# Village News

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## Long Marston FC cup winners

***by Daphne Bateman***

LONG MARSTON FC won the Oving Village Cup, beating Oving FC on 7th May. The final score was 5-0 to Long Marston. To be eligible for this competition players must be born or live in the village, or have played for the club for more than three seasons. Oli Garnham (a village resident) scored four of the goals, with Jamie Brewster scoring the other. A good team performance all round.

**Long Marston FC 2016 with the Oving Cup.**

**Ben Judge with goal scorer Oli Garnham (right).**

## Country-style at Wilstone fete: 5th June

WITH Wilstone's 'country-style' village fete and dog show on Sunday 5th June only days away, these Wilstone Showgirls (with some additions!) have been rehearsing for their head-line appearance as 'Land Girls'. Everyone knows that farmers like to lean on a gate and pass the time of day, so they look as if they are up to the mark in that respect at least.

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Veggie Food
Beer Tent
Pimms Bar
Cafe Diner
Candy floss
Queen Jane &
Joey the Pony
Silver Band
Rodeo Sheep
Grand Raffle
Children's Craft Corner
Shawn the Sheep
Children's Roundabouts
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Vintage Tractor
Favourite Stalls

*The Wilstone Show Girls & The Wurzelettes*

*Basil & Crew Mobile Animal Farm*

# *Procession at 12:30*

See the Village News & Wilstone.org

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We seem to be constantly visiting the polling stations these days. We have just finished voting for our new police commisioner (result on page 13 ) and we now have the election for a new parish councillor on 2nd June followed by the all important referendum about the EU on 23rd June.
On page 15 of this issue there are statement from all 3 of the candidates for the Parish Council.

There is also a vacancy for the clerk to the Parish Council and a clerk to the Long Marston school governers..

Coming up next weekend we have the Wilstone fete and dog show,(just in case you have missed all the advertising!) Lets hope for some good weather for this and the Long Marston & Puttenham show in August..

*Colin Davenport*

***The next edition will be for July2016 and the deadline for items for inclusion is: Wednesday 22 June 2016.***

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# Church services

## St Mary's Puttenham
## St Cross Wilstone and
## All Saints Long Marston

*You are most welcome to join us at any of the services.*

**June 5h Trinity 2**
St Cross 10am Holy Communion
All Saints 10am Sunday Worship

**June 12th Trinity 3**
St Mary's 8.15 am Holy Communion
St Cross 10am Sunday Worship
All Saints 10am Holy Communion

**June 19th Trinity 4**
St Cross 10am Holy Communion
All Saints 10am Sunday Worship

**June 26th Trinity 5**
St Mary's 3.30pm Evensong
St Cross 10am Worship for all
All Saints 10am Family Communion

Tea afternoon at All Saints – Tuesday 28th June at 2.00pm

All Saints Long Marston

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***Let us know if we are not!***

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# What's on...

**Tring Rural Parish Council**

## Vacancy – Clerk to the Council

Tring Rural Parish Council has a vacancy for the post of Clerk to the Council. This is an interesting, part-time, paid appointment and is an opportunity for someone to make a significant contribution to our community.

The Clerk supports the Parish Council by organising its meetings, preparing papers and minutes, attending meetings, preparing budgets, managing finances and advising Councillors on procedural matters. The job also involves liaison with local government officers and elected representatives to follow up actions agreed by the Parish Council. The role is home based with attendance of monthly Council meetings on a Wednesday evening.

PC skills and financial numeracy are required. Training will be given and the successful candidate would need to attend training courses and seminars.

If you think you can make a contribution in this way, please contact Lucy Bancroft at **clerk@tringruralpc.org.uk** for more information and a full job description.

The AGM of **Beacon Villages Community Library** will be held on Saturday 9th July at 10am in the Town Hall, Ivinghoe. Please do come along to hear about our activities over the past year and elect the new committee for 2016/17.

If you are keen to join our committee, or just want to find out more, do get in touch with the secretary@bvcl.org.uk. We meet about every two months, and usually manage to get through the business in a reasonable amount of time!

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Committee enquiries: secretary@bvcl.org.uk

Opening times:
Tuesday 2pm - 5pm
Wednesday 10am - 12noon
Thursday 2pm - 5pm
Friday 2pm - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm

# Diary dates...

**Tring Rural Parish Council meetings** (8pm)
*The public are welcome to attend these meetings.*
**Wednesday 1 June, Wilstone village hall.**
**Wednesday 6 July, Puttenham village hall**

**Thursday 2nd June**
Cheddington Bowls club v Wing 2.30pm
**Sunday 5 June**
Cheddington Bowls club v Wendover
**Sunday 5 June**
Wilstone village fete and fun dog show. Parade at 12:30.
**Saturday 11 June –Sunday 26 June**
Bucks open Studios. See note elsewhere.******
**Sunday 12 June**
Cheddington Bowls club v Dunstable 2.30pm
**Saturday18 June**
Cheddington Bowls club v Bradwell 2.30 pm
**Sunday 19 June**
Marsworth Steam Rally, Startops Farm , 11am to 5pm.
**Thursday 23 June**
EU referendum.
**Sunday 26 June**
Cheddington Bowls club v Potten End 2.30pm
**Sunday 26 June**
Half Moon Scrabble night, 7:30pm.
**Thursday 30th June**
Cheddington Bowls club v Redbourn 2.30
**Sunday3 July**
Cheddington Bowls club v Wingrave 2.30pm
**Friday 8 July**
Cecilia Tea Rooms, Puttenham, 3pm.
**Sunday 10 July**
Cheddington Bowls club v Winslow 2.30pm
**Sunday 17July**
Wilstone allotments open afternoon 2-4 pm
Cheddington Bowls club v Bletchley 2.30pm
**Saturday 30 July**
Cheddington Bowls club v Newport Pagnell 2.30pm
**Sunday 31 July**
Cheddington Bowls club v Shipston on Stour 2.30pm
**Sunday 31 July - Tuesday 2 August**
County cricket at Long Marston. Minor Counties Championship: Herts. v Bucks. 11am start each day.
**Saturday 6 August**
Long Marston & Puttenham Annual Village Show. Victory Hall , Long Marston.
**Saturday 3 September**
Jumble sale, Puttenham, 2pm.
**Saturday 1 October**
October Supper at Puttenham.
**Friday 28 October**
Cecilia Tea Rooms, Puttenham, 3pm.

... don't miss anything with our guide to local events! Free listings.

## Wilstone allotment association

Are holding an

Open allotment afternoon

Sunday 17th July 2.00 - 4.00pm
Tea and cakes
Live Music
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## Half Moon Scrabble Night

Last Sunday of every month

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What last year's visitors said:
"A particular highlight was finding an artist who runs inexpensive workshops locally and I can't wait to attend one"

"Loved the different artists, small community venues, friendly people…really enjoyed the experience. We will definitely do more visits next year. **Phil Madley Art studio - 50 Tring Road, Wilstone, Herts. HP23 4PD. Open 11 - 26 June weekends and week days 1pm - 6pm. Closed Mondays.**

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## TRING BEAVERS ABLE/DISABLED SWIMMING GROUP

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# Wilstone Community Shop

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- Offering a wide range of goods and services
- Stocking home-made and local produce
- Being a place where people like to shop and volunteers like to work

## From veggie May to fruity June

*The delicious veggie deli—before stocks sold out!*

I hope you all enjoyed trying something new from our veggie deli during National Vegetarian Week in May. The deli certainly looked fresh and colourful and we had lots of lovely comments about the tasty food on offer. We had a delicious array of homemade produce thanks to everyone who baked.

With **Wimbledon** fast approaching (27 June—10 July) our thoughts have now turned to **strawberries, cream, and of course Pimms!** We will be stocking all of these during the fabulous fortnight so you know where to come to get all your Wimbledon essentials.

## YOUR SHOP NEEDS YOU!

We are in urgent need of additional volunteers for Saturdays. We currently have two shifts 07.15am-9.30am and 9.30am – 1.00pm. If you think you could volunteer to cover one of these shifts please let us know. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment; if we get enough people then it could be once every 4-6 weeks.

Without extra support we may have to reduce our Saturday opening hours.

Please contact Diana or Ali in the first instance on 01442 891167 or info@wilstonevillageshop.org.uk

*If you're not free on Saturdays, we still want to hear from you! Although Saturdays are the most difficult for us at the moment, we can always use additional volunteers on any day. So do get in touch if you have a few hours to spare, even if you can't commit to a regular slot. Thank you.*

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## Garage in Long Marston wanted

**If you have a garage in Long Marston that you would be willing to rent out on a long-term basis please call Dan on 07956 685366.**

## *Reader offer: special prices from Village Wines in Tring*

***Turn to page 11 to see this month's special offers for readers from Village Wines. Take this magazine to get these special prices.***

## Community Shop Wilstone opening hours:

**Monday to Friday: 7:30am to 2:00pm Saturday 7:30am to 1:00pm Sunday: 9:00am to 12:00 noon.**

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## Swifts in Anglican churches In Berks, Bucks and Oxon

Not long ago almost all our churches had nesting Swifts.

A few still do. In north Oxfordshire the figure is about 1 in 7 churches and declining, as essential repairs and renovations put them at risk.

BUT THERE IS HOPE.

The Diocese of Oxford has agreed to try and ensure that traditional Swifts' nest places are left unaffected by building work and will be Swift-friendly in other ways too.

BUT WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHICH CHURCHES STILL HAVE NESTING SWIFTS.

PLEASE HELP BY CHECKING YOUR LOCAL CHURCH THIS SUMMER (MAY TO AUGUST) AND REPORT LIKELY NESTS BY 31 AUGUST TO:

Chris Mason (Oxon chrismasonsw@gmail.com

Jan Stannard (Berks) jstannard@siteset.co.uk

Sue Hetherington (Bucks) email : Secretary@buckswordclub.co.uk

# From our reporter at the Parish Council meeting

## Lights, camera, action!

SUCH is the interest in local politics, May's meeting at Long Marston was actually video recorded by one of our fellow villagers. The chair, Cllr Wheeler-Cornell, read out a statement regarding the video recording of public meetings, the gist of which is that filming is allowed, but only of the councillors. Perhaps the film will be shown at the next Wilstone film night? Personally, I think I'll wait for the remake….

## Rolling…

ONCE underway, Cllr Wheeler-Cornell was re-elected as Chair, with Cllr Griffiths as vice-chair. Each councillor volunteered to lead on certain items: Cllrs Thirkettle and Murrell will share speed cameras and highways. A grant has been obtained from a Road Safety fund so we will be getting another camera. The agenda for next month's meeting will include developing a plan to address when and where the cameras will be moved around the parish. Cllr Thirkettle is also keen to establish how we will know whether they have been successful.

CLLR.Wheeler-Cornell wants to pursue obtaining an infrastructure grant with a view to creating a footpath from Gubblecote to Long Marston. It was agreed that the clerk would make enquiries about applying for this. An overflow car park for Long Marston was also discussed, with a view to alleviating parking chaos at school times and for village events: it would be open to everyone. Cllr Wheeler-Cornell is to arrange a site meeting.

## …Cut!

UNDER the heading of Planning, Cllr Griffiths expressed his objections to proposals to film on Marsworth airfield, Lukes Lane, (**4/01144/16/FPA**). Apparently up to 80 HGVs will be accessing the airfield to set up lighting rigs etc. Cllr Griffiths reports that the site is not suitable for HGV access and he is concerned that it is the start of a "slippery road" to getting HGV access to the site in the longer term. *(Reporter's note: the application indicates filming will only take place on three days in June, with the whole set-up and strike taking place between May 18th and July 1st. Makes interesting reading.)*

# Now auditioning

BY the time you read this, the closing date for applications for a new Clerk to the Council will have passed and we may (or may not) have voted for a new councillor. Nominations were due in by May 5th for a June 2nd election, so watch this space..

# Candidates for Parish Council by-election, 2nd June.

AN election has been called to fill the vacancy on Tring Rural Parish Council left by the resignation of Robert Briant. Three candidates have been nominated for the single vacancy, and the election will be held on Thursday 2nd June. The three candidates are as follows.

**Mark Anderson** (UKIP), of Miswell Lane, Tring.
**Daphne Bateman**, of Tring Road, Long Marston.
**Malcolm Fraser Morgan**, of Chapel Lane, Long Marston.

(Source: Returning Officer, Dacorum Borough Council.)

*(We invited candidates for the Tring Rural Parish Council by-election to submit a statement for publication. Seepage 15. Editor.)*

## Tring Rural Parish Council contacts

***Your Parish Councillors are:***

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Mr Nick Murrell 01296 668190
Mr John Thirkettle 01296 661825
Mrs Olli Wheeler-Cornell (Chairman) 01296 662207
Mr Alan Winfield 01296 668977
One vacancy.

***The Clerk to the Council is :***

Mrs Lucy Bancroft 07590 989202
email: clerk@tringruralpc.org.uk

***The Village Warden is*:**

Mr Colin Reedman 01442 822031

***Parish Council Website:***

**www.tringruralpc.org.uk**

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# It's here! Wilstone Fete Sunday, 5th June

SO COME on round we have a truly fun packed programme.

It all kicks off with our grand procession, departing the War Memorial at 12.30pm. And what a procession! Led by Queen Jane with Joey the pony and Pog the donkey, you can also see some of the other lovely animals from Basil & Crew. Then there'll be the Wilstone Showgirls on the trailer towed by the Mead's tractor and you can hear music courtesy of the Hemel Hempstead Band. And we hope there'll be lots of you joining in as well in your great country style fancy dress or with your fantastic decorated wheelbarrows - get your creativity juices flowing! Plus there may be one or two surprises along the way!!

The official fete opening by Queen Jane takes place at 1pm and from then on in it's a packed programme of fun.
Come and meet the animals from Basil & Crew where you can stroke and maybe have a chance to feed them; take a twirl on one of the two hand-turned roundabouts for our smaller visitors; or maybe test your skills at a number of our challenging stalls.

By now you'll no doubt be feeling peckish or thirsty, and we have that covered too. There's our delicious BBQ serving burgers and hot dogs, or you may prefer something tasty from our Veggie Stall. Fancy something sweeter? Then come to the Cafe where we'll be serving some scrumptious home-made cakes. Teas and coffees may also be found there, but for those who would prefer a stronger tipple head for the Bar where you'll find a selection of local ales from Tring Brewery as well as lagers and wine; or you might prefer to sample the delights of either the Pimms or Prosecco Bars.

Fully satisfied, you can then carry on round the ground and have a browse at our wide variety of stalls for lovely things to buy or fun things to do.

But don't forget to keep your eye on the centre ground where you'll be able to see an amazing performance from the Wilstone Showgirls and Guys, some great singing from The Wurzelettes and, of course, the day would not be complete without our great Fun Dog Show. The Class details for this are elsewhere on this page.

Whilst you're out and about don't forget to buy a raffle ticket or two to have a chance to win some fantastic prizes. Top prize this year is a £100 John Lewis voucher but we have other great opportunities including Champneys' vouchers, a meal at Da Vinci in Tring, a Zimbollic Duck from College Lake and much, much more.

We have one final visitor, you must come and meet the Mead's 'Little Grey Fergie' tractor. These fantastic little workhorses are celebrating their 70th anniversary this year and it will be well worth looking at.

So plenty to see and do, lots of lovely things to eat and drink; it's going to be an amazing Country Style village fete – just come along and join in the fun. See you there!

**WILSTONE FETE 5 JUNE 2016**

**FUN DOG SHOW CLASSES**

Rosettes for the top 5 placings in each of the following classes

1.Best trick

2. Best sit and stay

3. Best Biscuit Catcher

4. Waggiest Tail

5. Bonio and Spoon Race

6. Toy Chase Race

All entries on the day at the Registration Tent from 1pm.

**Final call for items for the Tombola, Bric-a-brac and Book stalls**
Thanks for all the contributions so far but more are always welcome.

For any bric-a-brac please give Irene McCall a call on 01442 825529 to sort out the details.

For Tombola items, the Community Shop in Wilstone is once again hosting a donation box. If you have nothing lurking in your store cupboards, or elsewhere, perhaps you may consider buying something from the shop to pop in the box.

For books and/or dvds please hold onto these and bring them down to the Village Hall on Saturday, 4th June.

Plus if you can help us by making a cake for the cake stall please bring it along to the Hall on the Sunday morning.

Thank you all so much.

## Long Marston Theatre Club

**PROPOSED TRIPS COMING UP:-**

**GUYS & DOLLS (MK) 14 or 16 JUNE**
**JOSEPH (MK) 28 or 30 JUNE**
**CHICAGO (AYLS) 12 or 14 JULY**
**CATS (MK) 25 or 27 OCT**

**Do you have a show you would like to see in 2016?**
**INTERESTED? CONTACT TOBY DAVIDSON**
**07970 636168 / 660754 /**
***lmvhchair@gmail.com***

# Wilstone

# Allotment News

*By Jane Waterhouse*

WELL here we are in May/ June and the allotments are filling up with seeds and seedlings. Work is at its height as we all race to get everything in and growing ready for the short summer and autumn crops. It never stops amazing me how quickly things grow. A seed is popped in compost one week and is growing the next. Sadly this also true of the plethora of weeds lying dormant in the soil until the temperatures rise and spring showers water them, then they seem to pop up all over the plot overnight.

Someone asked me the other day how much time I spend working the allotment at this time of year and I estimate 2 hours a day on average. I feel fortunate that I have the time and enjoy the opportunity to be out in the fresh air watching and listening to the spring activities of the birds and wild life.

I have robins nesting in my shed and while it inhibits my movements around the shed area I love watching their progress as they change every day and hopefully will soon fledge and increase the number of birds around. I also have tadpoles in the pond and hope when they develop into frogs they will feast on the slugs and snails on the plot.

A friend, Dave Shirley leant me some magazines he had found in his attic dating from the 1920,s entitled "the stakeholder gardener, allotment holder and poultry keeper" it's fascinating to read, at this time at the beginning of the allotment movement how similar the struggles with growing and gardening are to todays. A huge difference is the costs, there is an advert for a bungalow you can make yourself for 79.00 pounds.Now that would solve our housing problems!!
The whole site is open to the public on July 17 th from 2.00pm to 4.00 pm and we are hoping for family and friends to come and join us for a bit of music and tea and cakes, sale of excess plants and produce and a stall selling gardening items. We are donating all proceeds to the hospice in which one of our allotmenteers worked for many years and sadly died in last year. We hope for good weather and many visitors, please come and enjoy our lovely allotments.


## 'Girl Friday'

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# Fine Leg

**A Story of Longub Puttastone**

THE MATCH between Longub Puttastone First XI and Mentless First XI was the most important fixture of the season. The rivalry between the two local teams went back several generations, and the fortunes of the two village sides had waxed and waned. Mentless now seemed on the ascendant; their side had thrashed all-comers in the season so far. Longub Puttastone, on the other hand, had not fared so well, and were unfortunately without three of their top players through injury and illness. The signs did not auger well for the upcoming fixture.

It was generally agreed that the best hope for the Home team was to win the toss, and go in first. By digging in, and surviving the onslaught of Mentless' notoriously fierce bowling, a draw might be achieved. A lone voice disagreed. Old Siegfried was the unofficial tactician of Longub Puttastone Cricket Club. Once, many, many years ago, he had played. It would be splendid to relate how great had been his prowess with the bat, how skilful his delivery of the ball; sadly, the fact is he was hopeless. But memories are short, and now, his ineptness on the pitch forgotten, his advice and opinions were eagerly sought and heeded.

"If they win the toss, they'll choose to bat," Siegfried announced. "But if we win the toss", he said, "If we win it, we'll put them in as well!" There was a stunned silence, then incredulous voices were raised all round. But Siegfried shook his head, and held up an admonishing hand. "Mentless will go in first," he insisted. And that was that.

The day of the match arrived. Longub Puttastone won the toss, and the Visitors and the scattering of spectators were equally surprised when the Home Skipper indicated that Mentless would go in first. The two openers padded up, and gleefully took to the crease.

Now what Old Siegfried was aware of, which no one else had cottoned-on to, was that the Longub Puttastone Croquet and Tennis Club were hosting a Ladies' Friendly at the same time. And Siegfried also knew, from long experience, that the one-time Captain, Florence Huckleberry, with her astonishingly long and athletic legs, would open the proceedings for the hosts. The Gentlemen and Players of the Home side were used to this sight; the Visitors were not so inured. And so it was, that as the Mentless opener faced the first delivery, his attention was distracted by the spectacular leaping and flashing legs of Florence, on the tennis court, which lay just over the cricket boundary. A wild swing of the bat was closely followed by a satisfying "CRACK!" as the middle wicket went flying. A golden duck!

Nor was this the only bird of the day. One by one, the Mentless batsmen took to their crease, only to be similarly disconcerted by the twinkling semaphore of Florence's legs. Clean bowled, carelessly LBW, and easily caught after a hapless stroke at a hopeless ball. In short order, the Visitors were skittled out for a paltry twenty-two runs. And their misery did not end there, for when it was their turn to bowl and field, the distraction continued. Easy catches were dropped, returns were wildly over-thrown, and boundaries scored as players in the outfield tripped over their own feet.

The final result was an overwhelming victory for the Home side, and later, when the Visitors had (rather sulkily) taken their leave, there was a high-spirited celebration in the pavilion. Old Siegfried was feted, with many a slap on the back, and many a pint on the table. He sat in state, in his usual corner, looking pleased and, regrettably, rather smug. "Well," he announced to the room, "I always knew they'd be out on a limb!"

# Village Wireless Broadband update

*by Peter Walker*

THE PROJECT has been beset by several technical issues, but Village Networks have overcome most of these to allow installations to begin.

Installations have started in Dixons Wharf, and in Tring Road, Wilstone, where two new nodes will be required at Wilstone Village Hall and in Chapel Fields.

Originally, VN thought that installations in Long Marston would be relatively easy, but it is only now that the first node for Long Marston has been identified and the installation of a node has been agreed with the property owner. Once this is in place they will see how well this is serving the village and work on identifying the best location for a second node.

Gubblecote – VN are connecting those people who have line of sight to an existing node and working to identify a solution for the remaining properties, but they don't yet have a solution for those houses .

If you would like to register for wireless broadband please go to **www.villagenetworks.co.uk**

# Sudoku Corner by Colin Moore

**No 103 Moderate**

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. **Solution on page**

# *** Michelin Starred ***

BOWLERS certainly enjoy their bowling, but as much talk can be about the quality of the meal provided by a Club after a match.

We could name a few Clubs who are miserly and who leave all the catering to a few ladies. This is not the case at **Cheddington Bowls Club,** where the men muck in. Rodney's roast pork and Richard's herbed chicken set a standard other Club's cannot match. Fantastic food at £2 a head – *and that invariably includes a tasty pud!*
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| Sun 5 | v Wendover | Sun 26 | v Potten End |
| Sun 12 | v Dunstable | Thurs 30 | v Redbourn |

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**Come and watch on a sunny afternoon:**

JULY'S home friendlies start aat 2.30pm

Sunday 3rd July v Wingrave

Sunday 10th July v Winslow

Sunday 17th July v Bletchley

Saturday 30th July v Newport Pagnell

Sunday 31st July v Shipston on Stour

# Police Commissioner re-elected

DAVID LLOYD was re-elected for a second term as Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner on 5th May. Turnout was a lamentable 29% in the whole county, and only 17% in Dacorum. The result in full is as follows.

**David Edward Lloyd** (Conservative): 100,262 first preference votes; 25,807 second preference votes; total 126,069. Elected.
**Kerry Patrick Pollard** (Labour): 64,978 first preference votes; 20,876 second preference votes; total 85,854.
**Chris James White** (Liberal Democrats): 38,488.
**Mark James Hughes** (UKIP): 33,575.

*Source: Returning Officer, Dacorum Borough Council.*

# Long Marston Cricket Club

*By Paul Dumpleton*

LONG MARSTON Cricket Club have had a strong first month to their 2016 season. The highlight so far has been the 1st teams progression to the third round of the National Village Cup. A dominant victory in the first round against Eaton Bray started the run, with opponents Shenley Village forfeiting the second round. The competition offers a chance to play at Lords and the next round is against Datchworth on May 29 at Marlins. The Cherwell League season is just two rounds old and all three teams have got off to strong starts.

After a disappointing defeat at Dinton in the first week, the 1st XI bounced back with a dominant victory over Banbury 2nd XI. A century from Simon Butler, his fourth already this season and 8 wickets to James Beesley the highlights. The 2s have started strongly in their Division Six campaign, after drawing at home to East Oxford 2nd XI they picked up their first victory away to Great and Little Tew 3rd XI. Phil Jackson has hit back to back fifties as the 2s batting line up has posted two successive scores of 290 or more. The 3rd team lost their opening fixture against old rivals Aston Rowant, before picking up 25 points as Oxford 4s forfeited their second game. Nets continue every Tuesday evening at Marlins and new players of all abilities are always welcome!

# Beware of House Callers

RECENTLY an elderly resident of Wilstone had a call at the front door , the caller was a young man selling cleaning materials etc .Being a kind person and feeling sorry for the man who appeared to be under privileged, she agreed to buy some of the goods presented to her. The vendor said he would order the goods and deliver them shortly.
On his return he had the items that had been chosen and said the cost is £40. The pensioner said that seemed very expensive and could not afford that much. The vendor became aggressive saying you ordered them you must pay this amount. Intimidated by him the pensioner had to pay the inflated price although not really able, or wanting to afford the items.
When callers come to the door it is advisable to first ask for identification and be sure to agree a price before agreeing to buy. If any aggression is shown it is best to call the police immediately.
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**LONG MARSTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP every Wednesday during term time 10-11.30am Victory Hall, Long Marston. Everyone welcome.**
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For further information, details of funding, session availability or to arrange a visit, please call 07506 179658 or visit our website **www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk**

# Election statement by Daphne Bateman

**Candidate for the Tring Rural Parish Council by-election.**

I HAVE lived in Long Marston all my life, born in Cheddington Lane. I would like to see a restriction on the flow of traffic out of Cheddington Lane across to Astrope Lane. This has become very dangerous first thing in the morning and evening. I really care about the children, and their entering and leaving school - the parking issue needs to be addressed for their safety. I would like to give my promise that I will do my best for each individual member of the parish. I have over the years supported the 'village' sports clubs: football, cricket and tennis. I played in the local league for the tennis club. I also support the village show by entering the classes for vegetables and cooking. I received the 'Thomas Chapman Award' for work in the community. I feel Wilstone is a valuable part of this community and do what I can to support the village. I attend the annual fete, and shop at Wilstone.

# Election statement by Mark Anderson

**Candidate for the Tring Rural Parish Council by-election.**

WE ARE very lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the country, and one with such close links to London. I want to keep it that way. We are bringing up our children in the Tring area because it is a great place to live, with great people. A great community. I want to keep it that way. The job of a Parish councillor will not move mountains, but it can make some very real differences on the ground, and provide valuable oversight. While we need to make sure that we can all develop our own homes, I would oppose any mass developments that further eroded the rural nature of our area. We need to value what we have, and be vigilant not to lose it. The Green Belt, and areas of outstanding natural beauty must have true champions. Let's also promote events that bring us together as a community, and celebrate what we have.
Mark Anderson.

# Election Statement by Malcolm Morgan

**Candidate for the Tring Rural Parish Council by-election.**
Dear Parishioners,

HAVING lived in the parish for 33 years, there are a number reasons why I have decided to stand for election as a Parish Councillor on 2nd June. I am recently retired after 17 years as head of a local electronics engineering company and have noticed, from attending parish council meetings, that the challenges facing the council are not too dissimilar to those of a company. Some of the most notable of these is the need to work within a finite budget through good planning, monitoring spend and progress to ensure 'value for money' is achieved. Also, the need to work as a team, even with diverse opinions, but with one important goal in common - that of customer, or in this case, parishioner satisfaction.

I have openly publicised the four major challenges/demands on the council that I see as key:
**1) The need for strong financial and project management** in light of the significant sums of money received by the council and the lack of a volunteer within the council to take the lead on finance.
**2) Meeting the needs of an expanding community** and the associated demands on parish infrastructure.
**3) Finding a solution to the flooding issue** which remains a very real and constant threat to Wilstone, Astrope and Long Marston
**4) Building on current initiatives** to improve facilities and support community groups across all age groups.

Beyond these, my agenda is **your** agenda. I represent no political party or local organisation so am totally independent. I would have equal regard and concern for all interests and concerns within the parish, as should the council as a whole. I have the time, energy and knowhow to strengthen the capability of our existing council and contribute to its overall effectiveness on a consistent basis, if elected. I welcome that opportunity.
Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Morgan

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## Recipe for June by Sally Smith

# Exploring the unknown

UNTIL my early teens I thought everybody was just like me – at least in terms of food and what they could eat. It was therefore something of an eye-opener to meet someone who had severe allergies to all dairy and nuts. It was then I began drinking my coffee black and stopped cooking with nuts.

At that time, my friend was something of a rarity and there were many occasions when restauranteurs would look puzzled when we asked exactly how something had been cooked. On one occasion, we had a lovely meal at a particular favourite restaurant of ours and when she returned three days later with her husband, she ordered the same meal – only to find that it had been prepared in walnut oil! A hurried trip to Stoke Mandeville duly followed, not quite the romantic meal they had planned!

Since then, food intolerances have become more acknowledged and yet, until last week I had never baked with anything other than flour. Desperate to 'break my duck' I ventured into Tring and obtained fine polenta and gluten free baking powder from the health food shop at a very reasonable price. I then prepared my first ever gluten free cake and, for the first time in many years, included ground almonds. The result was rather good – although I won't be sharing it with my rather allergic friend!

Why not give it a try?

## Gluten-free Stick Orange Polenta Cake

Ingredients

For the sponge:
250g unsalted butter, softened
1 large navel orange (you need the zest and the juice)
225g golden caster sugar
4 medium eggs at room temperature (beaten)
60g medium/fine polenta
250g ground almonds
2 teaspoons gluten-free baking powder

For the syrup:
3 tablespoons golden caster sugar
1 tablespoon orange juice or orange liqueur

Equipment
20.5cm springclip tin, greased with butter and lined with baking paper

Method

Preheat the oven to 180˚C (Gas Mark 4, 350˚F)

Put the softened butter in a large mixing bowl and finely grate the orange zest onto it. Beat well until creamy and of mayonnaise consistency.

Beat in the sugar a spoonful at a time until all incorporated. Then beat until the mixture is light and fluffy.

Gradually add the beaten eggs to the butter mixture a tablespoon at a time, beating well each time.

Sift the polenta, almonds and baking powder into the mixture and then add 1 tablespoon of the squeezed orange juice.

Gently fold together until thoroughly combined and streak free.

Pour the mixture into the tin and spread evenly. Bake for about 50 minutes or until the sponge is a golden brown and springs back when gently pressed

Towards the end of the cooking time, make the syrup. Put the sugar and 5 tablespoons of the squeezed orange juice (and liqueur if using) into a small pan and heat gently until the sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil and simmer for 2-3 minutes to make a light syrup. Then lower the heat to keep it warm until the cake finishes cooking

As soon as the cake is ready, and before removing it from its tin, prick the hot sponge and spoon the hot syrup over the top. WARNING – the cake will sink in the middle

Finally, remove the cake from the tin and allow to cool.

# From the Police and Crime Commisisoner

## Tring Rural (Long Marston etc) – April 2016

**April 2016 crime & ASB figures**

| Offence | No. In Parish | No. in Dacorum |
|---|---|---|
| Dwelling Burglary | 0 | 37 |
| Burglary Other | 0 | 39 |
| Criminal Damage | 0 | 117 |
| Vehicle Crime | 0 | 94 |
| Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents* | 0 | 304 |

**Further details/Other crime**

THERE HAS been no crime in the area during April.

For more details on crime in your area please visit **www.police.uk**. Enter a postcode to see the 'crime map' for the local area.

*ASB is not defined as 'crime' however it has been included in this table for your information as it can affect the wider community and we (police) are jointly responsible with local councils for dealing with it. Recordable ASB includes neighbour disputes and noise nuisance, as well as issues such as regular rowdy behaviour in public places.

**Outcomes**

There have been no outcomes during April.

**Other news and events**

There have been no reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in the parish during April.

Proactive work is still on-going, stopping vehicles for traffic offences and intelligence to combat rural crime.

ANPR and speed checks will be conducted as and when weather and duties permit.

**Useful information**

You can follow your local team on Twitter @BerkoPolice

Tring rural parish area is covered by Police beat code D3C. The allocated officer for that area from the Safer Neighbourhood Team is PCSO 6112 Martin Leadbitter.

Visit **www.herts.police.uk** where you can find the latest police and crime news, crime prevention advice and people wanted by police.

Police non-emergency number 101. (In an emergency always use 999).

Contact Crimestoppers anonymously with information about crime on 0800 555 111.

**Sergeant's Message**

If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour please contact PCSO 6112 Martin Leadbitter on 101 or by email martin.leadbitter@herts.pnn.police.uk or you can contact me direct if the matter is of a more serious nature on my Airwave radio when I am on duty on 01707 354192. (In an emergency always use 999.)

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# Encounters

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***As tickets for performances at Tring Park School are always in high demand, we recommend that you book early to avoid disappointment.***

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## CommunityAction Dacorum (CAD)

CAD are holding a training week to promote the concept of social entrepreneurship for young people across Europe.
The idea is that participants are able to use all the information acquired during the exchange and begin to think about their future career.
The objectives of the training are:

- Provide young people with the opportunity to develop or improve their basic and transversal skills, such as entrepreneurship, digital skills, teamwork, creativity and multilingualism.
- Promote social inclusion
- Encourage their active citizenship and participation in society.

The training week is in Sorbono,Italy during the week 18-25 June.
For further information contact:-
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## The Whitchurch Morris Men – It's Where It's At

BY THE time you've read this, we will have had May Day, May Day bank holiday Lithuania, Leeds Dales Tour and be on the Thaxted Meeting, so what's left?

We're still packing it in, in a busy Spring with the regional Joint Morris Organisation (JMO), tour of Letchworth on the 11th June plus a wedding and the Edlesborough Charity Carnival on the 2nd July. There's our Tuesday night programme for the month of June :-
7th June; The Grand Junction Arms at Bulbourne with the St Alban's Morris
14th June; The White Swan at Whitchurch
21st June; The Plough at Cadsden
28th June; The Rose and Crown at Wingrave

A return invitation from St Alban's finds us at the Lower Red Lion in Fishpool Street in the city on the 27th June which brings me on to other events you might like to visit. Staying in St Alban's, the first Wednesday evening in July on 6th has the now traditional St Michael's Street Folk evening. It's free so to find out more, follow this link:-
www.stmichaelsfolkevening.org.uk

The 18th June sees the annual election of the Mayor of Ock Street in Abingdon and is hosted as usual by those pop video stars from last year, the Abingdon Morris; www.abingdonmorris.org.uk/mabmockst.htm (Stealing Sheep; Apparition).

Something you might have seen fleetingly on TV was the first broadcast advertising campaign of Black Farmer. Lasting either 30 seconds or the full 2 minutes you'll see that he's enlisted the help of Dartmoor Border Morris to bring him luck. It's available on You tube if you missed it. *We Are The Beat.*

On the 7th May, the Daily Telegraph published a little article called "March of the Morris Women". It states that from research over the last 2 years, more than 50% of the new dancers are women and that Morris Men could soon be in the minority. In the end though, it doesn't really matter, as long as you're having fun.

And finally, The Hairy Bikers' series "The Pubs That Built Britain" was aired on BBC 2 during April and their visit to the Royal Standard was transmitted on the 27 April in the episode called the Home Counties.

So how did our St George's Day of Dance go? Brilliantly is the answer. There is so much to tell you that this little missive could hardly do it justice, so you'll have to come and have a go next year on the 22 April 2017. Two little girls danced their legs off till mum and dad said it was time for home. Then there were 5 big girls who'd left significant others at home with the children so they could enjoy and evening of dance and out of the whole event we got 4 new dancers – result.
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## Long Marston Theatre Club

## PROPOSED TRIPS COMING UP:-

**GUYS & DOLLS (MK) 14 or 16 JUNE**
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**Do you have a show you would like to see in 2016?**

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***lmvhchair@gmail.com***

## The Big Lunch - A Community Project

This year, Long Marston will host its first Big Lunch on the recreation ground behind the Victory Hall. This will be a free event to be held on Sunday 12th June from 1pm. All residents will be welcome to attend, but you must bring some food/drink to the table! Barbeques will be provided to cook meat on. However, this will not be possible without the assistance of a few willing volunteers who are prepared to help out on the day.
We will need 6 strong men to help put up a marquee and helpers who can collect tables & chairs from Puttenham and supply BBQs. We will also be looking for someone to provide charcoal for the BBQs or maybe some drinks.

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## Should I stay or should I go now? (with apologies to The Clash)

*By Caroline Clint*

HAVING read parts of Bill Bryson's The Read to Little Dibbing (as light relief when I was intending to prepare for interviews), I was inspired by his comments about what makes Britain great (page 461 of the paperback if you are interested) to think about the sort of country I'd like to live in.

I do wonder whether we have got confused about whether people are there to serve the greater good of the economy, or whether when it comes down to it, businesses provide services that people are paying for.

At the risk of being contentious, I would like a country that puts people first and views business as a way to make life better for people. After centuries, we're hardly going to remove the class system but we can choose to value people more for what they contribute to others than the amount of money they have. Leadership can be important but without the roofers, the house will leak, without the farmers our fridges are pretty bare. Without a hedge fund analysis, most of us would get on with our likes and not notice (apologies to those who manage hedge funds).

It is a good thing when people can use their skills and energy to make life better for other people and be paid to do so. I'd like to see more businesses move to ownership by the employees (partnerships like Waitrose) and commit to providing training / skills / jobs to those who have not been successful at school. This especially applies to our gas / electricity distribution, and water,

Starting with schools, I'd like more emphasis on learning for life, so that means getting children to a suitable stage of independence (getting dressed, as pre-school) then a primary education to learn the skills needed to function as an individual. A secondary education which builds on these skills with a greater emphasis on working with others as an effective team and working on respecting themselves and the viewpoints of others. A tertiary education would provide the skills specific to employment.

Basically it's all about taking responsibility for yourself, helping other people and respecting your environment.

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Tring Parish Hall *John T Smith*

John T Smith is the Chairman of the Cheddington History Society and a Birkbeck geographer. Since retiring after a career in education, he has been researching family and village history, and the first world war in which his father served as a stretcher bearer.Following the success of a book on the second world war memories of Cheddington, John is now working on a First History of Cheddington as a long term project.He will describe what has been discovered and the resources being used to fill the large gaps.

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# *The agricultural story line…* *by David Mead*

## All the Queen's horses remind me of two of ours

I ENJOYED the Queen's birthday bash in Windsor Great Park. They claimed there were 700 horses performing; they all had to be stabled, groomed and fed. I then had a wander down memory lane. We had two cart horses and a smaller one for the float. Dick Bateman was in charge. He served in the army in the First World War, looking after horses. Our last two were Punch, a gelding and Rose, a roan. They helped in the food-rationing war-time days. When Dick had finished work he had to report for Home Guard duty. I can remember one week they had an exercise around the farm. I lived where Simon and Jenny live now. In the ditch, outside the front gate was a soldier with rifle. An officer came along and, standing in the road, he told the man in the ditch: "You're dead. Report to the field over there". I believe they had serious exercises on Berkhamsted Common. They were issued with live ammunition - aimed at an ash tree in Ross's meadow. The tree never really recovered. I expect they fell-out at the end of the day with enough time for a swift pint in the Half Moon or Buckingham Arms. Mr. Ross (Major Ross) was in charge, living in this house with the Home Guard office where the farm office is now. A stretcher leaned on the wall.

I was eleven when the war was over. We were still going to Tring in the float, pulling us up Little Tring hill. She would wait outside the bank. Job done, we still had to manage Little Tring hill again. We were exhausted with the reins but, standing on the tail board, we were allowed to trot round the field. Father took us to a sheep fair at Wilton near Salisbury. Some five month old lambs were bought. A lorry was hired and they were taken back to Wilstone to be fed on kale and swedes, to be sold in Tring market Christmas time and onwards. I was reminded of this when Jenny took Teresa and I to Weymouth for a four-day break by the sea. It was nice to see the sea again - a bit too cold to plunge in. Next time perhaps.

They have made a good start on the new units at the farm shop. It was interesting to see the services being laid in ducting under the floor before the insulation and concrete was laid. I believe they found several wells but no hidden fortune. Grass cutting for silage will be the next big job. We saw one field had been cut already in Dorset. Grass has to be cut and wilted before it is baled and wrapped and carted back to the buildings. Today, Monday, is perfect but the forecast is for showers?

I wish everyone a successful day at Wilstone's village fete on Sunday 5th June!

**No 103 solution**

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compiled by Christine Rutter

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***Christine: 01296 668337***

Our two recent events were a great success. First came **MAY-DAY!** And what a beautiful morning it was. The singing by the Ridgeway Chorale was superb and a brilliant sun shone over the churchyard, despite the early hour. It was almost a full house for breakfast, with hardly a seat to spare.

Then came the Badapple Theatre Company with their production of **"The Thankful Village"**. Again, another full house, and such a talented group of three young actresses who took both the male and female parts with on-stage quick-changes of clothing. The acting, the songs and the music were superb throughout the 2-hour performance, plus short interval for refreshments.

The Badapple are constantly on the road, travelling from one venue to another without a break. Three cheers to them!

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# From the Vicarage

by Rev'd Jane Banister

I HAVE the great honour to be one of the governors at Long Marston school, and once a year, we incorporate our meeting with a school day, and spend time in different lessons. We did this on 19th May this year, and between us we sat in on literacy lessons and maths, sports and topic, and with all age groups. It is a very valuable experience, not least because we see how teaching works these days, and how committed our staff are, but also because we can see firsthand how the building operates, what is needed for the future, and also really feel part of what goes on.

But the main reason why we all love doing it is because we get to be with the children and we get to like the children, and every time I go, I am reminded that Jesus told us that we need to be like a child to get into heaven. This is our practical lesson on how to be like this.

The children are enthusiastic – they want to learn and to find out new things, and so often as we get older we regard learning and change as something awkward and a nuisance. For the children, newness and change are part of life and provided they are secure in the things that matter which is knowing that they are loved, then they look forward to different experiences.

The children are friendly even the shy ones – if they have nothing to say, they just smile and don't fill the gap with pointless conversation. I can ask how to do something and they will show me and not just tell me.

They are generous and follow the generosity of others. I have a beautiful book mark painted especially for me, and several others currently drying in school (a process that might take a long time given the amount of paint used on a very small piece of paper).

It is the simple things that give pleasure – a book, a favourite lunch, play time. Although my companion at lunch didn't quite understand why I didn't leap up when we had finished eating and she said "outdoor play now" with glee.

They have a truth about them – we might wince when they ask us whose grandparents we are, but that is how we seem to them (and I am old enough, much as I hate to admit it). And in their eyes, there is nothing wrong with the age that we are, it is just a fact. One of the wonderful things about education now in primaries is that getting something wrong is not seen as embarrassing or shameful, but a chance to find out the right answer, so the children are not afraid to share what they have done.

Now I am not saying that all the children are angels, none of us are, but there are a lot of the characteristics of childhood that we lose as we grow up. We feel we have to conform, to be what others expect of us, instead of just rejoicing in who we are.

Enthusiasm, kindness and truth – "become like little children".

With Love Jane Banister

# Madrigals

*by Toby Davidson*

ON A BEAUTIFULLY crisp Sunday morning, I left my house in Long Marston at 5:30. Why? You may well ask!

Every year the Ridgeway Chorale sing Madrigals on May 1st from the tower of St Mary's Church, Puttenham, starting promptly at 6am. My friend and regular attendee, Martin Winship, normally turns up with a warming flask of Hot Chocolate with added extras as the group sing for around 20 minutes. This is then followed by breakfast.

This year was fortunately sunny and made the walk more enjoyable. Running a little late, the choir could easily be heard from 2 fields away before I joined around 40 people in the church grounds. After taking some photos, I joined my friends in the Cecelia Hall, where a few had thoughtfully bought a bottle or two of bubbly! It is a weird feeling walking home at 7 in the morning having eaten a hearty breakfast yet the day has barely started.

My grateful thanks to Ridgeway Chorale and especially Christine Rutter and her team for breakfast, even if they did run out of kedgeree!

*More photos by Toby Davidson on back page*

# Job Opportunity!

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# Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday at St. Cross

QUESTION: Would anybody come? If they did, how many? How many sandwiches will we need, how many cakes, how much milk? Is it ok to deck out the church in red, white and blue?
Answers: Over 80 came, lots of food and tea, and yes, it is ok to have a festive church.

On Sunday 24th April, the closest Sunday to the Queen's actual birthday, St. Cross celebrated in style with traditional Afternoon Tea, complete with birthday cake, balloons and bunting. We were thrilled to welcome so many people to the church, both from the village and the wider parish, some long-standing friends of the church and some joining us for the first time. We did have enough seats, just, and hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon, the music, the chat and the friendship as much as the tea.
Several dogs also came to the party, and were provided for with baby sausages and dog treats. Unable to source a royal

corgi, the guest of honour was Mabel, Rev'd Didier's dog, who performed her duties admirably, albeit succumbing to exhaustion by the end of the day. However, she travelled home in style, in the front seat of a vehicle similar to the new Queenmobile, used at Windsor earlier in that week.

Huge thanks to all the people who supplied sandwiches,

crisps, cakes and scones, and especially to Olga and Ken (churchwarden) for the birthday cake, decorated with tiny Union flags and cut after loud and enthusiastic renditions of "Happy Birthday" and the National Anthem. We did not run out of tea or milk, but we did need to source some extra teacups

fairly urgently—luckily for St. Cross Ken and Olga live behind the church and appear to have a vast supply of life's necessities, including teacups. Many thanks also to all the people who gave the wonderful raffle prizes, such generosity is very much appreciated. To everyone who helped serve, and at the end to wash up, clear up and return the church to normality, again many, many thanks.

But the church didn't quite return to normality. Rev'd Didier asked that the decorations be left for a few days, highlighting the fact that a church is not just a place of worship but also a home for community events, available for everyone. Among the visitors to the Afternoon Tea were two ladies enjoying a days walking. When they saw the notice of festivities in the church, they came to the door, and asked if they could join in. Of course they could, and they came in and spent the remainder of their 'walk' eating cake and drinking tea. When they left both commented on how lovely it was to find a church not just open but in use. The church is both loved and respected, and we hope all our visitors enjoy this ambiance when they visit.

As many people know, the next national event to mark the Queen's birthday was the Equestrian Festival at Windsor. Unable to cope with horses, St. Cross chose to reflect Her Majesty's love of dogs as beneficiaries of the Afternoon Tea, and we have sent £350 to Chiltern Dog Rescue as a result of the festivities. As well as serving the local area, this charity is also helping to rehabilitate dogs who have been rescued from the war torn areas of eastern Europe, and Wilstone residents/ church members Colin and Sheila Reedman have recently rehomed one of these dogs, hence our choice of charity for this event.

It would be really useful if the English language contained a meaningful alternative to the words 'thank you' but it doesn't so they will be used again. Many thanks to everyone who joined us for tea and made the afternoon such a success, and also to Didier for supporting our plans and acting as a brilliant M.C. We have written to Buckingham Palace to inform the Queen of our celebrations in her honour: if we get a reply, we'll let you know!

*Photos by Chris Reynolds*

# Madrigals from the tower of St Mary's

See article on page 29

Photographs by
Toby Davidson

# MG Car Club European Event of the Year 2014

***by Colin Davenport***

IT WAS a warm sunny day in August 2014when 10 intrepid travellers set off in their 5 old MGs heading towards Denmark via Harwich and a 12 hour crossing on a superbly comfortable DFDS ferry. Disembarking in Esbjerg was swift and easy and we all assembled together to set off in convoy towards the coastal resort of Nyborg. The Danish roads were superb with very little traffic and not a pot hole to be seen.
Our cars ranged in age from a 1938 VA Tourer to a 1959 MGA

**Our five cars outside the hotel in Nyborg**

On arriving at the hotel we were greeted by a Jazz band playing at the entrance to the car park where over 220 cars from all over the UK and Europe were assembled. The organisation by the Danish MG car club was excellent, they had arranged for service facilities in the car park along with a breakdown truck permanently on hand and car washing facilities.
On checking in we were given all the instructions for the event including route books for the trips around for the next few days and the inevitable "*goodie* " bag.
We were split into two groups so that 220 cars were not all going to the same places at the same time.
Denmark consists of many islands mostly connected by bridges. Nyborg is on the island of Funen so one day the trip was round the Northern part of the island followed by the Southern part the following day.

**Setting out on day 2, the Southern part of the island.**

The evenings were taken up with dinner and some entertainment with a very much Hans Christian Anderson theme. On the final evening a Gala Dinner had been laid on followed by a succession of speeches mainly in English I am glad to say.
On the final day a trip was organised to the Hans Christian Anderson Museum in Odense followed by a splendid lunch in the Concert hall before every body departed to go home.
We decided to stay on an extra day and took the train into Copenhagen to see the sites there.
In a weeks time we will be off again, this time to Le Touquet in France for the 2016 event which will be attended by over 350 cars. I hope that the French organisation is every bit as good as the Danish!