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Rector's Ramblings

Can you believe it's midsummer already? Time seems to be flying by but it's wonderful to finally be in that time of year when the days are longer and warmer. Looking back at the last few weeks, there is so much to be thankful for—and so much to look forward to.

First, a massive and heartfelt thank you to everyone who makes our Flower Festival such a spectacular success. Holy Cross church once again completely transformed by the stunning displays, the glorious scents, and the sheer creativity of our volunteer flower arrangers.

Whether you spend hours arranging flowers, baking cakes, serving tea, or simply coming along to support us and marvel at the displays, you make it a truly special weekend. Thanks to your incredible generosity, Friends of Holy Cross raise vital funds that will support us in keeping our beautiful church running and open to all.

We've started a new family service in Chipperfield - Forest Church! A wonderful space for young families and their children to discover God through creation and the great outdoors. (see page 16 for details). As much as I love the summer, we are looking forward to those autumn afternoons when we can gather around the fire pit together!

July also brings that familiar, bitter-sweet rhythm of the end of the school term. For the children and teachers in our community, a big milestone is approaching. Some of our young people are preparing to say goodbye to their primary schools, packing up their bags to take that big, exciting leap into secondary school this September, and a fresh batch of little ones eager (and perhaps a little nervous!) to start their school journey after the summer. We will be saying goodbye to some of our very first Toddlers from our Little Saints Tuesday group, which I'm sure will cause some leaky eyes at the end of term.

Change can feel a bit like rearranging a garden (my job this summer). It takes a little time to settle, but the new growth is always beautiful. To everyone moving on, moving up, or starting afresh: you go with our thoughts, our prayers, and our biggest cheers.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." — *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

To the rest of you lovely folk - whether you are heading off on holiday, planning a quiet time at home, or simply hoping to enjoy a few sunny

weekends in the garden, we wish you a joyful and restful July. Take some time to pause, breathe, and enjoy the sunshine.

Our doors are always open, and we would love to see you at any of our services throughout the summer months.

Wishing you all a blessed, bright, and happy July!

Blessings

Revd Sarah



Inspire
Women Inspiring Women

Change of date!
In July we are meeting in St Pauls
Parish Room 1.30-3pm on the
2nd Monday the **13th July**

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

We would love you to join us

July 13th Jackie will
be talking to us
about her various
work with Mums
and babies.

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

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...AND THESE REGULAR MEETINGS

<p>Sarratt Mums, Toddlers and Baby Group is now closed while renovation work is done on the KGV pavilion, and expects to be open again by the end of September. 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 - www.sarrattrebels.org</p>
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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 £7 contribution.

Join us in the Village Hall Monday 20th July 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 8th and 22nd July.

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

CHARITY PUB QUIZ

AT THE COCK INN, SARRATT CHURCH END
WEDNESDAY 8th JULY
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.

PLUS £15 for a burger and a beer/wine

Come along and enjoy a fun evening.

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

Email: TheCockInnAtSarratt@gmail.com

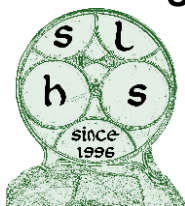
JULY'S SUNDAY MARKET

I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses, and with eglantine:
There sleeps Titania some time of the night,
Lull'd in these flowers with dances and delight;
And there the snake throws her enamel'd skin,
As wide enough to wrap a fairy in:
But she wakes on hearing the fairies call:
"The Sunday Market's in the village hall!"



So wake up to the call and come to the Village Hall Sunday Market on
Sunday 19 July – with some wild and luscious bargains from our
selection of crafts, bric-a-brac, clothing, household items, home-made
cakes and affordable antique stalls. Tea and coffee is available with
biscuits or home made cakes. Start is **10am till midday**. Any enquiries
please ring Larry on 265386.

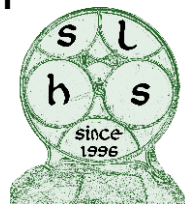
SARRATT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Story of Berkhamsted Castle

Michael Long

TUESDAY 30 June 7.30 for 8.00pm



Michael, a Historian, Lecturer and Author, will share the story of Berkhamsted Castle, from Duke William of Normandy, fresh from defeating Harold at the Battle of Hastings through Thomas Beckett's rebuilding, the siege of The French Prince Louis and the death of the Black Prince.

Sarratt Village Hall – 7.30pm for 8pm

Non-Members welcome - £4 on the Door

sarrattlocalhistorysociety.org

THE ARTS SOCIETY RICKMANSWORTH **Charity No. 1102829**

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

We are having a break over the summer and will be back in **Sarratt Village Hall** on **Tuesday 8th September**.

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

PINTS OF VIEW

Pints of View is taking a summer break. Our next get-together will be on **Monday 21st September**, when we'll meet at **The Boot in Sarratt** at **8pm**. Other POV Autumn dates for your diary are Monday 19 October and Monday 16 November.



Pints of View is an informal forum in which to consider topical matters, moral issues and ethical dilemmas. Everyone welcome.

SARRATT OPEN GOLF DAY

Calling all Sarratt golfers. This year's Sarratt Open will take place at **West Herts Golf Club** in Croxley on **Monday 10th August**. It includes breakfast, a single round for The Open trophy, a 2-course lunch and prize giving. The cost is the same as last year at **£95**. If you want to know more give Trevor Church a call on 07831 619734 or drop an email to trevor.church@brasierfreeth.com



This year's fun competition is "A commemorative mug or cup and saucer with a label if not obvious from the item itself."

This will be judged by Stephen Morrill as always with a prize for the winner.

A poster for Macmillan Cancer Support's "Let's Do Coffee" event. The poster has a decorative border of green and yellow chevrons. At the top, it says "LET'S CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER AT" in green and purple. Below that, it lists the location: "Parish Room, St Paul's Chipperfield 26th". In the center is a photograph of a white coffee cup with a latte heart on top, sitting on a white saucer with a spoon. Below the photo, it says "Saturday 26th September 10am to 12.30". At the bottom, it features the Macmillan Cancer Support logo and the text "LET'S DO COFFEE". A small logo for the Financial Regulator is visible in the bottom left corner.

Sarratt Festival of Music 2026

Here are details of the concerts for this year. Please make a note of these dates in your diary.

Friday September 18th Jeneba Kanneh-Mason solo piano

We are delighted to welcome rising star Jeneba from the world-renowned Kanneh-Mason family with an attractive programme of music ranging from Scarlatti to Chopin.

Saturday September 19th Giants of Jazz Piano with Martin Litton and an 8-piece band.

An entertaining evening exploring the many styles of jazz piano from Scott Joplin to Thelonious Monk via Fats Waller, Art Tatum, Count Basie and many others.

Friday September 25th The Aquarelle Guitar Quartet with Craig Ogden

A 24-stringed quartet – 4 acoustic guitars! International soloist and SFM favourite Craig Ogden joins the Aquarelle ensemble in a wide-ranging programme of music from the Renaissance to the 21st century.

Saturday September 26th Apollo 5

Some years ago we were lucky enough to have vocal ensemble Voces8 at the Festival. Apollo 5 are part of the Voces8 Foundation and stand out as one of Britain's most dynamic vocal groups.

4pm Singing Workshop with Apollo 5

Open to all. No ability to read music required. With an emphasis on fun and the joy of singing this is an unmissable chance to participate and be inspired.

7.45pm Apollo 5 "A Day in Paradise"

A truly eclectic mix of vocal styles. Music from William Byrd, Eric Whitacre, Tom Petty and Bill Withers and many others.

Booking forms are included in this month's Spotlight. They can also be downloaded from the website www.sarrattfestivalofmusic.co.uk The box office will open on 3 August.

All concerts take place in **Sarratt Village Hall** and start at **7.45pm**.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE



On Sunday 7th June, Sarratt Community Garden opened its gates to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme (NGS), which raises significant funds for nursing charities every year. Last year nearly half a million was donated to each of Carers Trust, Hospice UK, MacMillan, Marie Curie, Parkinson's UK and QICN. This year we contributed £830 – an amount to be proud of!

We welcomed around 200 visitors, who were able to enjoy home made cakes, live jazz from Blue in Green, freshly cut bouquets of seasonal flowers and salads, and most importantly a leisurely walk round the garden, taking in the dense and vibrant planting.

As a Community Interest Company, the garden works for the benefit of the community, providing gentle weekly gardening sessions, fresh, seasonal and pesticide-free produce, and occasionally funding small local environmental needs, such as a weekly recycling bin collection for Sarratt Stores. It is an environmental and social project, aiming to make sure everything is seen through those lenses. All ages and stages are welcomed – our age range is currently 9-82, and we also host Duke of Edinburgh Award students from local schools. The garden team couldn't be friendlier, and no regular commitment is expected – we meet every Sunday, 10.30-12.30 for a work session – you are most welcome to join us!



Seasonal produce from the garden is available on Saturday mornings, 10.30-12.30, in the Sarratt Green Café (behind Sarratt post Office Stores), as well as Fridays and sometimes Wednesdays in the shop. You are guaranteed a warm welcome, great produce, and a lovely view...

Flo Garvey

Sarratt WI



The WI had a lovely walk in Penn Woods in May. It was perfect weather for walking in the shade of the trees and we all enjoyed our lunch at The Squirrel afterwards. Our thanks to Linda and Jeff for finding a walk that kept us out of the hot sun!

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

On Wednesday 10th June, our speaker was Master Beekeeper Simon Rice, and we learned a lot about bees. There are about 270 types of bee in the UK. The honeybee is able to compete with native bee species but change in farming practices and loss of forage has reduced honey yields.

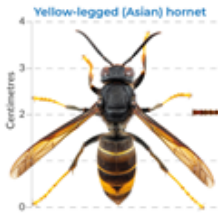


The drones are males, developing from unfertilized eggs, and their sole purpose is to mate with a virgin queen. Every day, mature drones leave the hive to congregate in specific aerial Drone Congregation Areas. (One member suggested it was like the bikers who hung around at The Busy Bee café in Watford in the '60s!) When a virgin queen flies through, the drones give chase. After mating, the drone leaves part of his anatomy behind and dies almost immediately! The mated queen lays 1500-2000 eggs per day in June.

The workers are also female and for 6 weeks in summer, they are a Jill of all trades: they create the hexagonal wax honeycomb, feed the brood, clean the hive, defend the colony and collect nectar and pollen. Nectar is about 80% water so the workers dry it by fanning their wings until it reduces to under 20% and becomes honey. A colony requires 10's of kilograms of pollen per season and a worker bee collects about 16 milligrams per trip. Sadly, 97% of flower rich meadow have disappeared since the 1930's so our gardens and fields can make a difference to our pollinators. Pollen is needed throughout the year and Simon recommended that we look out for the RHS Plants for Pollinators label when choosing plants for our gardens.



We also learned about the Yellow Legged (Asian) Hornet, an invasive species of concern that has spread across Europe and has been found



in the UK. They are an apex predator and pose a severe threat to honeybees. They are mainly black with a yellow/orange band on the fourth segment and their legs are distinctly bright yellow on the lower half. They are active from spring through to autumn, frequently hovering outside beehives to capture honeybees and eat them. If you see one,

avoid disturbing any active nests, as they will aggressively defend them if threatened. Take a clear photo and report it immediately using the Asian Hornet App or email alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk stating the precise location. We need to do everything we can to protect our honeybees.

This was our last meeting in the Village Hall until September. In July, we are going on a canal trip and in August, we will be having afternoon tea at Church Gardens, Harefield. For more information, please contact our president **Leone Ashby** on **07894-421748**.

Sarratt Wildlife Volunteers

Oh What A Beautiful Morning was Sunday June 14th - sunshine, a slight breeze and dancing white clouds, just right for pulling up yet more brambles! We were working again at Penmans Green, continuing our task of freeing the bluebells, foxgloves and other wild flowers from the stranglehold of brambles.

There were fewer of us, but those staunch workers cleared a considerable area and were pleased with the work at the end of the session. It is a very pleasant place to work. There were Foxgloves in flower, Red Campion, Herb Robert and the little yellow blooms of



Wood Avens or Herb Bennet. Jack by the Hedge had gone to seed and it would be good to think there were the caterpillars of the Orange Tip Butterfly on these, one of its main food plants. Blue Tits and Great Tits were busy searching in the oak trees for caterpillars to feed their young.

On **Sunday 12th July**, we shall be working at **Commonwood**, searching out and destroying the alien plant Small Balsam before it takes over the Common. Do come and join us if you can, meet in the carpark there at **10am**, tools provided but bring your own refreshments.

Contact Dawn for more information, 267071 or dawnmpitts@btinternet.com

SARRATT POST OFFICE STORES

(A Community Interest Company)

At the Heart of our Community Seven Days a Week



What Would You Like to See in Our New Fridges and Freezers?

Our new fridges and freezers are an opportunity to refresh what we stock for you. We would really like you to have your say.

Are there particular items you regularly buy elsewhere that you'd prefer to purchase locally? Perhaps you'd like to see a larger delicatessen selection, more frozen fruits, vegetarian or vegan options, fresh desserts, or something else entirely.

Please do pop in and talk to our managers Grainger and Tracey, leave a note in the suggestion box, or contact us via our website or social media pages.

We look forward to hearing your ideas!

Instagram: @sarrattpostoffice stores

Facebook: Sarratt Post Office Stores



Thank you to all our volunteers and customers - every hour you volunteer and every pound you spend helps keep us in the village!

The Grey Knights – Jenks’ Bus

The Grey Knights held its AGM in May in the Cock (thanks to Alice and the team) and the accounts were presented and approved by the members in attendance. Also, the following individuals were re-elected:-

Alan Milsom - Chair Roger Dudley - Deputy Chair;
John Lyons - Scribbler Dee Gomm - Treasurer
Committee - Kevin Biggerstaff, John Griffith
Auditor - Chris Youell

Recent Jenks Trip

Lilia, daughter of Zoe of The Boot and The Cock fame, starred as Matilda in the Razzamatazz Theatre School show at Watersmeet. Many friends and family wanted to support Lilia, so Granny booked Jenks, which transported a happy gang to and from Watersmeet. A great way to arrive at a theatre. Lilia did not know as she made her own way to Watersmeet much earlier. However, she was delighted to see Jenks and her fan club waiting for her after the show. A great way to leave after such a performance. Thanks to Kevin for driving.



Please remember Jenks if you are planning such a trip.

Why not take a tour of our local pubs ending up in The Cock or The Boot. A great way to celebrate a birthday or a special event with friends and family.

Call Alan Milsom 07917 800623.

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

Rector: Revd Sarah Miles 07525 491496

Benefice Administrator: Anita Ayrey

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

Book your places today

Do your children love being outdoors?

Being creative through nature? Discovering the world
around them through mud, sticks and leaves?

Forest Church has arrived in Chipperfield!

Why not join us for some den building, bug finding fun, in
our beautiful outdoors?

St Paul's church Chipperfield 1st Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

for more details contact

Revd Sarah 07525491496

suggested donation £2.50 per child to cover materials

CHURCH CALENDAR

A new pattern of services & times of worship has begun – see below

Join us for worship & fellowship. Everyone always welcome.

JUNE 2026

Sunday 28 *4th Sunday of the month* **4th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Cross Flower Festival Weekend

9.30am Morning Worship* Holy Cross

10.30am Benefice Eucharist* St Paul's

**Changes today to new service pattern because of the Flower Festival at Holy Cross*

JULY 2026

Sunday 5 *1st Sunday of the month* **5th Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross

3.30pm Forest Church St Paul's

Sunday 12 *2nd Sunday of the month* **6th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Morning Worship Holy Cross

10.30am Benefice Eucharist St Paul's

Sunday 19 *3rd Sunday of the month* **7th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) St Paul's

Coffee & croissants available between the morning services

10.30am All Together Informal Worship St Paul's

6.30pm Compline (BCP night prayer) Holy Cross

Sunday 26 *4th Sunday of the month* **8th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Morning Worship St Paul's

10.30am Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross

AUGUST 2026 (first part of month)

Sunday 2 *1st Sunday of the month* **9th Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross

3.30pm Forest Church St Paul's

Sunday 9 *2nd Sunday of the month* **10th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Morning Worship Holy Cross

10.30am Benefice Eucharist St Paul's

Sarratt Scout Group

Georgina Donnelly, Verity Allen, Dan Haynes, Sarah Dobson



The Beavers and Cubs have just come back from their



joint camp last weekend, where 11 Cubs and 9 Beavers enjoyed a feast of burgers and sausages courtesy of ex-Beaver Leader Gav, plus activities ranging from canoeing, kayaking, water wars, rifle shooting, archery, trampolines, tunnels and slackline (similar to tightrope walking). Leaders, Beavers and Cubs alike coped

remarkably well in the constant rain on Saturday, although some did entirely run out of clothes and were picked up in their pyjamas on Sunday afternoon! Thank you to parents and helpers for making it happen. We hope you've all caught up on some sleep!



At their weekly meetings, Beavers have learned knots and went wildlife spotting on Chipperfield Common before half term. We've been out on the water in katacanoes at the Aquadrome and this week we had an exciting visit to the Kings Langley Fire Station. Among many interesting facts, we discovered that it is possible to fit thirteen Beavers in the back

of a fire engine! Coming up we have a sports evening organised by the Scouts to look forward to, another trip to the Aquadrome and an end of term party to celebrate 40 years of Beavers. Several of our children will be moving up come September so we have spaces for new eager Beavers that want to have fun on a Wednesday evening 5:30-6:30pm (5 years 9 months to 8 years).

Meanwhile, the Cubs have been learning Circus Skills with Imi, and are looking forward to a half term of discovery, whether that's new skills, bugs and beasts at the river in Sarratt, or practising their teamwork in Cub Olympics! *If you have a few hours to spare each week and would enjoy volunteering with us, please get in touch. We'd also love to build up our numbers for September, so remember us to any young people 8-10 years old. We meet term time Thursdays 6-7.30pm.*

The Scouts are firmly in Paddlesports mode. Week 1 after Easter saw us at the Aquadrome in kayaks. Week 2 saw us watching Expedition on BBC i-player, a kayak expedition through the Himalayas with Steve Backshall. The river they came down in Bhutan is apparently “unexplored” by humans. Having watched Mr Backshall nearly drown in a set of rapids, we can now see perhaps why the river was unexplored! We can't promise our Scouts that level of white water at the Aquadrome but we hope to have fired their enthusiasm for exploration and to challenge themselves, while perhaps also considering an element of safety and personal limits.



The Phoenixes (Explorers) have been working on their Chef Badge, and have had their first trip to the Aquadrome this summer for an evening out on the Sit-on-Top kayaks. The next few weeks will see an evening hike and another trip to the Aquadrome as well as preparing for their Summer Camp.

Sarratt Scout Group is open to boys and girls aged 5¾ to 14, with the Phoenix Explorer Section for 14-18 years olds. Anyone is welcome 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

Also a reminder that we 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 activities we organise for them, 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

News and updates from SPC, including the key points arising for the SPC Meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2026



Full minutes when approved and other information is available on the SPC website sarrattparishcouncil.gov.uk



Find out the latest updates

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

Department of Transport Inquiry

There will be an inquiry into the order to designate part of footpath 34 (along the Adams Nurseries driveway) as a cycle track. The inquiry will be held at Three Rivers House on 21st and 22nd July. SPC are consulting with TRDC, HCC and other experts on how SPC and residents can most effectively input to this process to ensure a positive outcome for Sarratt. We will keep you updated.

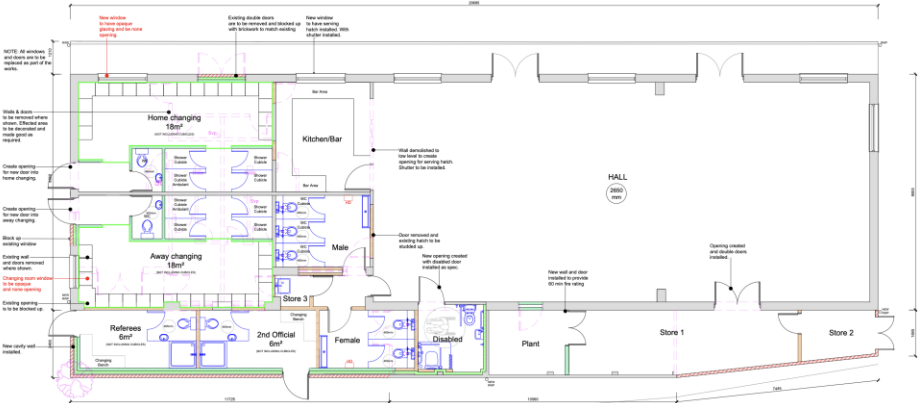
Survey Camera Spotted

A monitoring camera has been spotted on the field next to public footpath 34 on private land near its junction to Adams Nursery drive. The landowner and their camera service provider have been informed of breaches of Information Commissioner's Office regulation relating to capture of images of the public. The camera will be removed and existing data deleted. Any future installation will be checked to meet with all legal requirements.

Fund to support responses to development application

SPC has very limited available funds, but for some time has been working to build a fund to help support, through getting planning and legal expertise to help produce responses that will make a difference. SPC is running a crowdfunder and has agreed to match up to £25,000 in raised funds. Please check the SPC website for more details and how to donate.

KGV Pavilion



Thanks to the intensive effort of Tom Shurville and Michael Lowry, the needed funding from the Football Foundation has been secure which will allow the important renovation works to commence over the summer on the pavilion.

A plea was made at the KGV management committee AGM to the Village for someone to take over as treasurer – doing a couple of hours per month on an easy set of books. **Please contact the Clerk if you want to know more or volunteer.**

Tree Survey

If you've walked through the woods recently you may have noticed tags like these on some of our trees. (See pic) They are part of our quest to keep the Woods, Commons and Greens of Sarratt Parish safe.



We've recently completed our regular tree survey and these tags are part of that process. The recommendations from the surveys are significant. Major tree works are required across the Parish. Pennmans Green and Dawes Common are most impacted.

The most dangerous trees have already been tackled and some particularly hazardous works are soon to be addressed by UK Power.

The next most pressing, 60 trees in total requiring everything from dead wood removal to felling, are out to tender.

You can expect to see works progressing throughout the year and hopefully witness the improving health and vitality of our woodland environments.

Maintenance of SPC sites

- Haymaking postponed due to the wet weather.
- Dawes Woods is being very selectively cut due to butterfly egg laying. Please be patient with this, it is in a good cause.

Village Pubs

Extension of hours have been granted by the government for the duration of the Football World Cup. This means pubs can close at 1am or 2am if there are important England or Scotland games.

PLANNING

RECENT APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED:

Ferndale Church Lane Sarratt WD3 6HN 26/0653/FUL

Construction of single storey rear extension, first floor side extension...

SPC: We object to this application on the basis it is overdevelopment in a Green Belt area. We recognise that the proposed development has less impact than what the applicant presents as allowable under permitted development, however the proposal still constitutes over development without justifiable very special circumstances.

Willow Cottage Penmans Green WD4 9AZ 26/0819/FUL

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension.

SPC: We support the investment in this building and the removal of a conservatory with a more sustainable and energy efficient structure. We also note the previous Certificate of Lawfulness applications. However we still consider the proposals as presented represent overdevelopment of the site in Greenbelt so we object on that basis.

47 Church Lane Sarratt WD3 6HN 26/0754/FUL

Construction of single storey rear infill extension

SPC: No objection. We encourage the applicant to use the opportunity of this change to improve the energy efficiency of the dwelling.

Foyers Flaunden Lane Belsize WD3 4NS 26/0739/CLED

Certificate of Lawfulness Existing Development: Construction of single storey rear extension, side extension, loft conversion including rear dormer rooflights

SPC: Noted. We observe that the raised roof line of this application appears to not be complying with the Neighbourhood Plan design policies and is generally not in keeping with the local area.

RECENT NOTABLE DECISIONS:

4 Caroon Drive Sarratt WD3 6DD 26/0504/FUL

Demolition of existing conservatory and glass house, construction of single storey rear extension and outbuilding...

SPC: No objection. We encourage the applicants to take the opportunity of these works to significantly improve energy efficiency of the dwelling.

TRDC: Approved

Land To The North And West Of Cottage Farm Redhall Lane Chandlers Cross WD3 4LT 26/0457/PDNA

Prior Notification: Erection of tractor and equipment store, 2no. polytunnels, potting shed, agricultural building.

SPC: Noted. The proposed polytunnels and the agricultural building are some distance away from the existing buildings, which will lead to development in what is currently a large area of open fields, and would impact the openness of a Greenbelt area.

TRDC: Refused (“...The proposed development would not fall within the definition of agricultural land required...the siting of the proposed buildings would result in a large and urbanising form of development within open fields that would be prominent and noticeable within its setting.”)

See the council in action and have your say

Date of the next Sarratt Parish Council meeting is

Tuesday 14th July 7.30pm, held in rear room of the Village Hall.

Members of the public welcome to attend.

To contact Sarratt Parish Council (SPC):

Mrs Lena Mortimer, the Parish Clerk, on 01923 262025

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