

SPOTLIGHT

November 2024

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Holy Cross: A Beacon of Remembrance through the Centuries

Holy Cross Church has in its 800 years witnessed profound changes in Sarratt's history. The church has been a constant presence, offering not only spiritual guidance but also acting as a hub for the community. As we gather for Remembrance Sunday, it is appropriate to reflect on the role this historic building has played in times of peace and conflict.

Imagine villagers of the 12th century arriving on foot, many unable to read, yet drawn by the sound of the church bell calling them to prayer. By the 1500s, the village had grown, and the church remained at its heart, offering education, settling disputes, and providing for the poor. In 1850, the Industrial Revolution brought further change, yet the church continued to be a place of support and refuge.

During both World Wars, Holy Cross would have served as a place of solace amidst uncertainty and loss. The community coming together to pray for peace, and many families finding comfort in its walls as they faced the impact of war on loved ones.

Today, Holy Cross continues its tradition of holding a special Church service and a Remembrance Service each November. This latter event, held on the green by the war memorial, is a moment where we pause to honour those who served and sacrificed, and a poignant reminder of the church's enduring role in helping the community remember and heal.

But what does Holy Cross offer now, in a bustling, connected village like Sarratt, filled with clubs and organizations that bring people together? The church remains unique in its ability to provide a space for spiritual reflection and connection that goes beyond social activities. It offers something timeless – a place where people can explore faith, seek solace, and find peace in a busy world. At its core, Holy Cross remains a community hub, welcoming all who enter. It invites us to connect with our past, with each other, and with something greater than ourselves. On Remembrance Sunday, and every day, it continues to be a place of hope, healing, and love.

**Sunday 10 November, Remembrance Sunday
Service of Remembrance: 10.30am Holy Cross Church, Sarratt**

**Monday 11, Armistice Day Act of Remembrance: 11am,
The War Memorial, The Green, Sarratt**

ABOUT THIS MAGAZINE

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE

On Tuesday 15th October, three members of Holy Cross Church, Jenny Roberts, Sue Clark and Adele Mynard, were confirmed by the Right Reverend Dr Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford at St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon. Together with Lauren Dent from St Paul's Chipperfield, two people from St Peter's Mill End and six young people from St Lawrence's, Jenny, Sue and Adele affirmed their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.



In her sermon, Bishop Jane spoke about God's commitment to us and the opportunity we are all given to respond by committing ourselves to Him. She then called each candidate forward individually to kneel as she prayed for them, "Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit." The church was packed with family and friends who had come to support the twelve candidates and to welcome them into the fellowship of faith.

Poinsettias for Christmas

It's something we all look forward to and as well as enjoying Christmas decorations - it's a good time to celebrate loved ones.

So if you would like to commemorate family or friends by donating Poinsettias for the decorations in Holy Cross Church, please put money in an envelope with name(s) on the front of the envelope and leave at the Post Office. Each plant will cost £3



We will put all the names on labels on the Christmas tree in Church.

Dear Spotlight Readers

Spotlight is produced every month and we rely financially on advertising revenue, Parish Council Grant and mainly on your donations, Gift Aided if possible. This is an Outreach Project sponsored by Holy Cross Church with the help of many Volunteers who Edit, Proofread, and Distribute. Last month we printed and distributed 875 copies to the parish. It helps to keep the people of our community informed on the activities of our Parishes.

We are requesting donations towards the running of Spotlight. If you are eligible to allow us to claim Gift Aid, fill in the form below (copy or cut out) and we can claim an extra 25% of your donation.

Thanks to the 51 People who donated to Spotlight last Month

Payments can be made online to:

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Please send Gift Aid form below to **colin.plummer@btinternet.com**

Or put Cash or Cheques with your gift aid form either in the box at the Village Shop or send to:

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Thanks For your support from your Treasurer.

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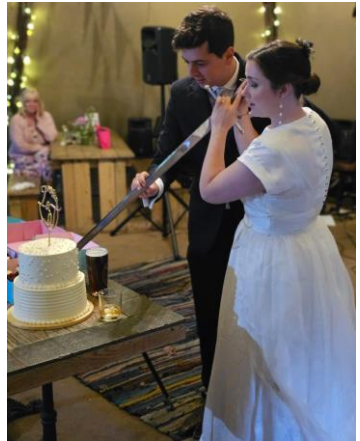
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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

On Monday 16 September, we got married at Holy Cross church in Sarratt followed by a reception at The Cock Inn. We had the most wonderful day and were incredibly lucky with the weather, but the day was made even more special by the kind contributions of the people of Sarratt and the community at Holy Cross.

Marilyn Butler made some spectacular floral arrangements for the church and took care to create something that reflected us including using my mother's clan tartan and finding thistles. Rev. Sarah, Sonya and the Vergers were a huge support to us throughout the planning process and made us feel incredibly welcome in the church despite not being regular attendees.

We must also thank all the staff at The Cock who put on a spectacular spread for us and created the perfect celebratory atmosphere. Finally, a huge thank you to the bell ringers who were practicing when we got engaged and rang us out of the church to announce us as a married couple. It truly was a perfect day for us and we couldn't have asked for a better place to start our married life.



Isobel and Joe Dessauer

Sally Rowe

It is with great sadness we record the death of Sally Rowe. Our love and sympathy go to her family.

EVERYONE WELCOME

If you are free on **Saturday 30 November, at 3pm**, do pop along to Holy Cross church. There will be a talk about the **making of the stained glass windows** and **Alfred Fisher**, who made two of the windows, will be there.

Holy Cross News

September Meeting of Sarratt Parochial Church Council

At its recent meeting, the PCC reviewed what has been a busy summer. Special services have included the year six leavers service and several Baptisms and Weddings, including that of our own Rector!

September saw changes to the Benefice calendar, with Holy Communion services now being held at 10.45am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in Sarratt (1st & 3rd Sunday in Chipperfield). A Book of Common Prayer Service has been introduced on the 5th Sunday of each month and Church Warden Jenny Robert's will be leading Compline on the 3rd Sunday in the month at Holy Cross. A praise and prayer group is planned for the autumn.

The relatively new crafting group has gone from strength to strength, with some members knitting squares to be made into blankets and the growing mother and toddler group has returned after the summer break.

Work has continued to improve the external fabric of the building and to secure the approvals for the new heating system. Assuming planning approval is received from Three Rivers Council by the end of October, it is hoped work will begin in January. This project, which will contribute towards the Church's aim to be net zero carbon by 2030, will be funded by a grant from the St Albans Diocese, donations from the Friends of Holy Cross and several members of the congregation. It was noted that we still need help with several small repairs and other jobs.

Handymen or women - Please contact Neil Altman – neiljaltman@aol.com

Looking ahead to Christmas, the Rector led a discussion on how we might welcome members of the Community, particularly families, into the Church, through a Nativity in a shoebox competition with Sarratt School, the Christmas Tree Festival, a Community Carol Service, and the traditional Christmas Eve nativity. (Look out for more details).

If you would like to know more about the PCC and its work in overseeing the ministry and running of Holy Cross Church, please contact **Rev Sarah** or **Sonya Tolmie** holycrossstpauls@outlook.com
Copies of the PCC minutes are available from Sonya and the next meeting of the PCC is 25 November 2024.

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Fri 15	Christmas Fair at Sarratt School	20
Jan Sat 25	Sarratt Village Hall Quiz Night	

...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



**FRIENDS OF
HOLY CROSS**
brings to
Sarratt Village Hall

**70s 80s 90s
DISCO**

**Saturday 16th
November**

Tables of ten available - £20 per person

Bring your own food

Doors open 7.30pm with boogying 8.30 to 11.30pm

Theme your table after your favourite artist - prizes for the best

Tickets available from Sue Clark - sue@suemclark.com

All proceeds to Friends of Holy Cross

PINTS OF VIEW AT THE PLOUGH

Monday 18th November

Our next get-together of Pints of View will be held at The Plough, Belsize, on Monday 18th November, starting at 8pm. Glynn Humphreys will introduce the evening's informal discussion, which will be on the topic Wellbeing. What is meant by wellbeing? How can a state of wellbeing be attained? Everyone welcome.

John Guy

HOLY CROSS CHURCH SARRATT

2024 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

THE GIFT OF JOY & SPARKLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF SARRATT



SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

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TIMES FOR EACH DAY

ENTRY BY DONATION

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE - LIVE MUSIC

Have a question? Call 01923 264377
Email holycrossstpauls@outlook.com

BENEFICE YOUTH GROUP



This term, we've been delighted to welcome Gary Kenny as our fourth Youth Group Leader, along with Jeannie, Anne and Ian. We've also welcomed eight Year 6s to join with our Year 7-8s. Our three Year 9s, Ben, Charlie and Harriet, are now helping the Youth Leaders and they're doing a great job.

The challenge last week was to get to know each other by working together in mixed teams to make a crazy golf course out of boxes, cartons and packets of all sizes. This week, everyone enjoyed making, decorating - and eating cupcakes!



SARRATT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Air Raids over Watford, 1940 to 1944



A talk by Helen George

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 7.30 for 8 pm

Watford experienced 24 Air Raids and 6 VI Rocket explosions between 1940 and 1944. This is their story and the impact on the people of the town.

Sarratt Village Hall - Refreshments from 7.30pm

Non-Members welcome - £4 on the Door

sarrattlocalhistorysociety.org

THE ARTS SOCIETY RICKMANSWORTH

Charity No. 1102829

The History of London through Stained Glass

Tuesday 12th November 2024

Anna Warrillow

In November, we are offering a unique, fully illustrated presentation which will be of great interest to everyone interested in the history of our great capital city. This history will be displayed through the special medium of stained glass and the work of incredibly skilful artists. Our lecture covers some 2,000 years of London history, through 19th, 20th and contemporary works. You may not have viewed London in this way before!

Anna Warrillow has a Master's degree in Renaissance Decorative Art and Design from the Royal College of Art, is a former curator at the V&A and at smaller collections such as the Henry Moore Family Trust and is a University lecturer and a Blue Badge Guide.

Please join us for what promises to be an intriguing, unique presentation.

Tuesday 12th November 2024

Sarratt Village Hall

Refreshments from 10.30am and presentation at 11am.

Hall entry for non-Members by suggested donation of £8.

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 November.

SARRATT POST OFFICE STORES

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As British Summer Time ended, our extra hour was well spent in our Board Meeting ensuring everything is in place for winter. As well as traditional treats and essentials, we have expanded our range to include hampers, which will be on sale at our inaugural attendance at the FOHC Christmas Fair on 28 November, available in the shop thereafter.

The garden room will be warm and welcoming as Sarratt Green Café continues to offer hot drinks, pastries, bacon baps and other snacks – the perfect pit stop after walking, cycling, Zumba, tennis or for a chat and picking up a loaf of freshly baked sourdough. Opening days and times may vary with the weather throughout the winter so please keep an eye on shop notices and our social media for latest information.

Facebook : sarratt post office stores

Instagram: @sarrattpostofficestores

The Post Office is fully stocked with a variety of gift cards including Amazon, M&S, One4all, X Box and more which can be activated to a value of your choice and please remember that you can also pay in cash & cheques, withdraw money from both personal and business accounts – your bank in your local post office!

Finally, and in keeping with recent winter tradition, there will be a tombola taking place all day in Sarratt Post Office Stores for this year's **BBC Children In Need** on **Friday November 15**. Money raised during the 2024 appeal will help BBC Children in Need to continue working in communities across the UK, funding amazing people in family centres, community spaces, youth clubs and refuges; homeless shelters, hospices and helplines.



Please get involved by donating items for prizes before 15 November or coming along on the day to meet Pudsey and see what you can win!

Thank you for all your support as valued customers and volunteers

Latest Posting Dates for Christmas 2024



Consumer customers posting directly with Royal Mail

International Economy*

Date	Destinations
Wednesday, 9 October	All non-European destinations (except South Africa, Canada, Middle and Far East and USA)
Monday, 21 October	Hong Kong, Middle and Far East, Singapore and South Africa
Wednesday, 6 November	Canada and USA
Monday, 2 December	Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey and Western Europe

International Tracking and Signature Services*

Date	Destinations
Saturday, 7 December	Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Israel, Italy, Malta, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Romania and Sweden
Monday, 9 December	Czech Republic, Malaysia, New Zealand, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey and United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Wednesday, 11 December	Austria, Denmark, India, Lithuania, Philippines, Qatar, Slovakia and Slovenia
Friday, 13 December	Belgium, Canada, China (People's Republic), Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, South Korea, Thailand and USA
Monday, 16 December	France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, Switzerland and Taiwan

International Standard Untracked*

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Date	Destinations
Tuesday, 3 December	Africa, Asia, Australia, Caribbean, Central and South America China (People's Republic), Far and Middle East and New Zealand
Wednesday, 4 December	Cyprus, Malta, Portugal and Spain
Thursday, 5 December	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic and Poland), France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland and Turkey
Friday, 6 December	Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Poland, Sweden and USA

HM Forces Mail - British Forces Post Office® (BFPO)*

Date	Destination
Wednesday, 27 November	Operational HM Forces
Wednesday, 4 December	Static HM Forces

Last posting dates for inland services*

Date	Service
Wednesday, 18 December	2nd Class, 2nd Class Signed For
Friday, 20 December	1st Class, 1st Class Signed For, Royal Mail Tracked 48*
Saturday, 21 December	Royal Mail Tracked 24*
Monday, 23 December	Special Delivery Guaranteed*



SARRATT CARE

NOVEMBER UPDATE

'SARRATT COMMUNITY LUNCH'

In the Village Hall on **Monday 18th November 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 6th and 20th November**

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 or 07769 045270
If no reply please feel happy to leave a message

Holy Cross Church

Harvest Thanksgiving Service



The Harvest was celebrated at Holy Cross with wonderful flowers displays, a big thank you to the Sarratt Flower Ladies.

Fresh produce and groceries were offered during the service, and afterwards it was donated to The New Hope Trust in Watford and to Parishioners.





**SARRATT
FIREWORKS
NIGHT**

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
THE COCK INN AT SARRATT

BBQ & DRINKS

DOORS OPEN: 17:30

FIREWORKS DISPLAY: 18:45

NO PARKING ON CHURCH LANE OR AT THE PUB
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE ONLINE OR VIA THE SARRATT SHOP

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Tickets on sale at: <https://tickets.matterpay.com/s/sarratt-football-club/ZXZlbnQ6NjIxNA==/sarratt-fireworks-night-2024>

Tickets available at Sarratt Post Office Stores and The Cock Inn.

November Sunday Market

O Sarratt banks are wild and fair,
And Commonwoods are green,
And you may gather garlands there,
Would grace a summer queen:
And as I rode by Sarratt Hall,
Beneath the turrets high,
A market in that very hall
Was running merrily!

The market will again be running merrily in our Village Hall on **Sunday 17th November** to see a selection of crafts – including hand made Christmas decorations and mosaic pictures, bric-a-brac, jewellery, recycled clothes 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.

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POPPY APPEAL

When you read this, Poppies will have been on sale in the Village Shop and the other usual venues for over a week. We hope you have already supported, or will do so, this very worthwhile cause. Life is difficult for us all so we appreciate whatever you can afford.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Holy Cross Church **Sunday 10th November at 10 30am** taken by Rev. Sarah Miles. Sarratt Scout Troop will parade with the wreath layers.

THE ELEVENTH DAY OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH

Once again we will gather at the War Memorial on the Green to observe the 2 minute silence at **11am on November 11th**. A short Service will follow during which wreaths and small wooden crosses will be laid. Rev. Sarah Miles will officiate. NB If anyone who has obtained a cross from the Village Shop would like to lay it at the War Memorial either at this Service or privately, you are welcome to do so.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

15.30 – 18.00

SARRATT SCHOOL

SANTA'S GROTTTO

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

ARTS AND CRAFTS

GLITTER TATTOOS & NAILS

JAZZY JAR & BOTTLE TOMBOLA

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

COME AND SUPPORT OUR LOVELY SCHOOL

PLEASE BRING CASH : : : : PARKING AT KGV

Sarratt School PTA registered charity number 1095298



Concours d'Elegance in Sarratt

On Sunday 29th September, Sarratt and the surrounding villages were treated to a 'Concours d'Elegance' by the Beds, Bucks & Herts area of The British Driving Society. Seven carriages drove for 9 miles through the roads and lanes of Sarratt, Flaunden, Belsize and Chipperfield showing off the skills of the horses and drivers and the elegance of the carriages and passengers.

The day started at Jane Adams Flowers in Church Lane, by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. J. Adams, where the horses and carriages were assembled and checked for correctly fitting harnesses and for safety before setting off on the round trip. The route was lined with local residents who stood by the road to admire and support the Drivers and their turnouts. The drivers and passengers were very appreciative of the hospitality and support given by the residents with some even helping to point the drivers in the correct directions, cheering them on and following the drive as it progressed.

During the drive, each turnout was evaluated by Lady Staughton and her family, who chose their three favourites to receive a prize. A Concours d'Elegance competition is judged on the overall look of the animal, carriage, driver and Groom/Passengers, with the one in the judges eyes to be the most beautiful and memorable, and in particular the ones that the judges would most like to be driven in themselves.



The Concours finished with each competitor enjoying cream tea, coffee, cake and bacon rolls at Jane Adams Flowers while the judge reviewed the competitors again and presented the prizes.



First prize was awarded to Thorneyside Gold Dust, owned by Dawn Groom and driven by John Henry White from Marlow

Second prize was awarded to Bobby, owned and driven by Gillian Shorter from Hampshire.



Third prize was awarded to Murphy, owned and driven by Louise Ward from Bedfordshire



Lady Staughton presented a bottle of champagne for the overall winner, and all three winners with bouquets sourced from the Sarratt Community Garden. I would like to say a huge thank you to Lady Staughton and her family, The Adams family and everyone who supported this event by stewarding or just turning up to cheer the turnouts on.



The British Driving Society is always looking for venues to host us either for a Show or Parking for a drive. Volunteers are also welcome to come along and help by stewarding road junctions or serving tea and cake at the end of the day, we always have a job for everyone who wants to be involved, young or old. Everyone who helps with the running of the events is supplied with tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

The drive was photographed by John Griffith, of The Briars who gave up his morning to capture the event, and has kindly given Sarratt Spotlight permission to use his photographs.

Please contact him on 07958 609915 for copies or through his website www.socialvideouk.com

Tanya Howard



QUIZ NIGHT



A fundraising event for the Sarratt Scout Group

Everyone Welcome – no affiliation to the scout group required

Saturday 9th 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**



CHARITY PUB QUIZ AT THE COCK INN



WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 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**



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

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

Rector: Revd Sarah Miles

Church Administrator: Sonya Tolmie

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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

NOVEMBER 2024

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 Departed	Holy Cross
6.30pm	Service Commemorating the Faithful Departed	St Paul's

Sunday 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY / 3rd Sunday before Advent

N.B. start times

8am	Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)	Holy Cross
10.30am	Service of Remembrance	Holy Cross
10.45am	Act of Remembrance	Chipperfield War Memorial
11.05am	Service of Remembrance	St Paul's

Monday 11 ARMISTICE DAY

11am	Act of Remembrance	Sarratt War Memorial, The Green
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Sunday 17 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 24 CHRIST THE KING / Sunday next before Advent

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

DECEMBER 2024 (first part of month)

Sunday 1 ADVENT SUNDAY / 1st Sunday of Advent

9am	Morning Worship with Christmas Tree Festival	Holy Cross
10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	St Paul's

Sunday 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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

Our October speaker was Jason Middleton on Gemstones and Jewellery of the famous accompanied by beautiful photographs. A fascinating talk especially hearing the jaw dropping prices that these jewellery pieces cost. Elizabeth Taylor had a huge collection of exquisite jewellery which made millions at auction for a charity.



Emeralds are the oldest gem going back to the Ancient Egyptians. The newest gem is Tanzanite found 60 years ago in Tanzania. Tiffany bought the 128 carat fancy cut yellow diamond in the 1800s, which is now priceless. Another interesting fact is that the UK has the largest collection of Royal Jewellery Regalia, pearls are the most used.



We are holding a **craft day** on **November 27**, which will include net/bead angels and paper decorations. Preparations are also underway for our **Christmas party on 11 December**.

We also plan a **walk every 4th Wednesday of the month** followed by a pub lunch. Our walk in September was the Chess Valley and woods in Croxley followed by lunch at the Artichoke.

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 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

Sarratt School



We've got wonderful news to share with you this week!

Two weeks ago, our school had Our SIAMs Inspection -

The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. A SIAMs Inspection explores ways in which each school's theologically rooted Christian vision drives its work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a Church school. We are delighted to share the Report from the Inspection, highlighting the following strengths in our school:

- *Pupils and adults embody 'The Sarratt Way.' This vision inspires a deeply embedded, nurturing culture where 'we treat others the way we would like to be treated'. As a result, pupils and adults feel loved for their uniqueness as individuals.*
- *Strong leadership has developed a dedicated staff team who model energy, hope and devotion to the power of a flourishing school community. This generates a passion for equity, diversity and inclusion, which is at the heart of the school's work. Pupils are inspired to work together to 'do our best to be our best'.*
- *Active story telling approaches inspire children to retain stories from the Bible. This engages pupils effectively in the meaning and interpretation of key biblical texts.*
- *Collective worship is closely linked to the school's vision and values. It is clearly planned and organised. Partnerships with local clergy create opportunities to take worship into the local community and allow the Christian vision to impact beyond the school boundary.*

It's wonderful to read such positive external validation of our school -

the sentence, 'This is a school with a 'big heart' shone out for me! Our full report will soon be available to view on our School Website.



Our strong links with the Diocese of St Albans enabled our School Choir to perform as part of the Harvest Service at St Albans Cathedral - it was a wonderful opportunity for our children to showcase their talent in an amazing venue.

Sarratt Festival of Music

Concert Reviews

Martin James Bartlett, Solo piano

With its wide range of music and number of composers, this concert represented making it both an intriguing and exciting prospect. From the opening, it was evident that before us was a world class musician whose skill, caring and passion for the music was beyond any doubt.

The gentle opening, a Bach Prelude in B Minor with the attractive arrangement by Alexander Siloti was beautifully crafted as again the following, Gluck "Orfeo et Euridice" this time an arrangement by the Italian pianist/ composer Giovanni Sgambati. There then followed the Schubert Impromptus Opus 90, at times dazzlingly difficult, a feature which Mr Bartlett clearly relished. The first half of the concert concluded with "Widmung" –Schumann arranged by Liszt; small in size but a real gem and beautifully played.

Following the interval, first Debussy with his Arabesque No 1 with its light and magical harmonies. Next came Ravel with his familiar "Pavane pour une infante defunte" the haunting central tune played simply and therefore with much effect. Then back to Schubert and his song "Standchen", the Liszt transcription for piano, a fine alternative.

The "Liebestod" from Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde" must be one of the most powerful moments in all music and here represented in Liszt's piano transcription demands much to make it work, but in the hands of Mr Bartlett the result produced a magnificent and moving rendition.

Finally, Ravel and "La Valse" - the music really represents the collapse of a way of life following the First World War and the unrelenting and nightmarish atmosphere of that time, here in this performance it more than worked, to perfection.

After much deserved applause a soothing encore moment with the great George Gershwin then away into the warm night with the harvest moon and thinking we the audience were all so lucky to have been there

John Malin

LUCY CROWE soprano with ANNA TILBROOK piano

This was an evening of beautiful music performed by two of the UK's leading musicians; we were so privileged to welcome Lucy and Anna with a seasonal recital of music for autumn.

The first half featured songs in German (with a welcome translation provided for the audience!) with themes of the change from sunshine to darker days, lost love and loneliness, all expressed in exquisite music.

The songs in the second half, in French and English, moved from the cabaret atmosphere of Hahn's *Chanson d'Automne* to a setting by the Times music critic Richard Morrison of Keats' *To Autumn* and finally Johnny Mercer's poignant *Autumn Leaves*. Anna Tilbrook also delighted us with two solo piano items, Schumann's *Arabesque in C Major* and Debussy's *Ballade*.

The audience's enthusiastic applause was rewarded with an encore of a moving rendition of *Summertime* which perhaps reminded us that summer will come again in its due season!

Charlotte Clifford

London Brass

London Brass raised the roof of a bursting Sarratt Village Hall on Friday night!

For their third visit to the Sarratt Festival, they took us on a music journey beginning with a selection of pieces by Renaissance composer John Dowland and ending with a stunning arrangement of *Skyfall* by Adele – made all the more special by the guest appearance of trumpet legend John Barclay, a now retired member of London Brass, who played on the original *Skyfall* soundtrack and set the Village Hall alight in the joyous and rhythmic Spanish fiesta encore.

Sitting two rows back from 11 brass players on stage was unique (and loud!) and hopefully London Brass can continue to entertain us with exquisite music, interesting explanations and diverse programmes at Festivals in the years to come.

Anne Dudley

Jazz in New York

The traffic was horrendous and many punters had to struggle through gridlock to reach Sarratt, but then they were rewarded with an exciting and very special concert.

The Jazz Repertory Company directed by drummer Richard Pite took us for a visit to some of the jazz cafes and clubs of New York in the 1930's just at the time prohibition ended (1933), the difficulties of segregation lessened and the music was changing and developing. We were entertained with old favourites and introduced to new numbers.

The show opened with only 3 musicians on stage and I wondered if the rest of the group were stuck on the M25. But no, they each timed their entrance with memorable solos. First was the captivating piano playing of Nick Dawson, who so cleverly changed his style to suit the different genres of music and finished our evening with the stride piano of Fats Waller and Fats' voice to go with it! Pete Long on clarinet took off at great pace and Richard's drumming added to our excitement. It's great when the leader is obviously so enjoying the fun of the evening.

Had there been a vibraphone in Sarratt before? It was introduced into jazz in New York by Lionel Hampton playing with Louis Armstrong (trumpet and vocals by Enrico Tomasso). We were treated to a stunning vibraphone performance by Professor Anthony Kerr who danced over his instrument wielding two mallets in each hand. The first number was 'Memories of You' but then he showed us how it can be a solo instrument as well as a lovely backing for others – what an experience!

A lasting memory for me will be Vimala Rowe singing 'Strange Fruit'. I felt the presence of Billie Holiday with us and was reminded that in 1939 she felt so keenly about colour prejudice that she changed her record company to sing the number. As well as a great voice, Vimala gives an attractive presentation and movement, a result of her classical training in India. It was lovely to see her communication with each fellow musician.

I went home with relief that the roads were clear, and happily whistling Fats Waller songs. – What fun!

Brian Morgan – jazz trombonist,
leader of Rickmansworth Phoenix Jazz Band

Sarratt Local History Society

History of Holy Cross Church Sarratt

As part of the National Heritage celebrations, we held our September meeting in Holy Cross Church. Greg Edmund opened the evening with a description of the origins of Christian worship in Sarratt and the Chess Valley. While the oldest parts of Holy Cross belong to the last decade of the 12th Century the church was probably built on the site of a wooden Saxon field church or cross which in turn may have been built on an earlier Roman place of worship.

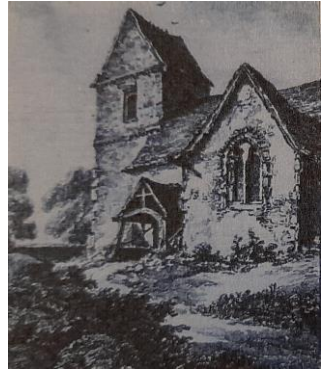
The original church was in the shape of the Cross and John Guy explained how the building was extended over the medieval period as the village population grew with extensions to the Chancel in both the 13th and 14th centuries and the addition of the Bell Tower, with its unusual saddleback roof, in the 15th century. The original bell tower had three bells, with two more added in 1960.

Sue Clark explained that the church would have felt quite opulent in the 1300s, as there would have been hangings of coloured fabric on the walls and the altar, red ochre frescos of pomegranates, pineapples and roses, symbolizing good works in the Chancel and the wall paintings on the east wall of the South Transept depicting scenes from the life of Christ that we can still see today.



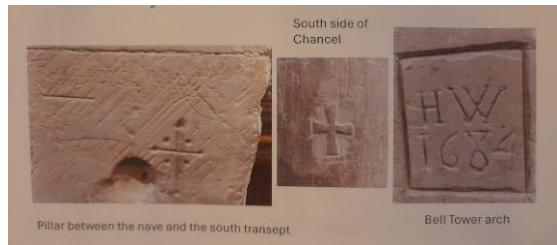
Everything changed with the coming of Henry VIII's reformation in the mid-1500s when the church was stripped of its assets, false ceilings added, and the walls plastered over in plain white to give an image of austerity. Around 1606, a pulpit & tester were installed. Few changes appear to have taken place in the centuries that followed, apart from two galleries being built on either side of the Tower arch and a large vestry being added on the south side of the Chancel for the Sunday school.

By 1859 the Church was in “a dilapidated and deplorable state”. Some parishioners thought it should be replaced with a new church on Sarratt Green, closer to the growing village population. However, a gift of £500 was offered by a “noble minded lady” on condition that George Gilbert Scott should be commissioned to restore the church.



Graham Peiser described the extensive restoration works which were carried out by Gilbert Scott including underpinning the walls and pillars, installing new windows, adding two new aisles, a new vestry and porch. Costing in total some £1,400 or £220k in today’s money. He also detailed further works that have been carried out in the 20th century to maintain the fabric of the church and mentioned ongoing projects.

Finally, Philip Buller shared with us some of the stories that sit behind the many memorials in the Church and Graham pointed out some of the graffiti on the walls.



For further details on the History of Sarratt Church,
go to sarrattlocalhistorysociety.org

Sarratt Wildlife Volunteers

On Sunday October 13th, we had a big task ahead of us. We decided to have another go at some clearance in the Old Chalk Pit at Commonwood. Many of you will not realise there was ever a chalk pit there, but for many years chalk was spread on their fields by the local farmers to add calcium and magnesium, and to reduce acid soil. The weather was reasonable, at least dry, so good for working.

We have worked there in the past and created quite a big open area so that chalk loving plants can thrive, but now it has been taken over by brambles and a small forest of elder trees. These we decided to remove which has created quite a sizable more open glade. Dogs Mercury has also taken over the site, which likes shade, so we hope that with more light this will subside, and Knapweed, Agrimony and even Scabious may return, all loved by bees and butterflies.

A friendly Robin kept us company, attracted by the insects which our work had disturbed. We shall hopefully return there in January to tackle the brambles and make a break –through to another area.

But in November we have another big job to do – we are going to remove a large Laurel bush which has been quietly growing on part of the Village Green almost opposite Morton's Pond. It has become far too big as Laurel is prone to do, so any extra hands to help would be very welcome.

This will be on **Sunday November 10th**, meet at the North end of The Green at 10am with strong gloves and your refreshments, tools provided. Just turn up or:

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 the Scout Group has now managed to recruit a new Group Secretary (Juliane Coupland) as well as a new Chair (Richard Roberts) and Treasurer (Kate Dishman), which puts us in a much more stable position than a few months ago and we're grateful for their support. We are however always looking for extra help, particularly running each of the Sections. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with us at: gsl@sarrattscoutgroup.org

We still have a few tables available for 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 will be a bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks. There will also be a Raffle. For more details see the notice earlier in Spotlight. To bag your table email us at: events@sarrattscoutgroup.org

Beavers started the Autumn Term with lots of fun activities and are working on four different badges this term - First Aid, Experiment, their My Skills Challenge Award and also Hikes Away. We have had a lot of new Beavers start with us and have invested six of them with another two coming up. We have had three people step up to become Beaver Leaders - Donna, Georgina and Gerald. A big thank you to all of you.

Cubs started back with a bang (or more accurately, a whizz through the air!) as we met at Paccar Activity Centre in Chalfont for our first evening back with zip wire and laser tag in the woods. Since then, it's been all go, with 15 of our



Cubs meeting at Phasels Wood to spend 2 nights in a bunkhouse. This was my first organised camp, for



which I was being assessed and I'm pleased to say all went without a hitch. A lot of fun,

adventure and not a lot of sleep was had by all! Thank you to the amazing team of parent helpers who joined me. This term Elfrieda Power will be invested as a Warranted Leader, giving us more scope to organise exciting activities for our Cubs. We currently have space, so if your child is aged 8-10.5 years and would like to join us, do get in touch.

The Scouts have been busy working on their Meteorology Badge. We've made rain gauges and barometers in order to record weather measurements over the next few weeks. We have investigated the effect of pressure changes on humidity levels and water vapour, looked at some weather maps and what causes rain and typical weather patterns in the UK. We also looked at some images of hurricanes Helene and Milton for some topical weather news.

We spent one evening at the Chorleywood Scout Campsite making small campfires in order to cook some noodles and smores. The Scouts made their fires, boiled some water in small pans, then cooked their noodles. It wasn't all entirely straightforward - we had some interesting interpretations of the instruction to "put the water on the fire"; we had unwrapped noodles still in the packet in the pans; the flavouring still in the packet; and some noodles in cold water ready to boil up. Eventually though we all had a serving of noodles. My favourite quote from the evening was: "I'd forgotten how good instant noodles are, I'm asking my mum to put these back on our dinner rotation"! We then ate a ridiculous amount of marshmallows and chocolate digestives! We also sent a small team to the York House School Cyclo-cross event.



The Explorer Unit has had a busy few weeks back since the start of the new term. At our first week back the Explorers helped plan their meeting programme for the Autumn term, and have since been on a couple of night hikes - one up on Dunstable Downs and another to the chip shop in Kings Langley. Although it was somewhat concerning that one group of Explorers, having already completed their Bronze DofE, were convinced they were on the Hertfordshire Way when in fact they

were on the main road from Chipperfield to Kings Langley. Clearly more work on map reading and navigation required!! We also had a great night making and eating pizzas.

The third weekend in September saw us on our Autumn Camp to the Peak District staying in an amazing bunkhouse in Ilam near Ashbourne. On the Saturday we undertook a 10 mile route from



Edale across Kinder



Scout and back into Edale. On the Sunday we walked up and around Dovedale and invested our 3 newest Explorers - James, Bella and Lanthe on the Stepping Stones across the River Dove - we always like to do our investitures



somewhere more interesting than the Village Hall!!

Finally, if you have a child who would like to join the Scout Group please contact us at: admissions@sarrattscoutgroup.org

All our Sections are open to both boys and girls.
Beavers: Age 5¾ - 8 years - Meets Wednesdays
Cubs: Age 8 - 10 years - Meets Thursdays
Scouts: Age 10 - 14 years - Meets Wednesdays
Explorers: Age 14 - 18 years - Meets Mondays

Parish Council Report

Sarah Dobson



The following report covers the key points arising from the SPC Meeting held on Tuesday 8 October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Zerny was co-opted onto the Council. The Councillors welcomed David and thanked him for stepping forward to support the Parish. SPC still has one vacancy for the position of Councillor and is keen to hear from any parishioner willing to join the team, particularly anyone with an interest in supporting Cllr Garvey on the **Environment** agenda.

PLANNING

- **Neighbourhood Plan** - The Reg 16 consultation at District level has closed and there were 5 responses, of which:
 - HCC Highways, Natural England and Sports England made some standard comments about factors to be taken into consideration, but no objections
 - A recommendation on the proposed swift and bat boxes, but again no objections
 - One from a developer who commented on the village views and the statement in the plan on no edge of settlement developments, and the fact this is against the NPPF, which SPC believe is incorrect.

Former Cllr Ant Soothill, as part of the NP sub-committee, has responded to TRDC who are supportive of our feedback, and the plan does not need to undergo further amendments. This will now go to the Examiner for her final review and once approved there will be a Parish Referendum to seek approval to the plan.

- **Land to the north of Little Green Lane** - A developer has opened a public consultation for 600 homes on the Sarratt side of Little Green Lane, alongside Rousebarn Lane, and in Sarratt Parish. The developers are proposing 60% of the site will be green space and there will be a doctor's surgery, one-form entry primary school, shops, community centre etc. The deadline for comments to the developer-led consultation is Sunday 13th

October. SPC will not respond as we don't respond to consultations led by developers and will wait until a formal planning application is put through TRDC for our comments as a statutory consultee. The developers (Richborough) have also approached SPC directly to set up a meeting to discuss their proposed plans. SPC is willing to meet with them for the purpose of receiving information only. A resident on Little Green Lane has emailed SPC stating they had heard there were plans to move the Sarratt / Croxley Parish boundary such that the proposed development falls within Croxley Parish. The Clerk has replied to say we are not aware of any such plans.

- **Green Street, Chorleywood** - The TRDC Planning committee has held a site visit to the 300 / 600 home development on Green Street, Chorleywood. It is understood they will make a decision on whether to approve or refuse the planning application at their meeting at the end of October.

Planning Applications Reviewed:

- **24/1507/FUL: Whiteway Field, Penman's Green - Erection of a car port.**
SPC: No objection.
- **24/1450/FUL: The Orchard, The Green, Sarratt, WD3 6AT - Installation of solar panels on existing garage flat roof.**
SPC: No objection. We support the addition of green energy source and the approach to minimise any visual impacts.
- **24/1339/FUL: 15 Church Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6HN - Subdivision of site and construction of a detached bungalow with associated access and car parking.**
SPC: We do not generally support splitting of existing single plots to provide additional dwellings in the Conservation Area as this can lead to over-development. However, due to the position of this proposal, the fact that this plot is effectively a brownfield site, and the proposal is for a 3-bed bungalow which is an under represented type in the area we are not objecting to this application. If officers are minded to approve, we ask that permitted development rights are removed to restrict this development from being expanded in future.

- **24/1347/PDT: The Laurels, White Shack Lane, Chandlers Cross, WD3 4ND -**

Prior approval: Enlargement of the dwelling house by the construction of one additional storey (3.18m in height) and raising of ridge to result in an overall height of 7.95m (Class AA).

SPC: Noted. We assume checks will be made to ensure that neighbouring properties will not be unduly impacted by this application.

Recent TRDC Planning Decisions:

Cllr Farman noted that this month all the TRDC decisions were in line with SPC's comments.

- **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 the careful maintenance and improvement to listed buildings to make them sustainable for the future.

TRDC: Approved

- **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

TRDC: Withdrawn

- **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 businesses in their effort to sustain appropriate rural enterprises that work in harmony with the local environment.

TRDC: Withdrawn

- **24/1193/FUL: Annexe, Green Hedges, Templepan Lane, Chandlers Cross, WD3 4NH -** Single storey infill side/rear extension to Annexe.

SPC: If this application meets TRDC planning policies then

SPC has no objections on the basis that this is a small infill extension with no impact on neighbours.

TRDC: Approved

- **24/1158/FUL: The Spinney, Dawes Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6BQ** - Variation of Condition 3 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 24/0454/FUL.

SPC: Noted

TRDC: Approved

- **24/1151/CLPD: Oaklands, Olleberrie Lane, Belsize, WD3 4NT** - Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Construction of single storey side extension, construction of pergolas to side of dwelling and installation of solar panels.

SPC: Noted and we welcome the installation of solar panels as part of this application.

TRDC: Approved

Planning Appeals:

- **APP/P1940/W/23/3324209 23/0027/REF - Cottage Farm, Redhall Lane** - Demolition of existing buildings and construction of three, two storey detached dwellings with associated parking and landscaping. **DISMISSED** – inappropriate development in Green belt
- **APP/P1940/W/24/3346997 - land to the rear of 47, Church Lane, Sarratt WD3 6HN** - Demolition of existing structures and construction of five detached dwellings with associated parking, bin and cycle storage, landscaping and access improvements. Ref. No: 24/0023/REF. **No further update.**

TRDC Planning Enforcement Cases:

A list of the current TRDC Enforcement Cases can be viewed on the SPC website.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Cllr Garvey's report thanked the Wildlife Volunteers for raking the hay at the Dellfield Farm triangle and thereby maintaining a small but significant patch of chalk grassland, and thanked Andrew Whitewood for his continued maintenance, particularly of the allotment site.

- Cllr Garvey advised that Emma Dickins will be joining her in implementing the first stage of the 10-year Woodland Management Plan. Quotes are being sought from forestry contractors in order to apply for a £3k grant through the HCC Countryside Management Service. A question was raised about making the woods work commercially. It was noted that so far SPC hasn't planned to fell trees to sell the wood to raise cash to fund the Woodland Plan execution but has said any trees recommended for felling by the Woodland Plan whose wood could be sold, would be.
- Work will be taking place over the October Half Term when Sarratt School is closed to clear the fallen tree from the Cricketers Pond and cut back the reeds.

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Diggins reported on 3 recent conversations with Parishioners on:

- Buck's Hill flooding
- Road safety on the double bend by Holy Cross Church
- The missing 30mph speed limit sign at the bottom of Deadman's Ash Lane.

Cllr Diggins has recommended HCC Highways take a more holistic approach to roads in the Parish with a plan to address flooding, speeding, and potholes. He also reiterated the various links for Parishioners to use to report these issues:

- Road Repairs and Diversions - <https://one.network/>
- Fault Reporting - <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-street-light-or-pothole.aspx>

Cllr Diggins has agreed to investigate the possibility of revising the local bus routes e.g. there is no bus service to Chorleywood.

Cllr Diggins also questioned whether work could be done around where in the Parish women and children feel safe to walk, as in Chandlers Cross there has been some behaviour that has made local people feel uncomfortable. A member of the public advised that in Chipperfield the Parish Council has widened a number of paths over the common to make them feel safer. It was agreed this was a good idea, but

unfortunately many of the Sarratt footpaths are bounded on both sides by fences so making them wider is not going to be possible in a lot of areas. It was agreed Cllr Diggins would raise the issue with the local PSCO at their forthcoming meeting.

POLICY AND RESOURCES

- Payments for the month of September were approved and included the annual insurance premium, and the new bench for Belsize to replace the one that was stolen. The second precept payment of £43,443.74 has been received from TRDC, to take SPC through to the end of the 2024/25 financial year.
- It was agreed that with the exception of the Standing Orders, the Financial Regulations, the Financial Risk Management Policy and Risk Registers, the remainder of SPC's policies did not need reviewing every year and the policy review schedule should be updated such that these other policies would be reviewed on a 2-year cycle going forwards. All of SPC policies can be found on the SPC website.

OTHER MATTERS

- **Village Hall Puddingstone** - Cllr Lowry attended the recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee who will need the puddingstone relocated as part of the Village Hall extension. SPC agreed to relocate it to by the willow on the Green in front of the School.
- **KGV Pavilion** – The application to TRDC for District CIL funds for the pavilion extension and refurbishment is due to go before the TRDC Planning & Resources Committee on 11 November for consideration. £30K has been secured from SPC, the KGV Charity and a local benefactor. The National Lottery has confirmed they will provide £7,700 for the new windows and doors in the main hall. Former Cllr John Rugg is progressing a grant application with the Bernard Sunley Foundation and Tom Shurville is in discussions with the Football Foundation for a contribution from them.
- **KGV Playground** – Cllr Alder has prepared a presentation of defective elements in the playground and a short video. This has now been sent to Caloo, the playground installer, with a request

for them to undertake remedial work as soon as possible.
Andrew Whitewood confirmed he would get the new benches for the KGV playground installed as soon as possible.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting of Sarratt Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 12 November 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 [**clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk**](mailto:clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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