 6-3, 10-5 to retain the trophy.

The final round of matches saw the Women's Singles final between Jo Horwood and Kath Curtis. Jo won 6-2, 6-1 to retain the trophy for the third year running. In the last match, Paul Curtis and Craig Bennett beat Simon Ashby and Mike Rogers to win the Men's Doubles Cup, 6-2, 6-2.

Sarratt Tennis Club is a small but enthusiastic and friendly club and welcomes new members of all ages and abilities, including those who

haven't played before. If you'd like to find out more - or join us - visit our website at <a href="https://www.sarratttennisclub.co.uk/">https://www.sarratttennisclub.co.uk/</a>

# Community Garden Update for September



It's been an interesting year in the garden – definitely not easy, but with some great successes as well as plenty of failures. A very early frost in September has shortened the season somewhat, and cold nights have meant that ripening has slowed right down.

Nevertheless, I love September for its coolness, for moisture in the ground, and for apples and squashes. It's a month for planning for the next year, and making structural improvements before it becomes too cold. I have sown spicy salad greens and spinach this month, with a view to having an early spring crop in the polytunnel. Otherwise our winter greens will mainly be kale, cavalo nero (black kale), and more kale!

The community garden will keep working over the autumn, but there won't be produce for sale now until the first salads and rhubarb in March/April. See you then!

## Sarratt Open golf day



A record number of 56 Sarratt golfers and their guests took part in the Sarratt Open on the 21<sup>st</sup> August at West Herts Golf Club. It was a glorious warm summers day and the course looked its best and the greens running fast.

The team prize was won by Gary Davis, Darrell Lewis, Kevin Carter and Glen Smart beating the team of Colin Waller Clive Saddler, Asif Khan

and Steve Canacott into second place.

The main event is the Sarratt Open and this proved a very close affair with former Sarratt schoolboy, resident, footballer and cricketer Dave Lane with 37 points emerging victorious, beating Luke Spackman into second, who edged Jon Adams into 3<sup>rd</sup>, both with 36 points.

Great to see so many people, including two ladies, attend and good fun being had by all.

#### Sarratt Football Club

It was a frustrating start to the new season, kickingoff our campaign with three narrow defeats to Newport Pagnell Development (0-1), Old Bradwell United (0-1) and Tring Corinthians (1-2).



However, as the squad continued to gel, we enjoyed a run of three-straight victories, over Padbury Village (3-0), Caddington (5-4) and Huntingdon U23s (4-2). At the time of writing, Harry Foot and Ianis Ciora are our joint-top scorers, with four goals each.

Whilst we sit in an impressive 8th place in the league, a series of cup matches await us in the coming month. Clashes include Caddington (League Challenge Trophy), Apsley Argyle (County Cup) and Milton Keynes College (Division Two Cup).

After promotion during the summer, our Reserves began their new league campaign, playing out an eight-goal thriller against Edgware & Kingsbury Reserves. Player-manager Russ Fardon's brace wasn't enough as we came away empty handed in the 5-3 loss.

You can keep up to date with all the latest Sarratt FC news on social media. Find us at @SarrattFC on X/Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Admission to KGV Playing Fields on matchday is FREE! Draught beer, tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks are all available to purchase in the KGV Pavilion. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

#### **Upcoming Home Fixtures (Subject to Change)**

5th October - First Team vs. Apsley Argyle (2:00pm, County Cup)

12th October - Reserves vs. Cuffley Reserves (2:00pm)

19th October - First Team vs. Milton Keynes College (3:00pm)

2nd November - First Team vs. Codicote (2:00pm)

Tom Scarborough Sarratt FC Secretary

#### Sarratt Wildlife Volunteers

On Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, we raked up the Cut Grass on the Dellfield area of Commonwoood, just off Plough Lane. Although this might just look like a tidying up job, it is in fact vital for the ongoing survival of the wildflowers in this open patch. Wildflowers and grasses are usually found together, but if there is a lot of nutriment in the soil, some of the grasses out-compete the flowers, eventually leading to their disappearance.



This is especially important in this area, as although small, is one of our important chalk grassland sites, supporting



species such as Field Scabious, Knapweed, Wild Carrot, Hedge Bedstraw, Lady's Bedstraw, Wild Basil and Wild Marjoram, all of which have been recorded here. Leaving cut grass on the surface enriches the soil as it decomposes, so raking it up is a way of keeping the soil relatively nutrient poor.

Thanks to all who came along in the beautiful sunshine – many hands really do

make light work for jobs like this and the Parish really values this group.

Our next session is on **Sunday October 13**<sup>th</sup> when we shall be having another go at clearing some of the overgrowth in the Old Chalk Pit on Commonwood. Again, chalk loving plants would thrive there if only we can keep it clear



of rampant bushes! Do come along and help if you can, meet at 10am in the car park at Commonwood with strong gloves and your refreshments, tools provided.

Contact Dawn for more information **01923-267071** or **dawnmlpitts@btinternet.com** 

## **Sarratt Scout Group**

Gavin Daly, Verity Allen, Dan Haynes, Sarah Dobson

We're pleased to announce that the Scout Group has managed to recruit a new Group Chair and a Group Treasurer.

We are however still in need of a Group Secretary. This role does not take up a lot of time and involves:

- Attending the Group Trustee Board 3 times a year which lasts no more than an hour
- Sending out the Agenda for the Trustee Board and taking Minutes
- Attending the AGM and helping the Chair and Group Scout Leaders prepare for it, plus taking the Minutes
- A few other ad-hoc activities during the year such as renewing our insurance policy

It's genuinely not a huge time commitment across the course of the year, and you do not need to have any experience of Scouting. If you can help, please get in touch with us at: gsl@sarrattscoutgroup.org

We're also pleased to announce the return of the **Scout Group Quiz Night on the evening of Saturday 9 November** in the Village Hall, with Rupert Riley as our Quiz Master. Tables are available for up to 10 people, at £10 per head. Bring your own food, but there is a bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks. There will also be a Raffle (see p16 for details). To bag your table, email us at: <a href="mailto:events@sarrattscoutgroup.org">events@sarrattscoutgroup.org</a>

And now onto what we've been up to, although not much to report as at the time of writing we are only one week back into the new term. But each Section has a packed calendar of activities over the coming weeks and both the Cub and Explorer Sections will be heading off for their Autumn Camps at the end of September.

Finally, if you have a child who would like to join the Scout Group please contact us at: <a href="mailto:admissions@sarrattscoutgroup.org">admissions@sarrattscoutgroup.org</a>

All our Sections are open to both boys and girls.

Beavers: Age 5¾ - 8 years - Meets Wednesday

Cubs: Age 8 - 10 years - Meets Thursdays

Scouts: Age 10 - 14 years - Meets Wednesdays Explorers: Age 14 - 18 years - Meets Mondays

#### **PARISH WARDEN Position vacant**

Sarratt Village requires a Parish Warden. 10 hours per week. Basic duties include emptying bins and keeping signage clean and clearly visible. Occasionally, some light tree trimming is required. Fly the flag for Sarratt Village by keeping it looking beautiful. This position would suit a retired person very well.

Please contact the Clerk, Mrs Mortimer, at Sarratt Parish Council 01923 262065 (09:00 to 12:00 each day) for further details."

#### Message from the Parish Council:

"Thank you so much to the jokers, who stole the brand-new bench at the Belsize Bus Stop. This was to be dedicated to Mike Musk, Ex-Councillor, who gave over 20 years of public service to Sarratt and the Hamlets. Please can all local residents keep an eye on the replacement bench, to be delivered over the following 6–8 weeks. This can truly be Neighbourhood Watch in practice."

#### **ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE!**

We are unusually lucky in Sarratt Parish to have a large allotment site, with several vacancies at present.

Having an allotment is incredibly rewarding, providing many kilos of fresh fruit and veg (with any luck ①), as well as being a great way of getting to know other plotholders, reducing your food miles, and keeping fit. There is vehicular access and a communal shed, as well as easy access to mains water standpipes.

The rent is £40 per year for a whole plot, or there is the possibility of just taking a half-plot for £20/yr. We also ask for a £100 deposit, returnable when the plot is relinquished in good order – this is retained if the plot is given back in an unreasonable state in order to pay for remedial works before the next tenant.

If you would be interested in taking on a plot, please get in touch with Lena, Parish Clerk on <u>clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>, or ring the Parish office on 01923 262025

## **Parish Council Report**

Sarah Dobson

The following report covers the key points arising from the SPC Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September.

#### **PLANNING**

- Cllr Farman advised that TRDC had extended the Reg 18 consultation on the Sarratt Neighbourhood plan by one week to 9 September. It was not known why. TRDC will then collate any comments received and pass this to the External Examiner for her final review. Assuming she approves the plan, it can then move to a Parish Referendum.
- Cllr Lowry represented SPC at the TRDC Planning Committee meeting and spoke in favour of the planning application for the proposed extension to the Village Hall. The committee approved the application.
- The Chorleywood Green Street planning application is going before the Planning Committee soon, and they will make a site visit. As part of the outline planning permission, the developers have promised a new primary school and doctors' surgery. A decision by the P&R committee is expected at their meeting on the 24 October.
- The recent survey work that has been taking place on the Burlington field and on Church Lane was noted.

#### Review of Planning Applications:

• 24/1387/LBC & 24/1338/FUL: Church of The Holy Cross, Sarratt - Removal of existing external oil storage tank and installation of 2 new floor mounted air source heat humps on existing concrete oil tank base. SPC: We support the move to a more sustainable source of energy for the heating system and overall this will reduce carbon emissions. We note that this building due to its age and size is very hard to heat efficiently, so we encourage them to continue to improve the building insulation wherever possible.

- 24/1303/PDE: The Laurels, White Shack Lane, Chandlers Cross, WD3 4ND Prior Approval: Single storey rear extension (depth 5.40 metres, maximum height 3.00 metres, maximum eaves height 3.00 metres) SPC: Noted
- 24/1364/CLPD: 1 Downer Drive, Sarratt, WD3 6BD Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Demolition of existing garage and conservatory; construction of front porch and single storey side and rear extensions SPC: Noted
- 24/1302/LBC: Whitedell Farm, Bragman's Lane, Sarratt, WD3 4NS Installation of four rooflights to side and rear, removal of existing clay and slate roof tiles and replacement with new clay tiles and natural slate tiles. SPC: Noted. We support the careful maintenance and improvement to listed buildings to make them sustainable for the future.
- 24/1224/PDF: Rosehall Farm, Rosehall Green, Sarratt Prior Notification: Change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible commercial use under Class R. SPC: Noted. We support local farming in their effort to sustain appropriate rural enterprises working in harmony with the local environment.
- 24/1225/LBC: Little Callipers, Bucks Hill, WD4 9BW Listed Building Consent: Internal stud wall; replacement of fireplace tiles and replacement of glass above internal door SPC: Noted. We support careful maintenance and improvement to listed buildings to make them sustainable for the future.

#### Recent TRDC Planning Decisions

• 24/0814/FUL: Sarratt Village Hall, The Green - <u>Erection of</u> single storey front and side extension

SPC: We support these modest additions which will aid health and safety requirements as well as help reduce energy usage through improved front entrance access arrangements. We recognise that this application represents expansion of a building in a Greenbelt location, however we believe that the benefits to the community and the operation of a community asset provide very special circumstances to allow this very small expansion.

TRDC: Approved

- 24/1095/PDNA: Redheath Farm, Croxley Green, WD3 4LN Prior Notification: Construction of storage building for hay and crops SPC: Noted TRDC: No objection
- 24/1023/PIP: Grove Lodge, Fir Tree Hill, Chandlers Cross, WD3 4LY Permission in Principle Application: Construction of 4 no. dwellings with associated works SPC: We reiterate our comment from the previous application we support use of this brownfield site for residential development, but any harm from additional dwellings in Green Belt should be offset by this site being used for smaller, affordable dwellings that meet local housing needs. In addition, SPC strongly objected to the developments along Church Lane, as did TRDC, and therefore in our opinion there has been no "material change in circumstances" and we once again object for this site being re-developed for anything other than smaller affordable housing. TRDC: Approved (permission in principle only for net gain of 2 dwellings)
- 24/0987/RSP & 24/0962/LBC: Great Bragman's Farm, Bragman's Lane, Sarratt, WD3 4NY Part-retrospective: Demolition of existing front porch and construction of replacement front porch SPC: No objection on the grounds it is a minimal change in keeping with the existing building TRDC: Approved
- 24/1220/EIA: Land North of Little Green Lane and West of Rousebarn Lane, Croxley Green EIA Screening Request: Up to 600 new residential dwellings (Use Class C3), 1FE Primary School plus expansion land, mixed use local centre including Doctor's surgery, open and green space and associated infrastructure SPC did not see this in advance as it is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

TRDC: the Council do not consider that an EIA is required.

#### **Planning Appeals**

- <u>APP/P1940/W/23/3324209</u> 23/0027/REF Cottage Farm, Redhall Lane - Demolition of existing buildings and construction of three, two storey detached dwellings with associated parking and landscaping
- <u>APP/P1940/W/24/3346997</u> 24/0023/REF land to the rear of 47, Sarratt WD3 6HN <u>Demolition of existing structures and</u>

construction of five detached dwellings with associated parking, bin and cycle storage, landscaping and access improvements.

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

- Last month the new bench at Belsize that SPC had purchased in memory of former Cllr Mike Musk, and long-time resident of Belsize was stolen, and replaced with a tatty bench on the verge of collapse. SPC found the fact someone had done this sickening. A new bench will be purchased and installed in a few weeks time.
- New bins have been installed in the KGV playground and new benches have now been delivered, treated and are ready for installation. SPC agreed to a request from the KGV Management Trustees for a new waste bin for the pavilion end of the field.
- Cllr Alder and former Cllr Mortimer met with a Caloo engineer to discuss concerns about some aspects on the finish of the new playground. Cllr Alder will put together a presentation and video, to send to Caloo requesting remedial works be carried out.
- EV charging point site request by TRDC It was agreed Cllr Garvey could reply proposing the KGV car park as a potential site for a couple of EV chargers. However, SPC would like to understand how much funding TRDC would provide for their purchase and installation before committing to go ahead.
- Woodland Management Implementation of the 10-year plan will start this autumn, but it's a big job and Cllr Garvey would welcome help from any parishioners willing to lend a hand.
- Allotments Cllr Garvey is looking to install irrigation for the Community Shop plots and advised that having considered a compost toilet for the allotments, it was unlikely to get enough use to justify the expense.
- The Clerk is to purchase FOOTPATH and BRIDLEWAY signs to discourage horse riders from using parts of Dawes Common that aren't a bridleway following a request from a local resident.
- Work to clear the Cricketers Pond will take place during the October Half Term when the school is on holiday.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

- Cllr Diggins advised there was nothing much to report this month. However, he commented that he is determined to engage Herts Highways on numerous matters throughout Sarratt, and to keep them accountable for the safety of the parish roads.
- Correspondence has taken place with a resident of Deadman's Ash Lane over the lack of speed limit signs at the junction with Bottom Lane, where the 30mph speed limit comes into effect before climbing the hill. Cllr Diggins reported the matter to Herts Highways, who acknowledged the sign had been missing since 2012 but had not been replaced as it was a low priority matter. Cllr Diggins has demanded a more pro-active response
- Cllr Diggins reiterated the links for Parishioners to use to report:

Road Repairs and Diversions - <a href="https://one.network/">https://one.network/</a>

Fault Reporting -

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-street-light-or-pothole.aspx

- The Clerk has contacted the Red Eagle Bus Company and Herts County Council to see if the issue of not communicating delayed and cancelled buses due to roadworks can be addressed and SPC informed of timetable / route changes.
- Cllr Alder advised that Sarratt School were being proactive in contacting parents to encourage good driving and parking behaviour around the school particularly at pick-up time, when parents for years 4 and below have to leave their vehicles to collect their children from inside the school grounds. The Village Hall has confirmed parents can use its car park for this purpose as an alternative to the Cricketers.

#### **POLICY & RESOURCES**

 SPC received a clean external audit. There was one comment about the financial risk assessment review being completed in April rather than March, and therefore fell into the 2024/25 year rather than 2023/24. SPC's Annual Governance and Return can now be viewed on the SPC website or the noticeboard outside the Village Hall.

• Cllr Dobson advised the application to TRDC for CIL funding for the pavilion extension and refurbishment submitted in July will now not be considered by the TRDC Policy & Resources Committee until their meeting on 2 December. This has raised a concern that if approved the delay may impact the plan to commence works in May after the end of the football season. District Cllr Reed offered to do what he could to expedite the review and hopefully, approval, of the application.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting of Sarratt Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on **Tuesday 8 October** in the Rear Room of Sarratt Village Hall. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

To contact SPC please telephone Mrs. Lena Mortimer, the Parish Clerk, on 01923 262025 or email <a href="mailto:clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>



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