

SPOTLIGHT

September 2025



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HARVEST SUPPER

by Holy Cross Church & Chefs Daphnies

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Three-course menu "BYOB"
Locally sourced produce
Suggested donation £12.50 per ticket
Children under 10 go free

18:30
4th October
Sarratt Village Hall

For tickets contact:
colin.plummer@btinternet.com
please state no. of tickets and any veggie options
PCC Holy Cross Sarratt
sc: 30-97-07 ac: 00111629
Use your surname as a reference

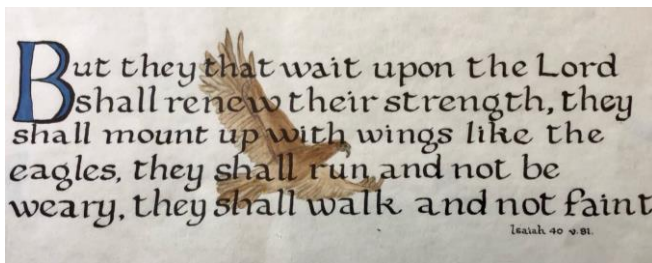
Other than vegetarian, we cannot cater to other dietary requirements

Holy Cross Church is bringing back the Harvest Supper. We have guest chefs @daphnies cooking a delicious three course meal from locally sourced produce. Everyone welcome - all ages!

View from the Pew

If you live in Chipperfield or Sarratt, or the surrounding area, you are no stranger to the sight and sounds of red kites. They are impressive birds, and I always enjoy seeing them and hearing them calling to each other. They seem to be constantly busy searching for food, jostling with other birds, collecting sticks for nests, calling to other kites or sometimes just sitting watching. We were blessed to have one that would perch at the top of an oak tree in our garden. Sometimes on a warm day they soar so high: apparently, they can go as high as 1600 meters. At those times they look so graceful and relaxed, moving with just a tiny flick of their tail. They seem to be having a “time-out” way above their normal busyness, resting on the thermals.

This led me to think about a verse in the Bible, Isaiah 40 verse 31. My mother wrote this out when she was learning calligraphy (see below) so it is always a special verse for me.



My inscription says, ‘wait upon the Lord’, some versions of the Bible say ‘hope’ or ‘trust’. All these words offer the same comfort to us.

We all get tired at times, even the strongest of us. We can often wonder how we can cope or manage with our situations, feeling so exhausted and stretched to our limits. Thankfully God’s power and strength never tires, or diminishes, he is always there for us.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful to be like the eagles and red kites and soar to a place of peace with God, resting, waiting, hoping, trusting that he will hold us there and renew our strength, to rise above life’s difficulties. That He will give us strength to walk through everyday life, to deal with our struggles and not be discouraged knowing God will help us through if we let Him.

Loving Father, thank you that you do not grow weary, give us the strength to face whatever situation we are in today, Amen

Yvonne Collette, St Paul’s Church

PRAYER ROOM

6am-9pm Monday 1st to Sunday 7th September

Do you have a heart to see our world transformed into a place of love and peace? Do you have a heart to see the reality of living in God's kingdom revealed to all? Do you have a heart for prayer?

The church was born in a 24-7 prayer room in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, and it was said of them, 'they all joined together constantly in prayer' (Acts 1:14)

Last night as you slept, and indeed as you read this now, someone, somewhere is praying. Pouring out their heart to God through word, song or even paint and paper, bringing transformation to the areas in which they live, their nation and across the world. Prayer brings change, it brings life as Jesus intended, a life in all its fullness!



From 1st to 7th September the world is uniting in non-stop prayer. As of the beginning of August, 85 nations, through 691 prayer rooms have committed to join the 24-7 Global Week of Prayer, covering 115,000+ hours of prayer for our world - and more are signing up!

We, as a benefice will be joining this global movement and will be hosting our own 'Prayer Room'. Located in **the Upper Room of St Paul's church, Chipperfield**, we will be covering the hours of **6am to 9pm** with non-stop prayer, bringing prayer into the centre of our communities, our nation and across the globe through worship, art, meditation and praise. Taking an hour out of our busy lives to be still and reflect; coming just as we are into the presence of God.

If you would like to join us (even if this is something new to you or you're not quite sure what to expect) we would love to hear from you. Please just drop me a line either to book your one hour slot or to ask questions to discover what it's all about...

Revd Sarah Miles – 07525491496
rectorchipperfieldsarratt@outlook.com



SARRATT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW 2025

Saturday 13th September – Sarratt Village Hall

Remember entries and payment needs to be in the shop by **6pm on Wednesday 10th September**. Entry forms and the schedule are on the website – www.sarraththorti.co.uk but if you need a schedule or entry forms, please email the secretary on sarraththorti@gmail.com

Flower classes include – Dahlias, Roses and other Annual Flowers.

Vegetable and Fruit classes include a variety of types, plus **new** entries, “garlic” and “**Master Gardener**” combining vegetables, flowers and a fruit.

Flower Arranging

- Going for Gold
- An Autumn Wreath
- An Arrangement Using a Grapefruit



Cookery

- 3 vegetable samosas
- An individual portion of summer pudding
- 2 individual apple turnovers
- A slice of chocolate courgette cake
- Blackcurrant Jam, Chutney & Honey!

Arts & Crafts

- Tapestry / Embroidery / Cross Stitch Article;
- An Article of Jewellery;
- Painting/Drawing; Clay / Wood or Metal Article.

Photographs

- "Bursting Buds" and "Surprise"

Children's Classes – any relative of a member can enter, just put your family name on the entry form. See website or there are copies in the Sarratt Shop

- 5 years and under: An edible necklace
- 6-8 years old: 3 decorated cupcakes
- 9-12 years old: A fat/suet ball to feed the birds
- Any age: A sunflower grown in a pot from seed

Open to members – if you want to join, please email the secretary on sarraththorti@gmail.com – it's only £3 per person or £5 per household!

Those entering, please come to the hall between **8-11am** on the Saturday to put in your exhibits.

ALL are welcome from 2:30pm to see the great entries, have afternoon tea, buy from the trading stall and win the raffle. We will also have our normal auction of exhibits at the end of the Show – pick up bargains for flowers, vegetables and cookery!

PLUS: Sarratt Star of Film and Screen LHS display in the rear hall.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Andrew Todd 1952-2025

After showing great resilience in his battle with cancer over the last five years, Andy died at home on Sunday, 27 July, and I was with him. He was a kind and gentle man with a wicked sense of humour at times. Andy used his accountancy skills for the benefit of several local clubs over the years – including Sarratt Care and The Grey Knights. He drove Jenks' bus for a while until he no longer had the strength to fight with 'double declutching', but he continued to sit on the Committee to promote her ongoing restoration.



Over the years, Andy was drawn to anything that was propelled by an engine. He drove go-carts and off-road vehicles, and achieved his childhood dream of earning a single-engine pilot's licence when he was 50. After he stopped flying real planes, a friend turned his head and he started to fly (and repair!) large models and drones instead. Throughout our adult lives, we have enjoyed many happy times travelling the country's waterways in narrow boats. The most exciting of which was crossing the Mersey from Ellesmere Port to Liverpool as part of a group, with a pilot boat.

We moved into the village in the early 1980s after living on a busy, modern estate in Hemel Hempstead. The final straw for Andy was the young children in the next door had been bought a piano. The contrast of the peace and community spirit of Sarratt was just bliss. Also, I can remember thinking that being out in such a rural location, we'll be 'snowed in' every winter – disappointingly, only two days in 30 years.

Thank you to those of you who supported Andy as his health deteriorated and for the many messages of condolence I have received.

Jane

Eleanor “Joyce” Poynter

29th October 1940 to 3rd August 2025

Joyce sadly passed away peacefully at Watford General Hospital on Sunday 3rd August.

Joyce was born and grew up in Watford. It was whilst she was working as a telephonist at Russell's Electrical Contractors that she met Ron who was working there as an electrician. Joyce and Ron married on 2nd April 1960.



Ron's family had lived in Sarratt for generations, so it was always going to be where Ron and Joyce started married life. Ron's father Frank had a building company in Sarratt called DH Poynter and Sons. Frank helped Ron to build a bungalow in Dawes Lane, Sarratt. Ron and Joyce had many happy years at The Firs, Dawes Lane and that was where their two children were born. Susan and Richard both attended Sarratt School. Joyce was a loving grandma to Susan's three children, Lucinda, Bertie and Theodore.

Joyce immersed herself in village life. She used to type up the “The Spotlight”, which she continued to read avidly. Joyce was involved with Sarratt School Parents Teachers Association and with the Playing Fields Committee for which she was a Trustee. Joyce also helped with coffee mornings and lunches at Sarratt Care.

Ron was a keen cricketer with Sarratt Cricket Club. Joyce helped with the teas and the family have fond memories of Sunday afternoons spent at the playing fields.

The family moved to Quickmoor Farm, Commonwood where Ron built a family home. They later moved back to Cherrywood in Sarratt.

In February this year Joyce was delighted to attend Richard's wedding and to be part of what was a special day.

Joyce was a much-loved wife, mother and grandmother. She will be terribly missed by her family and friends. She leaves them with many happy memories and will be forever in their hearts.

May she rest in peace.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Joan Grego

We are sad to announce the death on Friday 1st August of Joan Grego, formerly of Sarratt Bottom cottages. A service of remembrance and burial of ashes will take place at 11.30am on Monday 15th September at Holy Cross Church. An obituary will follow. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sybil Rogerson

For those who knew Sybil Rogerson, we are sad to say that she passed away in early August. Details of her funeral will be displayed in Sarratt Stores when they become available. An obituary will follow.

Breda Tiernon

The village will be very sad to hear that Breda Tiernan died on Wednesday 20th August. We send our love and prayers to the family. An obituary will follow.

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We invite women of all ages and backgrounds to join us for time away from your busy lives to share and enjoy conversation, talks & activities over tea,

coffee and cake as we encourage each other to flourish and grow.

Meeting in **St Paul's Church Parish Room** on the **first Monday of every month**,

**1<sup>st</sup> September**, beginning at **1.30pm** and finishing at around **3pm**.



Please email Fay if you would like to know more

[fay.dent@live.co.uk](mailto:fay.dent@live.co.uk)

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## ...AND THESE REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

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

**Sarratt Rebels Youth Football Club:** Training on Saturdays at KGV Field -  
**[www.sarrattrebels.org](http://www.sarrattrebels.org)**

## MY CONCERNS FOR SARRATT CARE

by Carol Chorley



Just over 30 years ago, Sarratt Care began. The village was generally quieter and with a higher percentage of older people than today. Our services were popular from the beginning and we had no problem engaging volunteers. Life today is very different and the demands on people's lives are far greater. Having been involved with helping and then running Care from almost the start, I am very concerned with the problem it now has as it struggles to keep everything running with too few volunteers. You may be fit and well now but one day things may change. I have found, as I can no longer drive, that Sarratt Care and all its services are a lifesaver to me as I partake of them all. We now help some of our original volunteers.

Sarratt today is different from thirty years ago but it is still a close and caring community. Please think hard and long and consider if you could help either as a couple, thus sharing the task, or individually. Sarratt Care is a vital village service and very dear to me and many others. So as we are asking for help, please do so if you can.

Thank you. Carol

### **WE NEED DUTY CONTACTS 10 am to 12 noon Monday to Friday**

Clients requiring transport for an appointment (usually a medical one) ring the Care number and the Duty Contact then finds a driver who will take them, using the WhatsApp list on the mobile provided or ringing a driver direct. (Using a mobile means you can take it with you if you have to go out rather than stay at home.) You sign up for any day that suits you in the next month, thus keeping the continuity going. We aim to have someone on duty every day which is very difficult at present.

### **AND DRIVERS** for transporting clients

When you volunteer, your name and number are put onto a WhatsApp list of drivers or, if you prefer, on a separate list of phone numbers. When a request is made to the Duty Contact, they send the details to the WhatsApp list and if you are free to do it, you respond accordingly and take down the details. 50% are to the Croxley Surgery and the rest are usually between 5 and 10 miles and seldom for other than a medical appointment. You are offered a contribution towards your expenses annually according to the number of drives you have done .

If you would like any of the above clarified or you would like to volunteer, please contact the Chairman, Jacky Creed on 01923 519975 or Carol Chorley on 01923 265096 (both after 10 am please).



# **SARRATT CARE**

## **SEPTEMBER UPDATE**

### **'SARRATT COMMUNITY LUNCH'**

The next lunch, in the Village hall, is  
on **Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30**  
Please ring Jacky Creed if you would like to come along –  
details below

### **'COFFEE CORNER' and TREATMENTS** (treatments include hairdressing, massage and chiropody)

In the Village Hall **from 10.30 to 12 noon**  
on **Wednesdays the 3rd and 17th September**  
For details please ring Jennifer Haynes on 590542 or  
07743 133736

### **TRANSPORT TO APPOINTMENTS**

To arrange for a volunteer driver  
please ring 07565 399349

### **ANY OTHER ENQUIRIES or PROBLEMS**

Please ring Jacky Creed on 519975 or 07769 045270  
If no reply please feel happy to leave a message

# THE ARTS SOCIETY RICKMANSWORTH

Charity No. 1102829

In 2025 we celebrate 50 years since the creation of our Society.

## ***'Ways to Look at Paintings'***

**Alice White**

This fully illustrated presentation offers a painterly perspective on famous artworks from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Rembrandt and Turner were artistic risk takers, whose new combinations of glazes, surfaces, pigments and processes redefined the language of painting. These two forefathers of experimentation led the way for modern artists, who went beyond the brush, the canvas and even the gallery wall in search of the meaning of making.

Alice White is an oil painter, art lecturer and tutor at the University of Arts, London. She has been a consultant at an Arts and Human AI project at London's Science Gallery and Co-Lead on The Art of Science at the Scott Polar Research Institute.

Everyone is welcome – please join us.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Sarratt Village hall**

**Refreshments from 10.30am and presentation at 11am.**

Non-Members are welcome to attend with suggested donation of **£10**.

*This is the first lecture of our exciting 2025/26 programme. Join our Society now to experience a fascinating art and design series from world class speakers at a fraction of the cost of events offered by major galleries. Members also enjoy visits to centres of arts and culture and Special Interest study days. To enquire about membership ring Irene Dubuis on 01923 496670.*

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

## SARRATT FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

SFM opens this month on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> with an already sold out concert by **Joe Stilgoe** and **Liza Pulman**. Our final concert on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** with the amazing jazz violinist **Chris Garrick** and his quintet, back by popular demand, is selling fast, so be lucky and take the final seats!

**There are currently a number of available tickets for our other two concerts.** **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** sees the Sarratt debut of one of the most celebrated and exciting string quartets – the **Carducci Quartet**. This highly engaging, charismatic group which achieves sold out recitals in concert halls in the UK and internationally, are performing an enticing programme of Schubert, Fanny Mendelssohn (Felix's very gifted sister) and the mighty Shostakovich Piano Quintet, in which they are joined by celebrated pianist **Julius Drake**.

On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**, we are delighted to host a concert of four 'rising stars' from the **Purcell School for Young Musicians**. Based in Bushey, this school is for gifted musicians from all over the world. Featuring guitarists, a solo pianist and the wonderful BBC Young Musician of the Year violin finalist, Ukrainian Shlomi Shahaf, this is a concert not to be missed!

Please support both the Carducci Quartet and the Purcell School performers. It is a privilege to welcome them all to Sarratt as part of our festival.

Box Office 01923 265386 [www.sarrattfestivalofmusic.co.uk](http://www.sarrattfestivalofmusic.co.uk)



The Carducci Quartet



# "Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

## **Sarratt Parish Council URGENTLY needs new Councillors**

We currently have no one to look after the Environment & Sustainability agenda, we are trying to get the state of the parish roads improved and we are having to manage multiple planning issues as reported in recent SPC articles for Spotlight.

### **ALL OF THIS AFFECTS YOU AS PARISHIONERS**

We need help! So, if you care about what happens where you live and are passionate about supporting your community, we need you!

Sarratt Parish Council meets once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

To find out more contact  
the Parish Clerk, Lena Mortimer on  
[clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
or call the Parish Office on weekday mornings on  
01923 262025

# Sarratt Scout Group

Gavin Daly, Verity Allen, Dan Haynes, Sarah Dobson



Dear Readers, nothing to report on our weekly meetings this month due to a break over the summer holidays.

However **we urgently need your help** to fill some key roles for the Group as we head towards the new term in September.

If you care about the importance of scouting in young people's lives - helping them to learn new skills, build their confidence, have fun, and develop in so many other ways, and if you value the role Sarratt Scout Group plays in our local community, please read on and let us know if you can help.

Our **Training Advisor** is stepping down in a few months time and we need someone to take over from her. The Training Advisor doesn't actually deliver any training, rather the role is about monitoring the adult volunteers' training and ensuring everyone is up to date with their training.

We need an **Assistant Treasurer** to help with bank payments and other associated admin. You don't need to have any accounting experience for this.

We also need a **Group Scout Leader** who can help with the overall running of the Group and some of the administration. This role is shared with other adult volunteers.

All these jobs can be done from home and take no more than an hour a week, plus attending a leadership team meeting 3 times a year. No prior experience of Scouting is needed.

If you are more interested in working directly with our young people, we are also looking for **adult volunteers to assist the Section Leaders**, by helping at our weekly meetings – but this doesn't need to be every week, and a couple of meetings each half term would be a huge help. Or perhaps you would like to come along to a meeting to talk to the young people about a particular interest or hobby that you have.

If you would like to find out more about any of these roles or helping with the Scout Group in any other way please get in touch at [gsl@sarrattscoutgroup.org](mailto:gsl@sarrattscoutgroup.org)

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



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

## THE COCK INN IS BACK

...and excited to welcome the popular monthly Quiz night (2nd Wednesday of the month), raising money for Sarratt Care. Sparky and his crew are also returning after being absent for too many years to entertain you every Sunday afternoon from 3.30-6.30pm.



After a (very!) quick turn around, Zoe & her team are proud to welcome you back to this traditional pub offering a welcome stop for ramblers, dog walkers & those looking for a relaxed stop off.

## CHARITY PUB QUIZ

AT THE COCK INN, SARRATT CHURCH END

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, STARTING AT 8pm**

Entry **£2** per person,  
with a maximum of **six persons** per team.

Cash prize for the winning team with at least  
half of entry fees being donated to Sarratt Care.



Additional prize for the funniest and most original team name.

Come along and enjoy a fun evening.

Phone: **01923 282908** to book a table

Email: [\*\*info@cockinnsarratt.co.uk\*\*](mailto:info@cockinnsarratt.co.uk)



## **Do Something Brilliant Today – Join Your Local u3a!**

Sarratt u3a meets in the Village Hall, usually on the second Wednesday of the month. If you are retired, semi-retired or working part-time and would like to meet new people, you are most welcome to come along to one of our meetings, chat to some of our members and find out what we do. While most members no longer work full-time - they come together for fun things to do in retirement - there isn't an age limit for membership.

As well as the monthly meetings, we offer more than 30 interest groups where we learn new skills together, make friends and, most of all, have fun!

**You can find out more on our website – [sarratt.u3asite.uk](http://sarratt.u3asite.uk) – go take a look!**

**Registered Charity No 1139443**

## PINTS OF VIEW – 15 SEPTEMBER

Our first get-together after the summer break will be on **Monday 15th September** at **The Boot** in Sarratt, beginning at **8pm**. Sue Clark will lead an informal discussion on the topic



**“Is democracy on the decline in the age of social media?”** Pints of View is an informal forum in which to exchange views and to explore topical matters, aspects of faith and moral issues over a pint of beer, a glass of wine or a soft drink (there's a 'buy-your-own' drinks policy). Everyone is welcome.

*John Guy*



SARRATT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## The Grove and its Owners 1500 – 1700

**Tuesday 16 September 7.30 for 8.00pm**

**Sarratt Village Hall - Refreshments served from 7.30pm**

Dr Heather Falvey is Chair of the Hertfordshire Association of Local History and a Lecturer in Local History at the Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge. Her talk will trace and describe The Grove and some of its owners from the fifteen hundreds to the start of the eighteenth century, prior to the arrival of the Dukes of Clarendon.



**Non-Members welcome - £4 on the Door**

[sarrattlocalhistorysociety.org](http://sarrattlocalhistorysociety.org)

## Sarratt Star of Film and Screen

Exhibition to coincide with the Sarratt Horticultural Society Autumn Show (see p.5) – **2.30pm Saturday 13 September**

**Rear Hall – Sarratt Village Hall**

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING



LET'S CHANGE LIVES  
TOGETHER AT

Parish Room, St Paul's  
Chipperfield



Saturday 20th September  
10am to 12.30

**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

LET'S DO COFFEE

(FR) REGULATOR

"We're doing whatever it takes to help more people with cancer get the best care the UK has to offer, whoever and wherever they are."

### Grey Knights

We lost a valuable member of the Grey Knights team in July - our treasurer Andy Todd (see p.6). In addition to looking after the finances, Andy drove Jenks and undertook other related duties. We will miss him.

August was a busy time for Jenks; in addition to another wedding, she took Grey Knights members to the Windsor races to challenge the bookies! Apart from a couple of members, I think the bookies won. They certainly did with me. We had all weathers that evening, loud thunder, lightning, rain and sunshine - surely a record for one evening.

So if you are looking for a fun trip out or are planning a special event please think of Jenks. Maybe you would like to join the Grey Knights and help keep this amazing 1932 Sarratt treasure on the road.

Contact Alan Milsom 07917800623



## September Sunday Market

I remember, I remember  
The house where I was born,  
The little window where the sun  
Came peeping in at morn;  
He never came a wink too soon,  
Nor brought too long a day;  
But now I often wish the morn  
Was a Sunday Market day!



So fulfil your wish and come to our Village Hall Sunday Market on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September** to see our selection of crafts, bric-a-brac, recycled clothing and affordable antique stalls. Tea and coffee is available with biscuits and home made cakes. Start is **10am**. Any enquiries please ring Larry on 265386.



### SARRATT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

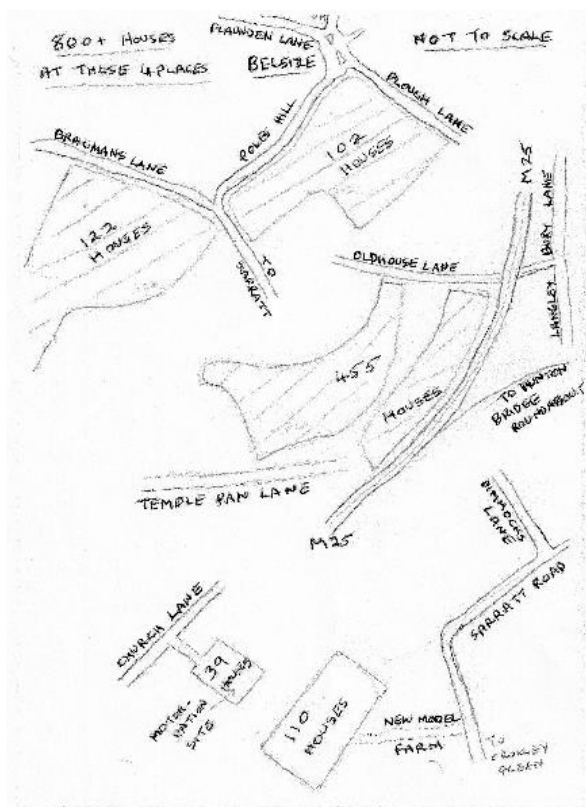
Safeguarding Sarratt and strengthening our community

## SARRATT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us on **Wednesday 8th October** at **7pm for a 7.15pm start** at **The Cart & Horses**, Quickmoor Lane, Commonwood WD4 9BA and meet your neighbours to hear about what is happening and the current issues that are affecting our area.

In particular we will be discussing the new **Three Rivers Local Plan** with maps of where 846 houses have been suggested for meeting Government housing targets – 224 in Belsize, 455 at the end of Old House Lane, 57 at the top of North Hill and a further 110 (in addition to the 84 already planned) between Sarratt Road and Church Lane Sarratt. Three Rivers District Council believes that these sites are unsuitable for the houses proposed (and you can respond on line to their consultation until 31<sup>st</sup> August). At the meeting, we will discuss what are likely to be the next steps with these plans.

**For the AGM, The Cart & Horses is offering Fish & Chips or Lasagne for only £9.95. Orders need to be placed directly with them by Sunday 5th October.** Please call 01923 263763.



Rough sketch (not to scale) showing sites of suggested additional housing.

All residents are welcome! Bring your family or on your own, it's a great chance to meet friends and neighbours.

**Sarratt Residents' Association** (formerly Chandlers Cross Residents' Association) has been in existence for over 40 years dedicated to serving the residents of Sarratt in protecting and improving our local environment. In addition, we organise social events to bring our community together and keep residents informed of local issues.

We work with the Parish Council and other adjacent residents' associations to strengthen our voice on community matters. All residents are automatically members. Sign up for our e-newsletter which carries news on what is happening in the area and details of our social events at: [www.sarratt-ra.co.uk](http://www.sarratt-ra.co.uk)

**More information:** David Zerny (07910 312352) or Laura Moran (07765 240908) can help with any questions.



## SARRATT POST OFFICE STORES

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

We enjoyed a fun, sunny Sunday afternoon BBQ together as a huge "thank you" for all the time, effort and support that our volunteers contribute to both Sarratt Post Office Stores and Sarratt Green Cafe. There are over 40 people every week, including our terrific Duke Of Edinburgh candidates, that help keep this important community asset running and we are extremely grateful to every single one of them!

We also enjoyed a yoghurt tasting and visit to Tims Dairy, an award winning family-run business located in Chalfont St Peter. Founded in 1949 and still run by four brothers, it was fascinating to learn about the heritage of one of our popular local products – you can read their story next time you buy a pot as we now know it is detailed on the inside of the labels.

Other local favourites continue to be our Native Beef (delivered on a Wednesday), Chiltern Ice Cream, Chiltern Brewery beer, Chiltern Ridge (new elderflower cordial), Honest Honey and, of course, the most local products are from Sarratt Community Garden which augment the buzz and community vibe in the recently decorated café on a Saturday morning where you will find their stall!

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

**Facebook: sarratt post office stores Instagram: @sarrattpostofficestores**

**THANK YOU for all your support as valued customers and volunteers.**





**Thank you**



**to all our**



**amazing volunteers!**



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

The Church of England Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

Rector: Revd Sarah Miles

Church Administrator: Sonya Tolmie

holycrossstpauls@outlook.com 01923 264377

## **Holy Cross Services:**

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

## **St Paul's Services:**

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

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

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

You can find us on 'A Church Near You' [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com)

If you would like to donate at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service,  
here are some things that New Hope Trust need:

### **Baby and Child**

Aptamil formula  
Branded nappies from  
size 3 onwards  
e.g. Pampers  
Jars of baby food with  
long shelf life  
Nappy sacks  
Wipes - sensitive or  
water based

### **Drinks**

Cans of fizzy drinks  
Coffee  
Fruit Juice:  
Individual cartons and  
large cartons of  
long-life juice  
Instant hot chocolate  
Long-life milk  
Small bottles of water  
Squash  
Tea

### **Groceries**

Baked beans  
BBQ sauce  
Biscuits  
Breakfast cereals/  
porridge pots  
Brown sauce  
Cereal bars  
Chocolate spread  
Chutney/pickle  
Cooking oil (not olive)  
Cup a Soups  
Dried herbs, (chilli,  
oregano, thyme,  
parsley, mint)  
Individual bags of crisps  
Individual chocolate  
bars/biscuits  
Jam  
Ketchup  
Marmite  
Mayonnaise

Mug shots  
Pasta  
Pasta sauces  
Peanut butter (smooth)  
Pot noodles/  
super noodles/  
pasta pots  
Salad cream  
Salt and pepper  
Stock cubes  
Sugar  
Supermarket vouchers  
Tinned tomatoes  
Tinned tuna

### **Household**

Air freshener  
Antibacterial  
multi-purpose cleaner  
Dishwasher tablets  
Kitchen foil/cling film  
Kitchen rolls  
Scourers/cloths

Washing powder  
Washing up liquid  
Wooden disposable  
cutlery

### **Toiletries**

Brushes  
Combs  
Conditioner  
Moisturiser  
Paper towels  
Pump soaps  
Sanitary towels  
Shampoo  
Shaving gel/foam  
Shower gel/body wash  
Spray deodorant (male  
and female)  
Sun cream (30+)  
Toilet rolls  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Women's razors

# CHURCH CALENDAR

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### SEPTEMBER 2025

#### **Sunday 7      12th Sunday after Trinity**

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

#### **Sunday 14      HOLY CROSS DAY**

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

#### **Sunday 21      14th Sunday after Trinity**

|         |                                                 |            |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 9am     | Morning Worship                                 | Holy Cross |
| 10.45am | All Together Benefice Eucharist<br>with baptism | St Paul's  |
| 6.30pm  | Compline (traditional night prayer)             | Holy Cross |

#### **Sunday 28      15th Sunday after Trinity**

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

### OCTOBER 2025 (first part of month)

#### **Sunday 5      HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

|         |                                                           |            |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 9am     | Harvest Thanksgiving Service                              | Holy Cross |
|         | <i>Food donations will be gathered for New Hope Trust</i> |            |
| 10.45am | Harvest Thanksgiving Service                              | St Paul's  |
|         | with Communion                                            |            |
|         | <i>Food donations will be gathered for DENS</i>           |            |

***Please continue to pray for the health of our nation and for each other***



Sarratt Church of England Primary School  
The Green, Sarratt,  
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire  
WD3 6AS  
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*Laying foundations for our children to be confident and respectful and to achieve their potential*

Dear Parents, Carers, Neighbours and wider community,

We wanted to keep you in the communication loop with the exciting project, which promises to deliver our lovely school with a fabulous **new building for our reception/nursery children.**

This is a long project and we have already been shown wonderful understanding and co-operation from the Cricketers Pub and the Parish Council.

As you can imagine, there will be lots of deliveries and huge vehicles coming and going to our school site. We are counting on your support to keep the entrance and all access roads clear to ensure safety, and logistical swiftness of this project.

We are encouraging as many people to walk to school as possible: this is a really great way to start the day. There is plenty of parking over by the King George V Playing Fields and the council offices (ideally vacate by 9:30am). All the teachers and support staff will be parking off site to help to avoid any congestion around the school access roads.

The main white gate entrance to the school will be the only access during the build to ensure safety at all times. We will be organising a walking bus over from the KGV Playing fields and more details will follow soon on this.

We have a new noticeboard on the school white gates so please familiarise yourselves with it for news and updates.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter.

Premises team

<https://www.chessvalleyplt.org.uk>

*Sarratt C of E Primary School is part of Chess Valley Primary Learning Trust, a private company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. Registered Number: 08240619 Registered Office: The Common, Rickmansworth Road, Chorleywood, Herts, WD3 5SG*

## Sarratt CE Primary School



On Monday 7th July, we had the pleasure of taking part in a Paralympic Roadshow delivered by the Herts Disability Sports Foundation. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in inclusive games such as Wheelchair Basketball, Boccia and sitting volleyball. At the heart of our school are the values of inclusion and acceptance, and it was truly special to celebrate these through one of our shared passions - sport. It was a fantastic event filled with fun and lasting memories. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored our Fun Run - your support made this experience possible!

That same week, we also held our School Summer Fair - and what a day it was! The sun shone brightly as our entire community came together to support the school. The event was filled with lively stalls, fun games, inflatables, performances, and of course, plenty of singing! It was a joyful celebration that perfectly capped off a hugely successful year for our newly formed PTA. The dedication and teamwork of its members have been truly invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for their efforts.

I'm incredibly proud to share that our SATs results have improved for the third consecutive year - once again exceeding the national average. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of every single one of our children. Their individual journeys at Sarratt have been truly inspiring and it's wonderful to see them finish their time here on such a high note.

This success caps off a truly memorable year for our small but mighty school. Highlights include:

- A glowing Church School Inspection Report which described Sarratt as "a school with a big heart," where a compassionate culture ensures that adults and pupils "treat each other as they would like to be treated" and actively seek opportunities to help others.
- A wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular experiences - from pantomimes and plays to sporting triumphs and singing on stage at The Royal Albert Hall.
- Our incredible journey with Electric Umbrella and Britain's Got Talent - an unforgettable moment for our entire community, and one we'll continue to cherish with pride.

We're excited to see what next year brings!

**Mrs Nicola O'Hare, Head of School**

## TOP FLIGHT COMEDY RETURNS TO THE VILLAGE HALL!

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, the Last Laugh comedy club returns to **Sarratt Village Hall** with another superb line up of some of Britain's best comic talent: Award winning **Carl Jones**, celebrated for his warm engaging style and knack for finding the funny in everyday life. **Roger Monkhouse** -a true craftsman of British Standup – his material is intelligent, thought provoking and delivered with razor style wit. **Justin Panks** – known for unforgettable standup and delighting audiences with his well-crafted jokes. Headlining is the truly wonderful **Steve Royle** – Comedian, actor, presenter and finalist in **Britain's Got Talent** – guaranteed to leave the audience in stitches!

**Doors open at 7pm** and the show will end at 10pm. Book early to secure your ticket – the last 3 shows have all sold out ahead of the evening. Tickets are available online at [lastlaughcomedy.co.uk](http://lastlaughcomedy.co.uk) or look out for the flyer and QR code.



## SARRATT SCHOOL BINGO NIGHT

*Join us for a fun evening of Bingo!*

*Tickets £12 (includes three games)*

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER

SARRATT VILLAGE  
HALL, WD3 6AS

7PM  
DOORS OPEN

Sarratt PTA registered charity number 1095298

Scan here to buy tickets or visit  
[www.ticketebo.co.uk/sarratt-school-pta/bingo-fundraiser](http://www.ticketebo.co.uk/sarratt-school-pta/bingo-fundraiser)



Sarratt School PTA Bingo Fundraiser  
[www.ticketebo.co.uk](http://www.ticketebo.co.uk)

## Sarratt Wildlife Volunteers

The weather continued to be hot and dry on Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> when the Wildlife Volunteers were working at Penmans Green. Fortunately, we were in the shade!

We are determined that the glade areas that we have already created where there were thickets of brambles, shall stay open, to allow other plants to thrive. This means that we periodically



have to check them and remove any brambles that seem equally determined to get a foothold again. Some

with forks, some with hands in strong gloves, we pulled and dug to remove

them. It is definitely working as there had been swathes of Foxgloves, now seeding themselves, and some Red Campion and Herb Robert. Better

for wildlife than just brambles.

We also, thanks to Stephen, repaired a rustic seat which only had its uprights left alongside the path. Now weary walkers can have a rest and look over the adjacent fields through the hedge.



Next time, on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**, we shall be at Commonwood, raking up the cut grass near Dellfield along the Bottom Lane. Please come and help, **10am** with your refreshments. Tools and gloves are provided.

Contact Dawn, [dawnmlpitts@btinternet.com](mailto:dawnmlpitts@btinternet.com) or 07985492501 for more information about the Wildlife Volunteers.

## Sarratt WI

Our August afternoon tea this year was at Blue Diamond Garden Centre in Chenies (formerly Van Hage). Some ladies took a look round at the flowers

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN



and plants before sitting down to a generous spread of sandwiches, scones and little cakes. Julie arranged a fundraiser for Breast Cancer UK – ‘Guess the weight of the virtual cheesecake!’ Most of us made a total stab in the dark because it was in kilos and we’re more familiar with lbs and oz but Jean Machin’s guess was the closest. Above all, it was a lovely opportunity to relax and chat. We are very grateful to Diane for organising this and other special events during the year.

From September, we will meet as usual on the **second Wednesday of each month, 2.15-4.15pm** at **Sarratt Village Hall**, where you can enjoy an engaging talk followed by tea and homemade cakes.

Our speaker on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** will be Annie Brewster, High Sherriff of Hertfordshire 2024/2025. New members are always very welcome.

We also organise a **walk on the fourth Wednesday of each month**, ending with lunch at a local pub. There is the choice of a short or a long walk – usually about 4 miles. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, we will be walking around Bovingdon, followed by lunch at The Bell.



## Sarratt Open Golf

The 46<sup>th</sup> annual Sarratt Open golf day took place in glorious sunshine on the fairways of West Herts Golf Club on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> August.



We had a great field of 44 golfers including new and old faces and a record number of 7 ladies playing. A very jolly affair with a large group ending up in the Cricketers afterwards.

The team competition was won by David Rogers, Chris Farmer, Josh Parkin and Keith Nightingill but the main event, “The Open”, was won in style by Chris Adams narrowly beating Mark Golding and Chris Farmer.

The first time the Open has been won by a lady. Congratulations Chris.



## Sarratt Football Club

We've made a stunning start to the new 2025/26 season, sitting atop the Spartan South Midlands Division Two after three wins from three matches.



James Evans bagged the winning goal on opening day, adding to Ebou Joof's strike to confirm a 2-1 victory over MK Irish Reserves. Only four days later, we returned to King George where Joof's hat-trick inspired us to a 6-1 thrashing of Codicote; Evans, Will Bishop and Nick Reilly also found the net. Roman Pirani's penalty wrapped up the points in a 2-0 victory at Tring Corinthians, maintaining our 100% winning-start.

Our Reserves are making final preparations ahead of beginning their own league campaign before the end of August. Mid-September will feature a first round match in the Hertfordshire FA Saturday Junior Cup, the county-wide trophy our Reserves lifted in 2024.

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

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

### Upcoming Home Fixtures (Subject to Change)

23rd August - Reserves vs. Pitstone & Ivinghoe Reserves (3:00pm)

27th August - First Team vs. Caddington (6:30pm)

30th August - Reserves vs. Old Minchendenians (3:00pm)

2nd September - First Team vs. Harpenden Development (6:30pm)

13th September - First Team vs. 61 FC Luton (3:00pm)

20th September - Reserves vs. Redbourn Rovers (2:00pm)

Tom Scarborough  
Hon. Secretary

## Parish Council Report

*Sarah Dobson*



The following report covers the key points arising from the SPC Meeting held on **Tuesday 12 August**.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SPC was sad to learn that Cllr Garvey would be stepping down from SPC in September due to other commitments. Cllr Garvey has been an outstanding champion of the Environment and Sustainability agenda for the Council and as a representative for Sarratt residents during her tenure. SPC expressed its thanks for her tireless work. As SPC is now down two councillors, it is appealing to anyone in the Parish who might be interested in becoming a councillor to contact the Parish Clerk via email at [clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call the Parish Office on 01923 262025.

The Clerk has been called for Jury service on 15 September for 10 days. The Parish Office will remain shut during this time, as there is no one else to cover the role, but the Clerk will pick up calls and respond to emails as time allows.

### **PLANNING**

#### **Sarratt Neighbourhood Plan:**

Former Councillor Anthony Soothill has met with TRDC to resolve minor issues identified by the Inspector in the Sarratt Neighbourhood Plan. The plan will now go to the TRDC Policy & Resources meeting in September to approve moving to a referendum mid-Autumn. Further details on the referendum will be published in due course, and SPC hopes many of its residents will turn out to vote. SPC would like to express its gratitude to Ant and to Mike Edmund, without whose tireless work, this project would not be on the point of realisation.

#### **TRDC Local Plan Reg 18:**

The TRDC Reg 18 Consultation on potential new sites for future housing in the parish is open for comments until 31 August. SPC will be responding on the 9 sites within Sarratt Parish included in the consultation, plus one at the top of North Hill in Chorleywood Parish which has the potential to impact Sarratt residents. SPC are in favour of appropriate development within the Parish, but almost all of the sites put forward in this consultation are unrealistic for development. Flyers

have been produced and emails sent from SPC encouraging residents to also submit comments. For more information and to submit comments go to <https://haveyoursay.threerivers.gov.uk/local-plan-newly-submitted-sites-policies-consultation>

A meeting between Cllrs Dobson and Zerny and District and County Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst on 20 August will focus on the TRDC local plan and raise a number of Highways issues.

### **Footpath 34 Consultation:**

SPC has submitted its objections to this proposal which was required by 21 July. SPC also made parishioners aware of this proposal, by sending information out on the SPC Email and flyers in the Village Shop. It is not known when a decision will be made by Herts Highways on their proposal to change FP34 into a cycleway which is a pre-requisite requirement from the Burlington Property Group planning permission appeal, requiring it to be agreed before the next stages of the development can progress.

### **Planning Applications Reviewed:**

- **25/1146/PDT: Tarn, Dunny Lane, Belsize, WD4 9DQ - [Prior approval: Enlargement of the dwellinghouse by the construction of one additional storey \(2.65m height\) and raising of roof ridge to result in an overall height of 8.33m \(Class AA\)](#)**

*SPC: Noted. Although this represents a sizeable expansion, we welcome investment in this property. It is a shame that the previous, smaller scale and aesthetically preferable application for this site was refused. We encourage the applicant to use the opportunity of these changes to improve the energy efficiency of the dwelling beyond what is required by building regulations.*

- **25/1097/FUL & 25/1098/LBC: Farmhouse, Newhall Farm, Bucks Hill, WD4 9AH - [Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of part single and part two storey side and rear extensions; extension to basement level, and loft conversion; rooflights; internal alterations and alterations to fenestration](#)**

*SPC: No objection on the basis that the overall increase in size is less than 40%, the design is appropriate to the history of the building and will secure this listed building for the future. The extensive changes and refurbishments will also significantly improve the energy efficiency of the building. We encourage the applicant to take the opportunity of these works to incorporate renewable energy options.*

- **25/1013/FUL: Cherry Tree Lodge Farm, Finches Avenue, Redheath, WD3 4LN - [Demolition of equestrian complex and construction of 2no. single storey detached dwellings with accommodation in the roof space served by side/rear dormers, front/side rooflights, rear solar panels with associated driveways, parking and landscaping and erection of stables](#)**

*SPC: We object to this application on the basis that it is effectively a significant change of use to create two new 5 bed dwellings in a Green Belt location without very special circumstances. We recognise that this site is in part a brown field site and the quality of design and sustainability being applied. However, we cannot see in this application the required very special circumstances that would justify new large dwellings that do not match identified housing needs in the Parish.*

#### **Recent TRDC Planning Decisions:**

- **25/0992/CLPD: Toledo, The Green, Sarratt, WD3 6BS - [Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Erection of single storey side and rear extensions](#)**

*SPC: We support investment into this property, but are concerned that the combination of this, and the other two current separate applications will result in overdevelopment of this site.*

*TRDC: Approved*

- **25/0993/CLPD: Toledo, The Green, Sarratt, WD3 6BS - [Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Construction of one additional storey](#)**

*SPC: We support investment into this property, but are concerned that the combination of this, and the other two current separate applications will result in overdevelopment of this site.*

*TRDC: Approved*

- **25/0940/FUL: Sunchat, Penmans Hill, Chipperfield, WD4 9DJ - [Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension; alterations to side fenestration, rooflights](#)**

*SPC: No objection*

*TRDC: Approved*

- **25/0921/PDNE: New Model Farm, Sarratt Road, WD3 6AJ - [Permitted Development Notice: Installation of solar panels on agricultural barn](#)**

*SPC: No objection. We support the installation of solar panels on existing structures.*

*TRDC: Approved*

- **25/0902/FUL: The Old Cattle Shed, Red Lion Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6BN - [Erection of stables and change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian/agriculture](#)**  
*SPC: We are not opposed to the fields being used for equestrian, but we object to this application on the grounds that it will result in a new permanent building on a Green Belt site*  
*TRDC: Refused*
- **25/0839/FUL: The Old Gate, Bucks Hill, WD4 9BR - [Demolition of existing detached garage; construction of part single, part two storey rear extension; front porch; alterations to fenestration.](#)**  
*SPC: No objection*  
*TRDC: Approved*
- **25/0791/FUL: 28 Dawes Lane, Sarratt, WD3 6BB - [Construction of a single storey side and rear extension; first floor front extension; construction of a rear dormer and alterations to fenestration](#)**  
*SPC: We are concerned that this application represents an increase of 70% over the original dwelling size and would represent overdevelopment in Green Belt. We also note that this application is a 15% increase in volume compared to the current building and a moderate increase in footprint. On balance we have no objection as long as the application maintains the historical character of the connected buildings and the applicant uses this opportunity to improve the energy efficiency of the dwelling.*  
*TRDC: Approved*
- **25/0741/FUL: The Woodlands, Penmans Green, WD4 9AY - [Construction of outbuilding](#)**  
*SPC: No objection*  
*TRDC: Refused*

### Planning Appeals:

- [APP/P1940/W/25/3358883](#) - 15 Church Lane - [Subdivision of site and construction of detached bungalow with associated access and car parking.](#) Ref. No: 25/0002/REF – No further update.
- [APP/P1940/C/24/3349464](#) - Ravenswood Farm Church Lane - Enforcement Notice Appeal - Use of building as an independent dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) - 22/0031/COMP - Appeal quashed for legal reasons.

### Planning Enforcements:

There was no update from TRDC on Enforcement Cases this month. Please refer to the TRDC or SPC websites for the latest information.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The Council was very sad to receive the resignation of Cllr Flo Garvey. SPC is now looking for a suitable replacement for this portfolio but are pleased that Jo Deacon will continue to progress the execution of the Woodland Management Plan.

Cllr Dobson will be asking TRDC why nothing has been heard yet on the review of the Conservation Area at Church End and get confirmation The Green is to be reassessed next year.

In addition:

- UK Power has visited Dawes Woods to look at the growth of trees into power cabling - awaiting a potential start of works.
- Willow on the Green - sympathetically remediated and chippings sent to the allotments.
- Morton's Pond - Works by the Chiltern Wildlife Volunteers completed and free of charge – thank you CWV.
- Overgrown footpath on New Model Farm footpath reported to the HCC Rights of Way Officer.

## **HIGHWAYS**

Report from David Zerny:

- As a result of the closure of the M25 most nights in the preceding week, there have been many complaints from residents about the diversion of so much heavy traffic through the narrow lanes in Sarratt particularly through Chandlers Cross. It is not clear whether this was the official signposted diversion route, or lorries following their satnavs. This matter will be raised with the HCC Lead for Highways.
- The frequent flooding at Bucks Hill and Callipers Lodge brought to SPCs attention has been resolved and large bore drains have been installed. However, without regular maintenance they will clog up. This will be raised with HCC Highways and TRDC.
- Cllr Zerny has a meeting with County Cllr Louise Price planned on 25 September to discuss Highways issues.

In addition:

- Works on or adjacent to the Green (Affinity Water and Cadent Gas), and at Holy Cross (Affinity) - Some of this has been emergencies and therefore, there is no forewarning that can be passed on to the Parish. The Gas leak on the Green continues but is not intruding into homes. This is not considered an emergency, and the Clerk will be given a date for further works.

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES**

- The bank transactions for June were reviewed and approved.
- SPC agreed on the signatories for the new interest earning CCLA account to hold the SPC reserves.
- There are two very minor qualifications on the AGAR, which have been resolved. The External Auditor's Report will be uploaded onto the SPC website in September.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **ROSPA report on the KGV Playground:**

The ROSPA report was forwarded to Caloo who have undertaken the repairs not already completed by Andrew Whitewood and Nick Mortimer. Caloo have also raised the ground level underneath the roundabout.

### **Filming In Sarratt:**

A request to use SPC land on the 11 & 12 September and 15 October as a location for a BBC Comedy Series has been received. The filming will necessitate road closures around Dawes Lane and off-Green car parking. However, the film company has been in touch with affected residents and is working pro-actively to ensure that there is a minimum level of disruption. SPC will circulate further details on the SPC Email when more details are known. SPC agreed the charge made for use of the location will be spent on the works to the Cricketers Pond, for which the Council has so far been unsuccessful in securing grant funding.

### **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR):**

Councillor Dobson attended a presentation from TRDC on the 28 July

- Cllr Steven Giles-Medhurst is the leader of the Hertfordshire working party consisting of the 10 District Councils, the County Council and the Police Commissioner. Options for splitting Hertfordshire into two or more Unitary Authorities are being assessed for the November submission to central government with a Mayor, only for Hertfordshire, as its own single economic area i.e. not combined with other counties.
- Key changes include fewer 'higher tier' councillors as the district and county structures merge. This may lead to an increased workload on both the new unitary authority councillors and the parish councils.

- In areas where there are no parish councils, Area Committees may be created, unless unparished areas can be absorbed into existing parishes before the new authority comes into effect. There are currently 3 unparished areas in Three Rivers – two in Chorleywood and one in Mill End. Parish Councils are not impacted by the LGR, but changes could follow once the new authority is in place.
- SPC has submitted its feedback on the LGR questionnaire to TRDC and there is a further meeting for the Parish Councils with TRDC in September.

### **Defibrillators:**

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### **VJ Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 15 August 2025**

It was agreed that having held a village event to recognise VE Day 80, a further event for VJ Day was not required.

### **NEXT SPC MEETING**

The next meeting of Sarratt Parish Council will be held at **7:30pm** on **Tuesday 9 September** in the **Rear Room of Sarratt Village Hall**. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

To contact SPC please telephone Mrs. Lena Mortimer, the Parish Clerk, on 01923 262025 or email her at

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