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View from the Pew

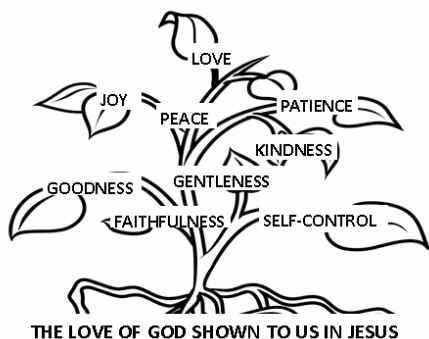
Where are your roots?

In January, our 15 year-old grandson Daniel came to stay with us. He emigrated with his family to Australia in 2019 when he was 9 years old but he loves England. When I asked him why, he said, 'It makes me happy.' When pressed, he thought about it and said, 'I feel rooted here.' As someone who has only lived within a six-mile radius of my birthplace, I too feel rooted here – in South West Herts and, for the past 22 years, in Sarratt.

This made me think about roots and soil. I'm not a gardener of any kind but my guess is that at this time of year, the gardeners among you are thinking about your soil and how you can improve it to ensure your plants are at their best.

This in turn led me to think about my life. What kind of 'soil' am I rooted in? Is there any resentment or unresolved hurt over disappointment or perceived injustice? Any unforgiveness? Am I bearing any grudges? All these are likely to lead to persistent flare-ups of anger, jealousy, bitterness or a critical attitude – a distorted 'plant'.

Perhaps now is the time to think about improving the 'soil'. Letting go of grudges or offences. Shifting focus from the hurt I feel to the grace of God, which acts as the antidote to the poison.



The Bible speaks about being 'rooted and established in love', in particular the love of God shown to us in Jesus. If our roots are deep in Him – in His mercy, forgiveness and grace - the fruit of our lives will be 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Galatians 5:22-23).

Now that's a plant I'd like to cultivate!

Jeannie Poulton

Inspire

Women Inspiring Women

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

**On March 2, we welcome Lucy from Watford Women's
Centre to tell us about their organisation.**

Join us for a time away from your busy lives with
activities, conversations and inspiring talks
over tea, coffee & cakes.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

10.30am on Friday 6th March

at Bovington Baptist Church

On the first Friday in March each year we unite in prayer with people throughout the world. In every continent, people will be meeting for the service which this year has been prepared by Christian women from Nigeria. The theme is 'I will give you rest, come' and is written in response to Jesus' words in Matthew 11.

Locally, people from the churches in Sarratt, Chipperfield and Bovington will be taking part. Everyone is welcome.

The Joy of Easter with lilies in Holy Cross Church

Remember loved ones by donating lilies to decorate our Church. Please put £3 per lily in an envelope, write on the front of the envelope the loved one's names and hand in to Sarratt Post Office. The names will be displayed in the Church.

Marilyn Butler

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 March at 12.30

To book please call Jacky Creed – Details below

COFFEE MORNING AND TREATMENTS

Hairdressing, chiropody and massage, 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 March

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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CHARITY PUB QUIZ

AT THE COCK INN, SARRATT CHURCH END

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH

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**

PINTS OF VIEW

The Brexit Referendum took place on 23rd June 2016 and the United Kingdom officially left the European Union at 11pm on 31st January 2020.



With 2026 marking ten years since the Brexit vote, join us at **The Boot in Sarratt** at 8pm on **Monday 16th March** when Dennis Goldthorpe will lead an informal discussion on **The Impact of Brexit**.

Have the expectations of the Leavers been fulfilled or the worst fears of the Remainers been realised?

Everyone welcome.

John Guy

For all lovers of art and culture – on your doorstep!

‘Giles – His Life, Times and Cartoons’

Barry Venning

Cartoonist Carl Giles (“a spreader of happiness” and “a genius with the common touch”) gave us a remarkable picture of half a century of British life. His legion of admirers included the then Prince Charles, Sir Malcolm Sargent and Tommy Cooper, and he was voted Britain’s best loved cartoonist in 2000. He said his hard gambling, hard drinking creation, Grandma Giles, allowed him to poke fun at authority in all its forms, from Hitler to traffic wardens and even his own Daily Express employers, who carefully monitored his work to ensure it wasn’t too subversive. However this popular, humane satirist was also a war correspondent, who witnessed the horrors of Belsen – he found that camp commander Kramer, the war criminal, was a fan of his work.

Barry Venning is an art historian, publisher of books, articles and exhibition catalogue essays on Turner, Constable and European landscape painting. He is a consultant and associate lecturer for the Open University and has presented BBC TV and radio documentaries.

Everyone is welcome – please join us.

Tuesday 10th March 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

March's Sunday Market

A foggy day in Sarratt town
Had me low and had me down.
I viewed the morning with alarm
The Sarratt Stores had lost their charm.
How long, I wondered, could this thing last?
But the age of miracles hadn't passed,
For the Sunday Market was there –
And through foggy Sarratt town
The sun was shining ev'rywhere!



So brave the fog and come to the Village Hall Sunday Market on **Sunday 15th March**, to see our miraculous selection of crafts, bric-a-brac, bakery and affordable antique stalls. Tea and coffee is available with biscuits and/or home made cakes. Start is 10am till 12.30.

Any enquiries, please ring Larry on 265386.

The Grey Knights

We are pleased to announce Jenks is now back in her old home in the barn in Moor Lane. Our grateful thanks to Tony and Diane Quayle.



If you want to use Jenks for that special occasion, please call **Alan Milsom** on **07917-800623**.

FUN WITH FLOWERS

Four new workshops to get started with arranging flowers/or keeping up your skills to be held in the main part of the Village Hall, **13th April, 20th April, 27th April and 11th May.**

£5 per session. – After the first meeting you bring your own flowers.

Very informal with coffee and chat too.

marilyn@justwebs.co.uk

Sarratt Parish Council

PLEASE – IF YOU ARE HAVING WORK DONE IN YOUR HOME, DO NOT DISPOSE OF YOUR RUBBISH IN THE COMMUNITY BINS! TELL YOUR CONTRACTORS.

IF WE HAVE YOU ON DOOR CAMERA FILM, DUMPING CARPET AND BLACK BAGS. YOU WILL BE LIABLE FOR THE COST OF DISPOSAL, AS THESE BINS CANNOT BE EMPTIED IN THE USUAL WAY.



2025 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to Adams Nurseries, The Boot, The Cart & Horses, The Cock Inn, The Cricketers, The Plough, Sarratt School, The Community Shop, the congregation of Holy Cross Church and everyone who supported the 2025 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in Sarratt, which raised a total of **£1,909.39**.

With heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped and donated

Tracy Nurse and Carol Chorley (Poppy Appeal Organisers)

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

Talk on 20 January 2026

“The Black Death and its Impact on Sarratt”

by Gregory Edmund

(Senior Numismatist and Specialist Auctioneer at Spink&Son and member of our SLHS Committee)

Pre-Covid, most of us thought of The Black Death as something vaguely remembered in our history lessons, which, like ‘how the Romans built their roads,’ and ‘who fought the War of the Roses’, bore little relationship to our present day lives. But on a cold wet, dark January day, post-Covid, the story of a world-wide pandemic, even if 800 or so years ago, stirred all too vivid memories of suffering and loss.

Oddly, like Covid, the Black Death (so called because of the black gangrenous areas on the skin) came from China, via Central Asia to the Crimea and arriving in London in 1348. Before this, tiny Sarratt, (despite the vicious Great Famine, partly caused by continuous rain that destroyed most of the crops between 1315-1317) seemed to be doing quite well. Its church, Holy Cross, had been extended since its initial foundation. The Manors of Goldingtons, Rosehall and Sarratt, and their ‘vills, tofts and messuages’ and land and woods, provided housing and

work for both the 'indentured' villeins and freer inhabitants. The lynchets below Goldingtons were probably being worked, Micklefield Hall, Great Moonshine farm and Jeffrey's Farm appear in records, and a kiln and pottery are mentioned at Chandlers Cross.

Although it might seem that Sarratt was very remote, recent metal detecting and archaeology have found coins of this, pre-Black Death period in the area, minted in places as diverse as, London, Canterbury, Bury St Edmunds, Winchester, Gloucester, York, Newcastle, Durham and even VENICE!! Sited between St Albans and Kings Langley, (then the part time home of the King of England and his family) and St Albans (a great point of pilgrimage,) and probably already on the line of 'greenlanes' along which cattle, sheep and other livestock were walked towards the urban markets, Sarratt would have been a place where numerous 'outsiders' passed through. And on the way they seem to have dropped or lost some of their coins. A dramatic indication of how this movement of people suddenly stopped during the Black Death is that so far NO COINS have been found in the same area or nearby dated between 1345 and 1349!

Sarratt's isolated position may have protected it a little from infection, but its connection with St Albans Abbey, via visiting monks, was deadly. The Abbey acted as both a place of pilgrimage and a hospital and it was the duty of the monks to visit and wash the sick, monks also detailed to oversee the running of Holy Cross. The Abbott and up to half the 100 St Albans monks died within a few months of the outbreak, so it seems highly likely this was the main source of infection here.

Records of deaths are only of richer landowners. Individual deaths in Sarratt were not recorded by the Church in writing till the 16thC. From the sparse records that exist and the apparent reasonable state of manors and farms after the epidemic, it does seem that the physical isolation of the village, despite the St Alban's Abbey link, avoided the catastrophic de-population of other villages and towns. Post-pandemic, the village regained its pre-famine status and individual worker being more scarce were probably able to improve both their wages and status.

Thank you, Gregory, for a talk full of so much fascinating detail, much of which I haven't been able to cover.

Angela Colman

SARRATT POST OFFICE STORES

(A Community Interest Company)

At the Heart of our Community Seven Days a Week



There was a lot of activity leading up to the re-opening of Sarratt Green Café for the NEW season. NEW signs designed, printed and hung, NEW and different supplies ordered (new coffee machine being sourced), much cleaning and NEW interest in volunteering. A great start.

Throughout March, we plan for the **café to be open** in the heated garden room, just behind the shop:

Friday 10.30am -12.30pm

Saturday 10.30am -12.30pm

Sunday 9.30am-11.30am (NEW!)



At all other times hot drinks are available for takeaway from the shop, with a discount for your own cup. We look forward to welcoming NEW and familiar faces!

The shop also has a NEW selection of wines with tasting notes to guide you to the perfect selection for accompanying your slow roasted lamb or beef, spicy Asian dishes, seafood, light pasta dishes, fresh cheeses or Mother's Day Lunch on 15th March – come and have a browse.

For other 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!***

SARRATT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW 2026



Saturday 28th March 2026 – Sarratt Village Hall

Remember entries and payment needs to be in the shop by **6pm on Wednesday 25th March** Entry forms and the schedule are on the website – www.sarrathorti.co.uk but if you need a schedule or entry forms, please email the secretary on sarrathorti@gmail.com

Flower classes include – Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinth, Primulas, Pansies and many other Spring Flowers.

Vegetable, Fruit and Produce classes include a variety of types.

Flower Arranging – “An Ikebana arrangement”; “All things bright & beautiful”; “An Arrangement in a green pepper”

Arts & Crafts – A tapestry, embroidery, knitted, patchwork quilting or cross-stitch article. A painting or drawing. An item of jewellery. A clay article. A wooden article. A metal article. And Photographs – “Lake Views” and “Trees in Blossom”

Cookery – A large vegetarian sausage roll. Three Welsh cakes. An individual apple crumble. Two coffee flavoured iced muffins. A jar of orange curd. Jam filled Swiss roll.

Children’s Classes– any child under 12, **entry forms in Sarratt Shop:**

5 yrs & under – A fruit or vegetable made out of Lego/Duplo

6-8 Year Olds – A fruit or vegetable made out of Lego

9-12 Year Olds – A fruit or vegetable made out of Lego

Any Age – Cress grown in a toy

Open to members – if you want to join, please email the secretary on sarrathorti@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 bargain flowers, vegetables and cookery!

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

Rector: Revd Sarah Miles 07525 491496

Benefice Administrator: Anita Ayrey

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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

MARCH 2026

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

Sunday 15 MOTHERING SUNDAY

9am*	All Together Family Service	*St Paul's (Note venue)
10.45am*	All Together Family Eucharist	*Holy Cross (Note venue)
6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayer)	Holy Cross

Sunday 22 5th Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

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

Sunday 29 PALM SUNDAY – Holy Week begins

British Summer Time begins

9am	Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)	Holy Cross
10.45am	All Together Service	St Paul's

APRIL 2026 (first part of month)

Thursday 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6.30pm	Benefice Eucharist with the washing of feet	St Paul's
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Friday 3 GOOD FRIDAY

2pm	Service for Good Friday	St Paul's
6pm	Service for Good Friday	Holy Cross

Saturday 4 HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Eve

Both churches open all day for quiet reflection, with prayer stations

Sunday 5 EASTER DAY – First Sunday of Easter

5.30am	Easter Sunrise Service	Holy Cross Churchyard
9am	All Together Family Eucharist	St Paul's
10.45am	All Together Family Eucharist	Holy Cross

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

Sarratt Wildlife Volunteers

On Sunday February 8th, we were again working at Penman's Green. For once this year it was not raining, quite cloudy but fairly mild.

We were greeted by a sound that meant Spring was in the air – a woodpecker loudly drumming on a tree to attract a mate. The noise carried a long way through the woodland; let's hope he was successful.

We were at our usual task of Bramble Bashing, pulling up or digging out bramble roots to stop them completely taking over. At least with all the rain the soil was moist so the roots came up fairly easily. We were encouraged to see in some places where we were removing them that bluebells were already struggling to come through, so we gave them space, light and air.

Just where we were working we noticed some unusual fungi on a dead tree trunk. This was Auricularia, the Jelly Ear Fungus, and it does indeed look like an ear! It favours Elder trees, which was just where it was growing. There is always something interesting to see and/or hear on our mornings!



Next time we shall be back at **Penman's Green** on **Sunday March 8th**, meet at the top of the track from Belsize at 10am. Strong gauntlet gloves and tools are provided.

Please help, just turn up or contact Dawn
dawnmlpitts@btinternet.com, or **267071**

We hope to see you there with us!

Sarratt WI

Our speaker in March was Alan Griffin, husband of committee member, Jane Griffin. The talk covered their amazing adventures touring the Australian outback in 2006. It took them 7 months to cover over 22,000 miles in their specially adapted 13 year-old Landrover, carrying enough supplies to keep them going until they were rescued in the event of an emergency.



The landscapes they experienced were stunning: the ‘other-worldly’ Pinacles desert; Kalbarri National Park, which boasts over 1,200 species of wildflowers, an amazing display and nothing like the flowers we have in the UK; the iron-rich Pilbara region; Kalgoolie Super Pit, one of the largest open cut gold mines in the world at 2000 feet deep and still going. Alan and Jane encountered trucks with tyres nearly as big as their Landrover and road trains up to 175 feet long. They didn’t attempt to overtake them!

As they travelled round the coast, they saw beautiful pristine beaches, unsafe for bathing due to the danger of sharks and salt-water crocodiles. Inland, there were water holes amongst the mountains but no way of knowing if there were crocodiles lurking under the surface. They were also on the lookout for very large spiders which move fast, jump and are poisonous! Who knew that there are 60 species of kangaroos and wallabies? Australia’s small marsupials are in danger from foxes and a million feral cats, first introduced by the British.

Kayaking on the Fitzroy River was a highlight for Alan and Jane when they were the only people for miles around. Driving through river crossings with the water up to the bonnet was exciting! The drive across the sand ridges of the Simpson Desert also had some hair-raising moments. A final useful fact for Quiz Night – there are more camels in Australia than in Saudi Arabia!

Sarratt WI meets at **2.15pm** on the second Wednesday each month in the **Village Hall**. Newcomers are always welcome. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th March** when Philip McKinder will speak to us about ‘The Murder of Julia Wallace’. On **the fourth Wednesday of each month**, we organise a walk ending with lunch at a local pub. On our walk in March will be looking out for snowdrops in Sarratt followed by lunch at The Boot.

For more information, please contact our president
Leone Ashby on 07894-421748.

Sarratt F.C.



Despite the poor weather playing havoc with our schedule, we've had an exceptional start to the new year, **winning every match so far in 2026.**

Roman Pirani scored his third goal in as many games as we defeated Harpenden Town Development 2-1 at King George. Ebou Joof, who scored the second the week prior, netted in our 2-1 victory at Stony Stratford Town, with Ollie Evans grabbing the other. Evans was on the scoresheet once more in a 2-1 victory, this time whilst visiting Harpenden; impressive youngster Charlie Kindell also found the back of the net.

We remain top of the league, a firm nine points ahead of second-placed Totternhoe, who we host in early March in our biggest game of the season. Away from the league, we're pitted against Eynesbury United in the Division Two Cup quarter-final. You'll know the result by the time of reading!

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)

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

28th February - Reserves vs. Elizabeth Allen Old Boys (2:00pm)

7th March - First Team vs. Totternhoe (2:00pm)

14th March - Reserves vs. Harpenden Colts (2:00pm)

28th March - First Team vs. Milton Keynes College (2:00pm)

Tom Scarborough
Sarratt FC Secretary

Sarratt Tennis Club



As Spring shows signs of arriving, Sarratt Tennis Club looks forward to dryer and warmer opportunities to play without the need for hats, gloves and multiple layers of clothing - yes, some members do play all year!

We also look forward to the imminent launch of our new LTA affiliated website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SarrattTennisClub> or just search for 'Sarratt Tennis Club'.

In addition to all the information one might want to know about the club, the new website also includes the following new features:

- Easy court booking for club members, with a linked app also available for easy booking;
- Online membership renewal;
- Coaching booking facility paid online, with credits given for cancelled sessions.

As the new season commences we are keen to encourage a younger range of players to join our family friendly club. We are therefore offering some new sessions from mid-April:

- If you have a young energetic member of the household, then a new **Saturday morning 8:30-9:15am** session for **4-7 year olds** would be a great way to start the day;
- For **7-11 year olds** join our coach on **Saturday 9:15-10.00am**;
- For our young people, **11-16 years**, a coached session on **Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm** is starting up;
- And finally, we hope to start a new Cardio Fitness Session. Open to anyone wanting a good exercise session - you don't even have to be able to play tennis. All are welcome on **Mondays 6-7pm**.

All these sessions will be led by our excellent coach David Gray, who has vast experience, including many years of coaching junior tennis. Details, costings and booking on any of these sessions is via the new website, so do have a look and sign up for you or your child(ren).

A date for the diary for club members is our **AGM** to be held on **Wednesday 8th April**, venue: **The Boot Pub, Sarratt**.

Parish Council Report



*News and updates from SPC, including the key points arising for the SPC Meeting held on **Tuesday 10th February 2026**
Full minutes when approved and other information is available on our website sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk*

District Council Local Plan

The Government has used its powers to pause the progression of the emerging Local Plan which sets out sites and targets for development in the district for the next 15 years. They state that the current plan leaves a shortfall of 5,000 dwellings to meet the target needs identified by the Government. TRDC have been given to 19th February to respond to this action. A lack of an adopted Local Plan can lead to uncontrolled development. Residents are encouraged to contact their MP and the Minister of State for Housing and Planning Matthew Pennycook, to represent their views on this subject.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The Government have now opened public consultation on the proposals to reorganise Hertfordshire into 2, 3 or 4 unitary authorities. The Government public consultation closes on 26th March. You can find the link to the Government survey and more information about LGR here - www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/your-council/devolution-local-government-reorganisation.

Improving our highways

We have received the draft schedule for highway maintenance for next year, to which SPC has not been given input, despite previous promises. North Hill is scheduled for repair Apr-Jun. Bucks Hill is not featured, despite being viewed as a priority given the poor state of repair and numerous potholes.

Following recent issues with large HGVs using local roads when the M25 is closed, we requested improved 'unsuitable for HGVs' signage and Cllr Price has indicated she will use some of her locality budget to enable this.

We have requested the imposition of a 20mph speed limit on the side road at Sarratt Green, due to the primary school and the road's narrow, busy nature with lots of parked vehicles.

Flooding: We have asked Cllr Price to address the flooding which often occurs at:

- a) Calliper's Lodge, Bucks Hill
- b) Fir Tree Hill, in the dip by Whippendell Woods
- c) Redhall Lane around 100m before the junction with Sarratt Road
- d) Sarratt Road between the junction with Redhall Lane and York House School
- e) Holmwood, Bucks Hill: reported by a resident to Herts Highways without satisfactory response and Cllr Price is now seeking an update on his behalf, after SPC's intervention.

Surgery with the Clerk

The SPC Clerk, Lena Mortimer, is the key communication contact between residents and SPC. To help focus this communication there will be an open surgery at the SPC office (on the side of the Village Hall) every Wednesday 10am-12pm for any in person queries.

Find out the latest updates

To receive emails about any urgent or important updates for Sarratt Parish residents use this link to signup to this service run by SPC <http://eepurl.com/iZ4fes>

PLANNING

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED:

High Rising The Green Sarratt WD3 6BR Ref. No: 26/0163/FUL

Construction of two new dormer windows to front elevation

SPC: No objection

Ashlea Dunny Lane Belsize WD4 9DE Ref. No: 26/0164/FUL

Construction of single storey rear infill extension and front porch;

garage conversion into habitable accommodation...**SPC: No objection**

The Grove Grove Mill Lane Grove Mill WD3 4TG Ref. No:

26/0120/FUL

Erection of a temporary building with external accesses for use as a

conference centre ... **SPC: No objection**

Elm Trees The Green Sarratt WD3 6BR Ref. No: 26/0101/FUL
Removal of existing side pergola and erection of single storey rear conservatory. **SPC: No objection**

Great Wheelers Farm The Green Sarratt WD3 6BJ Ref.: 26/0012/FUL

Erection of outbuilding (yurt) in the back garden for use as a counselling clinic. **SPC: No objection**

Laurel Cottage Finches Avenue Redheath WD3 4LN 25/2223/CLED

Certificate of Lawfulness Existing Use: Use of Laurel Cottage and associated land as an independent dwelling house (Class C3).

SPC: Noted

Laurel Cottage Finches Avenue Redheath WD3 4LN Ref.: 25/2216/FUL

Removal of Condition 4 (ancillary accommodation) of planning permission 08/1190/FUL **SPC: Noted**

9 The Briars Sarratt WD3 6AU Ref. No: 25/2224/FUL

Construction of part-single, part-two storey front, side and rear extensions...

SPC: No objection. We encourage the applicant to use the opportunity of these changes to significantly improve the energy efficiency of the dwelling and to add renewable energy options.

RECENT NOTABLE DECISIONS:

New Model Farm Sarratt Road WD3 6AJ Ref. No: 25/2107/PDNA

Prior Notification: Erection of agricultural barn with solar panels

SPC: We support the investment in local agricultural business. The screening is a vital component of this application and we ask to make sure that any permissions help ensure this screening is effective and uses native species only. TRDC: Approved

Bucks Hill Bottom Cottage Bucks Hill WD4 9AE Ref. No: 25/2058/LBC

Listed Building Consent: Construction of single storey side conservatory and insertion of rooflights.

SPC: No objection. TRDC: Refused (“...The development would fail to preserve or enhance the special historic character...”)

**Bucks Hill Bottom Cottage Bucks Hill WD4 9AE Ref. No:
25/2057/FUL**

Construction of single storey side conservatory and insertion of rooflights. **SPC: No objection**

TRDC: Refused (“...result in disproportionate additions...”)

**1 Wheatsheaf Cottages The Green Sarratt WD3 6BR
25/2035/CLPD**

Certificate of Lawfulness: Conversion of garage into habitable accommodation. **SPC: Noted. TRDC: Approved**

**Land North Of Little Green Lane Croxley Green WD3 3SP
24/2073/OUT**

Outline Application: Development of up to 600 residential dwellings...

**SPC: Detailed response provided. TRDC: Refused
 (“...inappropriate development within Green Belt...”)**

PLANNING APPEALS

Land to the Rear of 76-78 Church Lane Sarratt

Erection of 20 Dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated parking and landscaping... Ref. No:

26/0002/REF **Status: Appeal
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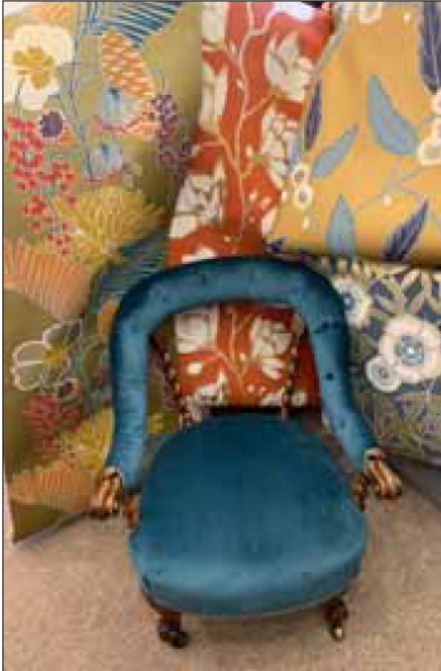
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