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Go along to an information session for new volunteers - they hold informal weekly meetings for people who are new to volunteering and want to find out more before they take the plunge. Usually held on Thursday mornings, these sessions are very relaxed and informative and the great thing is they are usually run by some of their volunteer trainers so you'll be able to ask them about their own experience of volunteering.

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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH,  
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As I said in my last report in the winter edition of the newsletter we now have a new vicar at St Mary's, the Revd. Richard Howlett. A service was held at St Benedict's at Bennetts End in January when the Bishop of Hertford licensed him, and the Archdeacon of St Albans installed him as vicar for Apsley, Nash Mills and Bennetts End. It was good to welcome him and his family into the parish and we all look forward to working with him over the coming years, out in our communities.

As I write this on the first day of spring, the rain is pouring down, however, the first signs of warmer days are showing with the trees getting greener and the blossom beginning to show. This is true in the church's year as we move through the bleak season of Lent. However, this coming Sunday March 26th, we will mark Mothering Sunday with a special service at 10am, which gives us all a chance to remember our own mothers and of course Mother Church.

Last Saturday we held a St Patrick's Day quiz night at Nash Mills School, which was enjoyed by over 40 people who came along to test their brain power! **Our Messy Easter Church** will this year take place on

Sunday 23rd April between 3-5.30pm. Then on Saturday 13th May we will be holding a **Table Top Sale** from 2 -4.30pm. If you would like to rent a table at this event please email [ode19uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ode19uk@yahoo.co.uk) for further details. We will hopefully be having a **Rogation Sunday Walk** around the Benefice on Sunday 21st May starting at Leverstock Green. This will be followed on Sunday 11th June by a **Canal Boat Trip** from Nash Mills. This year's **St Albans Day Pilgrimage** will be taking place on Saturday 24th June. Moving onto July 15th there will be a **Strawberries & Cream Tea** in the churchyard between 3-5pm (weather permitting) and the **Christmas Bazaar** will take place on Saturday 18th November from 10am - 1pm. Finally, we will be holding our first **Angel Festival** from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th December - but more about that in the next newsletter. So, as you can see, there is plenty going on at your local church, as well as all of our weekly services! Finally, I list below our services over the Easter period, and do hope you will be able to join us at one or more as we celebrate the risen Christ:

Good Friday 14th April - 11.30am Children Events for Good Friday and at 2pm to 3pm an hour with the cross.

Easter Eve Saturday 15th April at 9pm Easter fire and first communion of Easter.

Easter Sunday 16th April - 8am Said Eucharist at 10am Sung Eucharist & Young Peoples groups.

Easter Monday 17th 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) Enjoy those spring days which we hope will soon be here! By Peter Bladon.

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lives. DENS aims: To provide emergency relief to those in crisis, provide and source accommodation, provide high quality appropriate support and to provide individual person centred development and to enable individuals to be active members of the community. To raise awareness of homelessness in Dacorum to increase support for DENS.

DENS maintain and develop effective partnerships with local agencies. They are on the frontline, tackling homelessness and poverty in Dacorum, by giving people the chance to build a better future. DENS provide a number of integrated services:

The Elms, temporary emergency accommodation; DENS Day Centre, advice and a daytime haven; DENS Rent Aid, a deposit guarantee and support scheme with private landlords; DENS Dacorum Food bank, emergency food supplies; and DENS Enterprises, creating income. The DENS Food bank provide food for use by The Elms and our Day Centre, and emergency food parcels to people in the community without the resources to buy any. The Food bank depends on donations to keep up with demand.

DENS provide a varied range of opportunities for you to get involved. These include quiz nights, ceilidhs, sponsored walks or even joining in the London Marathon. Whatever they are, you can enjoy yourself as well as raise money. Become a friend of DENS working for DENS can be very rewarding, whether it is as a paid member of staff or as a volunteer. They have nearly 200 people working for DENS, of whom 170 are volunteers.

Contact them on 01442 262274 or email [office@dens.org.uk](mailto:office@dens.org.uk)



## Bunkers Park Report



Christmas has passed and, at least recently, it seems that spring is here. I hope you had a chance to visit the Park but you probably needed boots - it will dry out over the next month.

We visited the Chipperfield Common Group before Christmas and helped clear the Apostles Pond. It was my chance to visit the area for the first time in years and I had forgotten just how beautiful the area is. We hope to provide some information panels like those used in Chipperfield to help visitors understand a little about the fauna and flora of the area. We have already started to signpost some of the routes around Bunkers Park but we know there is more we want to do this year.

We have been working to open up some of the scallops along the rides (pathways) as the ones we created a few years ago were starting to become overgrown and their purpose was to create an environment for butterflies and

birds to have a more protected place to fly. More work is required and we will be working on this at the end of March. This year, as well as welcoming the Belted Galloways back, we will be running working parties throughout the summer to maintain the pathways so you might see us as you walk around.

The team that monitored the cows last year are planning a visit to the Boxmoor Trust to see them in winter quarters and also visit the lambing pens.

If you want to be a part of monitoring the cows in 2017 please get in touch with Linda, the Parish Clerk, who will put you in touch with the group. You get some basic training and it only involves one visit a week or fortnight depending on your availability.

Inevitably we will be working on the Ragwort again which is great exercise for your back - well at least that is what I tell people - but we would welcome more volunteers even if you feel Ragwort pulling is not your specialist subject, as comprehensive training can be provided!

The management plan for Bunkers Park 2017 is now in place and has been published; contact Linda for a copy or visit the parish council's website and click on the tab 'new and events' [www.nashmillsparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.nashmillsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Hope to see you during the summer making the most of the Park.

By Geoff Doole, Friends of Bunkers Park Coordinator

## Foster and Care Hertfordshire County Council



If we can keep more children local to Hertfordshire then they can attend the same school, see their same friends and get the support and guidance they deserve, but in order to do this **WE NEED YOU.**

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## The Canal, Nash Mills



A new exhibition has recently opened at the London Canal Museum, Kings Cross.

The display focuses on the industries using the Grand Union Canal and its Regent's Canal Arm. I was surprised at the number and variety of businesses alongside its route. In our area the canal's arrival close to 1800 brought a great deal of new trade and employment.

The John Dickinson mills of Apsley and Nash were initially badly affected as the canal was then on the northern side of Belswains Lane passing behind the Three Tuns. A flight of locks lowered the canal to river level, about where the railway now bridges the waterway; little remains of that route.

The mills lost much of their water power which was being diverted along the canal until 1818 when John Dickinson obtained an injunction to bring its course close to the one we are familiar with.

Dickinson's mills were major users of the canal for fuel and goods over the years. After the Second World War the export drive brought an additional use of water transport as crated goods could be taken directly to ships in the London Docks. On the Apsley side of the canal extensive stocks of timber for making shipping crates were clearly visible from the village.

As new buildings were constructed on the Apsley and Nash Mills sites most of the building materials came by canal. Bricks were brought upstream by boat from the extensive brick-fields at Yewsley, near Hillingdon.

The only remaining example of these original buildings is next to the Paper Mill pub at Apsley, in this the decorative red detail bricks were made in the Leverstock Green brick fields. A building specification also states that the sand for making cement was from Leighton Buzzard, also by boat.

Dickinson's had two London canal-side warehouses, firstly near Paddington and later at Battlebridge Basin, Kings Cross. By coincidence their Kings Cross premises are adjacent to that of the Canal Museum referred to earlier. Every day a boat would leave Apsley to travel overnight for arrival in London by 6.30 the next morning. Only a severe freeze would be allowed to prevent its arrival; the long winter of 1947 in which sub-zero temperatures lasted for months, was a major cause of the canal's commercial decline.

When taking a walk along the canal towpath it is interesting to reflect on the tons of coal, timber, metal, beer barrels, lime juice and of course paper products amongst many others which would have passed silently and efficiently along this once vital transport artery during the past 220 years.

**By Michael Stanyon, March 2017**



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If you require this, please email [r4d@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:r4d@dacorum.gov.uk) or call **01442 228076** and we will arrange for a Recycling Advisor to visit you to assess your request. You will be contacted within two weeks and it will initially be a phone call to discuss the issue.

If you are in a larger family and have excess recycling every collection, then place your extra recycling in a sturdy container or in your old recycling box and they will collect this, too. If you are overfilling your bin and the sturdy container on every collection, then you may be eligible to receive a large (360 litre) bin.

To find out your day of collection and check which bin to put out, visit their collection dates page online or call the number above. If you do not already have a waste collection calendar, email [r4d@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:r4d@dacorum.gov.uk) and they will email or send you a copy in the post. Please ensure that the correct bins are placed on the boundary of your property by 6.45am on the day of collection. To report a missed bin or request waste equipment call **01442 228076** or visit their website.

What happens to the mixed recycling DBC collect from your blue-lidded bin, well, your recycling (such as paper, cardboard, plastics, cans, drink cartons and glass) is initially stored at

Cupid Green Depot before being transported to an MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) in Kent. The MRF uses a variety of methods, including magnets, air jets and large rotating drums, to split the recycling into separate materials.

Once collected from your green-lidded bin, your garden waste is initially stored at Cupid Green Depot. Once there is a large enough volume of garden waste, some of it is transported to an In-Vessel Composting (IVC) facility in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, and eventually to a windrow facility. During the composting process at the St Ives facility, the garden waste is heated to 70 degrees centigrade to break down all the materials. The resulting product is then sold on to the farming community as soil improver.

You can buy large compostable waste sacks for the green-lidded bin for £6 for a roll of 25 (reduced price for Dacorum Card holders). They are available to buy from DBC at The Forum in Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted Civic Centre and Victoria Hall, Tring.

Please note: excess garden waste sacks alongside the green-lidded bin will not be accepted. Excess garden waste can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centres (tip/dump) on Eastman Way in Hemel Hempstead or Northbridge Road in Berkhamsted. If you regularly have excess garden waste, you may want to buy more green-lidded bins and subscribe to DBC's Additional Garden Waste Subscription Service.

Once collected from your kerbside caddies, your food waste is initially stored at Cupid Green Depot. It is then transported to an Anaerobic Digestion facility in Surrey. Once there, the food waste is heated with recycled heat from the gas engines to 70 degrees centigrade for one hour. It is then pumped into a digestion tank, which is like a giant stomach. Good bacteria eat the food to extract as much energy as possible. The energy produced is put towards the National Grid, and what is left is used as a liquid fertiliser on farmland!



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## 'Ring in Spring' Quiz



- 1) Who was the composer of the 'Rite of Spring' 2) How do hibernating animals know when to wake up? 3) The WW1 German attacks called Kaiser's Battle were also known as what? 4) Birds, especially magpies, swoop on people and moving things during spring for which reason? 5) Before spring, spring time and springing time, what was the season known as based on an old English word? 6) According to folklore, what can we balance on the ground on the first day of spring? 7) Which nautical creature is popular to observe in spring as they migrate back to the Antarctica from Australia? 8) Allergies increase in spring mainly due to what? 9) In which of William Shakespeare's plays is the poem known as "Spring" (entitled "Ver") sung at the end? 10) Which type of meat is traditionally popular in spring? 11) What does the term 'equinox' mean? 12) What does 'spring' symbolise? 13) The Japanese celebrate the arrival of spring by hosting mass viewings of which flower? 14) In America, which bird is often seen as symbolising the arrival of the spring season? 15) In the southern hemisphere, the first day of spring occurs in what month?

### Answers to the 'Winter Wonderland' Quiz 2016 Winter Edition 114

- 1) Christmas with the Kranks. 2) Alternate Christmas message. 3) France. 4) Tinsel. 5) Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer. 6) Sandro Botticelli. 7) Bert and Ernie. 8) Bacon. 9) Rudyard Kipling. 10) The Snow Queen. 11) 1843. 12) Noel Coward. 13) Candy Cane. 14) Nuremberg. 15) France. The lucky winners are Mr and Mrs Brown, Nash Mills, who win the rollover amount of £20.00 – Congratulations. Please send your entries to the 'Ring in Spring' quiz to the Parish Clerk (address on inside cover) or email: [clerk@nashmillsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@nashmillsparishcouncil.gov.uk) by **31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**. Winning entry (drawn at random) with all 15 correct answers will win a £10.00 prize.



### **Police and Crime Commissioner tackle 'Flytipping'**

The Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd has sent out a clear message to fly - tippers: time is running out and they will be caught.

In the period from April 2016 to January 2017, thirty-two cases of fly-tipping offences were successfully prosecuted by Hertfordshire's Boroughs and Districts.

Although the primary responsibility for dealing with fly-tipping lies with local authorities, the PCC has committed extra funding to tackle the issue in response to public concerns raised with him. The Commissioner has set up a 'Partnership fund' to deal with issues such as fly-tipping, fly-grazing and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), which will work on a matched funding basis. He has committed £400, 000 to the fund over the next four years.

Of this sum, £80,000 was awarded by the Commissioner this year to the Herts Fly Tipping Group (HFG), part of the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership (HWP) to go towards 8 bids which were received by his office.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd said: "Fly-tipping in Hertfordshire is a serious problem and I am determined that we stop this blight. There are a number of investigations going on and I put it to those that commit these offences that time is running out for them. I have provided a grant of more than £80,000 to help local authorities tackle fly-tipping across the county. This grant will be used to cover a wide spectrum of initiatives, including the purchase of new cameras for deployment at fly tipping hotspots across the county. I am also investigating using funds generated from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) (the money confiscated from criminals) as way of compensating landowners who have been left with a hefty clearing-up bill."

Projects began in December 2016 and all schemes have to be implemented by March 31st, this year. A summary report will then be presented to the Herts Waste Partnership members and the PCC in April.

Councils that were successful in having their bids approved were: Broxbourne, East Herts, North Herts, Hertsmere / St Albans, Three Rivers and Welwyn Hatfield.

Head of Crime Reduction & Community Safety, Superintendent Dean Patient, said: "The ROST (Rural Operational Support Team) provide a county wide specialised role, working with the rural communities who are often, although, not exclusively blighted with this crime.

We are seeking to work with the waste partnership to collate information and intelligence about evolving trends and the best way to both deter such offences and catch those responsible."

Cllr Richard Thake, Chairman of Hertfordshire Waste Partnership, said: "The waste partnership under the auspices of the Herts Fly Tipping Group is pleased to be working with the Police and Crime Commissioner on this important initiative.

Fly tipping costs Hertfordshire's residents and businesses hundreds of thousands of pounds each year. This is money that could be better spent on other more vital services. To this end we note that a number of the Boroughs and Districts are implementing new information campaigns to highlight the Duty of Care responsibilities we all have when engaging with local contractors to remove waste we wish to dispose of.

It's vitally important that residents and businesses carry out the necessary checks to ensure contractors are properly licensed. Failure to do so could see people unwittingly end up in court being prosecuted for fly tipping."



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