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Bardfield Times

News and views from Great Bardfield and Little Bardfield



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Front cover: Dale & Erica Gannicot at the grape harvest.

Above: Harvest festival at St Mary's Church.

Editorial

The beautiful leaves on the red oak on Crown Green have fallen this weekend, a sign that Autumn has begun. St Mary's Church was artistically decorated for the Harvest Festival this morning. The traditional harvest fruits, flowers and wheat were displayed alongside gifts of essential food items to be distributed to local food banks, reminding us that for many people life is not easy. The service ended with members of the Community Choir singing John Rutter's glorious anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth*. Over at Great Lodge vineyard Rebecca reports that the hot summer weather resulted in a great harvest for quality and ripeness as shown in our cover photographs.

The nights are drawing in and you may be tempted to light the fire and close the curtains, however, there are plenty of interesting events planned for the winter months. By the time you read this the annual firework display will have taken place but there's still lots to look forward to. Tickets are selling fast for the ever-popular Bardfield Brass *Last Night of the Proms* on Friday November 7th at 7pm. On Saturday November 8th we have Sing 4 Charity a spectacular fundraising concert in aid of the Creamer Fund, in Wethersfield Village Hall at 7.30pm. Do venture out of Bardfield to support this event which features 80 singers from two local choirs, and other musicians, performing a programme of popular music. For lovers of historical fiction local author Jennifer Antill will be discussing her novels set in Post Napoleonic Russia and Poland, and signing copies at Between the Lines on November 14th (see details on p. 11). The launch of *Spirits of Place*, a new book about Brick House is planned for November 21st – to be confirmed. And do not miss Late Night Shopping in the High Street on November 28th – see poster on p. 19. Finally, don't forget the Bardfield Players forthcoming Murder Mystery *Who Killed the Farmer?* Expect an entertaining evening with plenty of audience participation!

There are many Christmas events happening so a reminder to contributors to get your copy in early for the December/January issue.

Janet Dyson

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Thunder Bolt air crash article in the October Bardfield Times, had stated that the school pupils were led to the Anderson Shelter, by Mrs Dunell, in fact, the Anderson Shelters were for families and would have held up to six family members.

As you stand with your back to the Jubilee Oak, the Shelter was built on the left-hand side of the school and had 9" solid brick walls and a 6" concrete roof which was waterproof, there were no windows, they had benches to sit on, and it had electric lights. This shelter was large enough to hold all the pupils and from memory it was demolished in the 1960s.

Peter Morris

Editor: Thank you for pointing out this error Peter. I'm sure readers would be interested to hear more about your memories of growing up in Bardfield during WWII.

Dear Editor,

I'm really looking forward to seeing my art in the BT, and thank you for putting it on the back page in colour!

Thanks to everyone who responded to my flyer; it wouldn't have been possible without all your help!

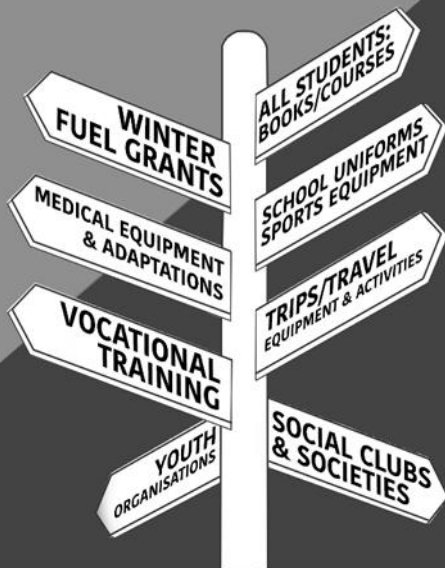
Alfie Holland

We are all part of the Bardfield community.

Do you have an event or occasion you would like to publicise in the BT? Articles, letters and photographs are gratefully accepted; a celebration, an achievement, a hobby or an interesting story, all can be shared and enjoyed by others.

Please submit articles to the editor by the 14th of each month for inclusion the following month.

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CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you live in Great Bardfield, are a group or organisation benefiting Great Bardfield residents then you are eligible to apply for financial assistance.

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Or email GreatBardfieldCharities@gmail.com

Great Bardfield Primary School

It's hard to believe how much we've packed into the term already since returning in September! At Great Bardfield Primary School, we're proud that learning extends far beyond the classroom. Alongside the daily teaching and learning, we place great value on providing our pupils with a wide range of enrichment opportunities and experiences. These moments not only make school life exciting and memorable, but also help our children develop confidence, resilience, and the skills they need to thrive as positive, well-rounded members of their community and the wider world.

Earlier this term, our Key Stage Two children had the incredible opportunity to visit the excavation site of a World War II plane crash. In January 1944, a P-47 Thunderbolt crashed nearby during a training flight, tragically claiming the life of 2nd Lieutenant Lester Lowry. The excavation, led by a team from Cotswold Archaeology, was working to recover the pilot's remains so that he may finally be



Katie and Scarlett sieving the soil

returned home to his family and laid to rest with honour. Our children were fascinated to learn about the process of archaeological investigation and even had the chance to sieve the soil like real archaeologists. We feel very fortunate to have such rich and meaningful history right on our doorstep—Great Bardfield is always full of stories from the past, but this discovery has truly brought history to life in a remarkable way.



Year 6 with their finds

This term is always a particularly busy one for our sporting calendar, and our pupils have already taken part in a fantastic range of events. So far, children have represented the school at a football festival at Dunmow St Mary's, dodgeball tournaments at Felsted Independent School, a cross-country meet at Great Easton, and a Year 3/4 Multi-Skills event at Helena Romanes. These opportunities come through our membership of the Uttlesford School Sports Partnership, which allows our pupils to

develop their sporting abilities, try new activities, and enjoy healthy competition with children from other local schools.

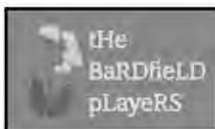
We also continued one of our much-loved school traditions last month by supporting Macmillan Cancer Support. The children baked an impressive array of cakes for our annual 'Great Bardfield Bake Off', with staff taking on the very enjoyable role of judges! Our Year 6 pupils were fantastic hosts at the accompanying 'Coffee and Chat' afternoon, helping to raise over £200 for this important cause. A huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and supported the event — it was a wonderful community effort.

Our Harvest Festival has now been and gone, and what a wonderful celebration it was! The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to see so many of our families joining us to give thanks and support our local community. With Harvest behind us, we're now looking ahead to a well-deserved half-term break — a chance for everyone to rest and recharge before we dive into the excitement and sparkle of the many Christmas events that await us in the second half of the Autumn Term.



Dolly and Isla cleaning their objects

Liz Crow, Headteacher



WHO KILLED THE FARMER?

By Chris Martin

**"A MURDER
MOST FOWL"**



**AN INTERACTIVE MURDER MYSTERY EVENING—
*ARE YOU DETECTIVE MATERIAL?***

**4TH, 5TH AND 6TH DECEMBER 2025,
DOORS OPEN 7.00PM—SLEUTHING STARTS 7.30PM**

CLUES-BAR-SNACKS-RAFFLE!

**BARDFIELD TOWN HALL
£10 PER TICKET www.ticketsource.co.uk/bardfield-players**

Great Bardfield Parish Council Report

Firework Night

Here's hoping for clear weather for Firework Night on 1st November and that everyone has an enjoyable evening. The Parish Council underwrites the cost of the fireworks, and all profits are split between the village school's PTA, Little Bardfield Cricket Club, the Pre-School and the Pavilion, all of whom are involved in organising and running the event, bar, hog roast etc. Thank you to all those organising and helping at this long-standing and popular village fund-raising event.

Remembrance Day

The Parish Council will be laying a wreath to remember those residents of Great and Little Bardfield who died during the two World Wars and other conflicts. This will take place at the service organised by St Mary's Parish Church on Memorial Green on Sunday 9th November at 3pm.

Village Caretaker

We are pleased that our advert for a new village caretaker has resulted in us being able to fill this position and our new caretaker will shortly take over following the retirement of Ian Ruffle. It is a vital role in helping us keep the village tidy and well-maintained

Housing Needs Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Housing Needs survey. The Parish Council currently awaits the results of this survey, which will inform us on the local need, if any, for specific types of housing.

Planning Application

Friends' Meeting House, Brook Street – reduction of the boundary wall - no objections provided the conditions set by the Historic Buildings Officer are met.

Shorthorn Grange, Bushett Rise – new stables – no objections provided neighbours' views are taken into consideration.

Treeworks at 4 The Corniche – no objections.

Local Plan Update – Call for Sites.

We understand that Braintree District Council's Planning Committee determined that the sites put forward for development at the former RAF Wethersfield airbase and at Andrewsfield/Blake End will NOT be allocated for development under the Local Plan. At the time of writing the minutes of these meetings were not available so we are waiting for further information about these decisions. Large-scale development of these sites would certainly have impacted on our village in terms of local infrastructure and services.

Asset Management

The Parish Council are currently putting together a full listing of all village assets, such as benches, bins, streetlights etc, to enable us to monitor and maintain all items in a planned manner.

Bin Collections – November 2025

Tuesday November 4th	Clear Recycling Sacks & Food Bin Green Bin (for subscribers only)
Tuesday November 11th	Grey Bin & Food Bin
Tuesday November 18th	Clear Recycling Sacks & Food Bin Green Bin (for subscribers only)
Tuesday November 25th	Grey Bin & Food Bin

Next Parish Council Meeting

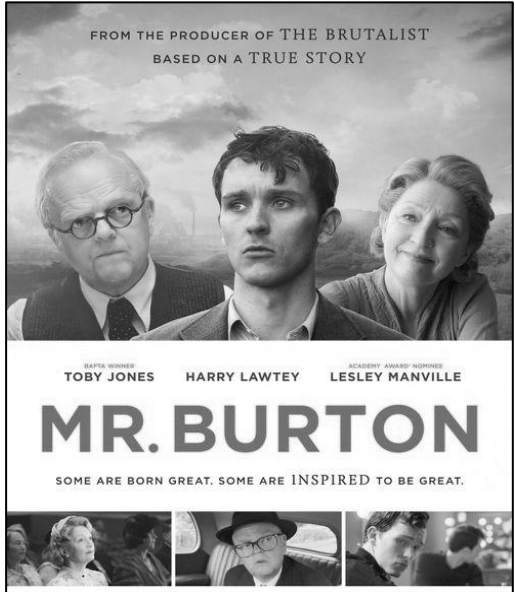
The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th November 2025, in the Committee Room at the Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public. Please contact Kate Fox, Clerk, if you plan to attend on 810111 or by email at clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk.

Carolynne Ruffle
Chairperson

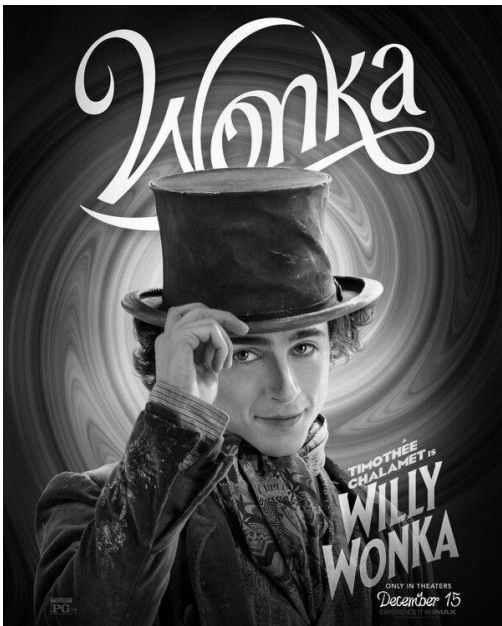
Bardfield Cinema Club

We started our 17th season of films in the Town Hall on October 17th (a little later than usual) with “A Complete Unknown”, the story of Bob Dylan and his rise to fame as a singer/songwriter.

Our film this month on Friday November 14th will be “Mr. Burton“, another true story about one of our greatest actors - Richard Burton, and starring Toby Jones and Lesley Manville.



In December we will be showing “Wonka” - a light hearted musical starring Timothee Chalamet on Friday 12th.



If you have not visited our cinema nights before, you will be assured of a warm welcome. We do offer a membership to those who are prepared to commit to our season of 10 films for £35pp; if you prefer to visit on a selective-basis only, the charge on the door is £7pp. Refreshments are available as well before each presentation, come along to a sociable friendly evening's entertainment.

Ray Coles

People, Palaces and Problems

Bringing Historical Fiction to life

A talk by local author, Jennifer Antill



Friday, November 14th at 7.00pm

Between the Lines Bookshop, High Street,
Great Bardfield CM7 4SP

Jennifer Antill writes historical fiction set in the world of 19th century Post-Napoleonic Russia and Poland. Against an historically accurate and authentic background, she transports her readers to a different world with tales of adventure, mystery and romance.

She will be signing copies of her novels, *Small Acts of Kindness* and *Fortune's Price* after the talk.

Free entry – licensed bar – all welcome

The Tuesday Club

The speaker for our October meeting was Sheila Hasler, who spoke to us about her life while living in Dominica, a small Caribbean country sharing the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. Dominica was so named by Columbus, who discovered it on a Sunday!

Sheila went to live in Dominica in 1964 as a newly-wed, when her husband was sent there to cultivate and oversee the 'lime estate'. If you have ever bought a jar of Rose's Lime Marmalade the fruit may well have been grown there, as the country still has an annual output of over 82,000 metric tons! Dominica is known as the "Nature Island of the Caribbean" and has no less than nine volcanic areas, not bad for an island only 29 miles long and 16 miles wide. Sheila and her husband lived there for eleven years, and she had many memories and anecdotes, together with photos, including bathing in Champagne Bay, so called because of the small gas bubbles which rise continuously from the volcanic sea floor.

Dominica is of course now the Dominican Republic, after gaining independence from the United Kingdom in 1978. It is a thriving holiday destination, although at present there are no direct flights from the UK. A new airport is now being planned which would give direct access, so increasing tourism. At the same time new homes are being built which will only be available for the Dominican people, so hopefully a balance will be maintained.

We will be welcoming back Will Edwards to our next meeting on 11th November, for a talk on "What Happened to Harry?" Harry was Will's great uncle, who went to fight in WW1 and never returned home. This was all that Will knew about Harry and he wanted to know more, so set about researching what had happened to him. This should prove to be an intriguing talk, not only to hear Harry's story, but also for anyone who has an interest in looking into their own family history. If you aren't a member of the club we would be pleased to welcome you to our meeting on 11th November. Visitors pay £5 including refreshments, doors open at 2.00 and meetings start at 2.30.

Cherry Whitby

GREAT BARDFIELD TUESDAY CLUB

WHAT HAPPENED TO HARRY?



A talk by Will Edwards about his great uncle Harry Kennard, and how he traced Harry's eventual fate.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2025 at 2.30
GREAT BARDFIELD TOWN HALL

Non-members of the Tuesday Club are very welcome

Visitors: £5 per talk

For more details, please contact the Club Secretary

Marilyn Edwards on 01371 810555

Local People: Janet Dyson

Recently I had the opportunity to interview a lady that I have heard described as 'Mrs Bardfield'. Janet Dyson earned this title for her varied and dedicated contribution to our village since moving here nearly 50 years ago; taking leading roles in the Parish Council, the community bookshop 'Between the Lines', as editor of our much loved BT,



as Director of the Community Choir and as Governor of the Primary School. She is a member of the Historical Society, frequently runs tours of the village and she has published a number of books about the village and 'The Bardfield Artists'. She is committed to ensuring that the community has the best possible access to essential services, whilst preserving the characteristics of Great Bardfield and its important cultural and historic heritage.

Janet lives in one of the two 'Blue Plaque' houses in Great Bardfield; Brick House, where she was interviewed about the house recently by Michael Portillo for his BBC2 series *Great British Railway Journeys*. Naturally she was the first stop for Sandi Toksvig and her team, when they came to investigate the WWII plane crash site just outside the village.

Janet is an academic, researcher and writer. During her time in the village she has become increasingly interested in the lives and work of the artists of Great Bardfield.

Janet, I understand you took on a new challenge during covid lockdown? *Yes, I bought Brick House when there was no one to tell me not to! The blue plaque is for artist Edward Bawden, who, with his wife Charlotte and their two children lived in Brick House from the 1930s. The house was a wedding present from Edward's father. Edward initially worked in the studio in the attic, which looks out over the rooftops of the village towards the church, until the 1950s when a studio was designed for him and built*

onto the back of the house. The larger studio enabled Edward to have much larger pieces and also other artists worked with him there.

We have some of Edward's work in the village?

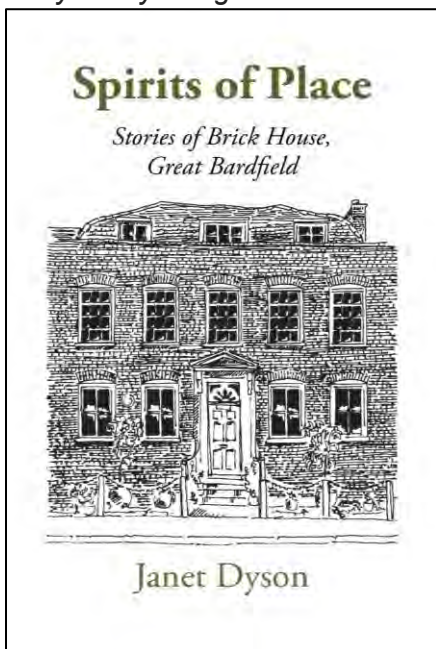
Absolutely, we are very fortunate to have in The Bawden Room, 14 of the 16 original sketches for the King Penguin book 'Life in an English Village'. And they are the most precious possessions that Great Bardfield has; Edward gave them to the village and we have been able to display them, along with work by other 'Bardfield Artists'.

[The Bawden Room is open Sunday afternoons from 2.00-4.00pm, from Easter to the end of September, or on request; it can also be booked by visiting groups - free entry.]

How does your love of history combine with living in Great Bardfield?

Having previously written a book about the artists who came to live in Great Bardfield and being really interested in their lives and how they lived alongside the village people and the houses where they lived. When I bought Brick House, during Covid, I felt that I was somehow living in the story of Brick House and that it was a story that I wanted to tell. I kept a journal during that time, and the journal became a significant part of the story of my living in Brick House.

In the book it's been interwoven with the history of Brick House and what we know about the lives of artists and the people who came to live there, people who came to stay and people who visited them. Over the period of time from the thirties until 1970 when Charlotte died and Bawden moved to Saffron Walden.



The book is called *Spirits of Place*, and is due to be launched on November 21st, perfect for Christmas presents. It is edited by Jenny Rooney, with artwork by local artist David Meldrum.

Helen McGlynn

Harvest Festival

Great Lodge in Great Bardfield provided a perfect setting for a celebration of Harvest Festival for the Pant Valley Benefice Churches. The afternoon started with an open-air service amongst the vines where The Rev'd Canon Janet Nicholls,



Agricultural Chaplain to the Chelmsford Diocese, addressed head on the tough summer it has been for farmers and the dilemma this poses as Churches come together for traditional Harvest thanksgiving.

After the service worshippers moved from the idyllic setting of the vineyard to the breathtaking interior of the Anne of Cleves Barn, dating from the time of Henry VIII, for a magnificent tea and country dancing to the music of the band KEGS.

"This is the second year that Alan and Rebecca Jordan have hosted Harvest



Reverend dancing partners

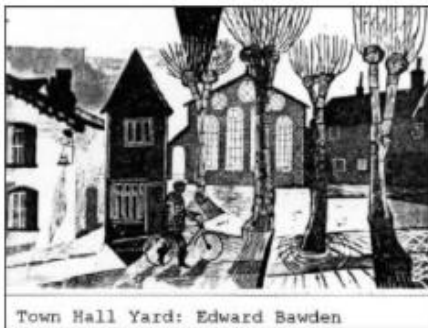
Festival at Great Lodge,” said The Rev’d Alex Shannon, Vicar of the Pant Valley Benefice of Churches. “As a Benefice we are so fortunate to be able to celebrate both in worship and in fellowship in such an inspiring setting.”



Cheryl Campbell

Town Hall Happenings

We held our annual Craft Fair on 11th October and it was a great success. Eleven stallholders displayed their best work and many visitors enjoyed the day. Thanks go to all the helpers who supplied cakes and ran the kitchen on the day.



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden

On Friday 7th November, we host the Bardfield Brass Band presenting their version of Last Night of the Proms. Always a great evening. Tickets are available from Between the Lines bookshop. Bardfield Players are putting on a Murder Mystery in the Town Hall on the 4th, 5th and 6th December. The play is called 'Who Killed the Farmer?'. Tickets are available online from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/bardfield-players.

On Monday evening 8th December at 6.30 for 7.00 pm, Bardfield Brass and Bardfield Community Choir will be holding their annual Christmas concert in the Town Hall followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Come along and join in the Carols.

Polite Reminder: Parking on the Town Hall forecourt is solely for the use of people attending an event at the Town Hall.

Patricia Walsh,
Treasurer, Great Bardfield Town Hall

Sing 4 Charity

A Concert in aid of the Creamer Fund
Saturday, November 8th at 7.30pm
Wethersfield Village Hall
A programme of popular songs
by local choirs and musical groups



Great Bardfield Late-Night Christmas Shopping

Friday November 28th until 8pm



Support your local shops by joining in an evening of shopping, sipping and tasting to get you in the Christmas spirit!

Between the Lines Bookshop (High St)

Books for all, Christmas cards, calendars and wrapping, plus a glass of fizz.

Bardfield Country Interiors (High St)

Lovely gifts, jewellery and household items, plus a glass of mulled wine.

Brook Street Deli (Vine St)

Quality cheeses, cold meats, quiches and lots more to sample, plus a glass of fizz.

GREENFINGERS

The scorching weather over and a new season begins but shall we talk of summer success and failures or anticipate autumn? Let's do both!

Past

Naturally the best survivors of summer were the plants of Mediterranean origin, gaura with masses of white 'butterfly' flowers.

All of the salvias (mostly South American) and

any annuals. Cosmos are always reliable and now are available in different colours and petal formation. Must mention semi shrubs, silver of the artemisia, the poisonous castor oil plant *Ricinus* produces red 'balls' loving the heat. Lemon scented leaves of verbena, great as a tea or simply rub the leaves for the citrus smell and all forms of euphorbia. Grasses, annual and perennial are simply fabulous, in particular love the red foxtail seed heads of this grass, proper name *Setaria* is an annual but having it last year it has popped up everywhere. Not a nuisance as so easy to pull out but where it is left to perform. It was a 'statement' in a pot with red geraniums as well as in the border swaying in the breeze.



Gaura 'butterfly' flowers



Phlox, at their best

Brakes on my writing now as failures need to be mentioned. Phlox were the saddest plants unless you gardeners watered more often than I did and had them growing in the right position. Poor Blue Paradise suffered in the west facing site, too hot, too dry and yet the stunning variegated leaf Norah Leigh with pink flowers loved the weather. Needless to say, unless in shade and deeply mulched with wood chipping, ferns withered.

Present

1. A little late but worth a try, take cuttings of gauras and heaping compost or wood chipping around those in the garden just in case severe winter arrives.
2. Same with salvias, although many are not hardy anyway, e.g. popular Amistad
3. Gather seed of your favourite cosmos and keep dry for April 2026 sowing.
4. Setaria the red foxtail grass will look after itself, dying and leaving seed lurking then when warm enough their babies 'hatch.'
5. Phlox, move to a semi shaded position and an excellent time to split the crown to have more.

Future

Not winter yet. Start considering pots for winter interest, miniature tulips and daffodils, evergreen grasses, forget-me-nots, tempted by cyclamen even though unreliable in bad weather? When they collapse just whip them out and replace with primrose!

Hurrah to the hope of a new season!



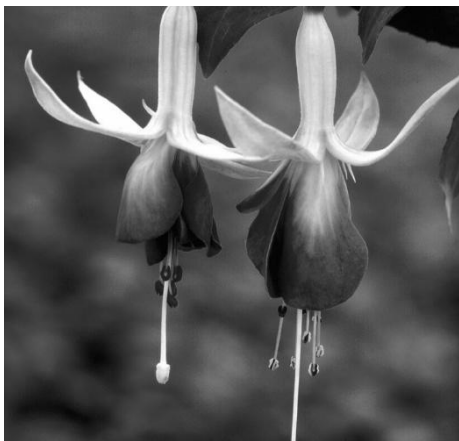
Tete a tete daffodils

Horticultural Society

Walking around the garden today (mid-October) in addition to the wonderful warm autumn colours it was good to see how much was still in flower; rudbeckias, dahlias, fuchsias, asters, chrysanthemums, the odd sunflower and the last of the annuals, also many autumn crocuses, cyclamen, colchicums, nerines and a liriope. The ornamental grasses adding to the show and a wealth of red berries and fluffy clematis seedheads - to say nothing of the carpets of walnuts on the ground!



The delicate beauty of a dahlia



Fuchsias dance in the breeze

By the time you read this, we will have had our AGM. The report will be in the December BT. If you didn't manage to come and would like to pay your annual subscription it's not too late! Annual Membership is £5.00 pp and has the benefits of reduced prices to our events. Cash payments to Lynne Joyce 01371 810524 or electronic payment details at the end of this article.

Our next event will be on **Friday, December 5th** - this will be a Floral Art morning in the Quaker Meeting House from 10am until 12.30. The theme is **"A Seasonal Table Decoration"**. All materials will be supplied. The tickets will be £15 per person. There will be refreshments including cakes and a raffle. Numbers are limited so please let us know if you would like to join us at this fun morning a.s.a.p. by contacting Linda Prior 07969 184845 for a ticket.



The BHS scarecrow

We were very pleased to be able to take part in the Bardfield Scarecrow Festival in September. Many thanks go to Helen and Lawrence McGlynn and Linda Prior for our entry entitled "UP!" We were pleased to come second out of 50 plus entries. A great village event. Enjoyed by all ages.

Our first event in 2026 will be on **Saturday, February 28th** at 2.30pm. This will be a talk entitled **"60 Must Have Plants"**. The speaker will be Dr Andrew Ward a nursery man from Norwell Nursery in the Midlands.

To purchase tickets for any of the above events or for membership: electronic payment as follows:

Account name: Bardfield Horticultural Society

Sort code: 09 01 55

Account number: 02585706

Please put the item you are paying for as the reference.

Or cash payments to Linda Prior 07969 184845
or Lynne Joyce 01371 810524

Many hands make light work....

Members of the Bardfield Horticultural Society committee are sharing out the jobs involved in running the wonderful events we hold each year. We help each other and work as a team, having fun while we go. We are a very friendly bunch and will be really pleased if anyone would like to join us.

Tasks are large and small, some individual and some in a group. If you would like to take part in one of the enjoyable and rewarding roles ranging from organising a garden visit or speaker, manning a plant stall, running a raffle, helping with the Horticultural Shows or a range of administrative tasks please come and join us.

If you have some time to spare, or would like to find out more, please contact Linda Prior.

*For any information about Bardfield Horticultural Society please contact
Linda Prior 07969 184845*

Bardfield Brass presents:

The Proms 25

Night of the Pineapples

Friday 7th November

£7.50 per person

Great Bardfield Town Hall

Doors open at 7.00pm

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There will be a cash / contactless bar featuring beer wine and soft drinks before, during and after the show.

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Tickets are available on the door, from 'Between the Lines', on the High Street or reserve via email at bardfieldbrass@hotmail.co.uk

St. Mary's Church

Great Bardfield

MUNCHKINS

Baby & Toddler GROUP



Every Tuesday morning

In Church from 10 am

Come and join us for stories, singing and
refreshments

We look forward to you seeing you.

From the Vicarage...

November is a month traditionally associated with remembrance, which dates back beyond the era in which 11 November, marking the end of World War One, became a focus for remembrance of those killed in war. It's a tradition linked to the festival of Hallowe'en, which is the eve (-e'en) of All Saints' (or All Hallows', to use the old name for it) Day. All Saints' Day is a day on which the Church remembers those who have handed on their faith in past generations, by guiding, teaching and inspiring others to live as they did, but who have perhaps not become sufficiently widely known to have acquired their own named saint's day. And following on from that, All Souls' Day on 2 November became an opportunity to express a different aspect of our lasting connection with departed loved ones.

At the heart of the Christian faith lies the promise of eternal life, though exactly what that is like is a great mystery to us. However, when I talk to people who have lost a loved one about their hopes, what comes across most powerfully is usually not a fixed idea of what that person's life or existence looks like now, but about the sense they have of still being connected to that person. That connection is at the heart of what is celebrated on All Saints' and All Souls' Days; when someone is part of our family or community, and we pray for them, we're likely to find either that we're sharing in their joys or in their troubles. We express, on the one hand, our gratitude for the way in which the relationship we have with them enriches us, and on the other hand, our desire to see them finding wholeness and fulfilment.

Those two aspects of how we relate to other people remain alive and active even when the separation of death comes, and so when we hold our remembrance services for All Souls, we are showing how our care for them lasts beyond death, and extends across what separates us from them for a while. I hope that many of you will have the opportunity to come to one of our All Souls services (listed in the service schedule below) – you are welcome to request names to be read out of those you wish to remember, and to light a candle in memory – to join with others in showing how the bonds of love make remembrance about a relationship which is still very much alive and active.

Rev'd/Fr Alex

Services for November 2025

Saturday 1 November

4pm Service of Remembrance for All Souls – Shalford

Sunday 2 November – All Saints' Sunday

9am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Cornish Hall End

9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford

10.30am Family Communion Service – Great Bardfield

11am Prayer & Pilgrimage (Celtic Morning Prayer) – Wethersfield

4pm Shoebox Appeal Service – Cornish Hall End

7.30 Requiem for All Souls – Great Bardfield

Sunday 9 November – Remembrance Sunday

9am Requiem for Remembrance Sunday – Great Bardfield

10.45am Services of Remembrance – Finchingfield, Cornish Hall End & Shalford

3pm Act of Remembrance – Great Bardfield War Memorial

Sunday 16 November – Second Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield

9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford

10.30am Sung Communion Service – Great Bardfield

11am Family Service – Wethersfield

Sunday 23 November – Christ the King

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield

9.30am Parish Communion – Shalford

9.30am Patronal Festival for the Feast of St Katharine – Little Bardfield

11am Family Communion Service – Wethersfield

Sunday 30 November – Advent Sunday

10.30am Benefice Communion Service – Shalford

4pm Advent Carol Service – Little Bardfield

Regular Services and Events during the week

Monday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Finchingfield

1.30pm 'Faithful Fiction' book club (1st weeks) – Between the Lines,
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Tuesday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Great Bardfield

10am Baby & Toddler Group – Great Bardfield

‘St Mary’s Munchkins’ story & song time with refreshments

Thursday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Wethersfield

10am Prayer Group (1st, 3rd & 5th weeks)

Coffee Morning (2nd & 4th weeks) – Shalford

Coffee Morning (3rd week) – Cornish Hall End

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Branch AGM

Wednesday 19 November at 7.30 in Finchingfield Guildhall.
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Carol Service 6 December 3pm

This year we are again hosting a Carol Service on behalf of the "C" Group in Finchingfield Church. As last year, we will be supported by our local choir Singing4All and some of our local schools will be performing. We warmly welcome all families to this service.

London Lights Trip

A trip to see the Christmas Lights is arranged for Saturday 13 December, leaving Finchingfield at 4 pm. Cost: £20 per person. (This may be reduced if we are able to fill more seats.) BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Contacts: Chairman: Ivan Fleming 07525 751179
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Recently, I was privileged to watch two bats flying around my garden. They were so quick and acrobatic it was difficult to keep them in view. Bats and their roosts are legally protected so must not be disturbed. Bats are mammals, giving birth to live young. It reminded me of how lucky we are in The Hundred Parishes to have so many wild mammals in our mainly rural area.



There are several kinds of deer locally, mostly Fallow, Roe or Muntjac. Larger herds are usually Fallow deer which have “palmate” antlers, shaped like the palm of a hand. The smaller Roe deer may be seen in smaller groups – they have a white rump and no visible tail. Muntjac are smaller still and tend to be solitary; they have horns and “tusks” - downward-pointing canine teeth.

Out enjoying our latest walk, number 188, my wife and I surprised two hares who disappeared at great speed when they spotted us. They can run up to 45mph over short distances.



We regularly see foxes in our garden, usually courtesy of our inexpensive night vision camera. In the spring, we enjoyed watching the young cubs playing. Foxes seem to be a more common sight now, even during daylight, and regularly venture into built up areas. The camera

occasionally spots a badger; he is usually looking for peanuts.

Anyone lucky enough to see hedgehogs in their garden should look after them as their numbers are in decline. They are nocturnal, so at dusk we should put out a shallow bowl of fresh water (not milk as it is bad for their digestion) and perhaps some dog or cat food. They may repay you by eating slugs and insects although our experience has been that they prefer commercial hedgehog food like Spike's Dinner. Enjoy them all.



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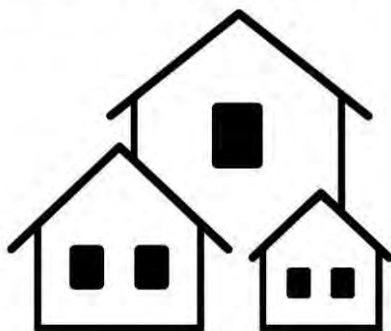
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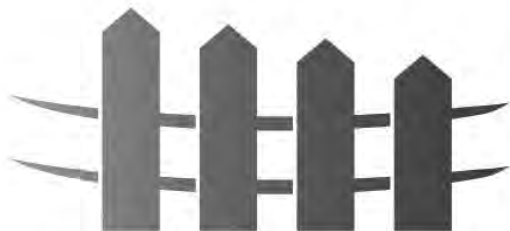
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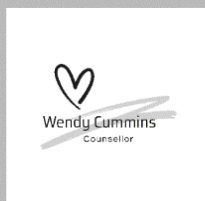


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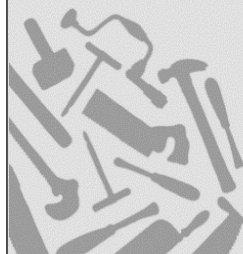
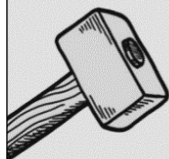
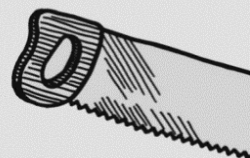
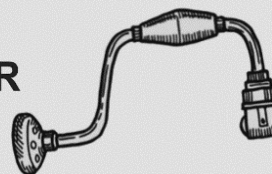


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	Mobility & Balance	10.30am
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 5 th	Pilates	11.00am
	Private function	6.00pm
Thursday 6 th	Bardfield players	7.00pm
Friday 7 th	Band night	7.00pm
Sunday 9 th	Private function	12.00pm
Monday 10 th	Bardfield players	7.00pm
Tuesday 11 th	Dance fit class	9.30am
	Mobility & Balance	10.30am
	Tuesday club	2.00pm
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 12 th	Pilates	11.00am
	Parish council	7.00pm
	Private function	7.00pm
Thursday 13 th	Bardfield players	7.00pm
Friday 14 th	Cinema club	7.30pm
Monday 17 th	Bardfield players	7.00pm
Tuesday 18 th	Dance fit class	9.30am
	Mobility & Balance	10.30am
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 19 th	Pilates	11.00am
	Private function	7.00pm
Thursday 20 th	Bardfield players	7.00pm
Saturday 22 nd	Bardfield players	12.00pm
Sunday 23 rd	Bardfield players	12.00pm
Monday 24 th	Bardfield players	12.00pm
Tuesday 25 th	Dance fit class	9.30am
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Wednesday 26 th	Pilates	11.00am
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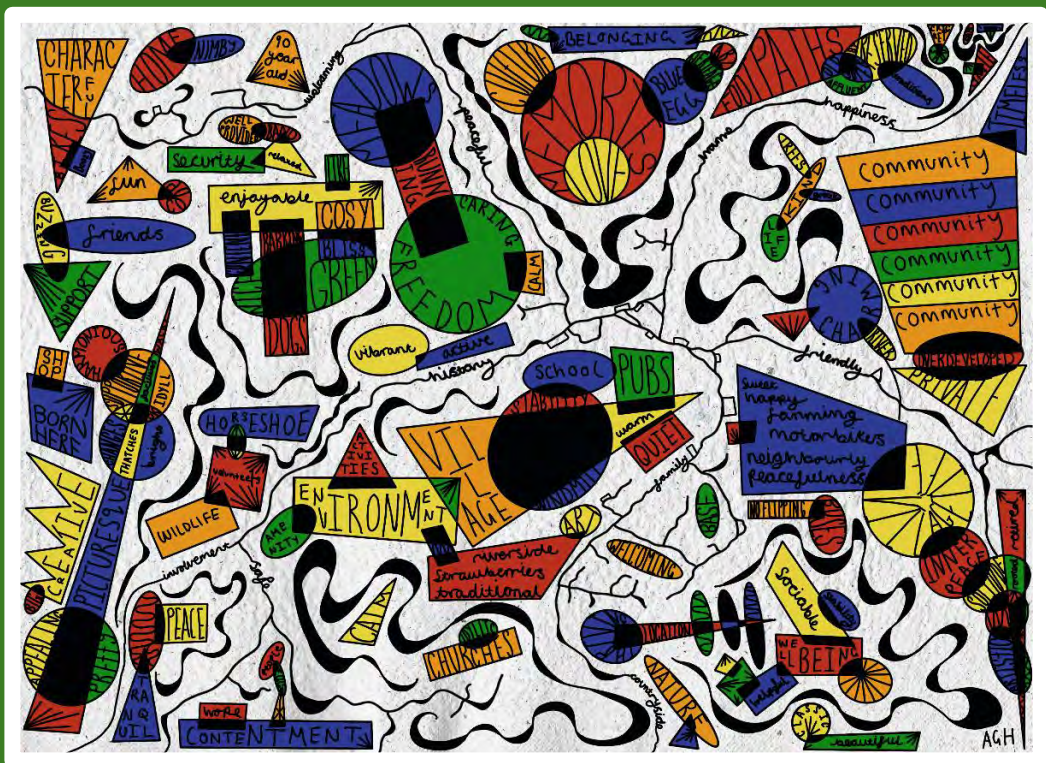
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