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### HONORARY ALDERWOMAN – PAMELA BALE

On Tuesday 21st January 2020 Pangbourne Parish Council was pleased to be able to help host a special West Berkshire Council Ceremony held in recognition of Pamela Bale's many years of service as District Councillor for Pangbourne.

Pamela had been unable to attend the main ceremony for retiring Councillors across the District which had been held at Newbury. As a result Graham Pask, Chairman of West Berkshire Council, and Alan Law and Rick Jones, Ward Members for Basildon and Tilehurst & Purley respectively, travelled to Pangbourne to present Pamela with her title of Honorary Alderwoman of West Berkshire.

Many local residents who have worked with Pamela over the years were in attendance for the ceremony.

Pamela joined Pangbourne Parish Council in the late 1990s where she served as a Councillor and then Chairman until 2005 when she was elected District Councillor in a 2006 by-election until she retired in April 2019 after 14 years. Pamela was instrumental in creating Pangbourne's Village Plan, the first in West Berkshire. As District Councillor she held the portfolio for Transport and Highways and served a period as Deputy Leader of the Council. Pamela was also a School Governor for three schools in the local area.

The Local Government Act 1972 allows Local Authorities to introduce the title of Honorary Alderwoman within its governance structures. The title of Honorary Alderwoman is bestowed on a Councillor who is deemed to have provided eminent service both to the District Council and also for the work and support they have provided within their local community.

Any former Councillor nominated for this title must have given eminent service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties. In particular they must have become the advocate of and for their communities, effectively representing the interests of their ward and of individual constituents as well as maintained the highest standards of conduct and ethics. For such a title to be bestowed on an individual, a resolution must be passed by two thirds of the Members of Council.

We congratulate Pamela Bale on this well deserved award and wish her well in her retirement.



West Berkshire Council – Honorary Alderman  
I would like to thank the Parish Council for organising the presentation of this award on 21st January.

I was only expecting to see the Chairman of West Berkshire Council, and two of my ex colleague Councillors – so was surprised – but very pleased – to see local residents and businessmen in the Village Hall.

It was a privilege to be your District Councillor from 2006 to 2019, and to have the opportunity to work with residents and businesses to investigate many different issues in the village. I know there are issues which have been – and still are – difficult to resolve – due to physical constraints, legal or policy issues – but we tried, and working with the Parish Council, residents and businesses and relevant officers from West Berkshire Council and fellow Councillors, were able to progress and resolve a number of issues for the benefit of residents and visitors to Pangbourne. "Working together" could be included in the village "motto" – because that is the ethos which keeps the village vibrant and also ensures that appropriate support is available for the less able.

I was surprised and proud to receive this award, and thank the Parish Council, and all who live and work in the village for your support.

Best wishes,  
Pamela

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## NINO SET TO RUN LONDON MARATHON FOR SUE RYDER

Local businessman Nino Bartolomei, who owns Nino's Trattoria Italiana in Pangbourne, will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 26 April to raise vital funds for the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice in Reading.

Nino, who has no previous running experience, will be taking on the 26.2-mile challenge in memory of his father, who was cared for at the hospice before he passed away in March 2018.

Nino said: "I am extremely proud to be representing Sue Ryder at this year's London Marathon. It will be a huge challenge for me but I passionately want to support the charity so that they can continue to be there for all other families in need, like they were there for us when we needed them. Every penny raised will go directly to support the amazing work they do and I would be grateful for any donations – however big or small."

In 2019 Nino raised over £4,500 for the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice through running charitable menu dishes in his restaurant and hosting fundraising coffee mornings.

The Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice in Reading provides expert care and compassion to people over the age of 18 who are dealing with life-limiting conditions, and offers support to their families. Sue Ryder also operates from two other sites in Berkshire – Sue Ryder Wokingham Day Hospice and Sue Ryder Palliative Care Hub Berkshire – offering Day Services and Hospice at Home for those who prefer to receive care at home.

Last year Sue Ryder Nurses and Duchess of Kent Hospice provided 130,000 hours of support to patients and their families across Berkshire. However, Sue Ryder relies on supporters and their fundraising efforts to continue to provide expert care to the local community, which costs £4.5m per year.

To donate to Nino's London Marathon fundraising page, visit: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ninoslondonmarathon](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ninoslondonmarathon). Cash/cheque donations can also be made at Nino's Trattoria Italiana on Reading Road.

For more information about the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice, visit: [www.sueryder.org/how-we-can-help/duchess-of-kent-hospice](http://www.sueryder.org/how-we-can-help/duchess-of-kent-hospice).



*Nino will be running his first marathon to raise money for the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice in Reading.*



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## 'TALES FROM THE SHACK' BY ROB

(Rob is a volunteer at Beale Wildlife Park who writes a regular blog on the changes in nature around the estate throughout the year.)

Daylight hours are now lengthening and down on the rookery things are happening a pace. Rooks are one of the first birds to start nesting, this usually means spring cleaning last years nests. The older more experienced birds will be in the middle of the rookery giving them every opportunity to steal twigs from nests towards the outside that are occupied by the younger, less experienced birds.

Rooks and crows are quite similar in appearance and easily misidentified leading to inaccuracies in common phrases, a 'scarecrow' is there to keep flocks of rooks away not the more solitary crow and 'as the crow flies' refers to the rooks daily sojourn from their roost to feeding grounds and back (up to 40 km), not the crow in its localised territory. Doesn't quite have the same ring though does it, 'scarerook', 'as the rook flies' ... no!!

### Nature's calendar: February

The last official month of winter but the coldest in England and Wales due mainly to the Atlantic ocean being at yearly minimum temperature, February is however usually drier and less windy.

Most Blue Tits will have partners by the end of the month and frogs will start emerging from hibernation with just one thing on their minds, you got it, breeding! Sweet violets will be flowering along with Mistletoe. Grey herons are early breeders and will now start nesting in earnest. Towards the end of the month the first butterflies may be seen, look out for the Comma, Peacock, Small tortoise shell and Red admiral.

And finally, the first Blackbirds can be heard singing ... is spring just around the corner! Let's hope so.



## POSH AFTERNOON TEA AND MUSIC

A group of Pangbourne Seniors were entertained to Posh Afternoon Tea and Music by the Rotary Club of Pangbourne and Stewart Lewins (pictured) with the Pangbourne Band at the Pangbourne Club on 1 February 2020. This is an annual event much looked forward to by the members of the group. Rotarian Jim Skinner said "Its great to receive thanks from such a large group. They really enjoyed it in spite of the 'stand-up' comedy from some of my fellow Club members!"

If you know anyone who would like to be invited to this event next year please email [president@pangbourn Rotary.org.uk](mailto:president@pangbourn Rotary.org.uk).



## 10 POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF QIGONG

Qigong was developed over 4000 years ago in China. 'Qi' means 'life energy' and 'gong' means 'work'. It involves gentle exercise to harmonise the flow of energy in the body (tai chi being a form of qigong).

Qigong has the following potential benefits when practiced regularly:

1. Body awareness
2. Efficiency of movement
3. Injury prevention
4. Good posture
5. Better balance and co-ordination
6. Strengthening of muscles and bones
7. Increased vital energy
8. Improved concentration
9. Relaxation
10. Promotion of health and wellbeing.

### Join the Great British Spring Clean

Be part of the drive

## PANGBOURNE LITTER PICK

### Saturday 28th March 2020

10am-2pm - Litter Pick  
2pm-5pm - Clearance Projects (Please register any time before 2pm)

Please meet at the Recreation Ground, Thames Avenue, RG8 7BY, for registration and equipment.

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## PANGBOURNE PYRAMID PROJECT

A Special General Meeting of this charity will be held on May 13th 2020 at 2pm in the small hall at Pangbourne Village Hall. This meeting has been arranged to discuss a proposed change to the Object of the charity which will make it possible to make grants to older people living in their own homes as well as to those in residential accommodation.






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- Jazz 1st Sunday evening of every month (fee applies)
- Regular exercise classes
- Weekly raffles

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## Teams

- Cribbs teams
- Snooker Teams
- Table Tennis



## Objectives

PWMC is run as a non-profit making organisation by its members through an elected committee, which provides a social facility for residents of Pangbourne, the surrounding area and for people working in the village.

## Pangbourne Club

Rosewood Hall, Whitchurch Rd, Pangbourne, Reading, RG8 7BS

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**Visit us on Facebook**

**[www.pangbourneclub.co.uk](http://www.pangbourneclub.co.uk)**



# WHAT'S ON



**relax and get pampered**

Please join Pangbourne Valley Playgroup for an evening of relaxation at The Elephant Hotel on Friday 6th March from 7pm - 9.45pm.

The event will feature mild evening healthy lifestyle puzzles thinking and the importance of living a meaningful and joyful life.

Entry is £20 per person including a drink and a glass of wine.

Donations of £10 each and over for the charity.

Sponsorships available from 7pm until 9.45pm.

Supporters will be invited to join the evening's fundraising efforts.

For more information contact Di on 0118 984 2473 or visit [www.pvp.org.uk](http://www.pvp.org.uk)



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*Lunch at The George*  
19th March 2020, 12pm - 3pm



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**Get more out of life in Pangbourne**

Pop along for social events with the Oddfellows Games & Welfare Group.

Meeting at The Elephant Church Road, Pangbourne at 7.30pm till 10pm.

Weds 4 March Trivial Pursuits

Weds 1 April Beautiful Berkshire Quiz

Weds 6 May Kifs & Wagers

For more information contact  
Doug on 0118 981 4510

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## PANGBOURNE CHORAL SOCIETY'S

### *BRAHMS REQUIEM plus Haydn Trumpet Concerto*

Saturday 14th March: 7.00pm (note earlier start)

*Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel, Pangbourne College*

Pangbourne Choral Society's Spring Concert will focus on the Brahms German Requiem and Haydn's Trumpet Concerto. After a short, vigorous choral opener (Haydn's *Insanae et Vanae Curae*), Lucy Perring, a student of Pangbourne College, who is a hugely talented young trumpeter, will perform Haydn's Trumpet Concerto, on her concert debut.

The second half of the concert features the Brahms Requiem. PCS will be joined by the Southern Sinfonia Orchestra, conducted by Pangbourne College Music Director, Ellie Calver, in her farewell concert before taking up a new appointment in London.

Apart from Lucy Perring (trumpet), soloists will include Vanessa Bowers (Soprano).

Mick Lewers, PCS Chairman comments: *"Combining Haydn's Trumpet Concerto with the wonderful Brahms work will result in an exciting and varied concert programme."*



Tickets: £15 including programme (£8 for age 18 and under)  
are available online at [www.pangbournechoral.org.uk](http://www.pangbournechoral.org.uk), from Choral Society members,  
also at Garlands Organic, 6 Reading Road, Pangbourne or on the door. **Early booking is advised.**

*Tony Maynard (Publicity Officer), Pangbourne Choral Society: 0118 984 5079*



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## PANGBOURNE FETE

*Pangbourne Fete is back for 2020!*

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*Get a team together . . .*

### DRAGON BOATS:

Every year the Pangbourne Fete has been set to the drum beat of the Dragon Boats racing down the river, now in their 20th year. If you have never entered, maybe this is the year to get involved! It's a great way to raise funds for a charity of your choice and enjoy the river in a whole new way.

Visit [www.pangbournedragonboats.org](http://www.pangbournedragonboats.org) for more information on how to register a Dragon Boat team or if you have any questions.

### TUG-OF-WAR:

The competition was fierce last year, and this year sets to be even better! Start thinking about who you would want on your team in the tug-of-war. We welcome teams of all ages and abilities and will try to match you fairly!



### DOG SHOW

The dog show will be back, including musical sits, so best get practising with your four legged friends if you want to be a prize winner.

### DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

If you have any great ideas on how to improve the Fete for 2020 then we want to hear from you. Our team is run by volunteers who are excited about delivering the biggest community event in Pangbourne for another year. We are recruiting people who want to get involved in the run up, as well as on the weekend itself. Email us on [pangfete@gmail.com](mailto:pangfete@gmail.com).



Find us on Facebook, search Pangbourne Village Fete or scan this QR Code with your mobile camera:



## THURSDAY CLUB



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Garlands in Pangbourne Village



Pangbourne Village Hall  
SAT 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020

## Camp Albion

by Danielle Pearson

*'I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately...'*



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## THE PARISH OF PANGBOURNE WITH TIDMARSH AND SULHAM

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7.45am	Holy Communion	Book of Common Prayer
10am	Sunday at Ten	Worship for all ages

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### Midweek Communion

#### Wednesday at 10am in St James

A short, peaceful time of worship followed by coffee and chat. Especially good for those who can't make Sunday worship due to work or family commitments.

### Sunday Worship in our Parish at 11am

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Family Worship	St Laurence, Tidmarsh
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion	St Laurence, Tidmarsh
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Family Worship	St Nicholas, Sulham

### Want to know what your personal carbon footprint is?

Members of Church are using Carbon Independent.org an on-line calculator to assess our personal carbon footprint. It's easy to do and fun. If you'd like some help Cliff Thorne is in the library between 12 noon and 2pm on Tuesdays. Just drop in. When completed the Pangbourne Churches Environment Group will analyse the results and feed back at the end of Lent. Drop off your anonymous results either to St James on Sundays during Lent or into Garlands Organic shop.

### Lent Lunches

Come and enjoy a light lunch each  
Wednesday in Lent.

12 noon – 1.30pm  
St James the Less, Pangbourne

Donations to Christian Aid



### Crocus Sunday



#### St Nicholas Church, Sulham

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March between 2 and 4pm

Come and see the wonderful display of spring flowers  
in St Nicholas churchyard.  
*Refreshments will be served.*

### Would you like to be confirmed?

*If you missed out on Confirmation when you were younger, or maybe you are beginning to think now might be the right time to explore your faith journey, please get in touch with Rev Heather Parbury at [rector.ptschurches@gmail.com](mailto:rector.ptschurches@gmail.com)*



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## THE PARISH OF PANGBOURNE WITH TIDMARSH AND SULHAM

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

10am Worship in St James the Less, Pangbourne will be followed by

1. The meeting to Elect Churchwardens by Parishioners - 3 *vacancies*
2. The meeting of Electoral Roll members to receive the Annual Report and elect Parochial Church Council Members - 7 *vacancies* and Deanery Synod members - 2 *vacancies*



**#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation** is the Church of England's 2020 Lent Campaign. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. For more information visit: <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>



### *Families please join us for*

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>March 22</b> | Mothering Sunday<br>Bring your Mum to church!     |
| <b>April 5</b>  | Palm Sunday Family Worship                        |
| <b>April 10</b> | Good Friday Hot Cross Bun<br>Workshop and Worship |

**10am in St James, Pangbourne**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Monday to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April

Compline 10pm St James

### Maundy Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April

Communion 8pm St James

Compline 10pm St James

### Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April

Family Hot Cross Bun Workshop & Worship

10am St James

Meditation 2pm St James

## EASTER DAY SERVICES

### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

#### Daybreak Service

5:30am Meet in the Rectory Garden

Holy Communion in St James

*followed by Easter Breakfast in the Village Hall*

#### Easter Day Celebrations in the Villages

10am Family Communion, St James, Pangbourne

11am Family Communion, St Laurence, Tidmarsh

11am Family Communion, St Nicholas, Sulham

*For all the family with Easter Egg hunts for children*

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





## Lent and Easter at St Bernadette's

### Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Mass with Distribution of Ashes 7:30 pm

### Every Friday in Lent

Stations of the Cross 12 noon

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Celebration of Reconciliation  
at St Luke's, Theale, 10:30 am

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Mass with blessing of Palms 9:30 am

### Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Mass of the Last Supper 7:30 pm (Theale)

### GOOD FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April

Children's Way of the Cross 10 am  
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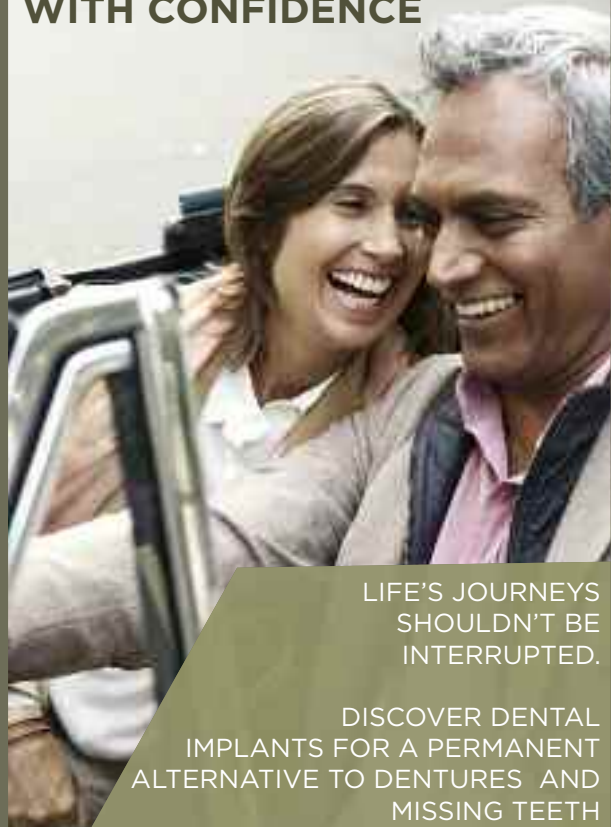
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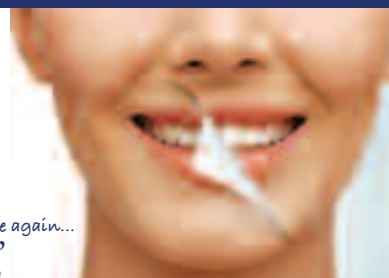
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09.30	Boxercise	Gareth France – 07853 381449, gareth.france@sky.com	Dolphin
10.30, 19.45	Pilates (2 classes)	Vicky – 07775 638611, info@themovementclinic.co.uk	Movement Clinic
14.00	Coffee and Craft	0118 9844117, pangbournelibrary@westberks.gov.uk	Pang Library
15.30	Draw/Paint	Jean – 07500862025, art-course@hotmail.com, www.drawing-painting.com	Dolphin
18.00, 19.00	Yoga (2 classes)	Helma – 078104 25593, yogabyhelma@gmail.com	Whitchurch VH
18.30	Zumba	Rachel – 07885 444510, rachelzumba4043@gmail.com (VH in holidays)	Pang Primary
19.00	D of E Award	Dominic Hinton – dofecoordinatior@adventuredolphin.co.uk	Dolphin
19.30	Badminton	webmaster@pangbournebadminton.club, www.pangbournebadminton.club	Pang College
Tuesday			
09.30	Hand Bell Ringers	Len Palfrey – palfrey62@btinternet.com	Various homes
10.00–13.00	China Painting	Margaret – 0118 9843684, broadbentm462@gmail.com	Dorman Rooms
10.30	Tai Chi/Qigong	Wendy – 07528 708650, wendy@rookeholistic.co.uk, www.rookeholistic.co.uk	Pang VH
11.30	Otago Fall Prevention	Daniela – 07900 307520, d.capasso67@gmail.com, www.yogawithdaniela.co.uk	Pang VH
11.30	Yoga	info@pangbourneclub.co.uk	Pang WMC
17.00, 18.15, 19.20	Pilates (3 classes)	Julia – julia@tilehurst-pilates.co.uk	Dolphin
19.30	Yoga (mixed ability)	Jean – 01235 868 004, 07484 4113401, jcosham@live.com	Pang Primary
19.30	Radiant Body Yoga	Joy – 07956 620868, joy.golding30@gmail.com	Movement Clinic
Wednesday			
09.30	Circuits	Gareth France – 07853 381449, gareth.france@sky.com	Pang VH
09.30	Pilates	Julia – julia@tilehurst-pilates.co.uk	Dolphin
09.30	Radiant Body Yoga	Joy – 07956 620868, joy.golding30@gmail.com	Movement Clinic
10.00	Keep Fit 50+	Jo Cassells – 01491 578076, jo.cassells@live.co.uk	Whitchurch VH
11.00, 12.00	Fitsteps (2 classes)	Kayleigh – 07970 074 683, kayleighrixon@gmail.com	Dolphin
11.30	Gardening	nick.digby@virgin.net, www.goringgapbc.org.uk/?s=gardening+	Lower Basildon
13.00	Art Group	margarita.wade@gmail.com	Pang VH
18.15	Zumba	Rachel – 07885 444510, rachelzumba4043@gmail.com	Pang WMC
18.30	Cricket Practice	Pangbourne Cricket Club. Dan Booth – 07956 526505, www.pangbournecc.org	Pang College
19.00	Hatha Yoga	Helma – 07810 425593, yogabyhelma@gmail.com	Whitchurch Artcafe
19.15	Vocal Locals Choir	Claudia – 07796 776461, c@claudgibson.com	Pang Primary
19.30	Dance Fitness Class	Andrea – 07717 023007, turners.the@icloud.com	Pang Primary
19.30	Langtree Sinfonia	nrkiff@tiscali.co.uk, www.langtreesinfonia.co.uk	Langtree School
20.00	Camera Club	Alan – 01491 681471, alan@alancopeland.co.uk, www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk	Whitchurch VH
20.00	Pangbourne Band	Stewart – 07786 694491, www.pangbourneband.org.uk	Pang VH
Thursday			
08.15, 09.30	Pilates (2 classes)	julia@tilehurst-pilates.co.uk	Dolphin
10.00	Draw/Paint	Jean – 07500 862025, art-course@hotmail.com, www.drawing-painting.com	Pang VH
10.00	Vinyasa Yoga	Kim – 07811 385 411, kim@kalmnkindyoga.co.uk	Floating Point
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19.30	AC Pilates	Anna – 07754 598627, <a href="mailto:actraining@hotmail.com">actraining@hotmail.com</a> , <a href="http://www.acpilates.co.uk">www.acpilates.co.uk</a>	Pang VH
20.00	Pilates (intermediate)	Vicky – 07775 638611, <a href="mailto:info@themovementclinic.co.uk">info@themovementclinic.co.uk</a>	Movement Clinic
20.00	Bingo	<a href="mailto:info@pangbourneclub.co.uk">info@pangbourneclub.co.uk</a>	Pang WMC
20.00	Bell Ringing	Len Palfrey – <a href="mailto:palfrey62@btinternet.com">palfrey62@btinternet.com</a>	St James
Friday			
09.30	Kettlebells	Gareth France – 07853 381449, <a href="mailto:gareth.france@sky.com">gareth.france@sky.com</a>	Pang VH
Saturday			
09.00	Rowing	Nick or Alastair – <a href="mailto:captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk">captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.goringgapbc.org.uk">www.goringgapbc.org.uk</a>	Lower Basildon
09.00	Canoe Training	Steve – <a href="mailto:info@adventuredolphin.co.uk">info@adventuredolphin.co.uk</a>	Dolphin
09.15	Radiant Body Yoga	Joy – 07956 620868, <a href="mailto:joy.golding30@gmail.com">joy.golding30@gmail.com</a>	Movement Clinic
09.30	Shop Bike Ride	Toby – 0118 9842823, <a href="mailto:info@pankhurstcycles.co.uk">info@pankhurstcycles.co.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.pankhurstcycles.co.uk">www.pankhurstcycles.co.uk</a>	Pankhurst Cycles
10.30	Tennis	Louise – 07554 432216, <a href="mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org">info@pangbournetennis.org</a>	Pang Tennis Club
11.00	Zumba	Rachel – 07885 444510, <a href="mailto:rachelzumba4043@gmail.com">rachelzumba4043@gmail.com</a>	Tidmarsh VH
Sunday			
09.30	Recreational Canoeing	Nick and Chris – <a href="mailto:info@adventuredolphin.co.uk">info@adventuredolphin.co.uk</a>	Dolphin
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11.30	Tennis	Louise – 07554 432216, <a href="mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org">info@pangbournetennis.org</a>	Pang Tennis Club
13.30	Cricket Matches	Pangbourne Cricket Club. Dan Booth 07956 526505, <a href="http://www.pangbournecc.org">www.pangbournecc.org</a>	See fixture list
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3rd Mon 14.00	Cribbage	Di – 0118 9842473	Dorman Rooms
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2nd Tue 14.30	W.I.	Judy – 0118 9841565, <a href="mailto:judyschurer@gmail.com">judyschurer@gmail.com</a>	Pang VH
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4th Tue 14.00	Tea	Jill Palfrey – 0118 9842698	Pang VH
1st Wed 12.30	Carers Support	Carers Hub – 0118 3247333	Pang VH
1st Wed 19.30	Games/Quizzes	Doug – 0118 9614610, <a href="mailto:lynn.harrison@oddfellows.co.uk">lynn.harrison@oddfellows.co.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.oddfellows.co.uk">www.oddfellows.co.uk</a>	The Elephant
Alt Thu 10.00	Storytime	0118 9844117, <a href="mailto:pangbournelibrary@westberks.gov.uk">pangbournelibrary@westberks.gov.uk</a>	Pang Library
3rd Thu	Thursday Club	Various social events. Di – 07971 226548 and Gill – 01189 841122	George Hotel
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Last Sun 19.30	French Film Night	Pangbourne Twinning Association, <a href="http://www.pangbourne-twinning.org">www.pangbourne-twinning.org</a>	Parish Hall
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Various	Church Flowers	Pauline Jones – 0118 9844051, <a href="mailto:pauline.héronsridge@btopenworld.com">pauline.héronsridge@btopenworld.com</a>	St James the Less
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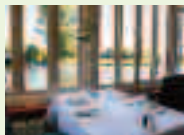
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## PANGBOURNE & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

I wonder whether any of you watched and were enthralled by the World Indoor Bowls championship a couple of months ago. As the commentator said – it would be impossible to get such entertainment from any other sport. The skill achieved was quite mind-blowing and can be watched on Youtube or Facebook. Admittedly this was Indoor bowling. However Outdoor bowling can be equally exciting and the outdoor season in Pangbourne will be starting in a few weeks time with our Open Day on Saturday 18th April starting at 2pm.

We will shortly be celebrating our big centenary year in 2022, just two years away and we are already planning a number of special events for our bowlers. Before this however we need to make sure we continue to grow and become the leading bowls club in the area. To do this we need people to join us, both experienced and new bowlers, male and female, also youngsters. We have a Special Offer for anyone joining the club this year – just £50.00 for the first year which is half of the normal subscription.

We have been part of the village life of Pangbourne and district for nearly 100 years and we intend to be around for many years to come. Why not come along to our Open Day and join in the fun. You will find us a very friendly group of people. We enjoy getting together in the summer not only for a game of bowls but also for social events and much more besides.

The bowling green can be found at the far side of the Recreation Ground, Thames Avenue, Pangbourne.

So do come along on Saturday the 18th April where you can meet us, have a cup of tea and try your hand at bowling. You will be surprised how fascinating and additive the game is. Also don't forget the reduced membership fee for your first year.

For further details contact Alan Copeland by email – [alan@alancopeland.co.uk](mailto:alan@alancopeland.co.uk) or by phone – 01491 681471. Alternatively, have a look at our website – [www.pangbournebowls.co.uk](http://www.pangbournebowls.co.uk)

*COME ALONG AND JOIN US!*

## PANGBOURNE HERITAGE GROUP

### MARCH/APRIL REPORT

The year started with a small gathering of members talking about memorable holiday experiences, and it was perhaps as well there were not too many of us as there was a lot of reminiscing going on. At the time of writing, the February meeting has not taken place, but we are planning to hear from Margaret Simons describing the Suffragette Movement in Berkshire.

In March we have an afternoon visit arranged (11th March) to the Royal Berkshire Hospital to see the exhibition arranged to celebrate 150 years since the foundation of the original building. Our thanks to Ellie Thorne for organising a special tour, which is open to all members, and those who would like to join the group. Details will be sent round nearer the time. The same applies to the following meeting due to take place on 8th April, we have not yet confirmed a speaker and will let members know when we have.

In May we are liaising with the Parish Council and Library in commemorating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, which falls on the 8th of the month as a public holiday. Becky Elkin, Clerk to the Council, is organising a special tribute to the day in Pangbourne magazine, and some of the displays the Heritage Group for the 2005 exhibition in the Village Hall will be shown in the foyer of the hall and also Pangbourne library. Members from the heritage group are invited to the Records Office in Coley Park on the afternoon of 13 May to see their VE Day displays.

We have been invited to send exhibits focusing on Pangbourne to West Berkshire Museum in Newbury. It is part of a vision to promote Berkshire's villages, and we are glad to have the opportunity to showcase Pangbourne past and present. The exhibition opens in July and closes in October, and will be a chance for people from this end of West Berkshire to visit the museum if they have not already done so. We are working on a number of themes which we feel have a particular resonance in forming the character of the village, and if you have some memorabilia lurking in the attic or elsewhere, please contact Jane Rawlins, our archivist, to see if it could be used in one of the displays.

This report shows that as a group we are anxious to be seen out and about, and be relevant to different age groups within the village. History is in the making, as we have witnessed in the last few months in what has been happening around us, and it helps to feel that we are documenting the present as well as the past for the generation to come.

Meetings, unless we are out and about, are held in the Rosewood Hall at 7.30pm. We welcome visitors to join us on any occasion.

*Lesley Crimp (Secretary and much else!)*





## ACTION FOR PANGBOURNE TOILETS

We would also like to inform you that the APT in collaboration with PAWS (Pangbourne & Whitchurch Sustainability Group), and the DFA (Drinking Fountain Association) has now purchased a water fountain. This will be installed on the outside of the block, to enable visitors to quench their thirst and help dispense with single use plastic. The official opening will be on Sunday 15th March at 2pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you would like to know more about the APT and hear what else we are planning in the near future. Please join us at our Annual General Meeting which is being held in the Village Hall's small hall on Sunday March 8th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

*Jackie Malcolm, Trustee of the APT*



## PANGBOURNE ROTARY CLUB

### THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

Would you like to help with some fun fundraising? Pangbourne Rotarians would love to see you helping at some of their events. The Dragon Boats Festival is on Saturday 20 June and Pangbourne Art Exhibition on 21 and 22 March. They need volunteers to help set up and take down at these events.

These and others raise funds for many international, national and local causes. Details of some of these are at [www.pangbournerot.com](http://www.pangbournerot.com) and include:

- Building water tanks to help limit Ebola in the Congo (DRC)
- Donations to End Polio Now
- Parkinsons UK, Lymphoma Action, Diabetes UK & Alzheimer's Society
- Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Launchpad, Berkshire Vision and Daisy's Dream



If you have an interest in supporting causes like these why not give some time and volunteer? Write to [membership@pangbournerotary.org.uk](mailto:membership@pangbournerotary.org.uk) for more details about volunteering.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	TIMING	ASSISTANCE/VOLUNTEERING
Pangbourne Art Exhibition	March/April over 3 days	Set up/take down, hosting, handling paintings
Dragon Boats	Mid June – Friday/Saturday	Set up/take down, car parking, timekeeping, hosting
Summer Fund Raising, eg, Barn Dance	August/September	Set up/ take down, bar running, decorating barn
Detectorists Event	Summer	Marshalling, car parking
Streatley Art Exhibition	End of August over 4 days	Set up/take down, hosting, handling paintings

# LOCAL CLUBS

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## ADVENTURE DOLPHIN CHARITY

It's good to be back, as we have been on a very steep learning curve having taken over the running of Dolphin House from West Berkshire Council. The final negotiations are taking place over the lease with both West Berkshire Council and Pangbourne Parish Council. As all the Trustees and leaders at Adventure Dolphin are all volunteers finding others who can help us with the backroom jobs is proving very difficult. We are appealing to you, the Pangbourne Magazine readership, to help us find any people who live locally who have some spare time to help, to please contact us at [info@adventuredolphin.co.uk](mailto:info@adventuredolphin.co.uk).



Over the winter we have been busy, more community groups are using the building which is available to hire, please see the calendar of the sports and social clubs to find out what is going on.

On the activity front we held our usual boxing day paddle, which was exciting as the River had flooded, so we paddled on the meadow a ready made lake.

January also saw us hold our AGM when the Trustees were able to report on our progress to date, Clive Williams was voted in as Chairman; Steve Ellis as Vice Chair; Tony Fitzgerald as Treasurer and Joy Jaimeson as Secretary.

Since the end of October the River seems to have been on Red Boards, making the canoeing difficult for novice paddlers, but those with experience have been enjoying the regular paddles with white water paddling on our doorstep lead by Nick Hatchett and Chris Whitehead. Our racing group who are now focused on the Waterside races on the Kennet and Avon canal in preparation for the Annual Devizes to Westminster canoe race which takes place over the Easter weekend.

Luckily we have a climbing wall and our Leader Gerry Wigglesworth and her team are now starting a new course, the courses are six weeks and are aimed at young people completing their NICAS level 1 and 2 before joining the club sessions. However we would like to run some adult / 16plus courses over this season, so if you would be interested please contact us at [info@adventuredolphin.co.uk](mailto:info@adventuredolphin.co.uk).

January also saw the presentation of Duke of Edinburgh Awards for some of our members who had gained Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards great achievements by all, the group meet on a Monday evening and are just about to start expedition training for this summer. We will be recruiting again for the next groups in June this year. If you are 13- 24 and would be interested in finding out more please contact [dofecoordinator@adventuredolphin.co.uk](mailto:dofecoordinator@adventuredolphin.co.uk).



As with any canoe club part of the fun is to go and experience other rivers and recently we have been to the River Wye and Usk in Wales; The River Dart in Devon and River Barle in Somerset, with a Santa paddle through Reading just before Christmas and local paddles on the Thames in the New Year.

It is this time of year all our leaders come together to plan our summer programmes. This year our annual Open Day will be on Sunday April 19th when everyone can have a taster of our activities. This year our summer evening courses begin on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April. This year we will be offering beginners, improvers and intermediate levels in Climbing; Open Canoes; improvers and intermediate levels in Climbing; Open Canoes;

Kayaks both recreational and racing; Stand up paddle boards. If you would like to find out more and book your place to avoid disappointment please visit our website at [www.adventuredolphin.co.uk](http://www.adventuredolphin.co.uk).

This summer we have partnered with the Outdoor Academy to be able to offer holiday programmes at Easter, half term and summer holidays and opportunities for schools and groups to come down during the day to experience activities as a one off or as a series of sessions please contact the Outdoor Academy directly information and links will be on our website.

As with all our local organisations we would not be able to offer what we do without the support of our volunteers and yourselves who came and enjoy the activities we offer.







## GORING GAP BOAT CLUB

### LEARN TO ROW – SPRING 2020

The Spring Learn to Row Course run by and at Goring Gap Boat Club is now available for booking via our website.

Taught by our own British Rowing certified coaches, the Learn to Row course is a fantastic way to introduce beginners to the water, giving them all the basic skill, in a fun, safe environment. You will be amazed at how far you can come in just six sessions.

Learn to Row comprises of four Saturdays on the water at our Lower Basildon boathouse and two Wednesday evening sessions at the British Rowing tank in Oxford or Radley, helping you to perfect your technique. The Spring course dates are:

Saturday 25th April, 9am-1pm  
(Lower Basildon)

Wednesday 29th April, 7.30pm-8.30pm  
(Oxford or Radley)

Saturday 2nd May, 9am-1pm  
(Lower Basildon)

Wednesday 6th May, 7.30pm-8.30pm  
(Oxford or Radley)

Saturday 9th May, 9am-1pm  
(Lower Basildon)

Saturday 16th May, 9am-1pm  
(Lower Basildon)

For more information and to sign up please see our website [www.goringgapbc.org.uk/rowing/](http://www.goringgapbc.org.uk/rowing/). Our captains of rowing Richard or Nick will be happy to help with any questions – feel free to email them at [captainofrowing@goringgapbc.co.uk](mailto:captainofrowing@goringgapbc.co.uk).

*Goring Gap Boat Club . . . Get on Board . . .  
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## PANGBOURNE CHINA PAINTERS

Did you know that there are a group of china painters in Pangbourne? Our little group are hoping to find new members, could you be one of them? We meet every Tuesday in the Dorman Rooms in Horseshoe Road 10am – 1pm.

The rooms are part of St Bernadette's, and has a nice big car park. We are a friendly lot and will lend you paint, brush and tile if you would like to come along and have a go before joining us. We have a lovely lady who comes every other week to provide guidance should you need it. So don't be shy, come and see us – there will be tea/coffee and biscuits and a warm welcome.

For more details ring Margaret on 0118 9843684 or email [broadbentm462@gmail.com](mailto:broadbentm462@gmail.com).



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## PANGBOURNE WI



Our January meeting was well attended despite it being a cold rainy afternoon, and members and visitors received a warm welcome.

After a brief business session Judy, our President, welcomed Les Peters and several ladies from the Pangbourne Circle Dancing group. Les began by telling us about how the Circle Dancing movement has evolved. In 1976 Bernhard Wosien, a retired ballet dancer and teacher, was invited to Findhorn, which is a commune in the north of Scotland, to talk about and show the residents folk dances that he had collected in the Balkans. Some of the commune decided to share what they had learned and in the 1980's took them out to the rest of the UK. The name by this time had changed to Circle Dancing and there are now hundreds of groups in the UK and around the world.

Les went on to explain that Circle Dancing is a collection of dances and music from around the world, varying from slow and meditative to energetic and celebratory, and is welcoming and suitable for people of all ages. He outlined the benefits, which included improved joint strength and balance, ease of movement, social interaction and feelings of well-being. He assured us that there are no wrong steps – just variations!

Chairs and tables were moved out of the way to create a large area for dancing and a lighted candle was placed in the centre of this area. The candle represents light and darkness, as in life, and also provides a focal point which helps to keep the circle in shape.

Les then invited our members to join in the dancing and many of them did so, with the remainder forming the audience. We formed a large circle with people from the Circle Dancing group placed at strategic points to assist us. Les walked us through the steps for each dance before starting the music, which came from many different countries around the world. There was much amusement as some of us managed the steps correctly – and some did not! It didn't matter though, and we managed to keep going and have a lot of fun.

Altogether a most enjoyable afternoon which was appreciated by both participants and audience alike.

Pangbourne WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in Pangbourne Village Hall and visitors are most welcome to join us. At our meetings we have a speaker or demonstration which cover a wide variety of topics. If you would like more information, please contact me on the number below for a chat.

*Judy Schurer – 07812 381005*

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## THE THIRD THURSDAY CLUB

In December last year, the volunteers – otherwise known as Santa's little helpers – started their Christmas preparations with a jolly afternoon sorting and wrapping presents for the Christmas tea party which we all enjoyed on December 19th. Hot mulled wine, non alcoholic of course, was served as well as tea, coffee, sausage rolls – courtesy of Green's – and mince pies – courtesy of yet more elves. Entertainment was provided by Jack and Matthew with their delightful singing and bingo and Santa came to distribute the presents.



We started 2020 with tea and cakes at The George Hotel and instead of an entertainment or games, we had invited representatives from various organisations to come and talk about 'safety first, home security, help and benefits'. Christine from Nat West Bank gave a most informative and useful talk and showed a video about scams on line, on the 'phone and on the doorstep and how to avoid them. Representatives from the Police echoed what she had to say and offered more advice on home safety. The Fire Brigade were unable to come at the last minute – perhaps at another time. Joy from Age UK talked about benefits to which a lot of people are entitled but know nothing about. If in doubt – ask Age UK! We concluded with a fascinating talk and demonstration by REMAP Berkshire, a charity who make equipment and gadgets for people with a disability or a special need.

We are most grateful to all our speakers – there is always something to learn!

Remember – if it looks or sounds too good to be true – it probably is!

As always, very many thanks to our sponsor Kiren Sharma (Gravity Personnel), Devarshi at The George and Philip from Green's for all their help and support.

*For further information, contact Di (984 2473) or Gill (984 1122).*



## WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB

### WINNING IMAGES FROM DIGITAL COMPETITION NO. 2 – FLOWING WATER

Member David Belcher produced two very different but equally stunning images. Given the popularity of the subject he knew he had to produce something very different to have a chance of success. I give you *Why are my Feet Wet?* – the river captured is the Tregeseal that flows through the Kenidjack Valley near Cape Cornwall. The image of camera image was home produced. The two images were then merged in Photoshop by placing the camera image on top of the water image and then erasing parts of the top to allow the bottom image to show through.

*Just a Splash* – with an Evian bottle (other waters are available) David wanted it to achieve a 'just thrown' look with the top flying off. He achieve this by hanging bottle on two lengths of fishing line, a third length of line came from the bottom of the bottle and was fixed to the wall to stop swing. The cap was hung separately. With the bottle half filled with water, it was swung from the left coming to a sudden halt, ejecting the water. The image was taken using a flash to freeze the action. Photoshop was then used to remove the fishing line and give the image a general clean up.

The images came JOINT first! Needing help with Photoshop, just ask.



### MARCH AGENDA

**Wed 4th** – *India and Botswana*. Member Rachel Paton shares with us her images captured on her recent exotic trips (just two of many).

**Wed 11th** – *Digital Competition No. 3 – 'Night Photography', take2*. The digital round of our set subject competition. Julia Cleaver, ARPS from the Imagez Camera Club will be our judge.

**Wed 18th** – Pictures from a *Forgotten War* followed by *A Journey through Peru*. Local photographer Nick Brazil explains the extraordinary lengths he went to having discovered photographs taken at the North West Frontier during the 1915-19 war. In the second half we are transported to Peru with its ancient cultures (:-/ difficult to capture the enigmatic).

**Wed 25th** – *Natural History Competition*. An annual and favourite competition, be prepared to be bowled over. Come early, we expect a full house. Ruari Cummins, Bracknell Camera Club presides.

**Thurs 26th** – *Away Match v Wallingford*. Our annual traditional skirmish with our near neighbours – both prints and digital images are in the mix.

### APRIL AGENDA – you're really spoilt for choice . . .

**Wed 1st** – *The Journey After ABPE*. Chris Forster DPAGB, EFIAP, FBPE, MFIAP shows his award winning images and the journey he took to be shown at BPE international exhibitions.

**Fri 3rd** – *JPCR 6-CLUB COMPETITION*. We take on Reading CC in this local 6-sided major annual competition. Venue? – Manor Road.

**Wed 8th** – *Print Comp No. 3*. A judged competition with no set subject – the best!

**Wed 15th** – *Wildlife of Texas and Great Britain*. A Mr and Mrs team, Colin and Pauline, present their winning national award Natural History images.

**Wed 22nd** – *Digital Competition No. 4*. Once again no set subject so a varied evening ahead.

**Thurs 23rd** – *Practical Photography Night*. (Studio)

**Wed 29th** – *A Photographers Journey*. A more techy take, Robert Pugh talks about his camera of choice the Sony Mirrorless Camera, its technological advances and how it frames (aids) his photography. To include project images, prints together with their lighting plans.

We meet mainly on a Wednesday at 8pm, with an occasional 'techy' Thursday, at Whitchurch Hill Village Hall, Manor Road. Join as an annual member or 'cherry pick' your visits, find the details on our website [www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk).

Lyn Higgs

## PANGBOURNE'S TWINNING ADVENTURE

While the twinning movement has its main origins in the years of rebuilding peace and understanding in Europe after World War Two, it was given real impetus following the United Kingdom's admission to the European Common Market in 1973. It was in September 1979 that the first mention of Pangbourne being twinned with a European town was made in the minutes of Pangbourne Parish Council (PPC).

The current Pangbourne Twinning Association management committee (none of whom were around in the early days!) is conducting some research into the history of Pangbourne's twinning adventure. This article is the first in a series which will appear as the story unfolds. We are looking into all available sources, and we invite contributions from those who were involved in the early days.

In early 1980, following some research by the PPC into what twinning entailed, the idea that Pangbourne should find a partner community in Europe developed some momentum. It was felt that twinning had merit in terms of benefitting "many parts of the community including children and the band". However, it had to be self-financing and should be no drain on parish resources (it remains so to this day).

A number of towns were considered before, in December 1980, the Chairman of the PCC received a letter from Guy Heckendorn, the Mayor of Houdan, instigated by Kate Richards, whose mother lived in Pangbourne. Kate was working for a year at the Collège François Mauriac, the secondary school in Houdan.

There were a number of exploratory visits following which mutually favourable impressions were formed. To this day the educational theme remains strong, and there have been recent requests by the French for renewed sporting links.

At the request of the PPC, Parish Counsellor Rev. John Spriggs, a fluent French speaker and Chaplain of Pangbourne College, wrote an article for the Pangbourne Magazine which proposed the idea of twinning. Later, he hiked from Pangbourne to Southampton and from Le Havre to Houdan to underline his commitment and raise support for the twinning idea.

Tony Hampton, proprietor of The Copper Inn (now The Elephant), responded to the article and in June 1981 was asked by the PPC to form and chair a committee, actively supported by the PPC, to take the project forward.

An ad hoc committee was formed, including four members of the PPC. A public meeting was called, and a further article announcing this appeared in the Pangbourne Magazine.

The public meeting was held in February 1982, chaired by Deirdre Lomer, Chair of the PPC, and attended by 30 people. It was agreed that an official Twinning Association be formed, to manage and support the twinning arrangements. A Management Committee of twelve was elected, chaired by Howard Paynter, Head of Modern Languages at Theale Green School. He had been instrumental in arranging school exchanges via the English teaching staff at the Collège François Mauriac.

Tony Hampton, who saw potential business benefits to Pangbourne, became the first Vice-Chair. He served until 1999 and remains a great supporter of Twinning.

John Spriggs was appointed President of the Twinning Association, a position held by the Chair of the PPC to this day.

However, not everybody in Pangbourne was convinced that twinning with (in particular) a French town was a good idea. With curious pre-echoes of recent events, some local businessmen waged a press and leaflet campaign against it. The Reading Evening Post headline read "Red twinning plan splits true-blue town", and the Daily Mail had "Entente cordiale runs into a spot of trouble".

Some 2,000 copies of an unsigned leaflet were distributed which read "Populace of Pangbourne: are you aware your village is to be twinned with a nondescript hamlet in socialist France?" There were even calls for a referendum.

Clearly, the authors had never bothered to visit Houdan, which is a prosperous market town some 40 miles west of Paris (in similar juxtaposition as Pangbourne is to London), with a population at least the size of Pangbourne and with beautiful medieval buildings, an important 17th century church, and an imposing medieval donjon (castle keep). It is also an important administrative centre with its own hospital and tourist information office.

The PPC and the pro-twinners successfully rebuffed the initial opposition, making the point, among others, that twinning is not a political matter.

In June 1982 a delegation from Houdan visited Pangbourne and confirmed their intention of partnering with us. In September, a group of 18 from Pangbourne visited Houdan, at their own expense, over the weekend of the annual St Mathieu fair.

Membership of the Twinning Association was invited (annual subscriptions were £1 for individuals, £3 for families and £10 for corporate bodies). The Berkshire Mercury reported that "The Pangbourne Twinning Association is now active, and membership is increasing despite the initial opposition in the village".

These days, subscriptions have been abolished. Membership is now much more informal, being only interested individuals who want to be kept informed of twinning activities, such as our successful French film evenings and twinning visits, and who allow us to hold their contact information.

The formal twinning ceremony took place first in Pangbourne over a weekend visit in May 1983. It included the signing of the twinning documents by PPC





Chair, Deirdre Lomer, and by the Mayor of Houdan, Guy Heckendorn. There was also a service of unity at St James the Less and a tree-planting ceremony in the churchyard.

Formalities were completed in France at the end of May 1984, when 32 people from Pangbourne visited Houdan. The Charters, one in English and one in French, were signed by Guy Heckendorn and Ben Warner, the then PPC Chair. They included the words of hope that the partnership would “enrich the lives and bring friendship to both communities”. There was a tree-planting ceremony, a celebration mass at the church and the placing of a wreath on the graves of the seven allied airmen killed when their Lancaster bomber was shot down near Houdan in June 1944.

The latest tribute to these RAF and Royal Canadian Air Force men was in May 2014 on the 70th anniversary of D-Day, during our visit to Houdan.

In July 1984, reflecting John Spriggs’s earlier endeavour, a marathon runner set out from Houdan to run to Pangbourne, supported by a cyclist and a car. Unfortunately they got lost in Hampshire and had to be rescued by the police! No satnavs then!

Later, after some disagreement a decision to erect twinning signs at the entrances to the village was taken by the PPC. The vote was 6 to 3. The signs are visible to this day. The framed twinning document is visible above the entrance to the Village Hall, and there are many other twinning artefacts on display at the Hall. Very soon, there will be a model of the donjon at Houdan on view (given to us during the visit from Houdan in May 2019).

The Twinning agreement includes include the oath “to maintain permanent bonds between our two municipalities”, and these have been successfully continued ever since. For example, the French sent a party of over 40 to Pangbourne last year. Firm friendships and mutual respect have been a lasting legacy of the twinning adventure.

Times have changed and twinning with them. Within Pangbourne, our community has been strengthened by Twinning Association events, such as quiz nights, barn dances, antiques roadshows, French film nights, the French café at Pangbourne Fête, art cafés in Whitchurch, jazz concerts and many more. They have created real friendships and community bonds.

The money we raise is used purely to host our visitors from Houdan on their visit every other year. There is no financial drain on the PPC – in fact, with our numerous



*Signing of the Charter*



Village Hall event hires we are a net contributor to parish funds.

The only cost to those who visit Houdan is the coach fare; and for those who host French families the only cost (or should it be investment?) is their bed and board.

No knowledge of the language is necessary, and twinning comes in all shapes and sizes! Twinning is not about some sort of private club or French-speaking elite. We would, however, particularly welcome some younger enthusiasts.

Twinning is not political and never has been. It is about spreading friendship and understanding and cultural ties – something even more crucial now with the decision to leave the EU. It reminds us that we will always be European.

Twinning activity is open to absolutely everybody and contributes hugely to Pangbourne’s community and cultural life. The Twinning Management Committee operates on the behalf of the PPC. Anybody who gets involved is able to join in and influence what we do or just come along and join the fun. Our AGM will be held on Friday, 27th March. Look out for notices round the village.

If you want to learn more, watch this space. Or contact Alison Hill, Chair, of the Twinning Association.

*Pangbourne Twinning Association Management Committee*

# LOCAL CLUBS

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## PANGBOURNE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

The three field edges of the allotments are now secured by new green fencing, the thicket is cleared and preparations are being made for some replacement hedging and a few specimen trees (for instance) to the left of the kissing gate and along the boundary. The space that was cleared has provided three more plots, so we hope to see an increase in production from that land.



The PAA AGM is to be held on Tuesday 21 April at 7.30pm in the small Village Hall. Refreshments will be served from 7pm, so please come along and support your committee and air your views!

This year the Plant Sale outside Garlands is on Saturday 16 May from 10.00-12.30 – so save the date! There is always a good selection of plants at very reasonable prices.

As usual, if you want to join our gardening community – in the process giving yourself exercise, fresh air and wonderful fruit and vegetables – apply to the Parish Council for a plot ([clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk)), drop a note to the office in the Village Hall, or phone Jo on 0118 984 5898. The waiting list is short and the cost minimal.

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## PURLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### TRADING

The Store in the Memorial Hall car park is now open from 10-11am Saturdays and Sundays until the end of October and 5.00 to 6.30pm Wednesdays April to June.

### TALKS

On Wednesday, 18th March, Graham Horn (a Blue Badge Guide) will give the Society a talk on the history and restoration of the Kennet and Avon Canal. The Kennet & Avon Canal across Southern England is one of Britain's premier waterways. The talk will commence at 8pm in Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road. Doors open at 7.30pm.

### RHS

As an affiliated Society we hold a card that provides entry for one paid up member of P.H.S. and one adult guest at a 30% reduction on the normal adult entry rate to any of the RHS gardens. If you require further details or would like the card, please contact Wendy Chapman on 9429067.

If you are interested in more information on the Society's activities you can visit the Purley-on-Thames website, [www.purleyonthames.org.uk/Phs](http://www.purleyonthames.org.uk/Phs).

I hope you will have a successful gardening season in 2020.

*Marion Dabbs – 9422349*

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For our forthcoming programme please check the Whitchurch-on-Thames Website.

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## THE PANGBOURNE BAND

After returning from our July/August trip to the USA, it was back to work in rehearsals learning new material for the autumn contests.

In the meanwhile, we had three enjoyable late summer bandstand concerts, all in very pleasant weather. These were in Henley (by the River at Mill Meadows) on the 18 August; Reading (Forbury Gardens) on 1 September and Newbury (Victoria Park) on 8 September. In Newbury we took the opportunity to play some of our new pieces, which were well received, alongside some old favourites such as the Teddy Bears' Picnic.

We were delighted to be asked back to the Elephant Hotel in Pangbourne to play for their Beer and Gin Festival on Sunday 25 August on yet another lovely summer's day. As always it is a great pleasure to support these local events.

On 29 September we did a concert for Coley Park Residents Association in their community hall in aid of the MacMillan Cancer Charity.

In October we had some extra rehearsals ready for the contests that took place on Sunday 27 October at Addlestone where we came 3rd and on Saturday 2 November at Evesham. We had one more event in November, at the Upper Woolhampton Christmas Market on Sunday 17.

December was the usual busy month for us in the run up to Christmas.

- We had an enjoyable time on Friday 6 playing at the Pangbourne Shopping Evening where we raised £45.58 (licensed collection). Many thanks to "Garlands" for their hospitality to us.
- We gave a free concert on Wednesday 11 in Pangbourne Village Hall that was well received.

- On the Saturday 14 we played in the afternoon for the Pangbourne Christmas Tree Festival in the Church before moving on to Wallingford to hold an evening concert at the Comrades Club.
- Wednesday 18 saw us retreating to the Pangbourne Club and The George Hotel to play carols rather than play round the streets in heavy rain.
- We then went carolling round the streets on Friday 20 where we raised £145.72 (licensed collection) thanks to people's generosity.
- On Saturday 21 we played carols in the Ferryboat Inn, Whitchurch before we had our delicious Band Christmas Dinner there.
- On Monday 23 December we spent the afternoon and early evening carolling at Reading Station.
- To finish off the season on Christmas Eve we went carolling round the pubs again.

We started back at rehearsals on Wednesday 8 January.

On Saturday 1 February we played for the Rotary Club of Pangbourne's Annual Senior Citizens' Party at the Pangbourne Club. We included some songs for a singalong, some new pieces and some old favourites. We do hope everyone enjoyed it.

We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at Pangbourne Village Hall, starting 7pm for The All-Comers Band and 8pm for the Brass Band. We are a friendly bunch of people and welcome new players so why not come along at 6.45pm if you are a learner (or trying a different instrument) or 8pm if you are a more experienced brass player? We'd love to see (and hear) you!

David Paine,  
*The Pangbourne Band*



Photograph by Don Meeks

*Preparing to play for the Pangbourne Rotary Club Annual Pensioners Meal*

## TENNIS IN PANGBOURNE – GET READY FOR SPRING!



The winter season is almost over, with just four more club coaching sessions in March. But we are looking forward to the new season which gets underway in April and there's lots planned for the spring and summer.

We are a friendly club and you will get a warm welcome, whether you fancy giving tennis a go for the first time, haven't played for a while and would like to get back on court, are a recreational player or are looking to play competitive tennis in league matches. Our activities cover the whole range and we want to encourage as many people as possible – of all ages, shapes, sizes and fitness levels – to enjoy the wonderful facilities we have at the club by getting out on court.

The club is located between the river and the railway on the Recreation Ground and we share the club house with Pangbourne Bowls Club.

The membership year runs from 1st April. Benefits include free access to the club courts, discounted rates for drill and training sessions, friendly tournaments, league tennis and the LTA ballot for Wimbledon tickets. We offer adult, family and junior memberships.

Join or renew online at [www.pangbournetennis.org](http://www.pangbournetennis.org) or email [info@pangbournetennis.org](mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org) for more information.

### SEASON OPENER: QUIZ NIGHT

Join us at 7.30pm on Friday 20th March at the Club House for an entertaining quiz night with quiz master Mike Holland. Tickets are £10, to include a ploughman's supper and nibbles. It was a sell-out last year and places are limited, so book now by emailing [info@pangbournetennis.org](mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org).

### SPRING TENNIS FOR ADULTS – MARCH TO JUNE

There are four more Sunday morning coaching sessions in March before Tuesday evening tennis gets underway in April.

To kick start your season, sign up for four weeks of coaching on Tuesdays from 7th April to the 5th May from 6pm to 7.30pm. The mix of skills development, drills and match play is ideal for players looking to improve their game.

Club coaching on Tuesdays moves to 7.30pm from 12th May, followed by match play until dusk.

After a really successful winter season of Sunday sessions, we are experimenting with Sunday sessions from 26th April, running from 11.30am to 1pm. There are only 12 places per session, so don't delay in booking your place at [www.pangbournetennis.org](http://www.pangbournetennis.org) or email [info@pangbournetennis.org](mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org) for more information.

Returning again after a very successful start last year, *Back to Tennis* is the programme designed to get you

onto court and build your confidence. If you last played tennis at school, or you've not been on court for many years, or you've never played but want to learn a new sport, the Back to Tennis programme is for you. Berkshire LTA's coach of the year Damian Lane will (re)introduce you to the basics of tennis in a supportive environment. This eight-week course starts on Tuesday 12th May at 6.30pm and runs to 30th June.

Get in touch at [info@pangbournetennis.org](mailto:info@pangbournetennis.org) to find out more and register your interest.

### JUNIOR COACHING

Our outstanding coaching for juniors starts on Friday 24th April for children aged four years and older. The sessions are 45 minutes, starting at 4.15pm for the youngest children up to 7pm for teenagers. The course costs £75, including junior membership of the club. We offer generous discounts for siblings from the same family. Registration forms are available at [www.pangbournetennis.org](http://www.pangbournetennis.org). The closing date for registration is the 10th April.

### CLUB OPEN AFTERNOON

Not sure if tennis is for you? Want to experience the club before you join? Are your kids interested in playing? Come along to the club open afternoon on Sunday May 17th. We will be running sessions with the coach for adults and juniors, games and fun competitions, and serving refreshments. Look out for more details and the booking form at [www.pangbournetennis.org](http://www.pangbournetennis.org)

### SAVE THE DATE

We will be running fun, friendly tournaments in July and September. Everyone is welcome – no partner needed – to enjoy an afternoon of doubles play and refreshments.

- Sunday 5th July from 2pm:  
Wimbledon Fun Tournament
- Sunday 27th September from 2pm:  
End of Season Tournament

### INTERESTED IN PLAYING COMPETITIVE TENNIS?

Pangbourne enters teams in the Newbury and District league, playing teams from the villages around the area. We run men's, ladies and mixed teams.

Mixed matches are mainly on Monday evenings. The ladies home matches are played on Wednesday evenings and men's on Thursdays. The matches start at 6.30pm. Please do get in touch if you are interested in playing for any of the teams.

*Looking forward to seeing you on the courts!*

*Pangbourne Tennis Club Committee*



## 1ST PURLEY AND PANGBOURNE SCOUT GROUP



For many, a new year means new resolutions, new objectives and new aspirations – and for 1st Purley and Pangbourne 2020 has certainly started in style!

Scouting wouldn't be as great as it is without being able to get outside, and winter is no exception to that rule. All our sections will be making the most of winter but in particular we have a group of Scouts who will be joining another Group on their annual 'Freezer Camp', which as the name suggests is a rather cold weekend in the beautiful Chilterns. Scouts aren't put off by the prospect of cold weather, however, and are still keen to get out and have fun. They have been preparing for their camping challenges by making their own camp kit and by testing their head for heights scrambling up walls at Reading Climbing Centre. Our Explorers started off the year sno-tubing, to whet their appetite for some cold fresh air, and will also be outward bound as part of their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Following on from our success last year, the number of Explorer Scouts wishing to

participate in the scheme has increased, and we will have two Bronze teams and two Silver teams this time round.

Our young people are also thinking about the outdoors in terms of local environmental conservation, and we will have Cubs out on litter picks soon, trying to ensure that our villages remain clean, tidy and ready for us all to enjoy when the weather improves. In addition, the Cubs have been having fun in a totally different way, and had an excellent time starting their own ukulele orchestra – their version of *We Will Rock You* was amazing in every way!

Thanks to those of you who responded to our requests for help – the young people in our community will benefit greatly from your offer of time. If you haven't been in touch to say you would like to get involved, but think you might do, please drop us a line. Working with young people is such a rewarding way to have fun!

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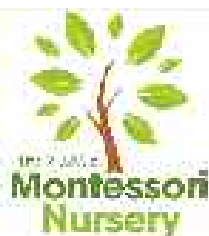
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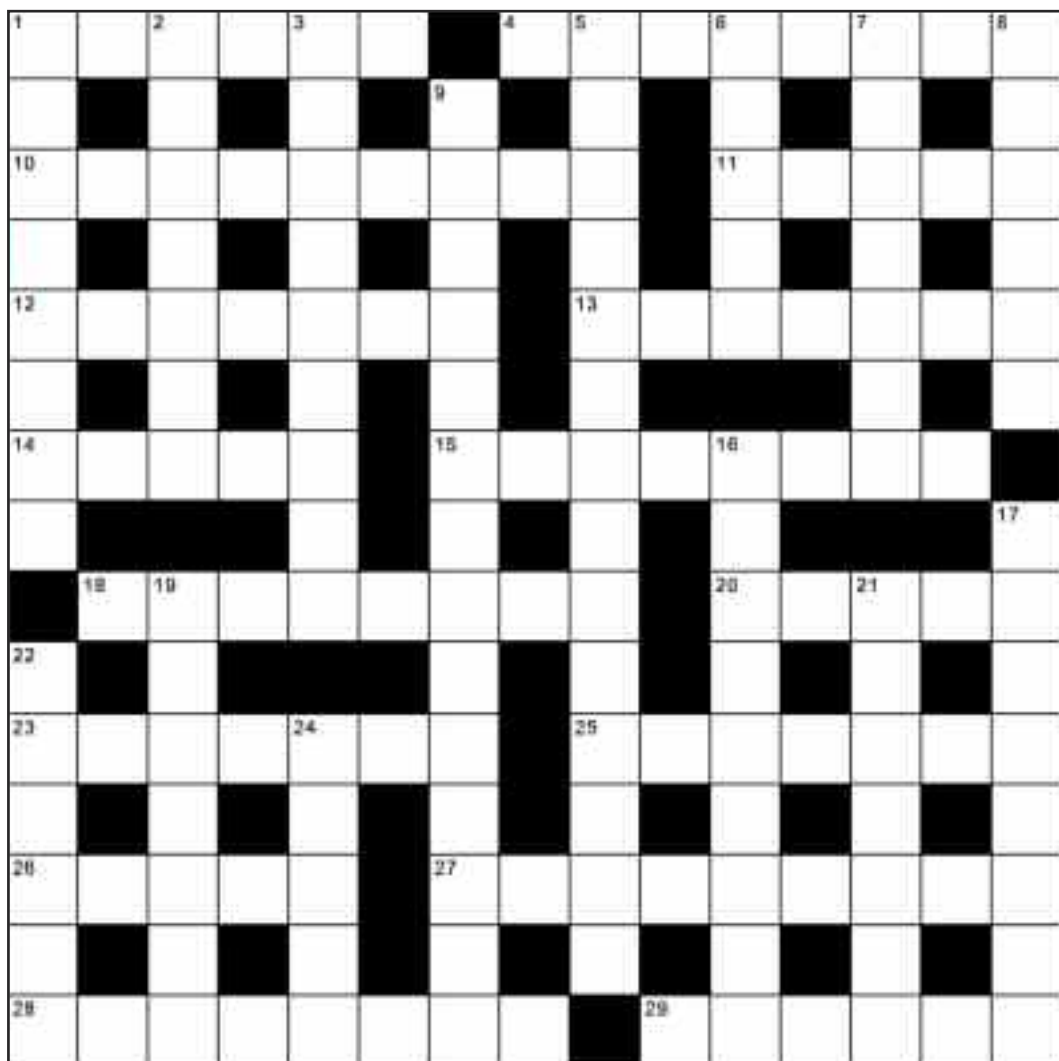
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# CROSSWORD



CANTOR'S CROSSWORD NO. 10

## ACROSS

1. It's about a fit of temper over a refund (6)
4. Holy orders could be secluded here (8)
10. Field figure in anti-avian exercise (9)
11. Holy Moses! Was that your brother? (5)
12. Mineral surround to early Greek letter finds him high up in the Far East (7)
13. 50's round the clock musical shake up for shipping forecast here (7)
14. At heart, for example, is Belgian town with feudal link (5)
15. Altering the nib angle could help (8)
18. It's in a chant's descant I clearly see the solution (8)
20. Sounds like apocryphal burned pastry location – Alf's deserved epithet (5)
23. Spen wheaking, he pras wone to lixing his metters (7)
25. Of course, it's on its course that Victoria falls – off course? (7)
26. Something not right here with our French friends (5)
27. Here in the UK, surely no CIA junk would be flagged up (5,4)
28. Is it in this IT galley proof there's a question of law? (8)
29. On The Ring circuit she was heard bragging, "So I led with Tristan!" (6)

## DOWN

1. It's about the move up to the town in Yorkshire (8)
2. You could get caught up here on a country stroll (7)
3. If it's an ENT matter it'll need attention (9)
5. It's that period when I place zero wool – it can be an age (5,9)
6. Could he be seen as the originator of the Individual Savings account? (5)
7. You can go off-course on ground like this (7)
8. It could turn into a source of joint irritation (6)
9. Not something handwritten you'd get round to reading (7,7)
16. Such muscular connections overall help contain the match (9)
17. Sharpen up! Here, let's trick Les into keeping things on the level (8)
19. Making up for top class body care? (7)
21. Challenging stare from the pupil? (7)
22. Yes, it's real! Just what 11's brother was promised (6)
24. The US agency that really gets up my nose (5)

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 61)





## GOVERNOR VACANCY PANGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

For the 2019/20 school year to start asap.

The Governing Board play an increasingly important role in the leadership of a primary school. Government defines the role as:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
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- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

This role requires that between them, our governors have a broad range of knowledge and it is equally suited to applicants from either a public or private sector background.

The full governing board meets twice per term, usually on a Monday evening. We also have a number of specialist committees which generally meet once per term.

We actively encourage and fund members to attend a variety of training courses run by the local authority.

Being a governor has its challenging moments but is hugely rewarding. It is a real opportunity to contribute to the local community, and is a role suitable for people from a variety of backgrounds, from retirees seeking new challenges to those in employment seeking to broaden their horizons.

To learn more, please initially contact the  
Chair of Governors, Paul Springgay by email on  
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## PANGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pangbourne Primary School has many success stories to share and good news items to celebrate!  
It is another very busy but exciting term.

### PANGBOURNE ARCHERY TEAM

Congratulations to our first ever archery team for representing the school so well at Theale for an archery competition. Mr Jackman even managed to come back to school with some archery kit to enable others to have a go as well!!



### DRAMA WORKSHOPS

FS2, Y1, Y2 and Y3 thoroughly enjoyed some exciting drama workshops about 'Exploring the World'.



### PANGBOURNE PRIMARY LEADERS

Six Year 5 girls spent the day at Theale Green learning about leadership in sports.

Under the guidance of fantastic mentors and leaders, the girls were empowered to become ambassadors at school and beyond for girls in sport.

Physical activity is such an important ingredient of a healthy life, and the girls thoroughly enjoyed their day thinking about what sport means to them and how they can ensure that all girls at Pangbourne feel as strong and confident about sport as they do. Go girls!



### CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

### SAM COPELAND TO VISIT PANGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sam will be talking to children about his new novel *Charlie Morphs into a Mammoth*. It is the third book in a side splitting series that began with *Charlie Changes into a Chicken*. Charlie McGuffin discovers that when he gets stressed, he turns into an animal, all sorts of animals in fact – a flea, a pigeon, a rhino, a T rex and who knows what next and he seems to have a lot of stress in his life!! Charlie needs to find a way to deal with his crazy new power – and fast. A brilliantly funny book with a heart warming message that touches on how children cope with stress. In his hilarious events, Sam will reveal the wild world of all sorts of mad, crazy and downright disgusting animals, do tailored readings from the books and share where he got his ideas behind the series.



His debut novel *Charlie Changes into a Chicken* was the best selling middle grade novel of 2019. Praise for the book includes:

'the modern masterpiece' – Daily Telegraph

'Belly-busting hilarity' – The Guardian

'A brilliant debut . . . a book that is not only laugh-out-loud funny but offers important advice about children coping with anxiety' – Mail on Sunday

Sam Copeland is a literary agent and director at Rogers, Coleridge and White. He has worked in publishing for 15 years and was a bookseller for three years before that. Sam is originally from Manchester and now lives in London with his wife and three children.

Pangbourne Primary School is one of only 10 schools Sam is visiting as part of a one week UK wide school tour to celebrate the publication of *Charlie Morphs into a Mammoth*.

### GOVERNOR LEARNING WALK

The visit lasted nearly 1.5 hours and governors visited each class in Foundation, KS1 and KS2 and observed lessons in progress. Governors noted that as in previous learning walks the behaviour in class of the pupils and their engagement in the lessons continues to be very impressive.

### YEAR 4 MATHS CHALLENGE – ST GABRIELS

Four children from Year 4 and Mrs Snowden visited St Gabriels School in Newbury for a Maths Challenge Day; Erin Bradley, Rupert Mullenger, Ollie Newman and Juliette Servais. They had a very enjoyable day.



## NETBALL – by Amy Tram

On Friday the 24th of January Pangbourne Primary played Springfield Primary in a netball match. Our captain was Amy, and we had the first center. In the first



quarter our brilliant Goal Attack and Shooter scored 2 amazing goals. Lucy our Goalkeeper was excellent in making sure Springfield had scored no goals yet.

The second quarter was really motivating because we scored 5 goals while Springfield had scored 0.

The third quarter we scored 3 great goals and Springfield scored 1. The final quarter was very tense but, in the end, we managed to squeeze in one more goal. It was an unfortunate game for Springfield as they only scored 1 goal and they let in 11. I think we could have done better by using more space and making sure we keep an eye on our footwork, so we don't give away the ball so many times. In the end the score was 11-1 to us.

Melissa Fry  
Headteacher  
Pangbourne Primary School



The Spring term is quiet in terms of events for FOPPS, but we continue to raise funds for the children at the school. Priorities this year are ICT equipment, where we are replacing the entire school's interactive whiteboards and funding an additional Class's worth of Chromebooks.

FOPPS always funds the coaches for trips that large groups take, having supported the whole school to go to the Watermill Theatre in Newbury to see *The Prince and the Pauper* back in December, and planning to support the coaches to the two residential trips for years four and six coming up later in the year.

We are also now onto phase two of our playground equipment funding, and the next area due for refurbishment is the Foundation Stage, where we aim to replace all the concrete flooring with a surface more suitable for young children's outdoor learning experiences.

## FUNDRAISING – GRANTS, MATCHED FUNDING AND DONATIONS

One of the main ways FOPPS raises funds is via grants, donations and matched funding schemes.

Anyone in the local area can help us via these two programmes running currently:

West Berkshire Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in West Berkshire – and FOPPS is now registered as one of the causes. If you would like the chance of winning up to £25,000 AND supporting FOPPS, all you need to do is go to the site below and purchase a ticket. [www.westberkshirelottery.co.uk/support/fopps](http://www.westberkshirelottery.co.uk/support/fopps)

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!



We are again one of the local community fund charities in the Co-op in Pangbourne. 1% of spending on Co-op branded products is divided among the local community funds, and if you have a Co-op card you can log on to your account and nominate FOPPS as your chosen charity. Please consider supporting your local primary school by shopping at the Co-op over the next few months.

## CAN YOU HELP WITH DONATIONS, OR MATCHED FUNDING?

Perhaps you wish to support children in the local area, and it may be that you work for an organisation which offers matched funding as part of a charitable giving scheme. If so, FOPPS would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at [info@fopps.org.uk](mailto:info@fopps.org.uk).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## PANGBOURNE COLLEGE EXCELS IN ISI INSPECTION



Pangbourne College recently underwent a full Regulatory Compliance and Educational Quality Inspection carried out by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. The College is delighted to announce that the resulting report rated Pangbourne 'excellent' – the highest rating available – across all Educational Quality judgements, as well as meeting all standards for the Compliance criteria.

The school last had a full inspection in 2014, and the results of November's visit from the ISI are the best that the College has had overall, with improvements in several key areas.

The Educational Quality inspection reports on the quality of the College's work, focusing on two key outcomes. The first is the achievement of the pupils, including their academic development, and the other is the personal development of pupils. The College was

rated excellent across the board, with inspectors noting that, academically, pupils demonstrate excellent communication skills, an exemplary attitude to learning, ICT skills, and achieve highly in a wide range of academic and other areas, such as sports, music and outdoor pursuits.

In terms of the pupils' personal development, the inspectors noted high levels of self-esteem and confidence, that pupils enjoy working collaboratively, have well-developed moral understanding and undertake roles of responsibility with dedication and maturity of approach.

The Regulatory Compliance element of the inspection ensures that the school meets the requirements of the Independent Schools Standards Regulations and the National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools ('boarding NMS'). All of these standards were passed, covering areas that include: quality of education provided, welfare, health and safety of pupils, suitability of staff and proprietors, premises of and accommodation at schools, and quality of leadership in and management of schools.

The full report is available via Pangbourne's website: [www.pangbourne.com/inspections](http://www.pangbourne.com/inspections).

The Headmaster of Pangbourne College, Mr Thomas Garnier, commented on the report, saying: "This is a testament to the hard work of all of our staff and pupils. Since our last inspection in 2014, we have worked tirelessly to improve all areas of the College and I am delighted that the inspectors recognised this in the excellent outcomes for pupils and found that parents are overwhelmingly satisfied with the education and care offered to their children. We continue to focus on maintaining high academic standards, but as important for Pangbourne is developing character, confidence and the skills to succeed in life after school. For the inspection to show we are doing this to an excellent level is incredibly pleasing."

## EXCELLENT RESULTS FOR SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

A number of Pangbourne pupils picked up excellent results in the Senior Maths Challenge, which took place last term.

The challenge is mainly pitched at pupils in the Sixth Form, but Pangbourne gained some fantastic results with the addition of two Year 11 students to the team. Several pupils from the lower year group achieved bronze, and even silver certificates.

For those achieving the 'Best in Year Group', certificates went to:

- Jackson Song – Best in Year Group (also gained silver)
- Andrew Mullins – Best in Year Group (also gained silver)
- Norah Yang and Frank Zhang – Gold certificates
- Frank Zhang – Top in Year Group and Best in School

Norah and Frank scored extremely highly and also did well enough to be entered into the follow-on rounds which they have already taken part in. They were awarded certificates of participation in the Mathematical Olympiad.



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# PANGBOURNE PLACE-NAMES

## SOT'S HOLE



*Sot's Hole.*

Nowhere in Pangbourne will you find a name-board marked **Sot's Hole**, nor yet will you find a signpost for it, although it is marked on a large-scale map. It is indeed a hole, and a large one, but on the very edge of the village, along the A329, halfway between the derestricted sign and Child Beale. It is the tiny bridge under the railway, on which is marked the distance of the bridge from Paddington, in miles and chains, an old measurement of 22 yards most easily recognised in the length of a cricket pitch. Sot's Hole gave access to the river from the land behind, and was the landing area for the big Thames barges which were loaded with timber from the estate above.



*Within the bridge, the distance in miles and chains from Paddington. 'MLN' stands for (Great Western) Main Line.*

I am very grateful to Ian Nash for the photographs of the Sot's Hole site, and for the following information. Ian tells me that it is not clear when the cottages, in fact two with a small yard between them, were built. The architectural style suggests the late 1920s or early 30s, and yet, being so close to the railway, especially with the noise, smoke and general dirt of the steam era, this seems unlikely. Perhaps someone in the village can enlighten us further. Anyhow, the cottages had no gas or electricity, with



*Sot's Hole Cottages in the 1950s...*

oil lamps for lighting, and no running water, which had to be drawn from a pump in the yard. They were pulled down in the 1960s, leaving just the empty wooded space of today.

The main interest for me is in the name itself, and what it can tell us about nicknames in Medieval English surviving through to Modern English as surnames. In what follows I am pleased to acknowledge my debt to the very readable *"English Surnames"* by Mrs CM Matthews, but I must admit to taking liberties with the names I use. These are

the actual forms of names on a map in 2020. Most of these names will go back to the names in Medieval English that they appear to, but not all, for personal names easily change in form over the centuries.

The criterion I have used is to assume that where a place-name has an 's in the genitive ("of" or "belonging to") it is likely to be a personal name. Thus **Nightingale's Green**, Bucklebury, is likely to refer to a person who sang sweetly, whereas without the 's the bird is probably referred to. I grew up in the 1950s in a **Nightingale Road** – and regularly heard nightingales there, to prove it.

Also, many of the names that follow are associated with only minor features of the landscape. The individuals whose names survive on these features through to the 21st century probably received their nickname in the period between approximately 1200-1360. The nickname stuck to the individual then, and became hereditary within the family at that period, reinforced by the social intensity of a tightly-knit village community.



*Nightingale.*

The *Sot* of **Sot's Hole** is a Norman nickname, bestowed on the original recipient in unknown circumstances. The word survives into Modern English to refer to a habitual drunkard. David Ambler tells me that the popular derivation of the name – since Sot's Hole is on the parish boundary with Basildon – is that it was where the two parishes would put their drunks for the correct, i.e. the other, parish to deal with. However, the actual derivation is more complex, and several hundred years older.

People in love can be 'besotted', and the basic idea is foolishness. As a nickname, *Sot* might have had the friendly flavour of 'You silly old fool'. In contrast and more dire as a nickname is **Upton Nervet**, held



*... and the site today.*

# PANGBOURNE PLACE-NAMES

in the 13th century by *Richard Neyrnut*, who for whatever reason was considered 'black (*Neyr* – Modern French *noir*) as night (*nut*, changed by clerical error to -vet)'.

The nickname *Basset* was usually applied by Normans to those 'of low stature' (*bas*), like their canine counterparts. However, the family of *Ralph*, who came over with William the Conqueror, is recalled, not for its stature, but its social status. Of very humble origins and referred to as *bas* by Henry II, *Ralph's* descendant *Alan* did very well for himself, acquiring **Berwick Bassett**, Wiltshire, in 1194, **Wootton Bassett** before 1211, and **Winterbourne Bassett** in 1212. How proud (and insufferable?) he would have been when Wootton Bassett became **Royal Wootton Bassett** in 2011, in recognition of its role in the 21st century, honouring the military funeral corteges passing through the town.



*Basset hound.*

A nickname picks out a characteristic peculiar to an individual, especially in a small community. An easy way to do this is appearance. The Old English equivalent of the Norman *bas* is *sceort*, as in **Short's Border**, Kintbury, and the closely related **Small's Farm**, Brightwell. *Grubbe*, as at **Grubb's Wood Cottages**, Brightwell, recalls a man considered as 'small as a grub', and at **Grigg's Wood**, Goring, he was a 'dwarf' (*grigg*). In contrast, one could be tall, as at **Long's Farm**, Bessels Leigh, large as at **Bigg's Cottage**, Enborne, or twig-like, as at **Sprig's Alley**, Chinnor. It was sharp perception indeed that saw the man at **Primsdown Farm**, Chipping Norton, *Prenesdone* in 1217, as being like a pin (*praen*) – a thin man with a small head, perhaps?

Hair colour can be a distinctive feature. Anglo-Saxons were predominantly fair-haired, so that other colours stood out. At **Colley's Ladder**, Radley, the man's hair was 'coal-black', and of the intense black of the bird at **Rook's Copse**, Hampstead Norris. **Morrell's Shaw**, Ashampstead, recalls a little man (-ell) who was as black-haired and swarthy as a Moor (Morr-), whereas the hair of the men at **Whitelocks Farm**, Bracknell, **White's Green**, Swallowfield and **Snowswick Farm**, Buscot, was snow-white. Intensely brown (Burn-), probably of both hair and skin, were the men recalled at **Burnell's Farm**, Thatcham, and **Burnett's Copse**, Aldworth. Incidentally, in each of these names the -r- has slipped across the syllable. Thus, the names are more recognisable respectively as *Brunel* (of railway fame) and girls who are *brunettes*. However, if gentlemen are said to prefer blondes, the Anglo-Saxon equivalent was 'gold', as at **Gould's Farm**, Streatley.

One's actual head of hair could also prove significant. The men recalled at **Lock's Moor**, Stanford Dingley, and **Lock's House**, Wokingham, probably had luxuriantly growing locks of hair – or possibly it was all a cruel Medieval village joke, and they in fact had no hair at all. In that case they would have been like the men at **Cave's Farm**, Sandhurst, and **Ballard's Copse**, Ardley, Oxfordshire, who were quite simply 'bald', either in Norman French (*cauf*) or Medieval English (*ballard*).

In a village community where only the upper classes travelled on horseback, how a man moved was carefully observed, with speed particularly valued, for passing messages and similar. He covered the ground speedily at **Quick's Green**, Upper Basildon, and could run like a hare (*levre*) at **Lever's Piece**, Binfield. At **Chiver's Gully**, Cold Ash, he was as agile as a female goat (*chievre*), and at **Wheat's Farm**, Stratfield Mortimer, he was 'active, bold and brave' (*hwaet*). On the other hand, at **Steptoe's Farm**, Grove, he 'walked or stepped on his toe', and so 'on tiptoe', in other words lightly.

Qualities of mind and character that were admired include strength, at **Streeks Copse**, Ashampstead, and wisdom, at **Wise's Firs**, Sulhamstead. The man recalled at **Froud's Farm**, Aldermaston, was 'wise or prudent' (*frod*) and quick-witted at **Smart's Copse**, Aldermaston. At **Spark's Farm**, East Hendred, he was lively.

Nicknames stick, even if they are not always complimentary and the family has tried to shake them off. Was the man recalled at **Pocock's Copse**, Binfield, and known as the 'peacock' handsome, or was he also inclined to be haughty and arrogant? Did the man nicknamed 'bear' at **Bear's Farm**, Waltham St Lawrence, live in isolation, or was he just considered savage, unapproachable and unsociable? At **Raggett's Lane**, Swallowfield, why was the man deemed 'ragged', and at **Chuff's**, Bray, what had the man done to be nicknamed the 'jackdaw' (*ceo*), a bird known as a thief? It is a mistake to think of the Medieval village mind as any less perceptive or ingenious than our own.

Nicknames become surnames are legion, and I could go on . . . and on. All the nicknames and their variants that I have mentioned from early Medieval England live on in the names of modern Englishmen. What regularly amuses me is how the features described in nicknames sometimes do too, having travelled in the genes down the generations.



*Jackdaw.*

*Nigel Suffield-Jones*





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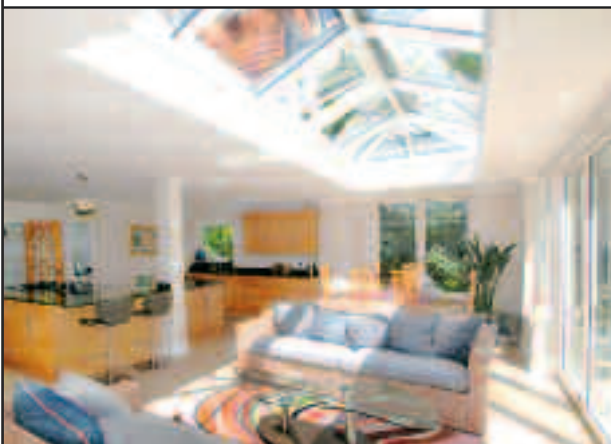
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## PANGBOURNE AND WHITCHURCH SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

I am writing this article as we prepare for Storm Ciara forecast to hit the whole of the country in the next 48 hours. We have had more intense weather experiences in the UK over the last few years, but still nothing on the scale endured by people in many parts of the world whose property and livelihoods have been destroyed by fire, floods, drought and hurricanes. We do not dwell on the pain of losing family and friends and the impact this has on the lives of children and vulnerable people, but throughout the world particularly in developing countries people are suffering as a result of climate change. How can we help to change these devastating events?

By the time you read this article PAWS will have conducted a vigil in support of the millions of people enduring the effects of climate change. We hope that each public expression of concern reminds us all of the urgency of the situation and continues to put pressure on Government to prioritise climate change strategies into every aspect of governance. An information event will take place outside Garlands Organic shop in Pangbourne to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday 25th April.

PAWS works to give information about the science of climate change and keep us up to date with the science and strategies needed to combat the impact of global warming. This is now seen as so important many new people joined us in our planning event in January offering ideas and being prepared to talk to those in local government who have the power to put sustainability at the forefront of all decision making. It is not enough to simply raise consciousness about the issues; our whole community needs to engage in lowering our individual carbon usage and our community carbon footprint.



### CALCULATE YOUR CARBON!

The Environment Committee of St James Church, all members of PAWS, recommend [Carbon Independent.org](http://CarbonIndependent.org).

It is an easy-to-use calculator and is quite revealing as to where our 'hidden' carbon emissions lie! If you want to join in and need any help to fill in the on-line calculator, Cliff Thorne will be available in the library between 12 and 2 pm on Tuesdays 3 March – 7 April.

Members of St James will be doing this during Lent at the same time as conducting audits of buildings, land usage etc to look at their overall carbon footprint.

PAWs representatives are already working with the local Parish Councils and West Berkshire Council. Unfortunately our representations to West Berkshire regarding waste disposal and recycling continues to fall on uninterested ears – the Council continues to contract with Veolia and has no ambition to create better recycling facilities. What do we have to do to have a service that at least matches that of South Oxfordshire?

With our focus on recycling PAWs will be again at work at the Pangbourne Fete ensuring a plastic free fete and contributing to the litter collection days in Pangbourne and Whitchurch.

PAWS representatives are researching the possibility of being part of a localised energy consortium helping to provide a community energy scheme which helps to install solar panels on public buildings. A new sub group has been formed with Rob Hill as liaison officer.

Action for Pangbourne Toilets will be opening a Drinking Water Fountain on the west wall of the toilet block on Sunday 15th March at 2pm. This project was led by PAWS with the intention of reducing single use plastic and litter. It is jointly funding by PAWS and the Drinking Fountain Association.

Jackie Hoskins, chair of PAWS, has provided the following links.

- A video of David Attenborough discussing the climate crisis: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-51123638](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-51123638)
- Roger Harrabin's Report on a Parliamentary Citizen's Assemble on Climate Change: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-51111796](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-51111796)
- Microsoft's plan for Carbon reduction: [news.microsoft.com/climate/](http://news.microsoft.com/climate/)

The Microsoft conference is heartening so do take a look at it.

Heather Thorne

### PAWS FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Sunday 15th March 2pm	Grand Opening of the Drinking Water Fountain	Toilet block, Station Road, Pangbourne
Saturday 25th April 10am-1pm	Earth Day	Outside Garlands
Saturday 30th May	Art Café	The Stables, Whitchurch
Saturday 20th June	Pangbourne Fete	

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### PUBLIC FOOTPATH INQUIRY

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53**

**Order Making Authority: West Berkshire District Council**

**Title of Order: (Pangbourne & Purley-on-Thames, Saltney Mead Public Footpath)**

**DMMO 2019 and (Purley-on-Thames, Springs Farm Public Footpath) DMMO 2019**

An inquiry into the above Order will be held at 10.00am on **14th July 2020**, at The Calcot Centre, Highview, Calcott, Reading, RG31 4XD. The inquiry is currently scheduled to last three days. The length of the inquiry will partly depend on the number of witnesses who give evidence.

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### PLANNED TREE WORKS

Trees – we love trees – and Pangbourne has lots of them. From the moment they burst into life in the spring to providing shade in the summer right through to giving glorious colour in the autumn, they encourage birds and are a haven for all sorts of bug life, help clear the air we breathe and are a source of pleasure to all. Who doesn't enjoy watching the squirrels scampering around from branch to branch.



We are told we need more trees and Pangbourne is lucky to have so many. Pangbourne Parish Council alone is responsible for over 550 trees quite aside from all others on West Berkshire Council, Public Highways and private land.

However – trees need looking after.

The Parish Council have recently employed a firm of arboriculturalists to survey the trees that belong to the Parish and is about to embark on it's first fully comprehensive program of tree works in a number of years.

The first stage of the work will begin immediately for all the trees identified as needing urgent work in the next three months, followed

by a programme of tree husbandry to maintain the health of the existing tree stock and ensure sustainable growth. In other words general maintenance to ensure the trees remain healthy. Only dead or diseased trees will be removed.

Please do not be concerned if you see this work being carried out around the village, it will be taking place to ensure the safety of everyone. We are fully aware that we will be moving towards the bird nesting season and our contractors have assured us that all measures will be taken to protect the nesting birds. Wherever possible, a proportion of the small branches, leaves and cuttings will be left in situ to create nature piles.

As this work is taking place, we are also digitally mapping all our trees for the first time so that they are easily identified in the future (by age, species, health etc) so that we can more easily maintain this programme into the future. We will also be planting new trees where we can and in consultation with Pangbourne Parishioners. If you have any further proposals for a planting scheme please do get in touch.

*"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now."*  
Chinese proverb

For those that are interested and would like to see more detail of the works, we will be putting the tree survey onto our website, however be warned, it's a fairly lengthy document.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ANNUAL LITTER PICK DAY

*Saturday March 28th, 10am-2pm*

The date for the Annual Litter Pick has been set. Once again a dedicated group of volunteers, Councillors and PAWS are helping to run the event and everyone is welcome to come along and support this worthy event and keep our village litter free!

Litter pickers, gloves and all equipment will be provided. We are hoping for a repeat of last year when the sun shone gloriously and we had a great turn out. Families and volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Just turn up on the day at Pangbourne Recreation Ground to collect your kit and be assigned an area. We would particularly welcome anyone who can help organise the day so please do contact the Clerk on [Clerk@Pangbourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@Pangbourne-pc.gov.uk) in advance if you would like to be involved.

There was such good turn out last year that we are hoping to organise a few small additional projects to take place over this weekend and in the afternoon on the 28th. **THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE IF WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS.** If you would like to take part in a project, please contact the Clerk on the email above or pop into the Parish Office.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

*Tuesday April 21st, 7.30pm*

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall again this year. Doors open at 7.00pm and the Meeting commences at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm onwards.

The meeting is open to ALL RESIDENTS of Pangbourne and we hope to see as many of you as possible on the night. For those who have never been before, this is a meeting of and for the residents rather than a normal Council meeting. It is your opportunity to hear updates on what local groups and the Parish Council are working on and to find out how to get involved. It is also a chance to have your say or share ideas! The Millennium Award for 2020 will also be presented (see nomination form). We would love to see as many people there are possible so please make a note in your diary!

If you would like to present on behalf of a group or project please contact the Clerk.

### WATERMILL THEATRE PRODUCTION

*Saturday June 20th*

We are very pleased to welcome back to Pangbourne Village Hall the ever popular Watermill Touring Production this year. The production is "CAMP ALBION". More information on the production please see the advertisement on page 12. We would recommend early booking as space is limited for this often sold out event. The Box Office for this event is expected to open shortly and tickets are available through the main Watermill theatre Box Office. Refreshments will be available.

## MILLENNIUM AWARD 2020

The Millennium Award returns for 2020 and will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2020.

This is a really exciting opportunity to vote for residents or groups who have made a significant contribution to the Village. It would be lovely to see nominations by and representing all age groups and interest groups and organisations in the village. Please see on page 60 the separate form and information on how to nominate elsewhere in this issue. Nominations close on Friday 27th March 2020.

## PARISH PRECEPT 2020/2021

The Parish Precept is the amount collected by West Berkshire Council on behalf of Pangbourne Parish Council from local residents in order to deliver services within the Parish of Pangbourne.

This year's Precept for 2020/21 has now been set at **£113,194.00** although the spending budget for the council for the year is **£297,679**. The remainder of the funds required to meet this budget are made up of income from the Village hall and so on plus the monies apportioned to the Council as Developers Contributions (CIL funding) and some spending from reserves. Currently the Council is in receipt of a significant amount of CIL, although this fluctuates from year to year depending on what development takes place.

CIL monies are apportioned to be spent on restricted activities related to delivering infrastructure and it is planned to deliver a number of projects around the village over the next year.

The Precept equates to an average **£72.24 for a BAND D Property or £1.39 per week** although actual bills may vary slightly.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS 2020

The Parish Council have limited funds available each year for grants to groups, charities and organisations within the Parish that meet certain criteria.

The Parish Council would like to invite applications for 2020 Financial Year from local groups that meet these criteria to fund projects for the benefit of the residents of Pangbourne.

Applications should be received by 1st April 2020, although it is possible that applications received after this date may be considered in a second round of grants if there are funds remaining.

Please see the website or contact the Clerk on [Clerk@Pangbourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@Pangbourne-pc.gov.uk) for further information or an application form.

In 19/20 Year the Parish Council was able to help fund a number of projects including new school playground equipment for Pangbourne Primary School and support for the continued operation of the Public Toilets at Station Road Carpark.



## CCTV

Work is taking place to install CCTV equipment at the Recreation Ground to cover both that area and the Meadows track and parts of the Meadows.

It is hoped that this will be in place by the time the playground is fully operational.

## PLAYGROUND – UPDATE

Thank you to all families and residents for your continued patience while the playground repairs are arranged. The replacement equipment was ordered before Christmas and we are now waiting both for its arrival and for the ground to be dry out sufficiently that conditions are suitable to lay replacement surfacing. We know how valued the playground is and we are doing everything we can to get the playground fully re-opened as soon as we can. Please look out for updates on the Parish Website and Facebook Pages.

## PANGBOURNE RECREATION GROUND

### Pangbourne Recreation Ground – a potted history

You may not be aware but the Recreation Ground is formed of two parcels of land, one of which is held in Charitable Trust. One of the things that the Parish Council have been doing over the last year or so, has been to resolve issues around Pangbourne Recreation Ground and updating the Trust so that the council can move forward with plans to invest in this area. The following is a short summary of the history as well as where we are now and what we still need to do.

The Rec consists of 9 acres of land in total made up of two parcels, one of 6 acres and the other of 3 acres.

### 6 Acre Parcel of Land

On 3rd July 1923 this parcel of land was purchased for the princely sum of £840, with the funds raised by public subscription. The land was sold with several restrictive covenants on its. At the same time the land was put into a charitable trust with 5 Trustees to include:

- Chairman of the Parish Council, Rector of Pangbourne, Chairman of the Council School and two other persons to be appointed by the remaining trustees

A big focus has been on updating this Trust so that it can be properly administered and we have worked with the Charity Commission to agree that the sole trustee of this land is now Pangbourne Parish Council as the former structure is outdated.

Included on this land is the car park, the playground, zipwire, football club, football field as well as the public toilets.

### 3 Acre Parcel of Land

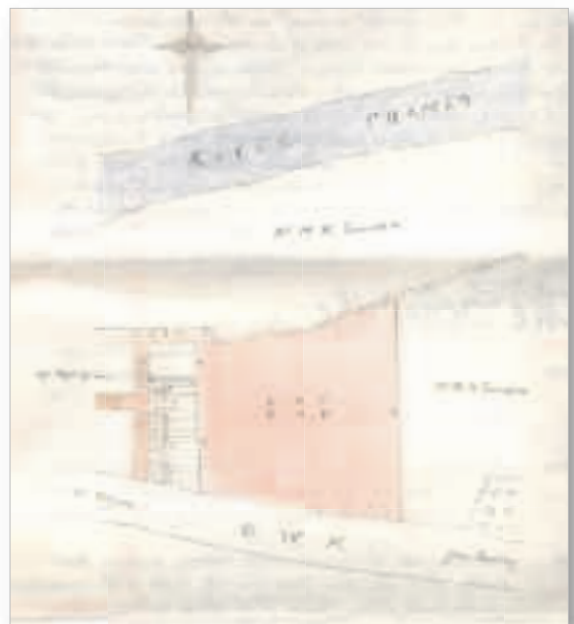
On 18th April 1931 this parcel of land was purchased for £150 by Durham Stokes, with similar restrictive covenants to the 6 acres.

On 12th May 1931 the land was gifted to Pangbourne Parish at no cost. The land does not fall within the charitable trust although can only be accessed over the charitable trust land. Current users are the Bowls and Tennis Clubs and this area contains the pavilion.

### The Future

We think there is much that can be done with the Rec and now that the Charitable Trust has been updated we would like to set up a group of perhaps five or so Parishioners who can help us develop a vision of the future not just for their individual interests and clubs but for the Parish as a whole.

If anybody would like to get involved then please contact the Parish Council Clerk at [clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk) in the first instance.



## MILLENNIUM



## AWARD 2020

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TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE OR LOCAL AREA?

IF SO, THEY DESERVE YOUR VOTE.

Pangbourne Parish Council are pleased to be able to announce that nominations are once again open for the **Millennium Award**. The winner of the 2020 award will be presented with Award Bowl at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 21st April 2020.

The **Millennium Award** is awarded to a variety of groups and individuals, in recognition of their contribution to the village, either through their work or voluntary activities. No one individual or group is allowed to win for a second time.

Please fill in the nomination form below and post/drop it in to the Parish Office at the Village Hall, Attn Clerk, Pangbourne Parish Council, Parish Office, Pangbourne Village Hall, Pangbourne RG8 7AN or email the Parish Council on [clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk), to arrive no later than Friday 27th March 2020.



### MILLENNIUM AWARD

I would like to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information of nominee (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

I feel that they should be given the Pangbourne Millennium Award because: \_\_\_\_\_

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My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

*(It is not essential to give your own name if you would rather not)*

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# COUNCIL PLANNING

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL SINCE LAST ARTICLE

APP NO:	PROPOSAL	RECOMMENDATION	APP NO:	PROPOSAL	RECOMMENDATION
20/00357/ LBC2	The installation of secondary glazing to three windows 27 Shooters Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7DZ (Masonic Temple)	NO OBJECTION	19/02739/ LBC2	Removal of late C20th screen from lobby area and wc behind screen and formation of new ground floor wc in link area under first floor bathroom. Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
20/00270/ HOUSE	Change front garden to a driveway and add a dropped kerb 60 Reading Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JF	COMMENT	19/02758/ HOUSE	Construction of new single storey rear extension replacing existing single storey lean-to 99 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JL	APPROVAL
20/00160/ PACOU	Prior notification for the change of use of former Ladbrokes (Betting Shop). Sui Generis to C3 to create a 2 bedroom house 29 Reading Road, Pangbourne RG8 7HY	NO OBJECTION	19/02562/ HOUSE	Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey side and rear extensions, first floor extension and new roof over porch and front part of the garage. 19 Briars Close, Pangbourne RG8 7LH	APPROVAL
20/001111/ HOUSE	Single storey granny annex and associated alterations. Covered car port Highbeech House, Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7AS	NO OBJECTION	19/02308/ HOUSE	First floor extension over existing flat roof and dormer window to attic 68 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JL	APPROVAL
20/00093/ FULD	Detached new dwelling with detached garage landscape and hardstanding Former Camden Ridge, Riverview Road, Pangbourne	NO OBJECTION	20/03195/ NONMAT	Non material amendment to approved 19/00704/HOUSE – Single storey side extension to form store. Amendment – alterations to the plan layout and roof together with front door 40 Reading Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JF	APPROVAL
19/03113/ HOUSE	Proposed garage conversion to form playroom and Associated works 6 Sheffield Close, Pangbourne RG8 7GD	COMMENT	19/03113/ HOUSE	Proposed garage conversion to form playroom and Associated works 6 Sheffield Close, Pangbourne RG8 7GD	APPROVAL
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY:</b>			19/02922/ HOUSE	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension replacing existing 42 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JH	APPROVAL
20/00366/ TPW	Copper Beech - 1.5-2m overall reduction; Crown lift to approx 5m from ground 21 Shooters Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7DZ		19/02897/ PACOU	Prior approval for change of use under Class PA from B1(c) to C3 Kiosks Water Pumping Station, Tidmarsh Road, Pangbourne	FULL APPLICATION REQUIRED
20/00260/ TPW	Application for work to be carried out on a large Silver Birch tree on the edge of my boundary. TPO 986. I propose to employ a qualified tree surgeon to carry out this work and complete a crown uplift, lifting to 2.5 metres from public pathways and garden, plus 5 metre above the road, plus first main branch tip reduction. Shorten by 1-1.5 metres. To increase light in the garden. Note: removal of lower branch years ago has resulted in water getting into cavity. 69 Kennedy Drive, Pangbourne RG8 7LD		19/02882/ LBC2	Removal of internal masonry to existing "blocked" sash windows to allow windows to be used fully for increased daylight to the rooms internally and to improve the external appearance by removing the "blackened out" appearance Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
20/00131/ TPW	Assorted Tree Preservation Order Tree Works 1 St James Close, Pangbourne RG8 7AP		19/02881/ LBC2	Formation of new Kitchen in SW corner of the Ground floor of the house, removal of internal non-loadbearing wall to passage, and forming opening in wall dividing current Kitchen and Utility area, new limecrete floor with stone tiles over and new ceiling formed under existing ceiling level. Replacement of south door with French doors, new sash window to West elevation and replacement of panels in West door with glass. Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
19/03123/ CERTP	Demolition of existing rear conservatory and proposed Construction of single storey rear extension 17 Chiltern Walk, Pangbourne RG8 7LE		19/0286/ HOUSE	Garage conversion, new pergola and replacement driveway 24 Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne RG8 7JQ	APPROVAL
19/03001/ TPW	Works to 2 Sycamore trees (17 metres high) protected by TPOs 2 Sycamore Court, Station Road, Pangbourne RG8 7BN		19/02413/ LBC2	Repairs, replacement and alterations to existing basement and ground floors after Asbestos removal works and insertion of access hatch and stair to basement Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL
<b>APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY WBC:</b>		<b>WBC DECISION</b>	18/02466/ FULEXT	Erection of 40 dwellings plus access, parking and landscaping. Resubmission of 17/01540/RESMAJ whereby plots 8-12 are being re-planned to provide for a net increase of 5 dwellings from that previously approved Land North of Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne	APPROVAL
19/02721/ LBC2	Proposed internal alterations to the existing premises at ground floor level and formation of a new single storey infill extension between the main Public house building and the detached outbuilding and redecoration of the exterior of the building with new paint colours intened to reinstate the main white building colour to the premises. The Swan Hotel, Shooters Hill, Pangbourne RG8 7 DU	APPROVAL			
19/02720/ FUL					
19/02832/ LBC2	Removal of C19th and C20th chimney pots to allow flue size to be increased to original intended volume to allow use of open fireplaces on the ground and first floors Bere Court, Bere Court, Pangbourne RG8 8HT	APPROVAL			

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