

## Bunkers Park



Spring is here – well almost. We were snowed off for our February event but the hardy Hemel Volunteers turned out regardless and cut timber for their use in hedge laying.

This embarrassed the rest of us to turning up the next week to redeem our self-esteem.

We have moved on from coppicing to starting the much needed task of thinning out the woodland. It is sad to cut viable trees but if we do not give trees the chance to mature in their own space then they will just head for the sky and create a wood of poles. This activity is quite exciting as we are trying to create a wood for the next generations which could be 50 to 60 years in the future.

Not being unkind, but most of us are unlikely to see the fruits of our labours. However the younger members of the group will be able to see how well it has worked. By taking action now we are trying to help create an eco-system that will attract wildlife to the area. As we start this task it is clear how much needs to be done over the next few years. We have about 60 people in the friends group and generally 15 to 20 turn up for the winter events. We can always use more help so if you want to learn about your local environment and act as amateur lumber jacks give Linda a call to get on the mailing list.

Tasks for the Spring/Summer are a litter pick and Ragwort pulling. Announcements and dates for these activities will be on the Nash Mills website. The ground is drying out after winter so enjoy the Park.  
Geoff Doole

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### Spring has Sprung!

- 1) What is the popular name for the flowering houseplant *Impatiens Walleriana*?
- 2) What would a gardener do with a dibber or dibble?
- 3) Charles Darwin described this carnivorous plant the most wonderful plant in the world- What is its name?
- 4) The love apple is the original name for what?
- 5) The Death Cap is the most poisonous variety of what?
- 6) What is the name given to the female reproductive organ of a flower?
- 7) A Kumquat is a small Japanese variety of what sort of fruit?
- 8) Why is reindeer Moss so called?
- 9) Harry Wheatcroft was a renowned breeder of what?
- 10) What is the name of the three leafed clover associated with St Patricks day?
- 11) Which part of a tree can be used to make cork?
- 12) What is the largest and tallest tree in the world?
- 13) What general term is given to those trees whose leaves fall in autumn?
- 14) Which tissue beneath the bark of trees forms wood?
- 15) Where in the flowering plant does the male gamete form?
- 16) Which cereal must be grown in water?
- 17) Which grain is used to make semolina?
- 18) Which part of a flower becomes the fruit?
- 19) Which part of a flowering plant is often used to make oil?
- 20) What is the name given to the technique of clipping trees and hedges into ornamental shapes?

### Answers to Arctic Life Winter Quiz

- 1) They dig tunnels.
- 2) Wood frog.
- 3) So they do not lose heat
- 4) 40 mph.
- 5) Finland, Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Alaska, USA, Russia.
- 6) Frozen ground.
- 7) Arctic wolf.
- 8) Lemmings
- 9) Arctic fox.
- 10) 5 months.
- 11) Imaginary circle.
- 12) Shar, gray and arctic trout.
- 13) Grouse.
- 14) Caribou.
- 15) An animal with cloven hooves who chews the cud.
- 16) A boggy area.
- 17) Uranium, diamonds, copper, coal, zinc, silver, gold gas and oil are found under the arctic ocean.
- 18) Markers built for hunters
- 19) Common Guillemot.
- 20) Gases.

Thank you for all your entries. Unfortunately there were no correct entries so it is a roll over with an amount increasing to £20. The closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> May send your entries to the Clerk (address on inside cover.)

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*Sir Arthur Evans (1851-1941)*

Most holiday-makers visiting Crete will visit Knossos, the fabulous remains of the Palace of the legendary King Minos.

Their tour guide will show them the King's throne and the colourful restored frescoes of bull leaping and dolphins. They will also see the bust of Arthur Evans on a pedestal. He was the discoverer, excavator and later restorer of much of the site. His classical education erroneously linked the site at first with the legend of Theseus and the Minotaur in the labyrinth.

Evans was the first son of John, later Sir John, Evans and Harriet Dickinson who lived in Nash Mills' village. He was actually born at Abbots Hill where there is a commemorative plaque. His early childhood was spent at Nash Mills House.

Tragically his mother dies when he was just seven years old. Educated at Callipers school, Chipperfield then Harrow before going to Brasenose College, Oxford, to study archaeology. Then followed years of living rough with the tribes in the Balkans during which he was a correspondent to The Manchester Guardian.

The regional authorities objected to his reports, imprisoning him as a result. He was eventually released after a great deal of diplomatic activity on condition that he did not return.

Back in England he became curator of the original Ashmolean Museum at Oxford which he had redeveloped in new premises which have recently been remodelled. There is now a major gallery there describing his life and his discovery of Crete's Minoan Civilisation.

A great deal of the finance for Evans' work at Knossos came from his father and John Dickinson's will, all gained through the manufacture of paper at Nash and their other mills. Truly, a remarkable son of Nash Mills.

*By Michael Stanyon.*

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# Abbot's Hill



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Abbot's Hill School is delighted to announce that Dacorum Borough Council has approved our Campus Development proposals to provide new first class facilities for our Nursery and Prep School.

The first phase of this programme is the relocation and expansion of the Nursery, with the creation of an all-year round Nursery for up to 60 girls and boys, aged from 9 months to 4 years. The new Nursery will provide an excellent pre-school education which will feed seamlessly into the Prep School and will reflect the ethos of the school.

The principle of the new Nursery building is to provide an open, friendly environment for the children and staff. It will be arranged into dedicated areas, each customised to different ages and needs.

All the main areas will have direct access to external play areas, including a covered play area.

It is anticipated that work on building the new Nursery will commence during the Easter holidays for completion by the end of this year. Further details about this will be announced in due course.

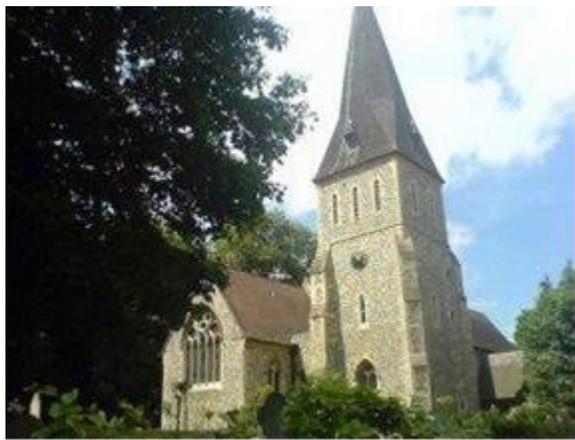
Longer term developments include extending the Junior Department, to replace temporary accommodation that has been required due to the growth of the school since the original Junior Block was constructed, and the creation of a new purpose-built Infant Block.

Mrs Janet Mark, Chairman of the Board of Governors said:  
*"We are delighted that Dacorum Borough Council has granted planning permission for our proposals for the development of the school campus. This is a key milestone in the implementation of a long term strategy for the future development and success of Abbot's Hill School."*

For more information, please call: 01442 240333 or visit [www.abbotshill.herts.sch.uk](http://www.abbotshill.herts.sch.uk)



NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH, APSLEY



Once again the snowdrops in the churchyard have been wonderful this year. Today, at the beginning of March, we have started cutting the grass, so spring is just round the corner!!

At present we are in the churches season of Lent, a time of quiet and reflection as we prepare for Easter when we celebrate the risen Jesus. Our Lent group this year has been studying the film 'The Way'. This is a very moving story of a father, who traces the steps of his son who had tragically died while doing a pilgrimage. It reminds us all of our journey through life, with all its ups and downs.

Some of us will again be going on the Easter Monday pilgrimage to St Albans, a mere 9 mile walk! So once again we are hoping for fair weather and a good day as we meet our fellow Christians from across the Diocese.

On Saturday April 18th we will be holding a Quiz & Games evening at Nash Mills School. With tickets at only £5 this should be an enjoyable evening. On Saturday May 9th we are holding a concert at church by The Dacorum Community

Choir. It is at 5pm and costs £10 per person, which includes refreshments. Then on July 11th there will be another of our very popular Community Fairs in the churchyard (weather permitting). For more information on any of these events please contact **01442 257108**.

So, plenty of things happening at your local church, and just to add to that the Archbishop of Canterbury will be making his first visit since his appointment, to St Albans, in June. He will be joining in the celebration of St Albans Day as well as visiting other areas in the Diocese.

I list below details of some of our services and events over the Easter period, and hope you might come along and join us at one or more of them.

- Palm Sunday 29th March 10.00am – Palm Sunday Sung Eucharist.
- Good Friday 3rd April 11.30am - Exploring the Easter Story.  
2.00pm - Stations of the Cross.
- Saturday 4th April 9pm Lighting the Easter Fire & Easter Vigil.
- Easter Sunday 5th April 8am - Said Eucharist  
10am -Sung Eucharist.  
6.30pm -Evening Prayer.
- Easter Monday 6th April 9am -Pilgrimage to St Albans.

More details concerning all services and events across our Benefice can be found on our web site which is [www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](http://www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk)

From us all at St Mary's, do have a Happy Easter, and enjoy the spring weather!

Peter Bladon.



A new website, Hertsreunited.co.uk, to help reunite members of the public with their lost and stolen property, was launched in January 2015 by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire and Hertfordshire Constabulary.

The website features photos of found and recovered items, as well as a facility for people to report their lost property.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd, said: "I asked for HertsReunited to be created in order to make it possible for people in Hertfordshire to find their lost or stolen property much more easily.

"If someone has had something stolen – or they want to report a lost possession or something they have found – then this website is a one-stop-shop to help reunite them with their property.

"Although crime is low in the county, being the victim of a burglary, robbery or theft – or even just losing a valued possession by mistake – can be a very distressing experience.

The Constabulary takes temporary possession of property which is suspected to have been stolen, but the Force is sometimes unable to locate its true owner. Likewise, often the Force is made aware of property which has been found in Hertfordshire, but the owner is unknown. Users of the website can now record items that they have lost or found and search the website to see if Hertfordshire Constabulary is holding their stolen or lost property.

Items will be advertised on the website by Hertfordshire Constabulary for around 30 days or an appropriate period until the true owner is identified.

The website is controlled and managed through the current Police Property Management System (PMS) used by the Force.

Where found property is reported to police through HertsReunited and the finder stores it for safe keeping, there may be circumstances where that person can claim to keep the item, if the owner does not come forward.

Found property handed into the police station that remains unclaimed is likely to have to be disposed of, but each case will be taken on its own individual merits. For example, police provide a number of old and damaged bicycles to charitable projects for refurbishment.

Some property is disposed through auction and the funds recouped to support crime reduction. Police also recycle property which has no value or is damaged.

Strenuous effort is made by the police to reunite property with the owner. For example, a camera was handed into police with no identification of its owner. Examination of photographs on it revealed a picture of a dog which was expanded and police were able to read the address tag on the dog collar and the owner contacted.

However, some items prove impossible to identify the owners but we know that they could have sentimental, as well as monetary, value. HertsReunited gives us a much better chance to get property back to their rightful owners.

You can visit the HertsReunited: [www.hertsreunited.co.uk](http://www.hertsreunited.co.uk).

## Dementia Friendly Nash Mills

In May 2014, Public Health England and Alzheimer's Society came together to inspire the Dementia Friends campaign, to tackle stigma against dementia by creating a network of one million Dementia Friends by March 2015. You may have seen the advert on TV featuring Gina Shaw, a 61 year old woman from Liverpool with early stage dementia and a series of well-known faces including Chris Martin, Lily Allen, Sir Terry Pratchett, Amanda Holden, Paul O'Grady, Pixie Lott and Alesha Dixon singing the iconic Beatles' song 'With a Little Help from my Friends'.

A Dementia Friend is someone who has gained an understanding of dementia and the small things they can do that can make a difference to people living with the condition. Essentially it is about being calm, kind and patient in situations where a person with dementia might be having difficulty.

Becoming a Dementia Friend does not involve raising money for charity or donating your time on a regular basis. We simply ask that Dementia Friends remember what they have learned and put it into practice when they meet someone who might need their help, whether this is through their work or in their day-to-day life.

Dementia Friends sessions last 45 minutes and are delivered by local Dementia Champions – if you are interested in taking part in a session and joining the 1 million Dementia Friends please contact:

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## PROTECTING ADULTS FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Protecting adults from abuse or neglect is everyone's business. Who is a vulnerable adult? A vulnerable adult is a person aged 18 or over who may be unable to take care of themselves or is at risk of harm or serious exploitation. This may be because they have a mental health problem, a learning or physical disability, are old and frail or have an illness. If you suspect that an adult is being abused, neglected or is neglecting themselves you should contact:

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### SUPPORTING AND CARE IN ADULTS

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- HertsHelp, who can provide information and advice about many services in Hertfordshire. [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net)
- Age UK, <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/contact-us/> who provide befriending and telephone support services as well as practical support and lunch clubs.
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