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View from the Pew

Some folk are natural listeners. I'm capable of making some pretty casual, banal and vapid comments but a late friend of mine in particular, always listened intently. It was very affirming, if somewhat disconcerting. Philosopher Simone Weil (1909-1943) said that *attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity*.

Søren Kierkegaard's parable of the clown has been much retold and reimagined.

A fire breaks out in a circus and is in danger of spreading across the dry stubble. The ringmaster sends a boy clown, dressed for performance, to the neighbouring village to alert them and get help. The clown runs at haste to the village and delivers the message to the inhabitants. But they laugh at him. They think it's a ruse to get them to go to the circus. The more the clown pleads, the more the villagers laugh, even applaud him for his performance! The clown's anguished pleading to the villagers to listen was in vain. Unable to secure help, the circus and the village were destroyed by the fire.

It is recorded in the Bible (Luke 8:18), that Jesus spoke to his followers: **Take heed how you hear**. Wise words, spoken 2000 years ago and maybe pertinent to much of our society today.

A man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest, sang Simon and Garfunkel more than 50 years ago (gulp!). We joke about selective hearing. Do we sometimes bring a closed mind to those with whom we disagree? Or have assumed we will disagree. Do we tend to react, rather than respond?

These days, much information and discourse is conducted through "social" media where trained influencers, commentators and activists have sway, not all of it benevolent. *Echo chambers* form where individuals can discover and connect with countless others who reflect and reinforce their own views.


My listening Christian friend was also a questioner and Jesus's guidance, **Take heed how you hear**, seems very relevant. Christians, whether committed, enquirers or seekers, may listen for God in various ways, including prayer, reading the Bible, reading, walking and worship, but few would expect an audibly voiced response. Substituting the word *attend* for *hear* (or *listen*) may nuance and help our understanding.

Alan Poulton

Inspire

Women Inspiring Women

St Paul's Parish Room, Chipperfield 1:30-3.00
on the 1st Monday of every month



February 2nd we will be having a tombola and cake sale to raise funds for "Charis Tiwala" the local charity we support.



Have time away from your busy lives with activities, conversations and inspiring talks over tea, coffee & cake

For more info contact Fay on fay.dent@live.co.uk

New Churchyard Regulations

St Albans Diocese (who oversee Holy Cross Sarratt and St Paul's Chipperfield) have recently updated their Churchyard Regulations. The most up to date version is November 2025.

If you visit our churchyards to leave items on graves or maintain them please have a read through to find out what can and cannot be left there.

A hard copy of the regulations is in each church (to remain there), however if you would like an electronic version, to read in your own time, please email holycrossstpauls@outlook.com and a copy will be sent to you. Thank you.



Join our
Ceilidh dance

with the fabulous
BRIMSTONE BAND
All the way from Chipping Norton

Saturday 7th March
7pm - 11pm, Sarratt Village Hall

Tables of ten available and
no experience necessary!*

Tickets are £25 - bring your own
supper and full bar available

Please contact Sue Clark on:
sue@suemclark.com

All proceeds go to Friends of Holy Cross charity

*individual tickets also available

SARRATT CARE

RUN BY THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY

SARRATT COMMUNITY LUNCH

Enjoy a lunch with old friends or make new ones at the community lunch. Three courses for a £5 contribution.

Join us in the Village Hall Monday 16th February at 12.30

To book please call Jacky Creed – Details below

COFFEE CORNER AND TREATMENTS

Hairdressing, chiropody, massage and reflexology all available in the village at affordable prices or just pop in for coffee and cake.

Available in Village Hall 10.00 - 12-00 Wednesday 4th and 18th February

To book please call Jennifer Haynes on 590542 or 07743 133736

TRANSPORT TO APPOINTMENTS

Do you have a doctors or hospital appointment and don't know how you are going to get there?

Call 07565 399349 between 10.00 and 12.00 weekdays to arrange for one of our volunteer drivers to take you.

Any other queries or to become a volunteer please call Jacky Creed 519975 or 07769 045270

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...AND THESE REGULAR MEETINGS

<p>Sarratt Mums, Toddlers and Baby Group: 9.30-11.30am every Monday, term time only, in the Pavilion, KGV Field. We are a nice friendly group. Please come and join us. Enquiries to: Daphne Tyler 07970 894205</p> <p>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 to info@sarrattscoutgroup.org</p>	<p>Netherby Bridge Group: 2-4.30pm, Thursdays in the 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</p> <p>Sarratt Rebels Youth Football Club: Training on Saturdays at KGV Field - <u>www.sarrattrebels.org</u></p>
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Winter Warmer Lunch



DATES Fri Feb 13th & 27th

TIME 12.00 – 1.30pm

VENUE Sarratt Village Hall

EVENT Community Lunch

MENU Soup with Crusty Bread
Cake Tea/Coffee

PRICE £3

**Come and join us for a chat with friends.
All from the Parish of Sarratt welcome.
To book call Jacky Creed 01923 519975**

CHARITY PUB QUIZ

**AT THE COCK INN, SARRATT CHURCH END
WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 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**

In 2025, we celebrate 50 years of our Society's existence.

**RE-RADICALISING THE CHOCOLATE BOX:
THE ARTISTS WHO MADE THE MODERN WORLD**

Jacky Klein

Through its use in such things as wallpaper, mugs, chocolate boxes and lampshades, it is easy to view much modern art as purely decorative, adorning contemporary lifestyles. But each great leap forward in art was accompanied by and was sometimes a direct result of radical ideas and world-changing manifestos.

Our enlightening, fully illustrated lecture today, given by a leading expert, charts the rise of radical thinking in modern art, from its origins in the 1870s to the revolutionary movements of the 20th century.

Jacky Klein is an art historian, publisher and broadcaster, with a background in curating, art book publishing and museum education. She is an expert in 19th century, modern and contemporary art.

Everyone is welcome – please join us.

Tuesday 10th February 2026 in Sarratt Village Hall

Refreshments from 10.30am and presentation at 11am.

Non-Members are welcome to attend, suggested donation £10.

Our website offers full details of our work and membership -
TASRickmansworth.org.uk

**PINTS OF VIEW
Monday 16th February**



February Pints of View will be held at **The Boot in Sarratt** on **Monday 16th**, starting at **8pm**. Andy Coote will lead our informal discussion on his topic "What does the development of the Silk Roads tell us about modern trade wars?".

Come along on the 16th. Everyone welcome.

John Guy

February's Sunday Market

When the hounds of spring are on winter's traces,
The mother of months in meadow or plain
Fills the shadows and windy places
With lisp of leaves and ripple of rain;
And the brown nightingale amorous
Is half assuaged for Itylus,
For the Sunday Market and your happy faces
Are in the Village Hall once again!



The **Village Hall Sunday Market** returns on **Sunday 15th February** – so follow the hounds, leave the shadows behind and come to the village hall to see our selection of bargains, gifts, crafts, clothes, bric-a-brac, home made cakes and affordable antique stalls. Tea and coffee is available with biscuits and home made cakes. Start is **10am till 12.30pm**. Any enquiries please ring Larry on 265386.

The Grey Knights

The Grey Knights are delighted to announce they have found a new and an indoor home for Jenks bus.



Currently Jenks is garaged at a farm in the Sarratt area but this is expensive and was never a long-term solution. Just before Christmas, we received an email from Tony Quayle offering the use of one of their barns – the very same barn Jenks was housed by Dennis Jenks all those years ago.

So, Jenks goes “Home”.

Our thanks to Diane and Tony Quayle for their help and generosity – a great start to the new year.

Jenks is booked for her annual service and check and will be ready for the summer season.

Please think of Jenks for that special or fun event you or your friends may be planning for the spring or summer. She was a great success when Father Christmas visited the shop.

We want to thank Daniela and Mike for garaging Jenks for so many years
Alan Milsom

Live Comedy Returns to The Village Hall Saturday 28th Feb 2026!

On **Saturday 28th February 2026**, the Last Laugh Comedy club returns to the Village Hall for their 5th superb show with a line-up that arguably tops them all.

Headlining is the superb **Bob Mills**, star of Radio 5's Fighting Talk and a regular on Radio 4's the News Quiz. A highly respected stand-up comedian making him a favourite on the comedy scene for many years.

Also appearing is the wonderful **David Alfie Ward** – Award winning comedian known for his smart, thoughtful and well-crafted routines. Next up is **Susan Murray** – fierce, funny & fearless taking on modern life with smart lines and bite – one of the UK's best and boldest female comedians.

The Superb **Tim Clarke** will be the MC for the evening - vastly experienced with warm and quick-witted charm.

Tickets are selling fast now at Lastlaughcomedy.co.uk/Sarratt or via the QR code on the poster at Village shop / Village Hall Noticeboard . It is expected this will be another sold out show so do book early to secure your seats.

Doors open at **7pm** – show starts at **8pm** and expected to end around 10pm. Reasonably priced bar available on the night.

SARRATT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chenies Manor and the Russell Family

Laura Noble, Bedford Estates'

Archives & Records Manager

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 7.30 for 8.00pm



Laura will explore the early history of the Russell family and their achievements and roles in the Tudor court. She will describe their connection to Chenies Manor which was the family's principal residence until the 17th century, illustrating her talk with anecdotes about Chenies throughout the centuries as revealed by the Archives.

Sarratt Village Hall - Refreshments served from 7.30pm

Non-Members welcome - £4 on the Door

sarrattlocalhistorysociety.org

SARRATT POST OFFICE STORES

**At the Heart of our Community Seven Days a Week
(A Community Interest Company)**



As Sarratt PO Stores prepares to celebrate 15 years as a community-run shop, it feels only right to shine a light on one of our volunteers who has been there from the very start – Kate Soothill.

Kate began volunteering as she was keen to contribute to making sure that both the shop and PO remained open and from the start it's been a family affair as Anthony, her husband, was a founding Board member (and still does runs to the wholesalers) and their son, Tom, completed his Duke of Edinburgh volunteering in the shop and a paper round until he went to university.



“I’m still here as it’s a really enjoyable way to give back to the community whilst seeing other people, finding out what’s going on locally and being part of a friendly team.”

Now helping to train new volunteers behind the counter Kate is keen to point out that there are different ways to get involved, if this is not for you – filling shelves, cleaning and many other opportunities – even an hour a week would help make a difference and there is always someone around to support you.

Thank you, Kate and ALL our volunteers who this month will be getting ready to help you celebrate both Valentine’s Day and Shrove Tuesday!

For shop and village news find us on Facebook: Sarratt post office stores & Instagram: @sarrattpostofficestores

Email: shop@sarrattvillage.org Tel: 01923 262106

Every hour you volunteer and every pound you spend helps keep us in the village!

Boxing Day Gathering on the Green 2025 raised record amount for Cancer Research UK

Thanks to everyone who brought their veteran, vintage and classic vehicles out on a very cold Boxing Day to be admired by ever increasing numbers of visitors to our beautiful village. With the help of Sarratt's Cancer Research UK collection team, as well as Mr and Mrs Brice who brought their vintage fairground organ, the amazing sum of £1700 was raised in total. £70 raised by Mr and Mrs Brice goes to Garston branch of the charity. Heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers and stewards who made the event such a success. Well done everyone, Gloria Brownsell and family

Sarratt Horticultural Society 2026 Membership and Subscriptions



**Our 2026 show dates are
Spring Show - March 28th and Autumn Show September 12th**

New members always welcome!

Our membership fees remain at
£3 for a single person or £5 for your household

Just a reminder that this year sees a change to our subscription collections. We are offering the following options with a preference for the first to save on collecting cash and a more efficient system.

1. **Pay by bank transfer** -- Please ensure that in the reference you put your initial and surname so we know that you have paid. The bank details are: Sarratt Horticultural Society
Sort code: 40-45-28 Account number: 01079158

We ask if you can pay your subscription as soon as possible, so that we can then deliver your Schedule

2. Pay in the Sarratt shop - The subscription can be left at the Sarratt shop in an envelope marked with your name, address and email. New members can complete a membership form which is available from the shop or our website. If possible, please use cash rather than a cheque.

3. Where payments have not been received, our committee will come round to collect memberships.

Sarratt Wildlife Volunteers

Sunday January 11th was a fine winter's day, just right for the first Wildlife Task of the New Year. We were working on Dawes Common for a change, but not a change of job – brambles grow everywhere! This is a beautiful little Common, quite open in most parts and full of bluebells in April and May. We were hoping to encourage even more by removing yet more brambles. We were pleased with our morning's work and look forward to seeing another open area covered in a blue carpet later in the year.

On **Sunday 8th February** we shall be working at **Penmans Green**, up the track from Belsize. Meet there at **10am**, tools and strong gloves provided. Do join us if you can, new volunteers are warmly welcomed. Just turn up or contact Dawn, 267071 or dawnmlpitts@btinternet.com.

New Treasurer for The Friends of Holy Cross Church, Sarratt (The FOHC)

The FOHC are looking for someone to take over the role of treasurer.

There are three or four events each year, all of which take a few hours' preparation, organising floats, SumUp card payment machines and a statement of the results. The Flower Festival at the end of June lasts three days and floats are required each day. Gift Aid tax claims are made for all donations received, and at the end of the year Financial Statements are prepared for Independent Examination.

The present treasurer, Richard Cawdron, has indicated he would like to retire in January 2027. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please will they contact Richard who will explain in more detail what is involved. He can be contacted by phone 07710 74 41 86 or email - richardcawdron@yahoo.com.



Holy Cross at Christmas



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

Rector: Revd Sarah Miles 07525 491496

Church Administrator: Sonya Tolmie

holycrossstpauls@outlook.com 01923 264377

Everyone is welcome to attend any service in the Benefice

You can find us on 'A Church Near You' achurchnearyou.com

Church Opening Times

Holy Cross each day between 9am and 4pm

St Paul's each day between 10am and 4pm



**LITTLE
SAINTS'**

TUESDAY'S 9.15 - 10.45 AM

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH
CHIPPERFIELD**

**COME ALONG TO OUR NEW TODDLER GROUP!
MEET NEW FRIENDS
ENJOY CRAFTS, SINGING & PLAYTIME**

**£1 DONATION PER CHILD
TEA AND TOAST
DRINKS & BISCUITS PROVIDED**

**FOR MORE INFO CALL REVD SARAH
07525491496**

CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday 1 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Candlemas (Sunday nearest 2/2)

9am Morning Worship Holy Cross

10.45am Benefice Eucharist St Paul's

Sunday 8 2nd Sunday before Lent

9am Morning Worship St Paul's

10.45am Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross

12.30pm Benefice Lunch St Paul's Parish Room

Sunday 15 Sunday next before Lent

9am Morning Worship Holy Cross

10.45am All Together Benefice Eucharist St Paul's

gathering at 10.30am for pastries & drinks before the service

6.30pm Compline (traditional night prayer) Holy Cross

Wednesday 18 ASH WEDNESDAY 1st day of Lent

6.30pm Service for Ash Wednesday Holy Cross
with Eucharist and imposition of ashes

Sunday 22 1st Sunday of Lent

9am Morning Worship St Paul's

10.45am Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross

MARCH 2026 (first part of month)

Sunday 1 2nd Sunday of Lent

9am Morning Worship Holy Cross

10.45am Benefice Eucharist St Paul's

Sunday 8 3rd Sunday of Lent

9am Morning Worship St Paul's

10.45am Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross

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

Sarratt F.C.



We ended 2025 with a mixed bag of results. Ebou Joof and James Evans found the net as we secured a point in a 2-2 draw with Newport Pagnell Development at home. Evans was on hand again as he and Roman Pirani scored in a 2-1 victory at Luton's 61FC, before we fell to Bovingdon 3-2 in a hotly contested derby. At the time of writing, we're still top of the league, six points clear of our neighbours in second place!

Avoiding relegation remains the key target for our Reserves this season; a feat very much still in reach. Goals are beginning to surface throughout the team, with Joof, Jake Christie, Marcus Fry and Lewis Blood each recently opening their Reserves account for the season. Away from the league, their run in the Cecil Hudson Cup continues. At the end of January, they'll host North London-based Underdogs FC in a third-round tie.

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)

31st January - First Team vs. Pitstone & Ivinghoe (2:00pm)

7th February - Reserves vs. Bury Rangers (2:00pm)

14th February - First Team vs. Eynesbury United (2:00pm)

21st February - Reserves vs. Bengoe Trinity (2:00pm)

Tom Scarborough
Sarratt FC Secretary

KGV FIELD NEEDS YOU!!

The Management Trustees of King George's Field, Sarratt, are trying to raise much needed funds for the re-development of the KGV pavilion, so that it can continue to serve the local community for years to come.

The last time the pavilion was refurbished was when it was rebuilt in the 1980s. The improvements will include new male and female changing rooms, individual shower cubicles, a modernised kitchen/bar area, upgrades to the main hall area and increased storage space.

Following a tender process, we have selected a builder and secured some funding from Three Rivers District Council, but we do not currently have enough for the build!



We're looking to raise an additional **£50k** from the local community.

Can you help?

If you would like to donate funds - £10, £100, £1,000 *or more* - towards the build or have any brilliant fundraising ideas or have first-hand experience in fundraising for charities, please contact {

Kate Coleman at kate.coleman@ee.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing you!

King George's Field, Sarratt. Charity number: 266708

Sarratt WI

Since its founding in 1915, the WI has had a profound, lasting impact on society in England and Wales. With a membership of nearly 220,000 women, it acts as a major force for social change, focusing on women's rights, environmental protection, community cohesion, and public health education.



Each year, WIs submit proposed resolutions about current issues to the National Federation who debate these topics and put forward a shortlist. Every member then has the opportunity to vote on their preferred resolution and the ones with the most votes nationally are put forward to the annual meeting to be debated and adopted.

This year's resolutions focus on public well-being, with the shortlist including action on women's homelessness, raising awareness of the volunteer independent visitor system for children in care, and 'Nearer to Nature', promoting the benefits of 'green health' including supporting 'green social prescribing' in every GP practice and looking out for vulvar cancer.

After discussion at Sarratt WI's January meeting, the resolution which most people seemed to support was 'Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health, and social inclusion'. This resolution recognises that the UK has lost about 50% of its public toilets since 2000 (mainly due to cuts to local authority budgets) and calls for WI branches to support local authorities and civil society in reversing the closure trend and increasing the number of accessible, clean, free public toilets, ensuring dignity for all.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th February** when we will hear from Alan Griffin about his adventures in the Australian Outback.

New members are always welcome. We meet at **2.15pm** on the **2nd Wednesday** each month in **Sarratt Village Hall** and do a walk with a pub lunch on the 4th Wednesday of the month, together with annual trips, craft days and much more. Coming up this year are a canal boat trip and afternoon tea at Church Garden, Harefield.

For more information, please contact our president Leone Ashby on 07894421748

Sarratt Scout Group

Gavin Daly, Verity Allen, Dan Haynes, Sarah Dobson



Dear Readers, a short article from the Scout Group this month, as at the time of writing we've only been back for a week since the Christmas break, so nothing to report on since the last Spotlight edition.

However we start back at a time when Hertfordshire Scouts is running its "**Bring a Friend**" campaign to encourage more young people to join scouting and benefit from all the great things it can offer, from developing their skills, building confidence, experiencing new activities, getting outdoors, making new friends and importantly having fun !!

Sarratt Scout Group is open to boys and girls aged 5¾ to 14, with our Explorer Section for 14-18 years olds run with 1st Ricky Explorers. Anyone is welcome to join and can come along for 2-3 weeks to "try it out" before deciding to join.

Beavers: Age 5¾ - 8 years - Meets Wednesday
Cubs: Age 8 - 10 years - Meets Thursdays
Scouts: Age 10 - 14 years - Meets Wednesdays
Explorers: Age 14 - 18 years - Meets Mondays

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

We also still need your help to fill some key roles for the Group.

If you care about the importance of scouting in young people's lives, helping them benefit from all the things listed above, 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.

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 another **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.

Both these jobs can be done from home, plus attending a leadership team meeting 3 times a year and take no more than an hour a week. 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

Parish Council Report



*The following are the updates from SPC and the key points arising for the SPC Meeting held on **Tuesday 13th January 2026** Full minutes when approved and other information is available on our website **sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk***

Grants provided for local organisations

SPC annually provide small grants to local organisations to support their provision of great services and activities to residents. This year we have allocated 15% of our overall budget to support 11 Sarratt organisations who provide valuable additions to Sarratt

New look Parish communications coming soon

Communicating vital local information is an important part of SPC's work. To make this easier and more effective for all residents in the Parish we are in the process of updating all our communications. This will include more detail on our website, social media, newsletters and more.

Keeping the pressure on for highways

Councillors are continuing to work hard to get essential highways works to happen. This includes working with Herts County Councillors on pothole issues, improving signage and addressing flooding issues.

Protecting the land

SPC own and maintain a significant amount of woodland and other land for the use and enjoyment of all residents. Councillors are in the process of reviewing the management plans these prized assets, to protect them for all to safely enjoy into the future.

PLANNING

Land At Dawes Lane Sarratt 25/2215/OUT

Outline application: Demolition of existing structures and erection of up to 44 new homes with associated access, parking, open space, landscaping and ancillary works (Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale as reserved matters)

SPC: We will be objecting to this application which represents further unsustainable overdevelopment of Sarratt. A detailed response is being prepared. We also encourage all residents to view and respond to this application on the Three Rivers Planning online system

Green End Farm Church Lane Sarratt 25/2154/FUL

Demolition of no. 93a Church Lane, commercial units and private livery yard and erection of 16no. dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping works _

SPC: Although this is a brown field site, we will be objecting to this application as it is in addition to other already approved development so will provide unsustainable overdevelopment of Sarratt. A detailed response is being prepared.

Popes Croft Chandlers Lane Chandlers Cross 25/2206/PDT

Prior approval: Enlargement of the dwellinghouse by the construction of one additional storey (2.10m height) and raising of roof ridge to result in an overall height of 8.6m (Class AA)

SPC: Noted. We encourage the application to use the opportunity of this change to improve the insulation of the building and install renewable energy solutions such as solar panels and heat pumps where appropriate.

Sunchat Penmans Hill Chipperfield Kings Langley 25/2201/FUL

Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension; alterations to side fenestration, rooflights

SPC: No Objection. We encourage the application to use the opportunity of this change to improve the insulation of the building and install renewable energy solutions such as solar panels and heat pumps where appropriate.

RECENT NOTABLE DECISIONS:

Willow Cottage Penmans Green Sarratt Ref. No: 25/1938/CLPD

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey side and two storey rear extensions, erection of an outbuilding

SPC: We support the investment in this building and the removal of a conservatory with a more sustainable and energy efficient structure. However with the addition of a new additional, separate building in this application we believe this constitutes overdevelopment of the site so we object on that basis. **TRDC: Application Approved**

Tarn Dunny Lane Belsize Ref. No: 25/1888/FUL

Construction of single storey rear extension; loft extension including increase in ridge height with front/rear dormers and front rooflights; relocation of entrance door, alterations to fenestration and internal alterations. **SPC: No objection TRDC: Approved**

Ferndale Church Lane Sarratt Ref. No: 25/1863/FUL

Construction of single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, alterations to front roof form and gables to rear dormers; relocation of entrance, internal alterations and alterations to fenestration, side rooflights and solar panels; ...

SPC: Objection: Overdevelopment in the Green Belt

Application Withdrawn

Corner Lodge Sarratt Road Ref. No: 25/1806/FUL

Construction of single-storey side extension to existing outbuilding

SPC: No objection TRDC: Approved

Great Wheelers Farm The Green Sarratt Ref. No: 25/1799/FUL

Erection of outbuilding (yurt) to frontage for use as a counselling clinic.

Application Withdrawn

Land Adjacent To Ashwood Bucks Hill Ref. No: 25/1718/FUL

Construction of a two-storey detached dwelling and detached carport with associated access, parking and hard and soft landscaping works

SPC: Objection: Inappropriate development in the Green Belt

TRDC: Refused

Great Moonshine (Garage) Bragmans Lane Sarratt Ref. No: 25/1689/FUL

Installation of 19no. solar panels to roof of building

SPC: No objection TRDC: Approved

Popes Croft Chandlers Lane Chandlers Cross Ref. No: 25/1648/FUL

Demolition of existing outbuilding, construction of part single-storey, part two-storey front and rear extensions, front dormer window, rear rooflights, relocation of front entrance door, alterations to fenestration, alterations to external materials, and associated internal alterations.

SPC: Objection: Overdevelopment in the Green Belt. TRDC: Refused

Land Adjoining Sarratt Lane Loudwater Ref. No: 25/1294/FUL
Construction of 9no. residential dwellings (Use Class C3), with associated rerouting of public footpath, access, parking and landscaping works

SPC: We objected and provided a detailed response

TRDC: Refused

Land Adjoining Westwood End Bucks Hill Ref. No: 25/0597/FUL

Change of use to a residential caravan site, for occupation by Gypsies/Travellers, comprising the siting of 2 static caravans with associated access and hardstanding.

SPC: We strongly object to this application and provided a detailed response. **TRDC: Refused**

See the council in action and have your say

Date of the next Sarratt Parish Council meeting is

Tuesday 10th February 7.30pm held in the **rear room of the Village Hall**. Members of the public welcome to attend.

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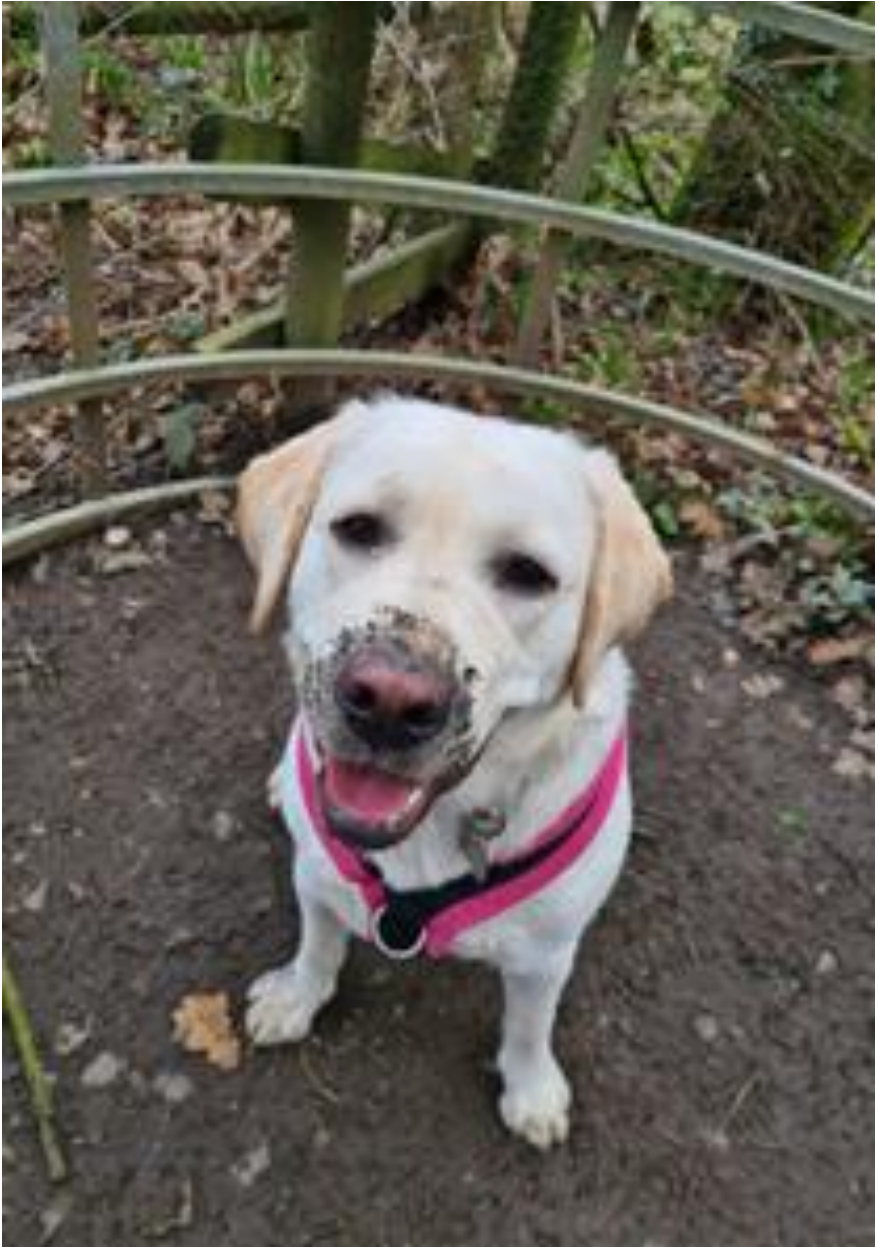
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