

Bunkers Park Update

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Above is an image of Bunkers Park looking especially magical on a frosty morning it was taken by John Baldwin a local resident, Friend of Bunkers Park and Cow Watch Coordinator.

Now that the first frosts have hit us the Summer Ragwort pulling and BBQ seem a long time ago. The winter work programme has started. We have had 2 events so far: the first opened up the entrance at Cats Dell Bottom so that you can see into the park rather than fight your way passed fallen trees and the second got us back to coppicing Hazel.

Do have a look at the entrance and see if you agree with us that this is much improved.

We have had a meeting to review the Management Plan for the area, which is part of our way to ensure we maintain and improve our Green Flag status we earned last year.

If anyone has ideas as to how they want to see the Park develop please let us know through the Parish Clerk. The emphasis for next year will be to install some information boards, some discreet signage and work on some of the entrances to the Park to encourage visitors to enter the area.

We are making progress with finding a use for the coppiced timber and several voluntary groups will be working with us to create firewood packs which can be sold to support charitable works, in addition to the established use for hedge laying.

Following the successful introduction of the Belted Galloways we have confirmed that, due to the way we demonstrated how we could monitor the cows, we are going to get them back next year. They have now been moved to their winter quarters which will be warm and dry.

Our next event will be working with the Friends of Chipperfield Common and we hope to welcome them to Bunkers Park to help us early in the New Year. Just because it is cold and wet it is no excuse to ignore the Park.

It is a great area to walk around on a crisp winter's morning - there is no requirement that you have to have a dog with you!

The dates for activities are on the Parish website or you can call the Parish Clerk so please join us.

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DBC have confirmed that most bin collections over Christmas and New Year will be one day later than usual.

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With Christmas fast approaching and family and friends being catered for food waste is bound to be a major issue.

Every year UK households throw away seven million tonnes of food and drink. Some is inedible - such as peelings, cores and bones - but the majority is, or once was, perfectly good food. Little by little, all this waste adds up.

Wasting this food costs the average household £470 a year, rising to £700 for a family with children, the equivalent of almost £60 a month making food waste history. You could save up to £60 a month by following four simple steps:

- Plan ahead
- Store correctly
- Cook what you need
- Recycle what you can't eat.

DBC ran a Love Food Hate Waste Challenge in the summer and 58 per cent of participants reported a reduction in their food waste, with one participant halving the amount of food they would typically waste.

On average, participants in the challenge saved over £57 for the month. Why does our food go to waste in the first place? Cooking and preparing too much and not using up food in time, not eating food before its use-by date. What foods are we most likely to waste? The top five include: fresh fruit, meat and fish, bread and bakery products, dairy produce, rice and pasta!

How can we prevent food waste and save money?

Well you can start by pre-planning meals to avoid unnecessary buying, always write a shopping list. Another good tip is to perfect portions - only cook what you need then store and freeze leftovers.

Love Food Hate Waste is a national campaign providing handy tips, advice and recipes for leftovers to help everyone waste less food.

Visit the Love Food Hate Waste website for more information: www.lovefoodhatewaste.com



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The school is set within 76 acres of parkland on the outskirts of Hemel Hempstead, where our first-rate facilities provide space for outdoor sport and extra-curricular activities. We have a strong record of academic success. Throughout the school, pupils are taught in small classes in which excellent teaching and personalised support ensure that everyone is inspired to exceed their potential and to shine.



At Abbot's Hill, we pride ourselves on our pastoral care. The sense of being part of an extended family is frequently commented on by pupils, parents and staff alike. The School's ethos is one which places the well-being and success of the individual child at its centre, and this is reflected in many aspects of School life.

Our extra-curricular clubs offer a lively balance of sport, performing and creative arts, science and technology, journalism, problem-solving and debating. The school is involved in charitable and school partnership activities in the wider community. In such a nurturing environment, pupils grow naturally in confidence, are happy to embrace new challenges and eagerly take on increasing responsibilities. Pupils leave Abbot's Hill fully equipped to take on with passion the challenges and opportunities life has to offer. To experience Abbot's Hill for yourself, come along to one of our Open Events (full details are available on our website) or you can email our Registrar at registrar@abbotshill.herts.sch.uk or call us on **01442 240333**.

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Winter Wonderland Quiz



1) Which 2004 Christmas comedy film is based on the John Grisham novel *Skipping Christmas*? 2) What links Quentin Crisp in 1993, Sharon Osbourne in 2002, Katie Piper in 2009, and whistle blower Edward Snowden in 2013? 3) In the popular Christmas movie *Home Alone*, to which country were Kevin's parents going on holiday? 4) Invented in Nuremberg around 1610, what has individual parts called *lametta*? 5) What first appeared in a 1939 booklet written by Robert May? 6) Which Italian artist painted *The Mystical Nativity*? 7) Which Sesame Street Muppets share their names with the policeman and the taxicab driver in the film *It's a Wonderful Life*? 8) The Christmas favourite of 'Pigs in Blankets' is chipolata sausages wrapped in what? 9) Who wrote the first ever Christmas message - it was for George V in 1932? 10) The 2013 fantasy film *Frozen* was inspired by which Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale? 11) Within five years, when was the world's first commercially produced Christmas card produced by John Callcott? 12) Which famous playwright was frightened of Christmas? 13) Often associated with Christmas, what has sections called a *warble* and a *strabe*? 14) *Christkindlesmarkt* is a Christmas market that is held annually in which German city? 15) *Yule Log* cake is the traditional Christmas cake served in which European country? Please send your entries for the 'Winter Wonderland' quiz to the Parish Clerk (address on inside cover) by **28th February 2017**.

Answers to 'Summer Sizzlers' Quiz -1) Anne Bronte. 2) Markus Zusak. 3) Ernest Hemingway. 4) Virginia Woolf 5) Agatha Christie. 6) Elizabeth Gaskell. 7) Paula Hawkins. 8) Margaret Mitchell. 9) Roald Dahl. 10) Leo Nicolaevich Tolstoy 11) Charles Dickens 12) Tracy Chevalier 13) Freya Stark. 14) George RR Martin. 15) JK Rowling. There were no correct winners so it is a rollover! The amount of £20 is up for grabs!



Hertfordshire Police Report

Get Safe on Line warns of the dangers of using public Wi-Fi

Our partners at **Get Safe Online** have recently issued a warning to the UK public to be careful when accessing private data on public Wi-Fi hotspots. The UK now has over 300,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots, with more people than ever becoming the target of cyber criminals simply because they don't know if the networks they're using are secure. It may sound like a spy thriller, but cyber criminals can hijack public networks to try to steal our money and information – in some cases, even our identity.

Wi-Fi networks are found in public places like cafes, airports, pubs and hotels. If not fully secure, these networks could potentially be hijacked by cyber criminals. In some cases, criminals have set up fake hotspots in public places to fool people into logging onto them.

Our advice is not to use public networks to browse confidential information; log into an account; or make a payment.

Doing so on a public network comes with risk – particularly if you don't know how secure the network is.

Get Safe Online has produced some top tips for staying safe when using Wi-Fi networks:

- Don't use public Wi-Fi in places like cafes and hotels if doing anything confidential online, including logging into online accounts
- Being given an access code or being asked for your email doesn't mean a Wi-Fi connection is secure.
- Instead of premises' hotspots, use a mobile broadband dongle that is set to secure, your 3G or 4G data connection – or wait to use a router you know is secure.
- Consider using a VPN (Virtual Private Network) to access your company network.
- Ensure your home and office wireless networks are secure.
- It's OK to use public Wi-Fi hotspots for things you don't need to log into or aren't confidential, like checking the news or weather. If possible, use well-known hotspot providers like BT Open Zone or T-Mobile.

For more information, visit:

www.getsafeonline.org

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Hertfordshire County Council Alcohol Awareness Poll



Over 40% of the residents who took part in a Hertfordshire County Council poll were not aware that government alcohol guidelines for men have changed.

Alcohol Awareness week took place in November, and with the festivities approaching we're taking the opportunity to raise awareness that the recommended weekly limit of alcohol for both men and women is now 14 units a week.

Drinking can easily become a habit and it is surprising how quickly the units can add up. Whilst nobody can say that any level of drinking is safe, the unit guidelines are there to help keep the risk of serious illness low - regularly drinking more can increase the risk of developing illnesses like cancer, high blood pressure and depression.

As well as the health implications, there are other benefits to having a few days a week without alcohol - you'll have more energy, better skin and you might lose weight too - not to mention the improvements to your finances.

Alcohol Awareness Week was a great opportunity to take stock and see if there were any changes you could make now and in the future. The 'One You' drinks tracker is a great tool to help people keep an eye on what they are drinking and keep track of units, calories and more. It is available at www.nhs.uk/oneyou

To find out what 14 units looks like in terms of your favourite tittle, visit www.drinkaware.co.uk

If you would like to sign up to receive regular updates about your health and wellbeing please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/updateme

Hertfordshire County Council Gritting Information

HCC winter roads service runs 1st October to 30th April. Road gritting, also known as salting and is carried out by a fleet of 58 gritter lorries. They are on 24 hour stand by during this period. Get live gritting updates and gritting and salting routes throughout the winter from their highways page. www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults

When icy weather or snow is forecast, they grit major roads in Hertfordshire, as required. These are known as their primary routes and include:

- A and B roads but not motorways
- Major bus routes
- One road in and out of each village

After prolonged periods of serious icy weather or after snow and once all of the primary routes have been cleared we may have the facilities to grit the secondary routes. These include: Steep roads in urban and residential areas and rural roads with poor drainage. Snow ploughs are used to clear roads during heavy snowfall - we start on primary routes before moving to secondary routes, when resource and salt supplies allow. Local farmers and other contractors are also on call to help when needed.

News from St Mary's Church, Apsley



First of all, many thanks to all those people who came along to support our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 19th November.

The weather was kind to us and indeed over 400 adults and children attended the event, and it certainly meant that Father Christmas was kept busy on one of his first outings of the year. It is our main fundraising event of the year but more important than that, it does bring the whole of our Apsley and Nash Mills community together, and this was especially true this year.

We have our normal round of carol singing at different locations around the area. This started at the Paper Mill pub where we took part in the turning on of their Christmas lights. Like past years we had a good response from the customers as we gathered round the tree to sing carols, and enjoyed the mulled wine while collecting over £120 for the Hospice of St Francis.

We will also be carol singing at Florence Longman House in Apsley, the Water Mill Care Home in Nash Mills and for the first time at the White Lion pub in Apsley.

On Friday the 16th December between 7pm to 8pm we will be singing outside Sainsbury's, so if you would like to join us please do.

The exciting news for the New Year is that we will be having a new vicar. The Reverend Richard Howlett will be taking up his new role as Team Vicar of St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's, Bennetts End on January 10th, and we look forward to welcoming both him, and his family to the his new parishes.

Finally, I list below our services over the Christmas period, and do hope you will be able to join us at one or more as we celebrate the birth of Jesus over 2,016 years ago!

On Sunday the 18th December at 4.30pm Christingle Service.

On Saturday the 24th December, Christmas Eve at 3.30pm Crib Service and at 11.15pm Midnight Mass.

On Sunday the 25th December, Christmas Day - 9.00am Said Eucharist and at 10.00am Sung Eucharist.

On Friday the 30th December at 7.30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols.

On Sunday the 1st January at 8.00am - Said Eucharist and at 10.00am - Sung Eucharist.

More details concerning all services and events across our Benefice can be found on our web site which is www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk

From us all at St Mary's do have a very good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Bladon.

The John Dickinson Company War Memorials

About twenty years ago, the name of John Dickinson and Co. was already beginning to fade in people's minds. The paper factory of Nash Mill had been bought by the South African company SAPPI (South African Pulp and Paper Industries) to help them gain access to the European market.

Since then they have sold the site to developers who promised that the once elegant 18th century house where John Dickinson once lived would be restored. In fact it has been allowed to become a derelict eyesore.

Through the years the Nash Mill site evolved into a major employer in the district both for making paper and as an engineering centre. During the late 1800's the factory at Apsley became the main office for the whole company and ceased papermaking to concentrate on making stationery products. These changes meant that people with the appropriate skills would transfer between branches. In the days before motor transport walking to work was the expected method. Census returns show that there was a family in Leverstock Green whose members worked at Nash Mill and Apsley so that moving between Apsley and Nash Mill would not have been a problem; they would have used footpaths which no longer exist to take a direct route.

At Apsley, near to the Basildon Bond clock opposite to the railway station, the main company memorial lists the names of over 360 company employees who gave their lives in the two wars. That alone gives an indication of the vast size of the company. Also, it lists where the men worked providing an indication of the widespread branches of the company at home and abroad. Each year since 1922 wreaths have been laid to honour those killed; a tradition which continued after the Apsley Paper Trail took over responsibility for the site.

This year things were a little different. A Nash Mill resident discovered that names of her family are on the bronze plaque, but was dismayed that it could not easily be seen

from the road. With the agreement of Paper Trail, she organised working parties to make the memorial more visible and accessible from London Road. New paths were laid, seating added, and floodlighting installed ready for an opening ceremony on October 30 by local MP, The Rt. Hon. Mike Penning, Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

The usual Armistice Day service was held on November 11 too. At Nash Mill, where the memorial garden was within the chain link security fence of the mill the garden has now been opened up and landscaped to be an asset to the district.

Congratulations to the developers for an excellent piece of work. The memorial here is not as large as that at Apsley but it does include the names of the fifteen men killed in WW1 who once worked at Nash Mill.

On Armistice Day this year a short service was held at the Nash Mill memorial, at the same time as that at Apsley. This was arranged by the Parish Council and supported by children from Nash Mills C of E School, originally established by John Dickinson himself. The service arranged by Councillor Jan Maddern and conducted by the Reverend David Lawson was well attended by parish councillors, local residents and representatives from Abbots' Hill School.

We do know that there was a memorial at Home Park Mill, Kings Langley, but do not know if it still exists. There was also a memorial at Croxley Mill which was moved to the wall of the parish church when the mill site was redeveloped.

No doubt that there would have been others which have not stood the test of time as those at Apsley and Nash Mill have done.

By Mike Stanyon

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