

Hertingfordbury & The Five Greens Parish News



**All Creatures Great & Small
Pet Service Sunday 20th September 3pm at St Mary's
All pets very welcome!**

September 2026

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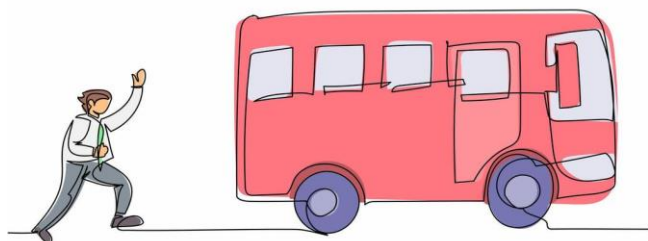
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“I Hope You Make It”

I recently discovered a really beautiful poem by Maxine Meixner which begins with the lines;



*‘I’m not religious
But when I see someone running for
the bus,
I say a silent prayer for them.
I pray to no one and everyone
When I silently say
“I hope you make it.”*

She goes on to say that these five words contain ‘all the things I wish for this stranger’. What a great prayer. It’s one that recognises that we are all, in our different ways, running for a bus; hoping for something, trying to get somewhere.

If we’re honest, we can often be so distracted, or introspective, that we might not think to pray for a stranger. If we’re honest, we’re often competitive towards or quick to judge others by how they appear. This simple wish or prayer creates a moment of empathy. It turns others from being a stranger to being a fellow human being with their own story, their own struggle, their own hope.

I wonder what would happen if we got ourselves into a habit of silently praying/wishing those five words for every person we meet, known or unknown to us; “I hope you make it.” I suspect it would change things; it would change us.

Rev Alan



Sunday Services at St Mary’s

Sung Eucharist 9.15am every Sunday

Zoom Sunday Service (with St Andrew’s) 10.30am

All-Age Service 9.15am on 2nd Sunday of each month (unless notified)



Front Cover – Charlie on her horse Hugo at last year’s Pet Service

Registers

Wedding

01 August – Elia Tuck & James Mason

01 August – Maddy Pearson & Jack Mitchell

15 August – Rochelle Smith & Allen Newberry



L-R above – Elia & James with their dog Albie at the west doors – **Maddy & Jack's** beautiful order of service featuring a wonderful painting of St Mary's by their friend Ollie.

Baptism

Welcome into the family of the church

12 July – Penelope Winnie Riddle-Jones

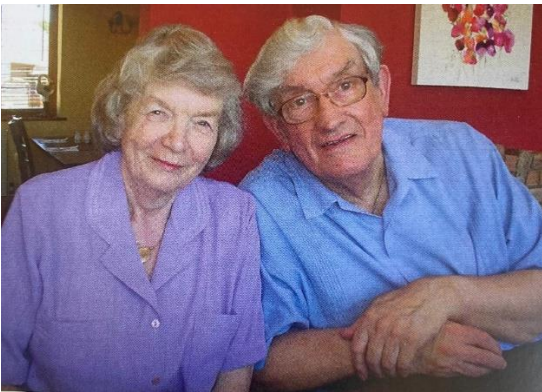
12 July – Easton Brent Brown

26 July – Cleo Angela Mumane

29 August – Oscar Lawrence Knott

Funeral

23 July – **Eileen Hill** (aged 91) pictured with husband Malcolm below



Eileen was born and brought up in the Midlands, where she trained as a teacher and met and married Malcom. They moved to Hertford when Malcolm was appointed to Danesbury School. Eileen taught there and in other local schools. They loved their house and garden in Warren Terrace where they raised Linda, Nigel and Diane (as well as a surprising range of animals!).

She supported Malcolm in his role as organist at St Mary's, often being Verger at weddings and funerals. She gave devoted care to Malcom at home in his last illness and she was deeply affected by his death. As she became less mobile, she was reluctant to leave her home but was well cared for at Willowthorpe and then Alexandra House. She is sadly missed by her family including children Linda, Nigel and Diane, grand-daughter Eve, neighbours and the St Mary's congregation.

Some Dates for your Diary

Mondays 7 & 21 September – **Mindfulness on Sele** 10.30am at the Sele Hub, Fleming Cres

Wednesday 9 September – **Mindfulness & Meditation** 7.30pm in person (and online) at St Andrew's. Online only Wednesday 23 September at 7.30pm

Sunday 20 September – We are delighted to welcome **Bishop Jane of Hertford** to our 9.15am service at St Mary's

Sunday 20 September – **Pet Service** 3pm at St Mary's. All pets very welcome (see advert)

Saturday 26 September – **Teddy Bears Picnic** 3.30 – 5pm at St Mary's (see advert)

Please note - Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom is currently paused and will recommence on Sunday 13th September



On **Saturday 19 September 2026** at 2pm, **St Albans Cathedral** will host the Installation of **The Right Reverend Dr Andrew Rumsey** as the **11th Bishop of St Albans**. This joyful and historic service marks the beginning of Bishop Andrew's ministry across the Diocese of St Albans



All-Age Services 2026



*A shorter child-friendly service for all ages at 9.15am
on Sundays at St Mary's church*

**13 September - 11 October (Harvest) - 1 November - 13 December
Christmas Day**



All-Age Service - Parable of the Watering Cans

A brilliant, humorous and very topical all age service sermon by Rev Alan in August. Some extracts.....

The NEW watering can and the OLD watering can. One had cracks and leaked, one didn't. Maybe we feel inferior, maybe we feel jealous, maybe we just feel sad.

Comparison, comparing ourselves to others is the easiest way to feel unhappy.

We aren't meant to be like others, we are meant to be us. We aren't meant to be perfect because there's no such thing. We are perfectly imperfect. The only person we should compare ourselves to is who we were yesterday... are we a little more patient, a little more caring, a little wiser?

In God, the great Gardener's world we each have a perfect place and, with God's help, we can each bring our own unique joy and life.

So, don't compare - focus on being the best You, with God's help, can be.

Focus on gratitude, on being grateful for who you are now and for what you have now.

And remember, as the great singer Leonard Cohen once sang

'There's a crack in everything, that's where the light gets through.'

Calling all young families

Teddy Bears Picnic

Saturday 26th Sept 3.30 – 5pm

Bring along your Teddy/Cuddly Toy
& a picnic!

Fun, games, a story & for brave
teddies, a Teddy Bear Zipwire!



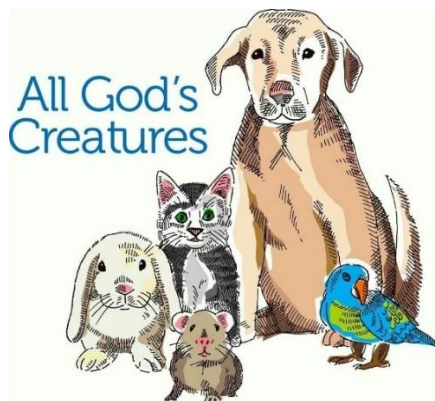
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All Creatures Great & Small

*A short service of thanksgiving for the pets & animals that
have become a special part of the family*



Pet Service

3pm, Sunday 20th September at St Mary's Hertingfordbury
Everyone and all pets very welcome

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary

Forthcoming Events in 2026

Bike 'n Hike – Saturday 12th September at St Marys & local churches

Contact Christopher Maunder Taylor 07860 228294 for more information (see later article and advert)

Le Café Francais – Saturday 26th September 9-11.30am at St Mary's church

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our French Café at St Mary's church.

There will be an abundance of French pâtisserie including croissant, pain au chocolat, pain au raisin, tarte au citron and tarte frangipane.

You will be able to enjoy browsing and buying from 5 stalls - brocante, cheeses, olive oil, chocolate and lavender products. You will have the opportunity to win a hamper overflowing with French goodies in the raffle! Do come along and relax with your friends and neighbours. À bientôt! (see advert)

The Christmas Market – Saturday 21st November 10 – 13.00 at St Mary's church. Contact Helen Bishop 07446 694890 for more information

Helping the Friends

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary was granted charitable status in 2023 (Charity number 1206041).

The purpose of The Friends is to raise money for the restoration and preservation of the church building and churchyard. The funds are not for the day to day running of the church. That's the responsibility of the congregation. We should like to make sure that this beautiful church is here for future generations.

If you would like to make a donation there is a card reader at the back of the church on the wall by the South Door or please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support. Helen Bishop the fobury@outlook.com / 07746 694890



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Le Café Français

Saturday 26th September
9.00am-11.30am



*an opportunity to enjoy a coffee &
pâtisseries with a Brocante market stall,
cheeses, olive oil, chocolate & lavender
products.*

*With a French Hamper raffle prize
Please come to support your local
community*

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a FOHSM charity event

St Mary's News Rev Bill Church's Tribute & Celebration

At Evensong at St Mary's at 6.30pm on Sunday 26 July we had a very special surprise for Rev Bill Church as instead of the usual small congregation there were over 100 people from both churches to celebrate Bill's 85th birthday and his 21 years as a priest at St Andrew's and St Mary's. Bill as ever the consummate priest took a lovely service and afterwards there were "refreshments" to express our love, thanks and celebration.



Revs Bill & Alan enjoy the moment

Bill has since responded below

"I came to Hertford with my family for work in 1979. A friend in Suffolk had said: "Of course you will worship at St Andrew's". And they were right. That congregation has sustained us in joy and in grief ever since. St Andrew's has a proud tradition of producing ordinands, so it was not so much of a surprise that I made hesitant steps in that direction. I trained for three years on the St Albans and Oxford Ministry Course (an excellent institution) and was ordained deacon in 1999 (and priest in 2000).

The Bishop wisely required people ordained out of a congregation to serve elsewhere as curates so I went for two years to Bengoe and for four years to Stanstead Abbots, Great Amwell and St. Margarets, parishes very different from each other and from St Andrew's. When Fr. Graham Edwards retired in 2005, I returned to St Andrew's to cover the vacancy. And then when Alan was appointed in 2006, that extended to Hertingfordbury and I found another spiritual home there. I am doing less now and some of that in other parishes which are short of clergy. The Registrars tell me that you cannot be a "Clerk in Holy Orders (retired)" so I hope to be a bit active for a while yet. And I did enjoy the party after Evensong last Sunday." Bill

..... **Baptism Blankets**



Some members of our congregation have been knitting baptism blankets that are given as a gift to those babies that are baptised at St Mary's. Our church is a wonderful place and setting for special moments such as these for our community. We had 4 four Baptisms in July and August which are detailed under our Registers

St Mary's News The Sanctuary Marble



Back in June we had the marble floor of the Sanctuary at St Mary's cleaned so that we can preserve and appreciate this special area of our church. The Sanctuary is the sacred area around the altar area where the congregation goes to receive holy communion. We are particularly grateful to one member of our congregation who gave a substantial contribution towards the cost of this essential cleaning

..... St Mary's Choir



On the morning of Sunday 2nd August we had the pleasure of the full choir in attendance. It doesn't happen very often and especially now Jean lives in Lincolnshire! So it was a special occasion appreciated by all. Our big thanks go to Paul and all the choir members who put in so much unseen work to sing and make our services the joy that they are.

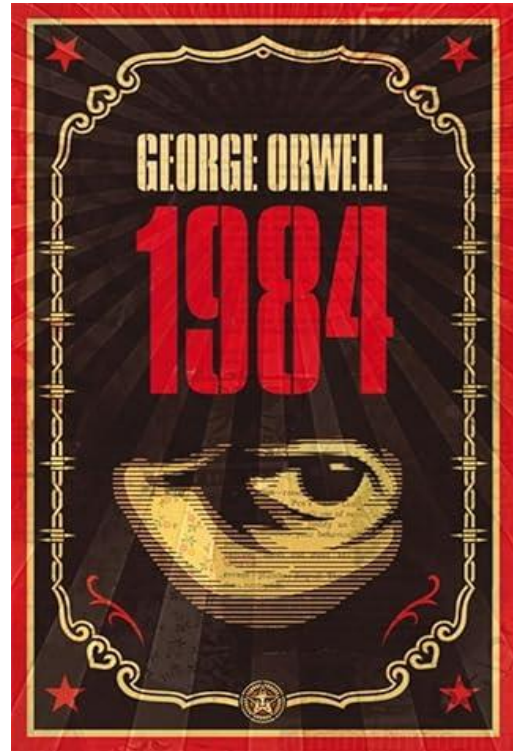
In our picture are **Back Row L-R** : John, Bob, Jim, Robin & Christopher. **Middle Row L-R**: Alma, Christine, Marilyn & Paul. **Front Row L-R**: Jean, Janet, Caroline & Jilly

Truth Under Pressure

We are continuing to highlight some of the very meaningful messages from our church sermons, by not only Revs Alan & Bill but also our inspiring team of Lay Readers of Worship. This month we have a recent sermon given on a significant date of 8th July by Lay reader Forbes Mutch

Today is the eighth of July. On this day, 77 years ago George Orwell published his famous novel Nineteen Eighty-Four. If you've ever wondered why he chose to set his story in that year, he wrote it in 1948 so, setting his story in the future, he just reversed the digits of the year in which he was writing, turning 48 into 84.

To me, 1984 is a very relevant novel for Christians because it explores what happens when fundamental Christian values such as truth, freedom, and human dignity are replaced by absolute state controls. And the novel encourages people of faith to think carefully about their religion in an increasingly secular and technologically connected world.



One of the central themes of 1984 is the manipulation of truth. In the book, the ruling Party constantly rewrites history, changes facts and demands that citizens accept whatever it declares to be true. Objective reality no longer matters; only the Party's version of events is acceptable. How many times have we seen that happening in regimes around the world. How many times do we see it happening in countries now.

This is uncomfortable for us, as Christians believe that truth is not determined by governments, or individual political leaders or public opinion or cultural trends but is rooted in the character of God. Jesus declares I am the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6), reminding us that truth is ultimately found in him – and therefore God – rather than in shifting political or social narratives.

One of the most important lessons of the book concerns the value of human dignity. The Party views people as tools to be controlled rather than individuals created with inherent worth. Fear, surveillance and manipulation strip away personal identity and meaningful relationships. By contrast, the Bible teaches that every person is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27); Christians are called to defend the dignity, freedom and value of every human being, even when society refers to people as statistics, consumers or voters.

Finally, 1984 challenges Christians to examine the influence of modern technology and media. Orwell imagined a world where surveillance was constant and information was tightly controlled. While today's societies are different, advances in digital technology, artificial intelligence and social media raise legitimate questions about privacy, freedom of

Truth Under Pressure

conscience, and the responsible use of information. Christians are called to exercise wisdom, discernment and integrity, carefully evaluating what they read, share, and believe rather than accepting popular narratives without question.

In the end, 1984 is not a Christian novel, but it raises questions about the way the world is evolving that Christians should take seriously. It warns against idolatry; deception, the abuse of power and the loss of objective truth. At the same time, it highlights the hope found in the Christian faith: that truth cannot ultimately be destroyed because it is grounded in God, human dignity is secure because people bear his image and genuine freedom is found not in political systems but in Christ. Orwell's vision remains a powerful reminder that Christians are called to be individuals; people of truth, courage, discernment and unwavering faith in every generation, and I'm pleased that the book that George Orwell published 77 years ago remains as shocking and relevant today as it was then. Amen

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Online Worship & Activity for St Mary's

Sunday Morning Worship – Sunday Evening Compline – Mindfulness & Meditation

If you can't get to church or it's not convenient then you don't have to miss out!

In conjunction with St Andrew's we continue to offer online services and activity, be it Sunday mornings, Sunday evening Compline or Wednesday evening Mindfulness

Emails are sent out each time with the details to log on via Zoom as below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350205497?pwd=RubSuCwx8yt50PyrCGqNyrCs1GUCPn.1>

Meeting ID: 833 5020 5497

Passcode: 602435

Bugingham Palace – Eco Church



If you've been wandering around the churchyard lately, you may have spotted a magnificent edifice rising from the nettle patch just by the sheds. This is St Mary's Bug Hotel – lovingly constructed from donated pallets, bamboo, pots, tiles, sticks, pine cones and bark. Still a work in progress, we hope to include a hideaway for Hertingfordbury hedgehogs, plants for pollinators, a birdbath – the list goes on! Thank you to everyone who has got involved and donated the different elements – it shows the love people feel for our insect and wildlife companion

Does this really matter? Aren't bugs just a bit of a nuisance to humans after all? Well no. Just looking at it from a purely human point of view, three quarters of our crops are pollinated by insects – bees, wasps, butterflies, moths and even some beetles - and of course the soil itself is renewed and made fertile by all those wriggling earthworms and a whole range of other creatures. Birds, hedgehogs, water voles and other small mammals all rely on a healthy supply of insects for their daily diet. Basically, we can't manage without those bugs.

So how has this happened – why has the look and sound of our gardens and fields changed so much over the past fifty years? There's no one factor, according to the Wildlife Trusts. The widespread use of herbicides and pesticides has had a big impact. Recently, vets have been overprescribing flea treatments containing harmful substances, which have got into our rivers and streams and had a big effect on the numbers of water insects. Many of the meadows and hedgerows which provided homes and food for insects have disappeared. Artificial grass and paved lawns, for all their convenience, reduce the land available for wildlife. The changing climate, with its hot dry summers and wet winters, is not what many insects are used to, and they struggle to adapt.

Judging by the positive reception for St Mary's Bug Hotel (or Bugingham Palace as it may come to be known!), people in Hertingfordbury and the Greens are very fond of insects. So what can we do to encourage them?

In the churchyard, we've begun by creating bug friendly places – a mini meadow for wildflowers to provide nectar for bees and other insects, log piles, wilder areas where insects can be undisturbed – and of course, the Bug Hotel. Like all creatures, insects need to be able to move about, to find food and shelter especially when conditions change. So connecting up all our wilder areas in a network of wildlife corridors is key – St Mary's is lucky enough to back on to fields so that insects and other wildlife can range around widely with relative ease. We've got plans to do more – more wildflower areas, a small pond maybe.

Bugingham Palace - Eco Church

If you're concerned about our declining insect population and would like to do something to help, most of these things are easy to do in your own garden or local green space – even a window box of pollinator friendly plants can help. There's a wealth of information on the internet, whatever your ambitions! Places to start are:

Eco Church https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Land1_5-Encouraging-moths-and-butterflies.pdf

The Wildlife Trusts: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/action-for-insects>

Eco Church events coming up:

Art Exhibition 3rd & 4th October celebrating nature by the Painting for Pleasure Art Group for the weekend of **Environment Sunday**

This will be accompanied by a small exhibition of photographs and text on Caring for Creation – if you would like to submit a nature photograph which you have taken, please contact Rachel Carter: raich.carter@yahoo.co.uk

People's Emergency Briefing community screenings as below

All Saints Church, Hertford on Tuesday 1 September at 7.00 pm. Free tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hertfordchurchestogetheralls/2326186>

St Andrew's Church, Hertford on Thursday 1 October at 7.00 pm in St Andrew's Centre. Free tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hertfordchurchestogethersta/2205974>

This is a nationally coordinated film and discussion initiative exploring the climate and nature crisis and what it means for communities, services and long term resilience.

Hosted by Chris Packham CBE, the film brings together leading UK experts in climate science, health, food security, economics, national security and nature. It includes footage from the landmark National Emergency Briefing held in Westminster for MPs and peers, and presents a clear, evidence based overview of the risks facing everyday life in Britain. The initiative is explicitly non partisan and is supported by organisations including the National Trust, Church of England, Exeter University, the Royal Meteorological Society, WWF and the National Education Union. Find out more here: <https://www.nebriefing.org/>

If you're interested in what Eco Church is doing at St Mary's and would like to get involved, contact Rachel Carter, raich.carter@yahoo

Bike 'n Hike – Saturday 12th September 2026



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The moment has arrived for the 2026 Bike 'n Hike Event in aid of The Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust, to be held on 12th September 2026.

This fundraising event raises money which is redistributed, half going to the participating Church and the other half together with any Gift Aid being used by The Trust to provide grants to Churches throughout the two counties for the repair and maintenance of Church buildings.

The St Mary's Team includes cyclists, walkers and others using any alternative mode of transport, as well as our wonderful group of Welcomers, who refresh our visitors.

Any support will be hugely welcomed! A sponsorship form is at the back of the Church or can be found on the Trust's website: www.bedshertshct.org.uk where there is also a link to JustGiving and, if you use this, please ensure that you include the name of St Mary's Church Hertingfordbury so that "our" half of the sponsorship is allocated to St Mary's.

Children's Challenge Sunday 13th September

This year we are planning a Children's Challenge in the Churchyard on Sunday 13th September following the All Age Service. There will be a circuit of 10 locations in the Churchyard each being numbered and allocated the name of one of the Churches in our District. Children will visit each of them, stamp their circuit map and collect a wooden Heart (which they will keep). The challenge is to visit as many of the Churches as you can find. Friends and relatives are encouraged to support and perhaps sponsor the children. If the weather is unsuitable, the circuit will be laid out inside the Church.

This challenge is open to all age groups, especially the Young-at-Heart. If any information is needed, my contact number is 07860 228294

Christopher Maunder Taylor



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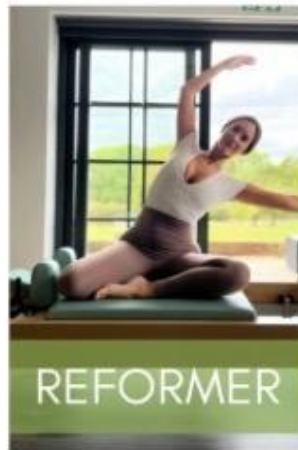
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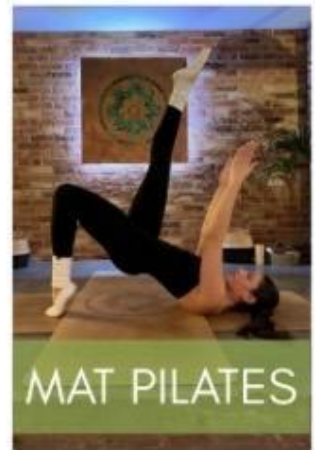
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Church Flower Rota - September

6th Wedding - 13th Wedding
20th Wedding - 27th Sue Parsell

We are extremely grateful for the time, generosity and skill that the flower team give each week to make the church look so beautiful

Toddler Service Assistance

We hope to start a new Toddler Service on Monday mornings at St Andrew's and volunteers are needed so that we can offer refreshments. If you could help, please contact Lindsey Betteridge: lindseybett@icloud.com or speak to Philippa in the St Andrew's Church office. Thank you. Lindsey



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Friends of Panshanger Park

Panshanger Park is a wonderful natural area within our wider community and so the Friends of Panshanger Park are sharing some of it's history - some of which will include the village and greens and some not.

This month Geoff Cordingley recounts some interviews given by members of Hertford Oral Society

Panshanger Reflections from Hertford Oral History Group

Hertford Oral History Group (HOHG) began recording people's reminiscences in 1990. The initial aim was to collect as many of the older generation's memories as possible. Peter Ruffles, Jean Riddell and the late Eve Sangster and Mary Ollis were the main interviewers. Whilst still making recordings, the more recent emphasis has been on producing and displaying on the Hertford Museum website the associated transcripts. Over 400 recordings have been made and three quarters of the transcripts are available on Hertford Museum website.

A number of the recordings contain references to Panshanger and our community. Since the HOHG recordings are from 1990 onwards the references are to the time the estate was owned by Ettie Desborough. The seventh Earl died without issue and left the estate to Ettie, nee Fane, who was his niece. She was married to William Grenfell, Lord Desborough who owned Taplow Court, near Maidenhead. There are many short references to Panshanger in the recordings with youngsters roaming around the grounds, picnicking and bluebelling. The extracts to come give a snap shot of life in a large house in the 1920s and 1930.



Bet Brace was born in 1910 and attended Hertingfordbury Elementary School in Birch Green. She recalls: *"The school used to go to Panshanger once a year, or perhaps twice a year. We used to have, you*

know, the annual bun feast. And I used to love it - we used to go in an open cart – we did in those days, we used to go in a long open cart to this bun feast at Panshanger House, and we used to have tea in the dining hall, waited on by maids and butlers – it was quite something. Lady Desborough – well, she was a darling lady, she really was. And we used to have tea and a Punch and Judy show in the, I don't know if it was the picture gallery, or if we went through the picture gallery, what I'm really getting at - the gallery was full of large paintings which didn't really mean much to me, but I do think that we should have been told who painted this and who painted that."

Panshanger Reflections from Hertford Oral History Group

The pronunciation of the Cowper name still causes problems. According to Ruth Burgess, Lady Cowper *"got up at Taplow and she was presenting prizes as she did here at the memorial hall, where she was introduced as the Countess Cowper of Panshanger and Taplow and she turned round to the chairman who was doing his best and in charge of the platform and she squashed him by saying, "A little less of the "cow" and a little more of the "coo" if you please." However, Tewin residents still refer to the "Cowpers" not the "Coopers"!*

The first railway line to reach Hertford was in 1843 when the Eastern Counties Railway arrived at Hertford East station. This was followed in 1858 by what was then called the Hertford and Welwyn Junction Railway which terminated at Cowbridge station by Hartham Common. This line crossed the Panshanger Estate with halts at Hertingfordbury & Cole Green (Letty Green really). **Hertingfordbury station 1953 (right)**



In the early part of the 20th Century the line from Enfield was extended to Cuffley and then Hertford and onto Stevenage. The extension to Stevenage was opened on 2nd June 1924 along with Hertford North station.

This had an effect on the traffic on the line to Hatfield since it was a direct link, although George Flunder reckoned that travel via Welwyn Garden City was still quicker than travelling from Hertford North direct to London.

Passenger traffic on the Hatfield to Hertford link ended in June 1951 and freight in May 1966. Some of the bed of the track is now Cole Green Way.

George Flunder said, *"They made a film at the station [Hertingfordbury] – Jack Buchanan was in it. It was called "When Knights were Bold" and one of the scenes involved opening the carriage door & two pigs came out. Well they were all ready to shoot this & they opened the door & they realised the pigs were facing the wrong direction, it was one of the compartments with the long seats down so you couldn't turn the pigs round so they had to take it to Welwyn Garden City where they had a turntable in those days, turn the carriage round and bring it back again."*

George Lambert: *"I think half the village saw it being filmed and I can remember the train puffing off in one direction then puffing back & they must have been re-shooting all the time."*

George Flunder: *"Mother was busy making cups of tea."*

Note: When Knights Were Bold was a British musical comedy film released in 1936

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If you wish to contact the Parish Council please contact the Clerk

Clerk: Katie Eyre at clerk@hertingfordbury-pc.gov.uk

Council Meetings

Meetings are at Hertingfordbury Cowper School between 7pm – 9pm. Members of the public are welcome. Please see website for latest dates

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Your local representatives at a glance

Hertingfordbury Village falls within Hertford's Castle Ward and Hertford St Andrew's Division

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For events and what's on: <https://gohertford.co.uk/>

Hertford Town Councillors for Castle Ward:

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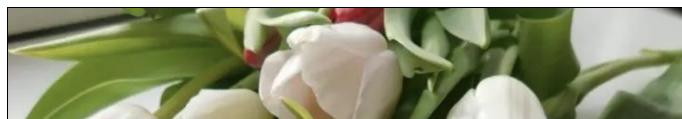
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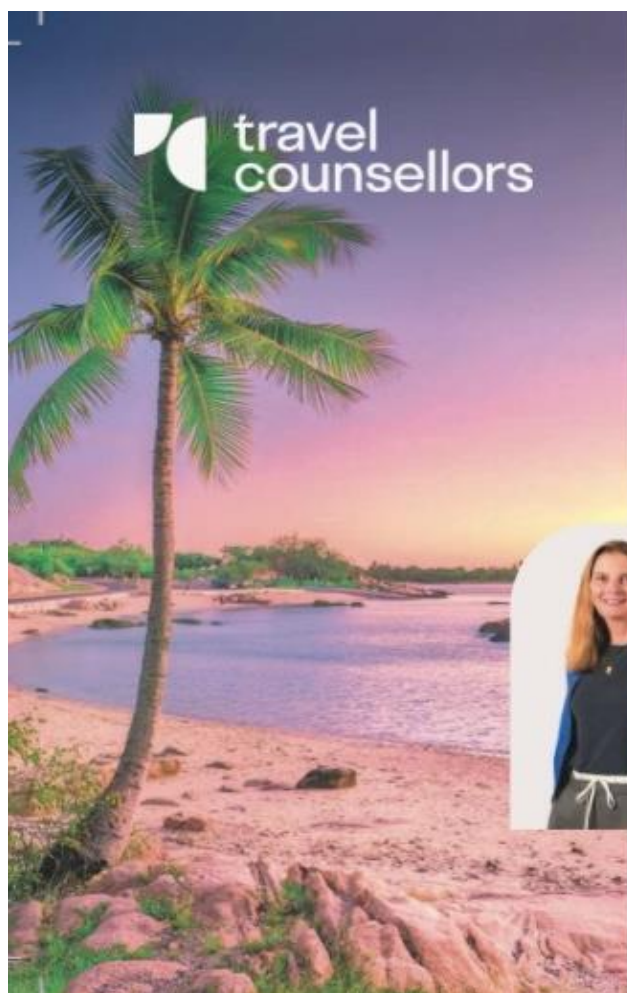
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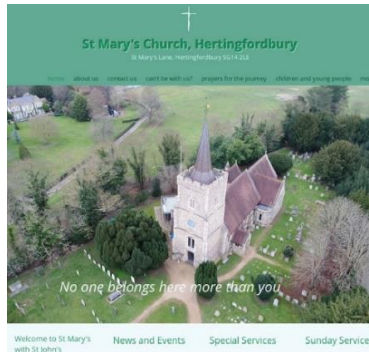


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www.hertingfordburystmary.org

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If you wish to contribute in any way please contact Rachel via e mail
raich.carter@yahoo.co.uk



WhatsApp Groups

If you would like to be part of the **St Mary's Church WhatsApp Group** please contact David Gorton on 07544 702241

Hertingfordbury Village WhatsApp Group is a sociable community group. For more information please contact Mick Barratt

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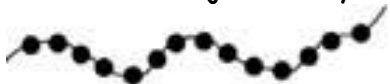
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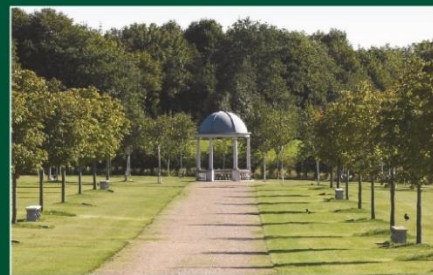
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