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Christmas Time... Mistletoe and Wine...



Christmas songs were being played as guests arrived at Tilbury Hall in 2010 for their Christmas Day lunch. As they were greeted they were offered a pre-dinner drink including the traditional glass of sherry, and they sat and chatted together while the cooks and the team prepared to serve the dinner.

Over many decades (under the Churches Together in Potters Bar umbrella) people of all ages have been invited to the Christmas Day lunch if they would be on their own over Christmas but would like to be with others to enjoy the meal and company on that special day.

There have been several overall co-ordinators but many kind volunteers have

helped with preparation of vegetables and decorating the hall and tables on Christmas Eve, and others bring guests to the meal and take them home after tea and cake. Others help cook, serve and entertain and without this wonderful help this particular luncheon would not happen.

On behalf of Churches Together I say Thank You to

all past volunteers, to Tesco and Sainsburys for vouchers spent on Christmas treats, to the 60+ Centre and Tilbury Hall for the venues – and once again the Christmas Day lunch will be at Tilbury Hall, Darkes Lane.

I am extending an invitation to all those who would like some festive company on Christmas Day, and am appealing for volunteers to help me. The response I have received over recent years from the Community News readers has been terrific.

I can be contacted from now onwards on **01707 656311** and please ring this number if you wish to be a guest at the Christmas Day lunch. Thank you.

Di Travers
(Coordinator)



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A message from the Editor

Another bumper issue. Curl up with a cup of tea (or something stronger) and find out what's happening in your community. Lots of activities over the festive period to look forward to. Let me know what you think of your *Community News*. Is there something you would like to see us put in it? Do you have something interesting to share? Send me your articles. Remember our next issue is out in March during the run up to the Olympics. Do you know someone taking part in the games, volunteering at events, or going to any of the events? We would love to hear from you.

Thank you

Debbie Buckland

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Working in the Community – Area Parks Officer

Aaron Niblett joined Hertsmere Borough Council in 1998 as an Area Parks Officer, having completed a Landscape and Amenity Management Course and a year's work placement at Broxbourne Borough Council.

There are 43 parks and other green spaces in Hertsmere, of which Aaron is responsible for the maintenance, development and management of half of them, including those in Potters Bar. Grounds maintenance and work relating to trees (arboriculture) in parks is contracted out to John O'Connor but Aaron is responsible for ensuring that this work is carried out to a high standard. Other work such as verge cutting, shrub bed maintenance and the seasonal planting of raised beds is carried out on behalf of Hertfordshire Highways, which Aaron also manages and monitors. Part of his role here is to design the flowerbeds twice a year which includes picking the plants and colours.

Aaron works closely with the Friends of Potters Bar Parks to look after our local parks and other community organisations who volunteer their time to help improve the area. These include local guides, scouts and schools who have helped plant the raised beds in Darkes Lane and bedding in Oakmere Park.

Each day provides a different challenge and Aaron remembers when a mortar bomb was discovered during the renovation of the Japanese garden in Parkfield in 2007. The park was closed until the bomb disposal squad arrived but luckily it wasn't live – but they didn't know that at the time!

Aaron also manages the Community Payback scheme which sees local offenders paying back for their crimes by carrying out environmental and community improvements. The team is organised and supervised by the Probation Service but Aaron manages the list of tasks that the team carry out, which has included tree planting and redecorating Wayside Community Centre.

Aaron is currently working on installing fitness equipment in Oakmere Park and developing the air raid shelter in Parkfield into a community resource.

He says one of the downsides of the job is vandalism which occasionally occurs in the parks but the best bit is seeing people out and about enjoying their local park.

There are five green spaces to explore in Potters Bar, with lots to offer, so what are you waiting for... visit one today!

Oakmere Park, High Street – Green Flag park with two play areas, two fishing lakes, events, wildflower meadow, sculpture, Petanque pistes.

Parkfield, High Street – Green Flag park with Japanese Garden, wildflower meadows, woodland, sculpture.

Furzefield (King George V Playing fields, Furzefield Woods & Lower Halfpenny Bottom), Mutton Lane – two play areas, sports pitches, skatepark, local nature reserve.

Willow Way Open Space, Willow Way – play area, football goal unit, basketball hoop.

Kimptons Mead Nature Area, Kimptons Mead – woodland, wildlife habitat, natural pond, slow worms.

Interested in volunteering?

Ever thought of giving some of your time to help others in the community? Also look here for items wanted by organisations; you may be able to help them.

If you are a local organisation or charity and are looking for volunteers or looking for items for your group, why not email me at cnews@fsmail.net (subject volunteers)?

Debbie Buckland



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Potters Bar Carnival 2011

Potters Bar Carnival had their open evening on July 6th and presented £3275 to Local Organisations compared with £5850 in 2010. The lower figure is due to the poor weather on the day plus the loss of a major sponsor from whom we have been given £1000 for each of the last two years. The money given out included £700 from the Carnival reserves, kept for a wet day, plus the generosity of St John Ambulance who waived their fees for the ambulance.

The Organisations who received donations this year were:-

- Mount Grace School, towards the cost of a visitors' disabled toilet £1350. £1350 was also given to John Godfrey towards the cost of this year's Potters Bar Christmas Lights.
- £250 to the ATC without whose help the Carnival could not function on the day. This money will be used to complete the flight simulator being constructed for the Cadets.
- £325 was divided between Barnet Hospital Radio, Potters Bar Jamboree Scouts, who are going to the World Jamboree in Sweden at the end of this month, Potters Bar Scouts who are going to Swaziland to continue with the work started last year by Herts Scouts in helping local people, Silver Phoenix Explorer Scouts, Potters Bar Guides and 5th Potters Bar Scouts. All these organisations helped at the Carnival in various roles.

The general comment from those who came to the open evening was the afternoon was enjoyable, despite the weather, and the Committee was congratulated on putting on a good show.

Organisations who would like to put themselves forward for a grant from the 2012 Carnival should contact Peter or Sue on **01707 850147** for details on how to apply. The closing date for applications is 31st January 2012.

For your diaries and 2012 Calendars next year's Carnival will be on Sunday 17th June.



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Local voices about local issues – influencing health care in Hertsmere

Health care services have an impact on every member of our community. It is therefore vitally important that local people can have a say in how health services are designed and how resources are spent. There is now a new way that people can do this – through joining the Hertsmere Commissioning group. Many planning decisions about our healthcare now and in the future will be taken by GPs through a process called Clinical Commissioning. In Hertsmere eight GP practices have pooled their responsibilities and formed an organisation called Hertsmere Commissioning Locality (HCL), which aims to ensure that healthcare services are affordable and suited to the needs of our community.

One of HCL's first priorities was to make sure that Hertsmere people could influence the decisions that the group makes. Therefore three years ago HCL established a Patient Group to be involved in its work. Members of this Group attend monthly Board Meetings and participate in its sub-groups such as Community Nursing and Children's Services, Mental Health, acute care and services closer to home.

HCL provides the Patient Group with places to meet and administrative support so the Group can meet monthly to brief each other on what is going on in the sub-groups. At these monthly meetings there is a presentation from local healthcare professionals to extend the Group's knowledge of the healthcare issues and understanding of the NHS. We have recently had presentations about dental care, mental health and end of life care.

We are keen to recruit more members to HCL and have created three levels of membership to suit people's interest and time commitment. The first level of membership is the 'HCL Patient Group' and members will be actively involved in all HCL activities as described above. The second level of membership is our 'People Bank' which will appeal to people with special knowledge or interest in a particular condition such as diabetes or dementia and who will want to be directly involved when decisions are made in that area. The third level which is 'Public Membership' is for people who are interested in health care developments, but are limited in time available and simply want to be kept informed and given the opportunity to comment.

The aim will be to provide information and receive information from you. The HCL website is www.hertsmerecommissioning.co.uk and you can contact HCL to register your interest by clicking on the 'contact' button on the website menu bar, by calling **07958 608708** or by writing to: **Hertsmere Commissioning**
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Remembrance Day Parade

Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Parade is on Sunday 13th November 2011. As usual it will start with a march from St Mary's Church in the Walk at 10.35am to the War Memorial on the High Street where there will be a Service of Remembrance. There will then be a short service back at St Mary's and refreshments will be available to all afterwards at Branch Headquarters.

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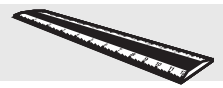
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Schools in the Community

Welcome to our new section "Schools in the Community". Schools are welcome to send articles in to dianethompson49@hotmail.com. Our new section gives schools a chance to share with the community recent fun events, activities and achievements.

Debbie Buckland

St Giles' – A Fruitful Season!



Our Gardening and Eco Club has been working really hard setting up and nurturing our new school garden. The children have successfully grown a wide variety of fruit and vegetables which are regularly included on our lunch menus.

Our summer term was full of exciting events. Class 4 enjoyed a residential trip to Kingswood, Kent

where we all tried new activities eg quad-biking, zip wire and jungle vines! Class 3 visited Willows Farm as part of a prize won by one of their pupils in the Herts County Show Poetry competition.

KS2 children performed in a production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', packed full of music, dancing, humour, rats, monkeys, sailors and multitudes of pirates! The whole school dressed up for Pirates Day and all engaged in the piratical themed activities.

Our float 'Heroes and Heroines' was highly commended in the Potters Bar Carnival and despite the weather the turnout was brilliant!

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Paul of Hertford, and Dean Richard Watson to our school again.

We were blessed with glorious weather, tasty food, entertainment and a whole lot of fun at our annual Summer Fayre which was well supported.

Our forthcoming events include our Annual Firework display on 5th November and an Abba night on 19th November. Dig out those dancing shoes, all welcome! Please contact the school office for further information

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Wroxham Teaching School

It sounds fairly obvious that Wroxham Primary would be a Teaching School, as that is what we are all about. However, our new title of 'Teaching School' refers to the fact that we are one of only thirty-six primary schools in England to be selected to help provide training for existing teachers and trainee teachers.

As a school we are very proud of this achievement and the whole school community is looking forward to the year ahead. The most important aim of Teaching Schools is to further develop the teaching profession, ensuring that our children receive the best education possible.

The school will be running courses in our Log Cabin, in addition to hosting courses outside of the school, possibly at local venues. We hope to share some of our ideas with other schools across the country, whilst also linking schools together to support each other in areas they excel in.

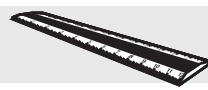
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We have a large, unused football field, changing room and toilet facilities. If you're interested in hiring it contact Keith Andrews on 01707 643576.



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Ladbroke celebrating 150 years

The last academic year was a busy one, especially with our 150 year celebration which will be continuing this year. The whole school was involved with a celebration picnic and a special day where the children dressed up in uniforms from 150 years ago or designed their own versions of what they thought the uniforms would be like in another 150 years. There were some interesting designs with creative uses of technology.



One special project to celebrate the 150 years was the creation of our new mosaic which is proudly displayed on the wall outside

the entrance. Alongside a local artist, Charlotte Gerrard, the year six children designed and created the mosaic to represent our motto 'Work Together, Achieve Together'. The children discussed designs before making their final choice. The design was then drawn by Emily Brothers in Y6. All the children then set about fixing the small tiles together to create what is a stunning addition to our school.

We are looking forward to more celebrations this year and hope that all the children and adults in the school past and present will join us.

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The main benefit is that we are given funding for the services directly from central government and this will mean a net benefit to the school of around £150,000 per annum initially. We are determined that this independence from the Local Authority will help us take Mount Grace to the next stage of its development. We intend to continue working closely with our feeder primary schools and collaborating with our secondary neighbours, including Chancellors and Dame Alice Owen.

Cricket Wicket

The school was in need of a new artificial cricket wicket costing nearly £11,000. Fundraising included a grant from The Lord's Taverners, a donation from local councillors from their Ward Initiative budgets and from the county council.

The PE department organised a sponsored cricket marathon in March, the PTFA contributed money from their Quiz Night and a donation was received from the Covenant Trustees of the School.

Other support for the project came from our local Sainsburys who provided refreshment funds both at the sponsored event and the grand opening. Henry Tilly provided a trophy, Wisden Cricketer Magazine provided annual subscriptions as prizes, and Suso (a healthy drinks company) also supported us.

Mr Roberts, Head of PE said "I am amazed and delighted at the support we have received in this project. We now have a facility that not only benefits the pupils but can be offered for use to local groups - really emphasising that Mount Grace is at the heart of the community". He also gave his thanks and appreciation to Trudy Palmer, a parent at the school, who managed the project in close liaison with the PE Dept.



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Ice Hockey Terms

In this issue, we visit the rough and tough arena of Ice Hockey. Who remembers Harringay Racers, Wembley Lions and Brighton Tigers?

Boards; groups of directors perhaps or the wooden or fibreglass 4 foot high wall surrounding the ice rink.

Body Checking; airport security/legal barging of an opponent with hip or shoulder into the boards to halt his progress.

Cross checking; annoyed airport security/ player holding his stick in both hands and driving it into his opponent.

Charging; not free, then, but really a penalty when a player makes a deliberate move of more than 2 paces before body-checking.

Butterfly style; a swimming stroke/technique by goaltender involving dropping to his knees and spreading both his arms and legs, to resemble the spreading of a butterfly's wings.

Clipping; hairdressing/hitting a player below the knees with your body, likely to result in a heavy penalty and a serious injury.

Face off; girl with no makeup!/Method used to start the game with the referee dropping the puck between the sticks of 2 opposing players.

Face off circles and spots; girl desperately needing make up!/ Various marks on the ice where face-offs are held.

Puck; A Midsummer Night's Dream/disk of hard rubber, 1" thick, 3" in diameter, frozen to prevent excessive bounce. Can travel at 120mph on some shots.

Freeze the puck; A Midsummer Night's dream on ice/trapping the puck against the board with stick or skate to stop play temporarily.

Blue Line; riot police/2 blue lines painted on the ice, 60 feet from each goal, dividing the rink into 3 zones.

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Sin Bin; confessional/area where penalised player sits for a specified period after a foul.

Power play; messing about with electricity?/Attack by a full strength side against one playing short handed because it has player(s) in the sin bin.

On the fly; fishing perhaps/substitution of a player whilst play is continuing.

Icing; finishing a cake perhaps but here it is a puck shot from behind the centre line over the opponent's goal line and an opponent touches it first. A face off is the result.

Offside; difficult enough in football, but here it is when both skates of an attacker are over the blue line before the puck is passed over that line—results in a face off.

Minor penalty; like points on a licence/penalty involving 2 minutes in sin bin.

Major penalty; banned from driving?/Penalty for a serious offence, eg drawing blood, with 5/10 minutes or the rest of the game in the sin bin.

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London 2012, did you get a ticket?

Like millions of others, I applied for as many London 2012 tickets as I could afford and got a grand total of none.

Whilst the Olympic committee came under fire from angry unfortunates for their chosen method of ticket application, I realised my own huge mistake. I had kept my horizons too narrow.

What I really wanted to see were athletics, tennis and gymnastics. Now the prospect of living so close to the capital next summer and not getting to the London 2012 Games has forced me to think outside the box.

Take canoe slalom. With Great Britain winning bronze at the World Canoe Slalom Championships in Slovakia in September, my attention was caught by this event. And why not, when it's taking place barely 10 miles away in Waltham Abbey, Hertfordshire?

Five intensive days of speedy white-water rafting will be hosted at the Lee Valley White Water Centre, in front of 60,000 spectators.

This is the only Olympic venue so far to have opened its doors to the public. The torch relay will touch down in Waltham Forest on 21st July 2012, during its whistle-stop tour of the country.

I'll have to wait until winter to have a third attempt at obtaining tickets, when limited events will be available by telephone or online.

In the meantime, September saw the opportunity for Paralympics tickets pass many people by. So: Athletics? Check. Wheelchair tennis? Check. Fingers crossed for a bit more luck this time.

Kimberley Swift

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Dolphins Swimming Club

At the recent Dolphin Swimming Club Annual General Meeting, thirteen children received top club awards presented by the District Guide Commissioner, Caroline Parkes.

Another young swimmer was awarded the Joy Bowyer Cup for particular effort and perseverance during the year.

The aim of the club (now in its 42nd year) has always been to teach and encourage swimming amongst young people. The staff are all volunteers, and membership of the club is drawn exclusively from the local Guide and Scout movements. The team are constantly on the lookout for willing helpers on poolside. It would involve just 1 hour weekly, in term-time only. Experience, though of course helpful, is not essential as you will be given every assistance.

If you are looking for something rewarding to do, please contact Martin on **01707 850987**.

Dolphin Award

Abigail Best; Gemma Best; Susan Bugg; Alice Byrne; Rachel Connery; William Coomes; Alex Fosh; Amir Guppy; Megan Hague; Jessica Haws; Zoe May; Louie McArdle; Callie-Ann Miller

Joy Bowyer Cup

Sophie Campbell

Potters Bar Society Walks to January



If you are interested in furthering your knowledge and understanding of the local environment, then these walks should appeal. Non-members are welcome; however we may seek a 50p donation to our funds. Please make sure you know the protocol and walks rules. You join all the walks at your own risk.

Please note that in the winter months walks start at 13.30 to take account of the shorter daylight hours.

If in doubt about your fitness or the requirements of the walk, please contact the leader for advice prior to the walk. All children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who will be responsible for their care.

Sunday 6th November, start time 13.30

Meet at Roestock Lane, north of Bullens Green Lane, Colney Heath (TL 214 065). Route: Roundhouse Farm, Bowmans Lake, Tyttenhanger Park. About 4½ miles. Leader 01707 264689.

Sunday 20th November, start time 13.30

Meet at junction of Oak Avenue and Ridgeway, Enfield (TQ 308 982), (Bus 313). Route: Salmons Brook, Holly Hill, South Hill, Rectory Farm, Ridgeway. About 4½ miles. Leaders 01707 643832.

Sunday 4th December, start time 13.30

Meet outside "White Hart" PH South Mimms (Bus 84). Route: Walk to Ridge, High Cannons and Green Street to Pursley Farm. Return via Ridge. About 6 miles. Leader 01707 643257.

Sunday 18th December, start time 13.30

Meet at School Lane, Essendon (High Road end), (TL 275 087). Please park considerately. Route: West End, Hill End Farm, along River Lea. About 5 miles. Leader 01920 466418.

Sunday 1st January, start time 13.30

Meet at the "White Hart" PH South Mimms, (Bus 84). Route: Walk Blackhorse Lane, Boundary Path, North Mymms. Return via Potwells. About 5 miles. Leaders 01707 655732.

Sunday 15th January, start time 13.30

Meet outside "The Woodman" PH Wildhill (TL 263 068). Route: Harefield Wood, Cucumber Lane, Hornbeam Lane, Wildhill. About 4 miles. Leader 01920 466418.

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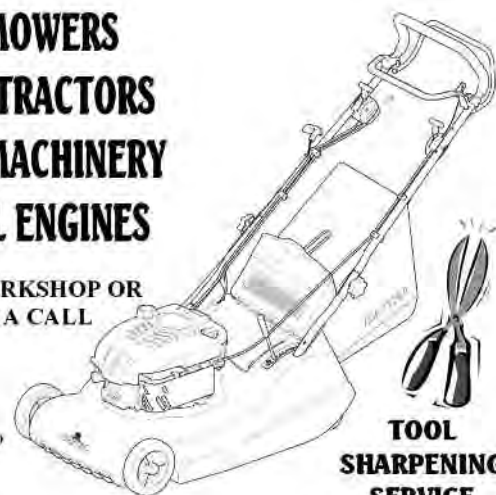
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About Brookmans Park Rotary

The Rotary Club of Brookmans Park was formed in 1990 by The Rotary Club of Potters Bar, and now has 26 members, both men and women, all of whom work or live within the local community. Rotary is an international service organization which aims to respond to the needs of people locally, nationally and internationally.

This club raises funds through a number of events, including the annual Little Heath School Fireworks Display in conjunction with the school's PTA, an annual Sponsored Swim at Furze Field Leisure Centre, a Christmas Sleigh street collection and many other fun activities. Many thousands of pounds have been raised and put to work over the last few years.

Members are involved with local schools, helping with an annual Technology Tournament, a Youth Speaks, a Young Writers and a Young Photographers competition. They also organise a Shoebox Scheme sending toys to children in orphanages in Eastern Europe. There is an annual 'Kids Out' day where we take children and helpers from a local special needs school to Paradise Park. Community events include an annual May Day Celebration on the village green as well as organising the village Christmas tree every year.

Brookmans Park Rotary club meets every Tuesday evening at 8pm and for further information please call Paul Johnson 07775 542146.

The Rotary Club of Potters Bar continues to go from strength to strength with currently 28 members organizing similar events and activities in the local community. This Club meets on Tuesday lunchtimes and can be contacted via Pat Rowatt on 01707 650731 or 07976 205664.

Brookmans Park Sleigh Dates

Monday 5th December – Christmas Sleigh will visit Brookmans Park roads: Mymms Drive, Calder Avenue, Shrublands, Woodlands, Moffats Lane, Park Close, Moffats Close, The Grove.

Tuesday 6th December – Christmas Sleigh will visit Brookmans Park roads: The Gardens, Westland Drive, Oaklands Avenue, Bluebridge Road, Bluebridge Avenue, Moffats Lane.

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas Sleigh will visit Brookmans Park roads: Brookmans Avenue, Bradmore Way, Peplins Way, Peplins Close, Green Close, Station Close.

Sunday 11th December – Christmas Sleigh will visit Welham Green roads: Station Road, Holloways Lane, Booths Close, Nash Close, Dixons Hill Road, Dellsome Lane, Somers Road, Somers Square, Coningsby Close, Sibthorpe Road.

Monday 12th December – Christmas Sleigh will visit Welham Green roads: Dellsome Lane, Parsonage Lane, Parsonage Road, Pooleys Lane, Huggins Lane, Puttocks Drive, Puttocks Close, Frowick Close.

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Sleigh will visit Welham Green roads: Dixons Hill Road, Alderman Close, Knolles Crescent, Greville Close, Gould Close, Vincenzo Close.

Chess in Potters Bar

Little Heath Chess Club (full title Little Heath, Brookmans Park and Potters Bar Chess Club) has now been in existence for over ten years. The club filled a gap left by the long defunct Potters Bar Chess Club for aspiring chessplayers in the area.

The club almost uniquely operates on two levels – as a junior club for youngsters to learn the game and improve their skills and as a full member of the Herts Chess Association competing in senior chess.

The junior club meets at King Charles the Martyr on Thursday evenings during term time catering for players at mainly primary and early secondary school age.

The adult club runs teams in three competitions. The First team plays in the Herts League Division 2 where it has maintained its place for several years having achieved successive promotions from Division 7. The Second team is now in Division 7 but retains a good chance of promotion this season. In order to cater for as many players as possible, the club has now entered teams in the Hertford & District League and a new league aimed at improving players. The teams consist of players of all ages.

The full title of the club reflects the presence in the local area. Home matches are played in both Potters Bar and Little Heath and previously had a club night in Brookmans Park (where some players live).

The club organiser, Chris Cook, has coached numerous County juniors (including his daughter) to a high standard of junior chess. He is involved in several local societies and clubs, is a governor at Ladbrooke School and a qualified cricket umpire.

Further information may be found on our website www.littleheathchess.co.uk.

The Third London Chess Classic is being held at Olympia from 3rd to 12th December. Participants include the current world champion, a former world champion, the world number one rated player plus the four strongest British players. Full details may be found at www.londonchessclassic.com. Having attended the previous two events the club would strongly recommend this excellent event to all chessplayers past and present.

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Barnet police officers raise money for childhood cancer sufferers through Three Peaks Challenge

The following police officers who live and work in the Barnet/Potters Bar area took part in the Three Peaks Challenge:

- Acting Detective Inspector Yvonne Brown
- Detective Sergeant Richard Brown
- Detective Inspector Caer Taylor
- Detective Constable Simon Hunt
- Detective Sergeant Andy Goodwin

15 Metropolitan Police officers and 11 Army officers completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge on 2 July to raise money for the Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Alliance.

The Metropolitan Police team was led by Acting Detective Inspector Yvonne Brown and her husband Detective Sergeant Richard Brown, who lost their six-year-old son Jack to neuroblastoma in May 2009.

The Army team was organised by John Inglis, who works as an Environmental Health Technician for the Royal Army Medical Corps in York. John's five-year-old son Jamie was treated for neuroblastoma in America last year and is currently in remission.

The teams are hoping to raise £1,000 to help other children suffering from neuroblastoma.

The Three Peaks Challenge took place in the Yorkshire Dales on 2nd July 2011, with both teams setting off at 6am. The participants had to scale the peaks of Pen-y-Ghent (694m), Wharfedale (736m) and Ingleborough (723m) and covered a total of 25 miles with over 1,500m of climbing. To qualify for the "3 Peaks Club" the challenge has to be completed within 12 hours.

The Police and Army teams took part in the event as a competitive challenge, but have been unable to call a winner.

"We think we won as the first four people who finished it were police officers," said Yvonne. "But all the Army's team members completed the challenge within 12 hours, while one of the police officers finished 10 minutes after the 12-hour deadline."

Yvonne and John said they found the challenge harder than expected. "It was a lot more difficult than we imagined. It was a very hot day, which definitely added to the difficulties. The first two peaks weren't too bad, but the third peak was like a cliff face," said Yvonne.

"It was one of the hardest things I've ever done," said John. "Although I wasn't helped by the fact that one of my team-mates Tom hid a rock in my rucksack as a prank!"

The Neuroblastoma Alliance UK, helps children and families affected by neuroblastoma by providing financial assistance for children's treatment. Neuroblastoma is the most common cancer diagnosed in the first year of life. It accounts for around 15 percent of cancer deaths in children and around 100 children are diagnosed every year in the UK. The Neuroblastoma Alliance was established in 2006. Children with advanced neuroblastoma can receive chemotherapy, surgery, radiation therapy, stem cell transplant, and immunotherapy. Specialists in America and Europe are trialling new treatments, but if children do not meet the criteria for participation in these trials, they have to pay for their own treatment abroad. For more information on the charity, visit www.childrenscancer.org.uk.

To support Yvonne, John and their team-mates, visit their fundraising page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/copsvarmy3peaks>.

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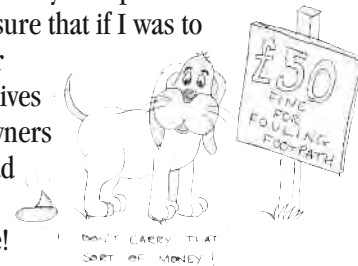


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WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER 2011

TUESDAY 1st

- ***Golden Eagle Spiritual Group:** Michael Redwin, 'Anything goes — spiritually that is'.
- ***Mitre Club:** Crusaders Ancient and Modern — the History of the Order of St John', Dr Chris Lund.
- **Lunchtime recital:** Terence Atkins, Organ, 12.30pm with free admission and ploughmans from noon to 12.30pm and 1.15–2pm, St Mary The Virgin and All Saints Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 2nd

- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** An Evening with Geoff Stebbings (Editor of Garden Answers).

THURSDAY 3rd

- ***PB Society Town Group:** Meeting, 7.30pm at Tilbury Hall.

FRIDAY 4th

- **Friends of Parkfield Quiz Night** at Tilbury Hall, more details contact Loiza on 0844 4778640 x260 (Wed/Thu am).
- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.
- **Strictly Come Hospice:** Grand Final. Local couples perform Salsa and Argentine Tango at Watersmeet Theatre, Rickmansworth. Tickets available £15 adults, under 16's £10. More info from Peace Hospice 01923 335371 or events@peacehospice.org.uk.

SATURDAY 5th

- ***Brookmans Park Rotary Club:** Fireworks Display at Little Heath School, Potters Bar starting at 6.30pm. Gates open at 6pm. Tickets on gate adults £6, children £3 or less in advance from 07985 143953, 01707 660550 or 01707 664475.
- **Firework Display:** St Giles School. Contact the school office for further information 01707 642170.

SUNDAY 6th

- ***Barnet Walks:** The Battle of Barnet — a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road at 11am.
- ***PB Society Walks:** Walk along a local right of way.
- **Coach Trip:** Brighton (Old Crocks Rally). Enquiries 01707 646803.

MONDAY 7th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** Pre-Christmas Laughs, 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 8th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Bloomin' Spring and Latin Summer. Speaker: Mr Terry Over.
- ***Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society:** Paper making over 1800 years and the role of Hertfordshire Paper Makers — Nick Pearson, Career Paper Maker.

WEDNESDAY 9th

- ***RSPB:** Philip Nalpanis, "Campaign for National Parks", afternoon.
- ***PB Flower Club:** Carole Johnson — 'From Blank Canvas'. Visitors £5

THURSDAY 10th

- ***Oakmere WI:** Open Meeting — 'Roll out the Barrel', Andy Collier.
- ***Northaw Women's Institute:** AGM, Gill Cordingley — 'Lady Denman'.
- **Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Lone Tour of South America' by Rep Denny in Enfield at 7.45pm. Further details from 01707 650969.

FRIDAY 11th

- ***RSPB:** Colin Kirtland — "Birdwatching in East Anglia", evening.
- ***Fifty Plus:** Trip to The Royal Opera House — backstage tour.

SATURDAY 12th

- **Quiz Night** at St Mary's Church Hall, The Walk, Potters Bar. 7 for 7.30pm start, tickets £8 includes supper, tel 01707 654407.
- **Cats Protection, Lea Valley Branch:** Christmas Bazaar. Get ready for Christmas at Cuffley Hall, Maynard Place, Cuffley, 10.30am to 3pm. Entrance 50p or a tin of cat food.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 3rd October.
- **4th Potters Bar Scout Group:** Christmas Market at St Johns Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar. Seasonal stalls, refreshments, an early visit from Father Christmas. Starts 10.00am till noon. Entry 50p, children under 16 free. Contact Group Scout Leader 01707 652981.

- **Little Heath Church:** Christmas Fete from noon till 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy the quality of the goods on offer.
- ***Cherry Tree Lodge:** Christmas Market 10.30am–4pm at Church House, Wood Street. Homemade produce, and an opportunity to buy Christmas presents. Bigger and better this year on two floors. Also an opportunity to have a Christmas portrait by a professional photographer. Stalls available to rent. Enquiries to Cherry Lodge.

SUNDAY 13th

- ***Barnet Walks:** Fabulous Finchley — a guided walk. Meet at Finchley Central Tube Station at 2.30pm.

MONDAY 14th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** Pre-Christmas Laughs, 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

WEDNESDAY 16th

- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** Gladioli — David Beer.
- **Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Selection of American National Parks' by Anne Johnson and John Wellington in Enfield at 2pm. Further details from 01707 650969.
- ***Italian Circle of Mid Herts:** 'The Italian Miracle: Olivetti, Agnelli and mattei', An illustrated talk by Dr Vito Veneziano.

THURSDAY 17th

- **Coach Trip:** Thurstford Christmas Spectacular. Depart 1.30pm, return midnight. £75.00. Phone 01707 620061.

FRIDAY 18th

- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.

SATURDAY 19th

- ***Sixty Plus Socials:** Christmas Bazaar at 10.30am. Entrance fee 50p which includes tea/coffee at the Sixty Plus Centre, The Wyllyotts Centre.
- **Cats Protection, Lea Valley Branch:** Annual Quiz at Elm Court, Potters Bar, starts 7.30pm. Entrance £6. Please bring own food and drink. To book you place please telephone Stephanie 01707 657876.
- **Christmas Fayre** at Mount Grace School, Church Road, Potters Bar, 11am–3pm. Entrance by 50p Lucky Programme, under 18's free.
- **Darkes Fayre** "Going for a Song" at the United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar. 10am–4pm. Café and snack bar, variety of stalls, plenty for the children, 25p for programme before the event, 30p at the door.
- **Abba Night:** St Giles School. Dig out those dancing shoes, all welcome! Contact the school office for further info 01707 642170.
- ***Over 60's Social Dances:** Seasonal adventures.
- **Elton John Tribute Night:** £28 with meal and £18 without. Contact 01707 620061.
- ***Herts Philharmonia Orchestra:** Concert at St Savours Church, St Albans at 7.30pm. Programme: Borodin Prince Igor ov, Greig Piano Concerto, Shostakovich 9th Symphony. Tickets £12.50 (£10 in advance), children and students £3. Contact 01727 857827 or email johngc.co.uk@virgin.net.
- **Coach Trip:** Canterbury's Traditional Christmas Market. Depart 9.30am and return 6.30pm. Price £28. Phone 01707 620061.

SUNDAY 20th

- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve of Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust,** Volunteer Working Party, 10am.
- **Blood Donor Session:** Dining Hall at QE Girls Barnet, 9.30am–12.30pm and 2–4.15pm.
- ***PB Society Walks:** Walk along a local right of way.
- ***Cherry Tree Lodge:** 'Lights of Love', the switching on of the lights to celebrate life of a loved one or special occasion.

MONDAY 21st

- ***PB Laughter Club:** Pre-Christmas Laughs, 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 22nd

- **22nd to 26th** *Potters Bar Theatre Company presents 'Fiddler On The Roof' at Wyllyotts Theatre, at 7.30pm each evening, with an additional matinée at 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets £10–£15. Box Office Number 07985 542204.
- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Hexham Abbey. Speaker: Mr Frank Green.

THURSDAY 24th

- **Coach Trip:** Christmas Shopping at Bluewater, £17.50. Phone 01707 654710.

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 25th

- **Coach Trip:** Bury St Edmunds Christmas. Depart 8.30am, return 7.30pm, £28. Phone 01707 620061.

SATURDAY 26th

- **Christmas Fayre:** Pope Paul School, Baker Street, 12–3pm. Cakes, raffle prizes, games, pet corner, gift, beauty and craft stalls, Santa's grotto, and school choir performance.
- **Christmas Bazaar:** King Charles the Martyr Church Hall. 11am–3pm. Free admission. Grand raffle, cafe. All the usual stalls to buy your Christmas gifts. 01707 665579.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 3rd October.
- **Coach Trip:** Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre. Enquiries 01707 646803.
- **Coach Trip:** Christmas shopping in Bruges. Depart 6am, return 10pm, £50. Phone 01707 620061.

MONDAY 28th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** Pre-Christmas Laughs, 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

WEDNESDAY 30th

- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** AGM and party.
- ***Radlett Music Club:** Concert at 8pm at the Radlett Centre. Ashley Wass – piano. Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Bach-Busoni, Liszt and Barber. Tickets £13.00, at the door. All seats unreserved. Free entry for young people in full time education, aged 8–25.

DECEMBER 2011

THURSDAY 1st

- ***PB Society Town Group:** Meeting, 7.30pm at Tilbury Hall.

FRIDAY 2nd

- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.

SATURDAY 3rd

- **Coach Trip:** City of Oxford Christmas Market, £20.50. Phone 01707 654710.
- ***Brookmans Park Rotary Club:** Christmas tree lighting on Bradmore Green, Brookmans Park, starting at 5.30pm.
- **Coach Trip:** Bath Christmas Market. Depart 8am, return 7.30pm, £28. Phone 01707 620061.

SUNDAY 4th

- ***PB Society Walks:** Walk along a local right of way.
- **Coach Trip:** Lincoln Christmas Market. Depart 8am, return 7.30pm, £28. Phone 01707 620061.

MONDAY 5th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** Pre-Christmas Laughs, 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 6th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Over the Garden Wall. Speaker: Mrs Joan Gooding.
- ***Golden Eagle:** Alan Albiston and Claire Teale – 'Spiritual Medley' followed by Christmas Fayre.
- **Lunchtime recital:** Jen Carter – Piano. 12.30pm with free admission and ploughmans from noon to 12.30pm and 1.15–2pm, St Mary The Virgin and All Saints Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 7th

- ***Italian Circle of Mid Herts:** 'A Hardcastle – A Gentleman Archaeologist in Sicily', an illustrated talk by author Alexandra Richardson.
- **Lights of Love Watford:** Dedicate a light in honour of a loved one. Annual ceremony held in Hospice Grounds at 8pm. More info contact Gill Crowson on 01923 335370 or gcrowson@peacehospice.org.uk.
- ***Cherry Tree Lodge:** Schools Singing in The Spires, 9.30am–3.30pm. Come along and support the children singing festive songs. Local schools will take half hour slots during the day. If you are a local choir and would like to participate, please contact us at Cherry Lodge.

THURSDAY 8th

- ***Merlin Magical Society** present Christmas Close-Up, raising funds for the charity 'Send a Cow' at Little Heath Parish Hall, 8pm. Tickets £5.50, mince pie and drink 01707 654606.

- ***Northaw Women's Institute:** Christmas party with Sylvia Mann 'Musical Quiz'.
- ***Oakmere WI:** Christmas Meeting, 'The Story of Grasse – Centre of the Perfume Industry', Mark Davis.

FRIDAY 9th

- ***RSPB:** 'Birds of Prey' – Chris Ward, evening.

SATURDAY 10th

- **Orchestral Concert** in the Edward Guinness Hall, Owens. Tickets at the door. Children from 5 to 18 years old performing popular and classical music.
- ***PB Choral Society:** Christmas Concert including John Rutter's 'Gloria'. Church of Our Lady and St Vincent, Mutton Lane, at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door. 01707 642393 or email pbchoral@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.pbchoral.org.
- ***Grand Christmas Masked Ball:** The Marquee, Southridge from 7.30pm to 1am. Tickets £25. Four course meal, bar, disco and raffle. Contact reception or info@friendsofrspsouthridge.org.uk.
- **Christmas Coffee Morning** at Peace Hospice between 10am and 1pm. Gill Crowson on 01923 335370 or gcrowson@peacehospice.org.uk for more info.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 3rd October.
- **Coach Trip:** Boulogne Christmas Market, France. Depart 6am, return 10.30pm, £50. Phone 01707 620061.
- ***Cherry Tree Lodge:** Ding Dong London Pro Arte Choir at 5pm. Tea time concert of carols for choir, with piano and organ and carols for audience too at St Paul's Church, The Ridgeway. For tickets prices, etc please contact Cherry Lodge.

SUNDAY 11th

- **Christmas Fair** at Wroxham School, Wroxham Gardens, Potters Bar from 12–3pm.
- ***Barnet Walks:** Historical High Barnet: a special Christmas guided walk. Meet at Barnet College, Wood St, 2pm.
- **Lights of Love Borehamwood:** Dedicate a light in honour of a loved one. Ceremony held at Borehamwood Football Club starting at 6.30pm. More info contact Gill Crowson on 01923 335370 or gcrowson@peacehospice.org.uk.
- **Coach Trip:** Dickens Christmas Market at Rochester Castle. Depart 9.30am, return 6pm, £28. Phone 01707 620061.
- **Recital:** Finchley Chamber Choir Afternoon Concert, 4pm. Box office 020 8446 6151 or tickets @fcchoir.co.uk. Ticket prices, full price £13, concessions £11, under 16's £6 at St Mary The Virgin and All Saints Church, The Walk.

MONDAY 12th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** Pre-Christmas Laughs, 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 13th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club:** 'Christmas Cheer' by Tan Strong (National Demonstrator). 7.15pm for 8pm start at Cuffley Hall, Maynards Place, Cuffley. Price £8.00 for visitors.
- ***Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society:** Isambard Kingdom Brunel's First Project, The Thames Tunnel. Robert Hulse. Museum Director of The Brunel Museum
- ***Churches Together:** Annual Carol Concert, 7.30pm at the Wyllyotts Centre. Contact 01707 653417 for more information. No tickets required, but arrive in good time.

WEDNESDAY 14th

- ***PB Flower Club:** Gill McGregor, 'Christmas Spirit'. Visitors £5.
- ***RSPB:** 'Coastal Wildlife' – Barry Kaufmann-Wright, afternoon.

FRIDAY 16th

- **Coach Trip:** Christmas London, Southbank, Cologne Christmas Market and Real Christmas Food Show, £16.50. Phone 1707 654710.
- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.
- **The Big Christmas Party** at Langley Suite in Watford High Street. 3-course meal, disco, magician, free parking, £35 per person. More details from www.peacehospice.org.uk or call 01923 335348.

SUNDAY 18th

- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve of Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust,** Volunteer Working Party, 10am.
- ***PB Society Walks:** Walk along a local right of way.
- **Coach Trip:** Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market. Depart 9.30am, return 6.30pm, £28. Phone 01707 620061.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY 19th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** Pre-Christmas Laughs, 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.
- ***Act 4:** Christmas Holiday Club at Potters Bar Baptist Church, Barnet Road, 10am. Year 1–6 with a performance at 3.15pm. Cost £20 per child and £10 per sibling. Children rehearse and perform new Act 4 Christmas musical. Reserve place on 01707 665551 or Luisa@act4.org.uk.

TUESDAY 20th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Christmas party.

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY 1st

- ***PB Society Walks:** Walk along a local right of way.

MONDAY 2nd

- ***PB Laughter Club:** 'Lift the gloom – have a laugh', 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

WEDNESDAY 4th

- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** June Crew, 'The Final Frontier' – Isles of Scilly.

THURSDAY 5th

- ***PB Society Town Group:** Meeting, 7.30pm at Tilbury Hall.

FRIDAY 6th

- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.

SATURDAY 7th

- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 28th November.

MONDAY 9th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** 'Lift the gloom – have a laugh', 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 10th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Kiwi fruits. Speakers: Pauline and David Morris.
- ***Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society:** From horsebus to routemaster, developments in London's public road transport over 150 years – Graham McQueen, Member of the London.

WEDNESDAY 11th

- ***PB Flower Club:** Kathy Stangaard – "Flights of Fancy". Visitors £5.
- ***RSPB:** 'Colne Valley Birding' – Steve Carter, afternoon.

THURSDAY 12th

- ***Northaw Women's Institute:** Michael Howgate talk 'Understanding Church Buildings in Hertfordshire'.
- **Enfield National Trust Association:** 'From Pepys to Dickens – in the footsteps of the famous in Barnet' in Enfield at 7.45pm. Further details from 01707 650969.
- ***Oakmere WI:** 'Opera Houses around the World' – Ruth Breckman.

SATURDAY 14th

- ***Cherry Tree Lodge:** London Welsh Male Voice Choir performing at St Albans Abbey for Cherry Lodge and Iain Rennie Grove House Hospice. Tickets available from the Abbey Box Office.

SUNDAY 15th

- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve of Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust,** Volunteer Working Party, 10am.
- ***Barnet Walks:** The Battle of Barnet: a guided walk. Meet at junction of Great North Road and Hadley Green Road, 11am.
- ***PB Society Walks:** Walk along a local right of way.

MONDAY 16th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** 'Lift the gloom – have a laugh', 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 17th

- ***Radlett Music Club:** Concert, 8pm at the Radlett Centre. Berkeley Ensemble – Francaix, Poulenc and Schubert. Tickets: £13.00, at the door. All seats unreserved. Free entry for young people in full time education, aged 8–25.

WEDNESDAY 18th

- **Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Life and Times of Octavia Hill' by Pam Wright in Enfield at 2pm. Further details from 01707 650969.
- ***Italian Circle of Mid Herts:** 'Leonardo da Vinci's Monsters' – Author Ross King.
- **Coach Trip:** Sales and Market Day in Bury St Edmunds, £19. Phone 01707 654710.
- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** Joan Davis – 'The Make Do and Mend Olympic Games 1948'.

FRIDAY 20th

- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.
- ***RSPB:** 'Antarctica' – John Wallington, evening.

SATURDAY 21st

- ***Over 60's Social Dances:** New Year's 'Pop' Party.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 28th November.
- ***PB Society:** Coffee morning, Tilbury Hall, 10am–12 noon. An opportunity for members and any others interested to share their thoughts on current issues in the town.
- **4th Potters Bar Scout Group:** Quiz evening at St John's Church, Baker Street at 7.30pm. £7 per head includes a ploughman's supper. Tables of 8 preferred although we can accommodate other numbers. Contact Group Scout Leader 01707 652981.

MONDAY 23rd

- ***PB Laughter Club:** 'Lift the gloom – have a laugh', 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 24th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Kith and Kin and Cliff. Speaker: Mrs Jean Gray.

FEBRUARY 2012

WEDNESDAY 1st

- **Chamber Concert:** Children from the music centre play solos and quartets in the Edward Guinness Hall, Owens. Entrance by ticket at the door.
- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** Anne Wallington – 'The Drakensburg Mountains, Hidden South Africa'.

THURSDAY 2nd

- ***PB Society Town Group:** Meeting, 7.30pm at Tilbury Hall.

FRIDAY 3rd

- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.

SATURDAY 4th

- ***Potters Bar Choral Society:** Quiz Supper, 7 for 7.30pm, Church of Our Lady and St Vincent, Mutton Lane. Tickets £8 per person, teams of up to 8. 01707 642393, email pbchoral@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.pbchoral.org.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 28th November.

MONDAY 6th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** 'Lift the gloom – have a laugh', 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 7th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Living with a Visual Impairment. Speaker: Miss Angela Cotton.
- ***Golden Eagle:** Les Fuller – 'Shamanic Healing plus'.
- **Lunchtime recital:** Andrew West – Organ, 12.30pm with free admission and ploughmans from noon to 12.30pm and 1.15–2pm, St Mary The Virgin and All Saints Church, The Walk.

WEDNESDAY 8th

- ***PB Flower Club:** Annual General Meeting.

THURSDAY 9th

- **Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Dig for Victory' by Russell Bowes in Enfield at 7.45pm. Further details from 01707 650969.
- ***Northaw WI:** John Merrill talk 'Walking the Canals of London'.
- ***Oakmere WI:** 'The Great Wall of China' – Martin Wiley.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY 13th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** 'Lift the gloom — have a laugh', 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 14th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club:** AGM.
- ***Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society:** On the Face of It, A Century of Coal Mining on Screen — Ros Cranston Curator (non fiction), BFI National Archive.

WEDNESDAY 15th

- **Enfield National Trust Association:** 'Life in the Solomon Islands' by Joan van Straaton in Enfield at 2pm. Further details from 01707 650969.
- ***Italian Circle of Mid Herts:** 'The Villa Borghese Art Gallery — Rome's Jewel', an illustrated talk by David Lamb, Freelance Tour Manager.
- ***RSPB:** 'Coast to Coastline — The Neptune Story', Pam Wright, afternoon.
- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** Jane Ellis — flower arranging.

FRIDAY 17th

- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.
- ***RSPB:** 'Gondwanaland Revisited' — Martin Davies, evening.

SATURDAY 18th

- ***Over 60's Social Dances:** A Dotty Evening.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 28th November.

SUNDAY 19th

- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve of Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust,** Volunteer Working Party, 10am.

MONDAY 20th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** 'Lift the gloom — have a laugh', 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

TUESDAY 21st

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Members hobbies.

THURSDAY 23rd

- ***Radlett Music Club:** Concert at 8pm at the Radlett Centre. Fujita Piano Trio — Mozart, Shostakovich, Takemitsu and Schubert. Tickets: £13.00, all seats unreserved. Free entry for young people in full time education, aged 8–25.

MONDAY 27th

- ***PB Laughter Club:** 'Lift the gloom — have a laugh', 10–11am, Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299.

WEDNESDAY 29th

- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** Elizabeth Eastwood (Blue Badge Guide) — 'Crime and Punishment'.

MARCH 2012

THURSDAY 1st

- ***PB Society Town Group:** Meeting, 7.30pm at Tilbury Hall.

FRIDAY 2nd

- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.

SATURDAY 3rd

- **Orchestral Concert** in the Edward Guinness Hall, Owens. Tickets at the door. Children from 5 to 18 years old performing popular and classical music.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 28th November.
- **4th Potters Bar Scout Group:** Jumble Sale at St Johns Church, Baker Street, Potters Bar. Entry £2 at 10am and 30p at 10.30am. Finishes about noon.

TUESDAY 6th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** Life with a Guide Dog. Speaker: Miss Angela Cotton.
- ***Golden Eagle:** Linda Wainwright — 'Life enhancing keys to live in Clairvoyance'.

THURSDAY 8th

- ***Northaw WI:** Pamela Sanderson talk 'The Old Bailey'.

- **Enfield National Trust Association:** Illustrated lecture by Andrew Davies in Enfield at 7.45pm. Further details from 01707 650969.

- ***Fifty Plus:** Trip to Baps Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Neasden Temple).

- ***Oakmere WI:** Birthday meeting.

SATURDAY 10th

- ***PB Choral Society:** Potters Bar Choral Society. Vaughan-Williams 'Serenade to Music' Schubert 'Mass in Eb' and Barber 'Violin Concerto'. St Mary's Church, The Walk, at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 and £14 in advance (£1 more on the door), 01707 642393, email pbchoral@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.pbchoral.org.
- ***Brookmans Park Rotary Club:** Sponsored Swim at Furze Field Centre, Potters Bar starting at 5.30pm, call 01707 645343 for sponsorship form.

TUESDAY 13th

- ***Cuffley Floral Art Club:** Area Demonstrator, Fiona Franklin — 'Calender Girls'. 7.15pm for 8pm start at Cuffley Hall, Maynards Place, Cuffley. Price £4.00 for visitors.
- ***Cuffley Industrial Heritage Society:** The 1851 Great Exhibition to The 1951 Festival of Britain.
- **Joseph Paxton's Glass Palace to Hugh Casson's Vision:** Fred Peskett, Chairman Festival of Britain Society.

WEDNESDAY 14th

- ***PB Flower Club:** Pam Ford — 'Magical moments'. Visitors £5.
- **14th to 17th *Potters Bar Theatre Co:** 'The Winslow Boy' Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar. Further info on: 07985 542204 or www.pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk.
- ***RSPB:** 'The Wildlife of God's Acre' — David Curry, afternoon.
- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** Miriam Lane — 'Butterfly World'.

FRIDAY 16th

- ***United Reformed Church:** Charity Lunches. Soup, buffet lunch, tea/coffee, biscuits. £3.00.
- ***RSPB:** 'Mongolia' — Ann and Phil Farrer, evening.

SATURDAY 17th

- ***Over 60's Social Dances:** St Patrick's Night.
- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 28th November.

SUNDAY 18th

- ***Fir and Pond Woods Nature Reserve of Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust,** Volunteer Working Party, 10am.

TUESDAY 20th

- ***Tuesday Friendship:** To be announced.

WEDNESDAY 21st

- ***Italian Circle of Mid Herts:** 'The Jews of Parma and Beyond' (to be confirmed). A talk given by Susan Kikoler, Drama Critic and Journalist.
- ***Radlett Music Club:** Concert at 8pm at the Radlett Centre. Navarra Quartet — Haydn, Brahms and Schubert. Tickets: £13.00, all seats unreserved. Free entry for young people in full time education, aged 8–25.

WEDNESDAY 28th

- ***PB and District Horticultural Society:** Aubrey Barker — 'Hopleys Plants'.

THURSDAY 29th

- ***Fifty Plus:** Trip to Olympic Lunch Special — a guided tour.

SATURDAY 31st

- **Indoor Car Boot Sale, Elm Court:** Sellers from 12.15pm. Buyers 1.30pm. Space must be booked. 01707 659602. Booking from 28th November.

Please check details of these events by telephoning the contact provided. An asterisk * means more details about venues and times included in Clubs and Organisations section.

To include an event contact: susan.weaver4@ntlworld.com or saradonatantonio@talktalk.net.

South Mimms Police Station revived for Potters Bar and Shenley Safer Neighbourhood Teams



The old South Mimms police motorway base, by the South Mimms Services, has been revived for the Potters Bar and Shenley Safer Neighbourhood Teams and was officially opened at 7pm on Tuesday, 6th September, 2011.

Reporters and photographers were invited to join Hertsmere Mayor Councillor Peter Knell, Hertsmere Police Authority Lead Brenda Griffiths and local councillors to the launch of the new Potters Bar and South Mimms Police Station, which was opened by Assistant Chief Constable Alison Roome-Gifford.

Hertsmere Chief Inspector Sue Jameson said: "We're very pleased with the new look station, which gives officers space. It is in the perfect location at minimal cost, and the areas they cover are more easily accessible. The Shenley team, who were based in Borehamwood, are now closer to the area they patrol."

She said: "However, it's business as usual for the team – your Neighbourhood Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will continue to spend the majority of their time out on their wards, patrolling and dealing with local issues and crime. Residents will be able to contact their local Neighbourhood Officers and PCSOs by going to regular advertised police 'surgeries' (some of which will be at the Wyllyotts centre), speaking to them when they are out on patrol, calling them on their radio, on our non-emergency number 101 (see below) or via the Safer Neighbourhood pages."

There is also an outside phone, which connects to the central police control room, if anyone stops by and needs to contact police, but there is no front counter service. If you need to speak to someone in person, you can go to any police station in Hertfordshire with a front counter including Borehamwood (limited opening hours) or Hatfield (open daily). For full opening times and accessibility details, please log on to www.herts.police.uk and select police stations.

In addition to the Potters Bar and South Mimms Police Station, the Neighbourhoods Officers and PCSOs will have use of the Potters Bar Safer Neighbourhood Police Office based at the Wyllyotts Centre in Potters Bar. They will share an office with Hertsmere Borough

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Council officers. Regular police surgeries will be available at advertised times so members of the public can speak directly to officers, but the office will not be permanently staffed.

Chief Inspector Jameson said: "We have been working closely with Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire Police Authority to find a local base that the Safer Neighbourhood Team can use and we are really pleased with the Potters Bar and South Mimms Police Station and Safer Neighbourhood Police Office at the Wyllyotts Centre as an extra facility for our Neighbourhood Team."

Councillor John Donne, Hertsmere's Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, added: "We very much welcome the Potters Bar Safer Neighbourhood team to our offices at the Wyllyotts Centre and are pleased that we have been able to help provide them with a base in the town.

We have been working in close partnership with the police for many years now and this mutual arrangement is just one of the ways we are working together to improve community safety and reduce costs at the same time."

To contact your Neighbourhood Officer or PCSO, you can pop along to one of their advertised 'police surgeries' (see www.herts.police.uk ('Safer Neighbourhoods' for times, dates and locations) or contact them directly on their Airwave radio on **01707 354192** when they are on duty (you will need to quote their name). If they are not on duty, you can leave a message and they will call you back as soon as they can.

Alternatively, if you do not know your local officer's name or for general enquiries, call the new non-emergency number 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency or if you see a crime in progress.

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Darkes Fayre 2011

“Going for a Song” What does this suggest to us? That popular Antiques TV programme with Arthur Negus, a song for your supper, or any of the songs that have caught our attention over the years. “Going for a Song” will be the theme of this year’s Darkes Fayre, to be held, as always, at the Potters Bar United Reformed Church in Darkes Lane on Saturday 19th November 2011.

Our Café and Snack Bar will again be combined as one Cafeteria in the hall with most of the stalls centred in the church building. The usual array of colourful decorations and costumed helpers will set the tone for a happy day. Planning is well in hand and we hope that the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Peter Knell, who as Deputy Mayor opened last year’s Darkes Fayre, may be able to open the proceedings at 10.30am.

The variety of stalls will include Silent auction, cakes, books, preserves, toys, jewellery, and the ever popular bric-a-brac and collectibles. Other attractions will be Tombola, Raffle, Bottles and Chocolates with sideshows to amuse old and young alike.

For the children there will be Santa’s Grotto, face painting and a free children’s treasure hunt that proves very popular with the younger children.

Programmes will be on sale in the weeks beforehand and are a bargain at 25p which includes a free prize quiz and entry to the Fayre. Admission at the door without a pre-purchased programme will be 30p but children, accompanied by an adult, get entry for free.

Commenting on the event, Mary Deller the Church Secretary said “Although we are without a Minister the whole membership continues to work extra hard to ensure a happy and successful day. We look forward to welcoming old and new friends to join in the fun”

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A New Church in Potters Bar

Life Church has started worship services in Potters Bar. They meet at 9.30 am each Sunday at the Oakmere Community Centre, Fetherstone Close, EN6 5NS, with coffee served afterwards.

Life Church Potters Bar is a new campus of Life Church Cuffley, (formerly known as Cuffley Free Church), which was established in 1942 and currently has an adult congregation of over 150. The Potters Bar Campus has grown to around 50. Its worship style is lively and the sermons aim to be very practical.

Phillip Coffin, the Senior Pastor, says, “The initial months for the new church have been encouraging, feedback from the congregation and new visitors has been very positive. However, it’s early days and there is much more that we would like to do in order to serve the Potters Bar area. Amongst other things, we hope to develop our work with children, and start a Café Church in the New Year”.

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2011 Christmas Services at local churches

Christ Church, Little Heath (CE)

18th December	6.30pm	Carol Service
24th December	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.0pm	Midnight Communion
25th December	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Celebration followed by short service of Communion

Contact Revd Steve Rees 654414

King Charles the Martyr, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar (CE)

18th December	4.30pm	Service of Lessons and Carols
22nd December	12 noon	Open Door Café Carol Service
24th December	4.00pm	Family Service at the Crib
	6.00pm	Christingle Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.00pm)
25th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Communion

Contact Revd Michael Burns 661266

St Mary's, The Walk, Potters Bar (CE)

18th December	6.30pm	Carol Service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies
24th December	5.00pm	Family Carols at the Crib
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25th December	10.00am	Christmas Day Parish Communion

Contact Revd Peter Bevan 644539

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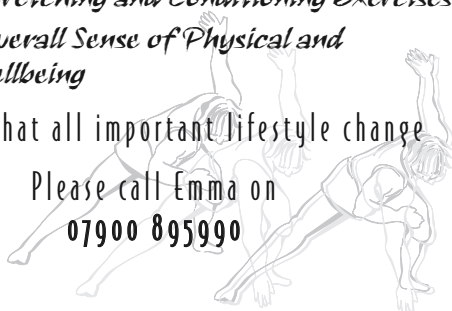
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Potters Bar United Reformed Church, Darkes Lane

4th December	11.0am	Toy and Gift Service
18th December	4.30pm	Carol Service
24th December	11.30pm	Welcome to Christmas
25th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Celebration

Contact Church on 652595

St John's Methodist Church, Potters Bar

11th December	3.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
18th December	4.00pm	Family Carol Service
24th December	11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion
25th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Service (all age)

Contact Revd Alison Facey 652978

Our Lady's and St Vincent's Roman Catholic Church, Potters Bar

18th December	3.00pm	Carol Service
24th December	6.00pm	Family Mass
	9.00pm	Vigil Mass (Carols at 8.30pm)
25th December	10.0am	Mass

Contact Fr Tim O'Connor 654359

Potters Bar Baptist Church, Barnet Road

18th December	10.30am	In house Christmas Family Presentation
	6.00pm	Candlelight Family Carol Service
19th December	9.30am-4pm	ACT 4 event for Children
25th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Service

Contact Church Secretary 646277

St Giles, South Mymms (CE)

18th December	4.30pm	Carol Service
24th December	3.30pm	Bread and Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25th December	10.30am	Family Mass

Contact Revd Brenda Tipping 07780 535035 (text only)

St Margaret's Ridge (CE)

18th December	6.30pm	Carol Service
24th December	10.0pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
25th December	9.15am	Family Communion Service

Contact Revd Brenda Tipping 07780 535035 (text only)

St Mary's, North Mymms (CE)

11th December	3.00pm	Village Carol Service at Memorial Hall
18th December	6.30pm	Carol Service
24th December	4.00pm	A Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25th December	10.0am	All Age Family Service

Contact Revd Julia Boothby 01727 822887

Brookman's Park United Reformed Church

4th December	10.30am	Gift Service
11th December	3.00pm	Village Carol Service at Memorial Hall
18th December	10.30am	Carol Service
24th December	11.30pm	Service at PB URC
25th December	10.30am	Family Service

Contact Church on 657354

Town Carols at the Wyllyotts Centre, Darkes Lane

The Churches Together Annual Carol Concert and Service will be held on Tuesday 13 December at 7.30pm. No tickets required but arrive in good time to ensure a seat!

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Father Christmas will be visiting the following roads (weather permitting) on:-

Tuesday 6th December (Route 2)

Billy Lows Lane, Mount Grace Road, Quakers Lane, Anthorne Close, Church Road, Mountway, Manor Way, Heath Drive

Wednesday 7th December (Route 3)

Oakmere Avenue, Park Avenue, Hill Rise, Ashwood Road, Hyde Avenue, Willow Way

Thursday 8th December (Route 4)

The Drive, Heather Way, Sherwood Avenue, Allandale Crescent, Dugdale Hill Lane, Brooklands, Aberdale Gardens, Elmscroft Gardens

Sunday 11th December (Route 6)

Wroxham Gardens, Mimms Hall Road Ormesby Drive, Oulton Crescent, Auckland Road, Borough Way, Cambridge Drive, Deepdene

Monday 12 December (Route 8)

Cotton Road, Trewenna Drive, Penshurst Road, Thaynesfield, Northlands, Torrington Drive, Tiverton Road, Hatherleigh Gardens

Tuesday 13 December (Route 9)

Hawkshead Road, Cranmer Close, Grangewood, Osborne Road, Swanley Bar Lane, Heath Road



Wed 14 December (Route 11)

The Walk, Highfield Way, Byng Drive, Ladbrooke Drive, Trafford Gate, Melrose Avenue, Birch Grove, Otways Close, Albermarle Avenue

Thursday 15 December (Route 7)

Daleside Drive, Sunnybank, Meadow Way, Greenway, Field View, Brackendale, The Byway, Elmroyd Avenue

Sunday 18 December (Route 1)

Dugdale Hill Lane, Elmfield Road, Shrublands, Wellesley Crescent, Shillitoe Avenue, Rushfield, SanTERS Lane, Oakroyd Avenue

Monday 19 December (Route 5)

Oakmere Lane, Tempest Avenue, Forbes Avenue, Mandeville Road, Carpenter Way, Gregory Avenue, Highview Gardens

Tuesday 20 December (Route 10)

Cranborne Road, Cranborne Crescent, Laurel Fields, Laurel Avenue, Clive Close, slip road

21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th December

Outside Tesco Store in Mutton Lane, 8.00am–2.00pm

NOTE: We have tried to cover all areas of Potters Bar, but if your road is not specifically stated, perhaps you could catch Father Christmas and the sleigh in an adjacent road on one of the dates mentioned above.

Sunday Worship
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Potters Bar Choral Society 50th Anniversary Season

In May we celebrated 50 years of music making in Potters Bar by the choral society and this celebration continues over the coming year. Yet again we have three superb concerts lined up to mark this special occasion which also demonstrate how the society remains in rude health. One of the reasons that the choral society has been so successful has been its inclusiveness. We do not audition for membership which means that some people join us having not sung for many years, if at all. With the support that we give in terms of voice training and rehearsal CDs, we find that the knack of singing is soon established and perhaps that is why our membership is now over fifty. However we are keen for even more new people to join us, as the larger the choir, the bigger is the potential musical repertoire from which to perform.

Our concert season starts off this year on Saturday December 10th when we return to the Church of Our Lady and St Vincent for a Christmas concert that this year includes the Rutter 'Gloria'. This energetic and uplifting piece is notable for its accompaniment of a brass ensemble and organ. It will therefore also give us the opportunity to sing a mix of carols and seasonal songs with the brass accompaniment and of course the audience gets a chance to sing.

On March the 10th we will be producing a concert on the grand scale with an orchestra and five soloists at St Mary's Church in The Walk. The two choral pieces chosen are Vaughan-Williams 'Serenade to Music' and Schubert's 'Mass in Eb'. The entertainment doesn't stop there as we will also have the talented young violinist Hideki Tanimura playing the Barber violin concerto.

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Last season was a great success with our musical director stating that our performance of Haydn's 'The Creation' being the best he had heard us sing. A visiting professional soloist also described our performance as being professional and well balanced – praise indeed for an amateur choir! Finally, to those of you who are not choir members, we do hope you can join us at one of the concerts and if you want to sing, why not come along to a rehearsal to find out if it is for you?

Saturday 10th December, 7.30pm. Christmas Concert including John Rutter's 'Gloria'. Church of Our Lady and St Vincent, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar. Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

Saturday 10th March 2012, 7.30pm, Vaughan-Williams 'Serenade to Music' Schubert 'Mass in Eb' and Barber 'Violin Concerto'. St Mary's Church, The Walk, Potters Bar. Tickets £12 and £14 in advance (£1 more on the door).

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Jon Richardson Live 2011

Friday 11th November, 8pm

Tickets £14.00

Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, star of Live at the Apollo and member of Channel 4's "Stand up for the week", Jon Richardson will be bringing his new show "It's not me, It's you" to Potters Bar

Joe Brown

Saturday 12th November, 8pm

Tickets £22.00

Joe, with his five piece band incorporating his son and record producer Pete Brown, will be on stage all evening and the musical styles incorporated into his show are as unique as the man himself.

A Timeless Collection

Wednesday 16th November, 2pm

Tickets £11.00

From the Producers of Memory Lane and Rolling back the years, this show will take you on a musical journey from the good old days of Music Hall through to the 70's.

Peter Alliss

Wednesday 16th November, 8pm

Tickets £18.00, concessions £17.00, groups of 8+ £15

Peter Alliss was described by Golf Digest as the greatest golf commentator ever. Peter has been broadcasting continuously for the BBC since 1961 and is now returning to Potters Bar for an

evening of anecdotes, stories and a question and answer section.

Rock 'n' Roll Paradise

Thursday 17th November, 8pm

Tickets £18.00, concessions £17

A spectacular evening of rock 'n' roll music performed and enjoyed by an incredible talented cast who bring to life the giants of the rock and roll years. Backed by a superb live band, this is timeless music at its very best.

Queen – The Bohemians

Friday 18th November, 8pm

Tickets £17.00, concessions £16.00

The Bohemians ability to recreate Queen live is something truly special. They played on the same bill as Queen guitarist, Brian May, who described the band as brilliant. This is a high energy show that has earned them the reputation as the world's most exciting Queen tribute act.

The Nutcracker

Saturday 19th November,

2.30pm and 7.30pm

Tickets £16.00, children £11.00

Tchaikovsky's world famous classical ballet is performed by the highly acclaimed Vienna Festival Company which returns to Potters Bar. Beautifully staged with sumptuous costumes and a classical music score this makes a delightful treat for children and adults.

Pinocchio

Sunday 27th November, 11am and 1pm

Tickets £5.50, groups 10+ £5

Performed on the floor rather than on the stage this is the perfect show for young children and will be best loved by the 4-8 age group, although younger children are welcome. Join the performers for an hour of puppetry, illusion, improvisation and especially composed music. Stay after the show for our free craft activity and make your own mini puppet to take home.

Big Chris Barber Band

Sunday 27th November, 7.30pm

Tickets £18.00, concessions £17.00

At the remarkable age of 80 Chris Barber still leads his eleven piece band playing a wide selection of his favourite music from New Orleans to blues to late 20's Ellington. Chris Barber is the icon of traditional jazz in the UK.

Buddy Holly & The Crickets – Holly at Christmas 2011

Wednesday 14th December, 8pm

Tickets £17.00, concessions £16.00, groups 10+ £15

This breathtaking show from Buddy and the Boys is guaranteed to have everyone singing along to the music and dancing in the aisles. This show will feature all Buddy's classics plus hits from the legends of the 50's and 60's.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Saturday 10th December to

Sunday 1st January

Ring the Wyllyotts Box Office on 01707 645005 or go onto the website www.wyllyottstheatre.co.uk for prices and performance times.

The Soldiers

Friday 13th January, 8pm

Tickets £22.00, concessions £21.00, groups 10+ £20

The Soldiers created history by being the first group of serving soldiers to hit the British pop charts. They are soldiers first and foremost and have several medals between them. Their two top albums have raised over half a million pounds for army charities.

Whole Lotta Led

Saturday 21st January, 8pm

Tickets £13.00, concessions £11.00

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Fiddler on the Roof

It's time to renew your acquaintance with some of musical theatre's all-time greatest numbers at the end of November, when Potters Bar Theatre Company brings the Jerry Bock/Sheldon Harnick classic *Fiddler on the Roof* to Wylyotts Theatre.

Set in the small Russian Jewish village of Anatevka in the early 20th century, the show chronicles the trials and tribulations of dairyman Tevye, and his attempts to preserve his family's beloved traditions in the face of a changing world where dark forces are at work and the seeds of revolution are being sown.

When his eldest daughter, Tzeitel, begs him to let her marry a poor tailor rather than the middle-aged butcher he has chosen, Tevye must choose between his daughter's happiness and those traditions that keep the outside world at bay.

The score includes songs such as *'If I Were A Rich Man'*, *'Matchmaker'*, *'Sunrise, Sunset'* and *'Tradition'*.

PBTC's *Fiddler On The Roof* runs at Wylyotts from Tuesday, 22nd to Saturday, 26th November 2011 at 7.30pm, with an additional matinée at 2.30pm on Saturday, 26th November.

Tickets are priced at £15 for adults and £10 for under 18s, with senior citizen concessions at £12 for the Tuesday evening and Saturday matinée performances. There is a 10% discount for bookings of ten full-price seats or more for the same performance.

Tickets can be bought over the phone on **07985 542204**, or by post to **PBTC Box Office, PO Box 154, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2WB** (cheques payable to **'Potters Bar Theatre Company'**, please include a stamped addressed envelope).

Alternatively you can book online at www.pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk – booking fee applies.

Hertfordshire Showband win music awards!



Young member Matthew Crook Sycamore at Countdown to Olympics event.

Hertfordshire Showband has entered two contests this year and has won the two top music awards at both! The contests require bands to stage an arena show where they are judged for the visual effects they create as well as their musical excellence! The band played their new show *'Rock Classics'* which includes *'I Love Rock and Roll'*, *'Bohemian Rhapsody'*, *'Livin on a Prayer'* and *'Stairway to Heaven'*!

The band also played at the '1 Year and Counting' to the Olympics this summer along with other music acts, helping to create awareness of the new White Water Centre at Waltham Abbey. On stage they played several pieces including music made famous by the TV programme *'GLEE'*!

Silverstone Race Track also saw the band in action this autumn when they performed as a part of the pre-race entertainment for the 24 Hour Britcar Race. They are currently working on their programme for their Christmas Concert on Sunday 11th December at Mount Grace School. Most of the work for this concert was done at the Band's annual autumn training weekend at Butlins resort Skegness.

The band currently has around 60 members but is always looking for more local talent. Our training band caters for recent beginners aged 9 to 15, and the Senior band welcomes members around a core age of 12 to 40. Brass players always wanted but also clarinet, saxophone, flute, drum, xylophone, etc.

Visit our web site www.hertfordshire-showband.org or call Terry Barnes on **01707 650209**.

The Baker Street Social Club

We picked ourselves up and dusted ourselves down...

Until the end of April this year a "Drop in Club" was being run by Age UK at Goodacre Court in Potters Bar High Street. This was primarily a social club for the over Sixties who wanted to share a coffee morning every Wednesday with other folk of roughly the same age. We met to make new friends and acquaintances and to play games such as Cards and Scrabble etc. or some other activities. Occasionally we invited a speaker to entertain or educate us. Sadly this all came to an end with the withdrawal of our funding. Not only that but we had to leave Goodacre Court and find another venue.

Just to prove that we were not going to be beaten by such a setback we have found a new venue at St. John's Methodist Church in Baker Street and have managed to be self supporting financially. The two major Supermarkets in town have also given us some financial support and more has been promised from elsewhere.

So far we have managed to maintain roughly about the same number of members but sadly we had to leave a couple behind. However, we are hoping that there are others out there willing to join us. If so, we meet every Wednesday between 10 am and 12 am, and for £2 per morning you may indulge yourself in coffee, tea and biscuits but more importantly and hopefully, meet and make some new friends

We feel justly proud of what us Oldies have achieved in three months and if you are interested:

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Potters Bar Flower Club would like to thank all those who supported its Open Gardens Sunday on 26 June, especially those who opened their gardens. The weather was definitely on our side with glorious sunshine and clear blue sky, perfect for strolling around the seven beautiful gardens.

Over £1000 was raised and a substantial donation has been made to Herts Air Ambulance.

The Club's Open Evening on 14th September was also a great success with top flower arranging demonstrator Lionel D Clark producing 12 magnificent arrangements which some members of the audience were lucky enough to win in the raffle.

In 2012 we hope to host a quiz on 26th September; this will be a new fund-raising venture for the club. More details will appear in future issues of *Community News*.

If you would like to know more about Potters Bar Flower Club please ring Ann on **01707 850089** or Chris on **01707 656796**.

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The Potters Bar Society First Fifty Years

This year the Society is celebrating its fiftieth birthday. The culmination of our celebrations is a souvenir booklet 'The Potters Bar Society First Fifty Years' which describes the myriad of activities over the years.

In 1961 several issues brought together a group of local people: the council was about to cut down the horse chestnut trees in Baker Street, countryside around Potters Bar was threatened by building proposals, lorries thundered along Mutton Lane (no M25 then) and the traffic problem was intense. From a small meeting of 35 concerned individuals, within two years there were 500 members and this quickly grew to over 1800.

The Baker Street trees were saved, along with those in The Walk shortly after. In the following years inappropriate planning proposals were altered, Ministers written to, grass verges tidied, bulbs planted, litter collected, old buildings preserved, and footpaths mended. Not to forget the fortnightly walks programme, the social events and coach outings.

From the start the Society was non-party-political, seeking to maintain the quality of town life and providing a forum where residents could become involved in wider issues. There were opportunities for experts to comment on official plans and talk to the authorities, for residents to report concerns, along with gardeners, walkers, tea-makers, newsletter deliverers and minute-writers.

Today many of the everyday issues remain – bus services, potholes, litter, uneven pavements – together with the wider issues concerning planning and threats to the Green Belt. The Potters Bar Society can be proud of its first fifty years and looks forward to its next fifty years. And by the way – there is now an extra horse-chestnut tree in Baker Street, planted in April to celebrate the Society Jubilee.



All are welcome. You can join via our website **www.pbsoc.org.uk** or telephone **01707 655013**.

The pictures show Potters Bar Society members planting bulbs in Mutton Lane in the 1970s and a Society picnic in Dyrham Park, June 1963.

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Last Thursday of every month, St Johns Church Hall, Baker Street. 1.30–3.30pm, contact 01707 265326. Saturday weekly at Sixty Plus, Wyllyotts Centre, 10.30am–3.30pm, for families and carers.

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Wednesdays, 2–5pm. Cuffley Youth and Community Centre. Art, Snooker, Table-tennis, Scrabble, etc. Contact Betty 01707 659621.

DANCE

Lizzie Meeks School of Dance. Saturday 10am–2pm and Tuesday 4–9.30pm. Potters Bar and Ridge. Children and adults: ballet, tap, modern, jazz, street dance. Enquiries 01707 670418.

DANCING

Ballroom and Latin. Beginners. Weekly, Wednesday, Christ Church Hall, Thornton Road, Little Heath. 8.45–10pm. Phone 01707 662050.

DARBY & JOAN CLUB

Wednesdays 2pm–4pm. PB Baptist Church, Barnet Road. Tel June 655599 or Vera 01707 651470.

Duplicate BRIDGE

Tuesday afternoons 1.15pm. March and April at Potters Bar Bowls Club The Walk. Further details phone 01707 850388.

ELIZABETH ALLEN FOOTBALL CLUB

Weekly, Saturday afternoon. Old Owen's, Coopers Lane Road and Coopers Road, Little Heath. 16 years up. Training Tuesday 8pm. Owen's School. 01707 652422/646273.

ENFIELD LIGHT OPERATIC and DRAMATIC SOCIETY (ELDOS)

Weekly, Tuesday and Friday, 8pm. Drama Group rehearse Winchmore Hill. Perform Wyllyotts. 2 musicals per year. 020 8807 7997.

FENG SHUI SOCIETY OF HERTS

Monthly, Elm Court, 7pm. Everyone very welcome. 01707 664071.

FIFTY PLUS

Wide range of activities, events, trips and courses. No membership required. Not exclusive to 50 and over. Contact the Fifty Plus team for further info on 020 8207 7568.

FIR and POND WOODS NATURE RESERVE OF HERTFORDSHIRE and MIDDLESEX WILDLIFE TRUST*

Monthly 3rd Sunday. Meet at lay-by, Coopers Lane Road, 10am. Tools provided. Contact 01707 657351.

FISH/FELLOWSHIP OF SERVICE

Can provide transport for medical treatment and similar needs in local community. Organised by Churches Together. 01707 653378/659858.

FOOTBALL

Vets football – Saturday afternoons 35 years upwards. Venues locally in South Herts. Evening 01707 852422.

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

For Christian businessmen. Weekly, Regular local dinners and breakfasts. All welcome. 01707 650386/644735.

FURZEFIELD WI

Monthly, 3rd Thursday. 7.30–10pm. Tilbury Hall. 01707 659886.

GOBIONS WOOD NATURE RESERVE OF HERTFORDSHIRE and MIDDLESEX WILDLIFE TRUST

For information contact 01727 858901.

GOLDEN EAGLE SPIRITUAL GROUP*

Monthly, 1st Tuesday, Clayton Centre (previously known as Toc H), Barnet Road. 8pm. Mediumship and workshops. 01707 658499.

GREEN ROOM PRODUCTIONS

Rehearsals Monday at King Charles the Martyr Church Hall, Wednesday at Oakmere School. Present modern musicals twice a year at Wyllyotts. New members welcome – acting and behind the scenes. 01727 836938.

GUIDES, BROWNIES and RAINBOWS

Potters Bar and Brookmans Park area, contact Sue on 01707 850147, Hatfield area contact Alison on 07815 559596.

GURDJIEFF STUDY and MEDITATION GROUP

Meets every few weeks. Contact number 01707 654896 for more information.

HADLEIGH GROUP

Weekly, Wednesday, 7am at Potters Bar Golf Club, BNI Breakfast for business people. All welcome. 01707 644446/859005.

HEART THROBS

Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 7pm. Exercise group meets 5 times weekly. All at Royal British Legion, Holwhites Hill, Enfield. 01992 718155.

HERTFORDSHIRE CONCERT BAND

Tuesday evenings in the Music Department of Hertfordshire University. A friendly wind band that rehearses in Hatfield. Contact 07806 258401 or www.hertsconcertband.co.uk.

HERTFORDSHIRE SHOWBAND

Weekly, Monday, Mount Grace School. Training band and lessons 7pm. Showband 7.45pm. 01707 650209.

HERTS PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA

Meets Thursday evening at Welwyn Garden City, for experienced players. 01438 714394 or email peter.neville@statz.oxon.org.

HERTS STAG CLUB

Monthly, 2nd Monday. Brookmans Park Golf Club, 12.15pm for 12.45pm. For retired professional and business people. Purely social. 01707 660566.

HERTSMERE SOCIETY OF ART

Weekly, Wednesday, 1.30–4.30pm. Toc H Hall, Barnet Road. Friendly art group. All standards welcome. 01707 658336.

HEALTH WALKS (HERTSMERE)

Meet outside PB train station every Monday, Wednesday 10.30am. From 2nd April on Friday evenings. Contact 01727 848168 or healthwalks.cms@hertscc.gov.uk.

HUMANISTS – North LONDON GROUP

Monthly, 3rd Thursday. Non-religious people meet for discussion meetings at Ruth Winston House, Palmers Green + social events. 01707 653667.

INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUALIST MEDIUMS

Monthly, 3rd Tuesday, 8pm. 60+ Centre, Wyllyotts. Mediumship and talks. 07813 203883.

IRISH DANCING

Weekly, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Feeney Miller School of Dancing, Clayton Centre, (formerly Toc H Hall). Age 4+. 01727 824842.

ITALIAN CIRCLE OF MID-HERTS*

Monthly, Wednesday. Talks on all aspects of Italy. Welwyn Garden City Golf Club, Marnicotts. Visitors £5 per person per visit. Membership £25 per season. Doors open at 7.45pm, talks start at 8.15pm. 01707 372264.

JAZZ – GOOGLES JAZZ CLUB

Meet Thursday evenings Botany Bay Cricket Club, East Lodge Lane (just off The Ridgeway), 7.30pm. Contact John on 020 8350 3541 for more information.

KARATE, SELF DEFENCE and FITNESS

Weekly, Wednesday Furzeffeld Centre. Ages 7–16 years, 7.30–8.30pm, adults 8.30–9.30pm. Friendly club. Telephone 07534 563456 for more information.

KARATE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Weekly, Saturday, Oakmere Youth and Community Centre. Children 10.30–11.30am, adults 11.45–1pm. Beginners welcome. 01707 852641.

KYO RIKU JUTSU

Weekly, Mondays, Furzeffeld Centre. 7pm–9.30pm. 07738 629585/645955.

LADIES BADMINTON

Weekly, Wednesday afternoons. 2–5pm. Christ Church Hall, Little Heath, friendly, social group. Would welcome new members. 01707 650040.

LIFE CHURCH – Potters Bar

Sunday 9.30am Family Service. Held in Oakmere Youth and Community Centre Fetherstone Close, Potters Bar EN6 5NS, 01707 876060.

LIFE CHURCH – Cuffley

Sunday 11am Family Service, King James Avenue, Cuffley EN6 4LN, 01707 876060.

LINE DANCE WITH STEPPIN' TIME

Weekly, Wednesday and Thursday, Brookmans Park and Welham Green. Absolute beginners to intermediate level. 01707 655866.

LINE DANCING

Weekly, Wednesday, Christ Church Hall, Thornton Road, Little Heath. 7.30–8.45pm. Easy Dances. Phone 01707 662050. Wednesday 2–4pm Beginner/Improver level Oakmere Youth and Community Centre, Fetherstone Close off Chase Avenue, Potters Bar. Tel 01707 859578.

LITTLE HEATH BRIDGE CLUB

Meet every Thursday morning from 10am to 1pm in Edmond Room at Little Heath Parish Hall. Friendly club, playing Chicago Bridge. Subscription £25 for 6 months or pro rata. New members welcome. Call Tom Farmer on 01707 655461 for further details.

LITTLE HEATH CHESS CLUB

Juniors, Thursday 5.45–7.15pm. Adult players welcome for matches. Contact Chris Cook 01707 642027 or chris@littleheathchess.co.uk or www.littleheathchess.co.uk.

LOAVES and FISHES CAFÉ

Weekly, Wednesday, Christchurch, Little Heath. 10.45–12.30pm. All welcome. 01707 662460.

MERLIN MAGICAL SOCIETY

Fortnightly, Thursday, 7.45pm. Little Heath Parish Hall, Thornton Road. Magicians Club. New members welcome including beginners. 01707 664877.

MIND DROP-IN GROUP

Weekly, Tuesday, 1–4pm. Cricket Club, The Walk. 01707 659455.

MITRE CLUB

Monthly 1st Tuesday. For retired professionals/businessmen. Ramada Hotel, (formerly Comet). Lunch and talk by guest speaker. 01707 652376.

MOUNTVIEW DANCE SCHOOL

Weekly, Monday, Thursday and Saturday, St John's Church Hall, Baker Street. Dance classes from age 3 upwards. 01582 461233.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

NORTHAW and CUFFLEY BOWLS CLUB

King George V Playing Fields, Northaw Road East, Cuffley (near Tennis Courts). New members including beginners welcome. 01707 654883.

NORTHAW GREAT WOOD

Working parties every Friday at 9.30am and first Sunday in each month. Meet in car park of the wood. public@friendsnorthawgreatwood.org.uk or 07850 233854.

NORTHAW TAI CHI GROUP

Weekly, Tuesday. Northaw Church of England School. Vineyards Road, Northaw. 7.45–9pm. 01707 642354.

NORTHAW WI

Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 7.30pm, Northaw Village Hall. 01707 645482.

OAKMERE BRIDGE CLUB (CHICAGO)

Weekly, Monday, 7.30pm, Wyllyotts Centre, Partners Bridge. 01707 651461.

OAKMERE WI*

Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 7.45pm, Tilbury Hall. 01707 645482.

OLD OWENS CRICKET CLUB

Coopers Lane, PB. All abilities welcome. Club. Herts Saracens League. 07904 194295/020 8819 6638.

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

Weekly on Thursdays. Closed in August and in week after Christmas. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall. 10.30–2pm. Coffee and lunches served. All welcome and all profits to charity. 01707 665579.

OVER 60'S SOCIAL DANCES

Social Evenings every 3rd Saturday in the month. 7.15pm to 10.15pm at the Sixty Plus Centre. Contact 01707 653157.

PILATES

Weekly classes, Tuesday, 7.45–8.45pm at Brookmans Park United Reform Church. Contact Neelam on 07891 752906.

Weekly (term time), Mondays and Fridays, 9.30am, Brookmans Park United Reform Church and Wednesdays, 9.30am, North Mymms Memorial Hall. Booking essential – maximum 12 clients. Small groups and 1:1s for beginners available on demand. Other times available. Phone Debbie 07831 103467.

PARENT/TODDLER GROUP

Weekly, term-time, 9.45–10.45am. Cranborne School. 01707 851471.

PB 41 CLUB

For ex-Round Tablers. 1st Wednesday, monthly. Speaker meetings. 8pm. 01707 851445.

PB ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Contact Geoff Sudlow on 01707 653910, or call at Highview Gardens site on Sundays, from 10am–12 noon.

PB ART GROUP

Weekly, Monday, 7.30–9.30pm. St John's Church, Baker Street. All abilities welcome. Tutorial art videos. Friendly club. 01727 826640 or www.PBAG.co.uk

PB BOWLS CLUB

The Walk. New members welcome. 01707 660336 or email club@pottersbar-bc.com.

PB CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS GROUP

Monthly, 2nd Tuesday. Coffee morning. Not drop-in. 9.30–11.30am. At Wayside. 01707 859325.

PB CHORAL SOCIETY*

Weekly, rehearsals Tuesday, 7.45pm. St John's Church Hall, Baker Street. Previous experience not essential. www.pbchoral.org or 01707 642393.

PB CINE and VIDEO Society*

Alternate Thursdays. 8pm. Wyllyotts Centre. Tel 01707 656446/872210.

PB CRICKET CLUB

The Walk. New members welcome. 01707 888633.

PB CRUSADERS SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB

Daily. Members club. 5.30–11pm (Monday to Saturday) 12–3pm (Sunday). For all sports/social activities visit www.pottersbarcrusaders.com.

PB and DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

Monthly lectures. 8pm. 60+ Centre, Wyllyotts. £1. 01707 657586.

PB and DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY*

Meets alternate Wednesdays. 8–10pm. Elm Court, Mutton Lane. Members 50p. Visitors £2. Phone 01707 665101 for more information.

PB and DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Monday 7.30pm for 8pm. Wyllyotts Centre. Any standard welcome. 01707 658735.

PB DOG TRAINING SOCIETY

Weekly, Sunday. 10–11am. 8 week courses. 01707 651610.

PB EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday 10.30–11.30am, Family service, communion and youth service, followed by refreshments. Monday Youth Clubs 5–10 years, 6.15–7.30pm, 10 years upwards 7.30–9pm. Contact 01707 895838/852422.

PB FLOWER CLUB*

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday (except August), 7.30pm for 8pm. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall. Visitors welcome (£5). For further details contact Anne 01707 850089 or Chris 01707 656796.

PB GOLF CLUB*

Darques Lane. New members and societies welcome. Green fees. 01707 652020.

PB GYMNASTICS CLUB

Recreational (ages 4–12 years). Monday 5.15pm Furzeheld Centre. Squad training (ages 6–13 years) Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings 5.30pm and Saturday 9am Chancellor's School 01923 855598.

PB HOCKEY CLUB

Ladies, men and junior hockey. If you interested in joining, please call either Ed on 07763 929462 or Caroline on 07966 451505.

PB JEWISH PARENT and CHILD GROUP

Weekly, Thursday, 10am. 01707 656202.

PB JUBILEE VIP CLUB FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Monthly, Thursday, 2–4.30pm. Wayside Centre. Occasional outings. Tel 01707 659952.

PB LAUGHTER CLUB

Monday mornings 10–11am. Wyllyotts Centre, Fetherstone Room. Contact 07533 347299 or pbllaughterclub@yahoo.co.uk.

PB LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The Walk. 6 AstroTurf courts/floodlights. Monday Play and Pay 7–9pm. Tuesday and Thursday ladies sessions 9.30–11.30am including coffee. 645909. Wheelchair and disability tennis available contact Karl 07939 303483.

PB LIFESAVING CLUB

Weekly, Tuesday, Furzeheld Centre, 8–9pm. From 9 years to any age and ability. 020 8440 3346.

PB NATIONAL WOMENS REGISTER – TUESDAY GROUP

Weekly, 8pm in members' homes. Discussions, quizzes, outings. New members very welcome. 01707 659903.

PB PETANQUE PLAYERS

Play at Oakmere Park, first Saturday of every month 2pm to 4pm, Sundays 10.15am to 1pm and Tuesday evenings 6pm to 8pm. Contact 01707 654606.

PB POTTERS

Monday, 9.30am–12pm and Fridays. Mount Grace School. No experience necessary. 657096.

PB RAMBLING CLUB

Weekly, Wednesday and Sunday, 10.30am meeting at start of walk. 654079 or email w@sch.vg.

PB ROTARY CLUB

Meets Tuesdays 1pm at (last 7.30pm). Brookmans Park Golf Club, Darques Lane, Potters Bar. Tel 653992.

PB SHOKOTAN KARATE CLUB

Training on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm to 8.30pm for juniors aged 7–16 and 8.30–9.30pm for adults at the Furzeheld Centre. Contact SKA on 075 3456 3456 or visit www.karate-masters.co.uk.

PB SOCIETY COUNTRY GROUP

Contact Alastair 01707 653636.

PB SOCIETY TOWN GROUP

Monthly, 1st Thursday, Tilbury Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Arnold 01707 654179.

PB SOCIETY WALKS

Fortnightly Sunday afternoon walks along local rights of way. See article in current issue or for later walks www.pbsoc.org.uk.

PB SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Hill Rise. Evenings of clairvoyance and healing services. 01707 655147/658207.

PB SQUASH CLUB

Mount Grace School, Mount Grace Road. Club nights, leagues, coaching. All ages and abilities. Junior coaching Tuesday and Sunday. 07961 120018.

PB TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Weekly, Tuesday and Thursday at Potters Bar Free Church, Mimmis Hall Road. Coping in Barnet and Shaw Leagues. Evening. 01707 852422.

PB THEATRE COMPANY

Rehearsals Tuesday and Friday. Chancellors School, Brookmans Park. Stage 2 musicals and 2 plays per year. Performers, backstage help and front of house. For info call Gillian on 01707 657194. To go on mailing list call Julie on 01707 267051 or visit website www.pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk.

PB TOWN BAND

Weekly rehearsals, Friday, 7.30–9.30pm Scout Hut, Quakers Lane. Traditional brass band. New players welcome. 07825 330919.

PB TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB*

Parkfield, The Walk. Matches every Saturday 3pm. Some Sundays and midweek. Training Tuesday and Thursday, 7.30pm. 020 8360 7859.

PB TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 7.30pm. Wayside Hall. 01707 653650.

PB TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Visits to and from Francenville and Viernheim. 01704 644805 or 01707 659871.

PB TWINS CLUB

2nd and 4th Friday, 10–12 noon. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall. Meeting get-togethers and socials 01707 655640.

PB UNDER 5'S ASSOCIATION*

Approximately 6 meetings per year plus local events. Anyone involved with young children welcome. Tel 01707 652375/647211.

PB UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Training weekly, Age 5–16 years. Boys and Girls. Phone for times/venues. 01707 653546/647526.

PB URC NURSERY SCHOOL

Meeting in Tilbury Hall, flexible hours school terms, 9am to 1pm Monday to Thursday and 9am–12 noon Friday. Phone 07854 843125 mornings only, for details or see website www.pburcnursery.org.uk.

PB WEA

Literature Group. Meet on Thursday mornings 10am–12pm. United Reform Church. Also courses run through the year. New members welcome. For more info call 01707 658915.

PHOENIX CONCERT BAND

Rehearsals weekly, Thursday, Fair Field Junior School, Watford Road, Radlett. 8–10pm. 020 8364 9862, 01707 642976 or www.phoenixconcertband.ukf.net.

RADLETT MUSIC CLUB

6 concerts per season, October–April. At The Radlett Centre: 8pm. Tickets normally £13, at the door. String or Wind Trios/Quartets playing Chamber Music. Also a Solo Pianist once a season. Full details at www.rmc.wd7.org.uk or 01923 855173.

ROTARY CLUB OF BROOKMANS PARK

Tuesday 7.30pm for 8pm at Old Owens Rugby Club. Enquiries welcome. 01707 645343.

ROUND THE CORNER COFFEE MORNING

Friday, term time only, 9am–12 noon. Profits to various charities. Life Church, Cuffley, King James Avenue, Cuffley EN6 4LN, 01707 876060.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, Cotton Road. 8pm. Ex-service and non ex-service. 01707 658750.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

Weekly Bingo, Thursday, Live music Sunday, Cotton Road. 8–11pm. New members welcome. 01707 658750.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Monthly, 3rd Wednesday, HQ Cotton Road. 8pm. Fundraising and social activities. 01707 658895.

RSPB

Evening meetings are held at Tilbury Hall (URC), Darques Lane, Friday 7.45pm. Members £3.50, non-members £4. Afternoon meetings at St John's URC Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet, Wednesday 2pm. Members £3, non-members £3.50. 01707 644299 or 020 8440 2038. Outings organiser contact 020 8441 4070.

RSPCA

Friends of Southridge Animal Rescue and Re-homing Centre, Packhorse Lane, Ridge. Julia 07906 312 382.

SCHOOL OF SWIMMING

Termly. QE Girls School, Barnet. 5–6.30pm. 020 8449 3431.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Monthly, 3rd Saturday. October to July. Tilbury Hall. 7.30pm. £4.50 including refreshments. 020 8441 4835.

SCOUTS, CUBS and BEAVERS

For info Peter 01707 850147.

SCRABBLE

Every Friday, 10–12noon. Elm Court. £2.30. Contact 020 8207 7568.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE – PB DIVISION

Weekly, Wednesday, 8–10pm. The Walk. First aid training, care and lots of fun. 01707 664260.

SEQUENCE DANCING

Weekly, Wednesday, 8–10pm. South Mimmis Village Hall, Blanche Lane. Some instruction given. New members welcome. 01707 659621.

SHOSHIN KARATE JITSU CLUB

Weekly, Wednesdays. DHC Potters Bar Health Club, Mount Grace Road. 8–9.30pm. Realistic self-defence. Beginners and all grades welcome. 07734 294630.

SIXTY PLUS

Saturday night socials. Every 3rd Saturday in the month, £3, at Sixty Plus Centre (no raffle). 7.15–10.15pm, enquiries 01707 653157.

SIXTY PLUS LUNCHEON CLUB*

Weekdays. 12–1.30pm. Friendly atmosphere. Plus am/pm social clubs. Minibus transport available. 01707 643602.

SIXTY PLUS SENIOR CITIZENS ART GROUP

Weekly, Thursday, 1.30–4pm. 60+ Centre, Wyllyotts. Well established group. Couple of Exhibitions each year. No instruction but plenty of encouragement and enthusiasm. Only £1.30 per session including tea. New members most welcome. Contact Pauline Goodwin on 01707 654007.

SLIMMING WORLD

Tuesday mornings 10am. King Charles the Martyr Church Hall and Tuesday evenings 7pm at Tilbury Hall, UR Church. Contact Sue on 01707 884911 or 07956 338561 for information.

SNOOKER

And other activities daily. Kidson, Northaw. 9am–11pm. Senior citizens half fee £14 per annum. 01707 654158.

SOUTH MIMMS ART GROUP

Weekly, Thursday, 60+ Centre, Wyllyotts. 2–4pm. 01707 650347.

SOUTHGATE COLLEGE*

For further information contact 020 8982 5050.

SPANISH CIRCLE*

Monthly, 2nd Friday, 7.30–10.30pm. Welwyn Garden City Golf Club, Mannicots, High Oaks Road, Welwyn Garden City. Learn culture and language of Spanish speaking countries. Everyone welcome. £5. 01707 661722.

SPARKLERS

Tuesday, term time only, 1–2.45pm, music, craft and play for babies and children. 0–4 years and their parent/carer Life Church, Cuffley, King James Avenue, Cuffley EN6 4LN. 01707 876060.

STANDING LIKE A TREE

Chi Kung class. Potters Bar Health Club. Saturdays 11am. Tel 01707 272255.

SUGAR ART CLUB

Monthly demonstrations, 1st Monday, Furzeheld Court, Mutton Lane. 7.30pm. 01707 850432.

SWIFTS JUNIOR BADMINTON

Weekly, Friday, Hatfield Leisure Centre. 5–10pm. Age 7–18 years. Beginners to nat. Squad level. 01707 652061.

TABLE TENNIS

Hertsmere 50+. Weekly, Tuesday, 10–12noon. Thursday 2–4pm. Elm Court. 020 8207 7568. For Senior Citizens. Weekly, Friday, Hatfield Leisure Centre. 10–12noon.

TAE KWON-DO

Weekly, Furzeheld Sports Centre. Tuesday 8–9pm. Sunday 7–8pm. 07982 66113.

TAI TSUNG KUNG FU

Self Defence. Weekly, Tuesday, Oakmere Primary School. 7.30–9pm. 07982 661304.

TALENT TIME STAGE COMPANY

Weekly, Monday, Little Heath Parish Hall. 5–10pm. Drama, dance, singing. Up to 25 years. 01707 660442/07930 400647.

TOP HAT STAGE SCHOOL

Every Monday, Elm Court. Part-time theatre arts training. Age 4–7 years. Dance (top), drama, singing. 4.30–7.30pm. 01727 812666.

TOTS-IN-TOW

Every Monday, in term time from 1.30–3pm at Potters Bar Baptist Church. Activities for babes in arms to school age. Tel Pat 01707 651888 or Sue 01707 643919 or Frances 01707 653037, www.pbtc.org.uk.

TRADITIONAL CRAFTS

Weekly, Tuesday, Committee Room. Christ Church Parish Hall, Little Heath. 7.30–9.30pm. Including lampshades, chair caning, etc. £2 (£24 per term). 01707 656037.

TUESDAY FRIENDSHIP*

Alternate Tuesday evenings 8pm at United Reformed Church. 0170

DOCTORS' SURGERY HOURS

1) ANNANDALE SURGERY

Tel: 01707 644451

Surgery Hours: 8.30am–6pm Monday to Friday

Test Results/Enquiries: 01707 622979 between 2pm and 5pm Monday to Friday

Monthly newsletter available from surgery

Extended Hours: Saturday 8.30am–12noon for routine booked appointments, collecting prescriptions and enquiries.

2) HIGHVIEW MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 871980

Surgery Hours: 8am–6pm Monday to Friday

Test Results/Enquiries: 01707 871982 between 2pm and 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Monthly newsletter available from surgery

Extended Hours: For routine booked appointments. Monday 6.30pm–8pm and some Saturday appointments are available twice a month. The surgery is closed every Wednesday from 1pm–2.30pm for staff training.

3) PARKFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 0844 477 8640

Surgery Hours: 8am–6pm Monday to Friday

Test Results/Enquiries: 11am–2pm Monday to Friday

Extended Hours: Wednesday to Friday from 7am and Saturday fortnightly for routine booked appointments only 8am–11.15am.

We have a quarterly newsletter available from the surgery or on our website. Our website address is www.parkfieldmedicalcentre.co.uk.

4) POTTERELLS MEDICAL CENTRE

Tel: 01707 273338

Surgery Hours: 8.30am–6.30pm Monday to Friday

Test Results/Enquiries: As above after 11am.

Extended Hours: For routine, non-emergency appointments. Every Monday and fourth Tuesday 6.30pm–9pm and first and third Saturday 8.30am–11am. Nurse-led Fast Track Service: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 9.30am–12noon.

OUT OF HOURS SERVICE FOR ALL THE ABOVE SURGERIES

There is an 'Out of Hours' doctor available for all urgent problems. Tel: 'Herts Urgent Care' on 03000 333 333 where a doctor will phone/visit to discuss your medical needs. NHS Direct Tel: 0845 4647 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Local Libraries

Opening hours

Oakmere

High Street, Potters Bar

Monday	9am–6pm
Tuesday	2pm–6pm
Wednesday	9am–6pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	2pm–6pm
Saturday	9am–4pm
Sunday	Closed

Brookmans Park

Bradmore Green

Monday	2pm–6pm
Tuesday	2pm–6pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	2pm–6pm
Friday	2pm–6pm
Saturday	9am–1pm
Sunday	Closed

For further information, visit your local library or call 01438 737333 and ask for the appropriate library.

Useful Numbers

Hertsmere Borough Council	020 8207 2277
Hertfordshire Police Non-emergency	0101 (national number) or 01707 354000
Herts Domestic Violence Helpline	08088 088088
Hertfordshire County Council	01923 471555
National Debt Line	08088 084000
Consumer Direct (Herts)	0845 4040 506
Highways (including potholes, traffic light faults and streetlights)	01923 471320
Wasteaware	0845 7425 000
Veolia water leaks	0800 3765 325
Childline	0800 1111
Crime Stoppers Anonymous Line	0800 555111
CAB Advice Line	08444 111 444
Environmental Health – pest control	020 8207 7435
– out of hours emergency (noise nuisance, etc)	0845 300 0021
NHS Direct (Nurse advice and health information)	0845 4647
RSPCA Local Branch (financial help if you claim benefits, on low income, OAP's)	07872 902710
www.rspca-pottersbarhatfieldandbarnet.org.uk	

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Wyllyotts Centre,
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Thursdays Personal Callers	10am–12.30pm and 1pm–3.30pm

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