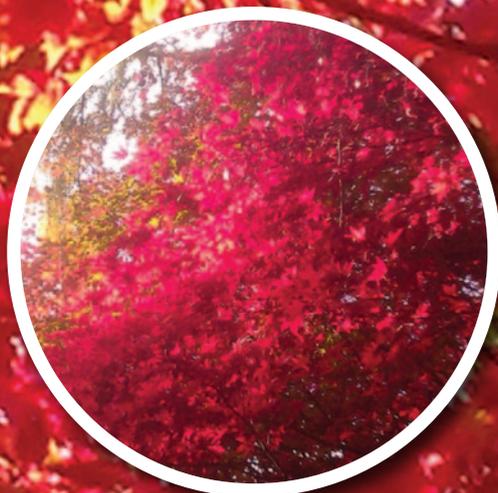


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Glass half full or half empty?

The uncertain times we are living in now create hope or despair, optimism or looking on the dark side. So many are facing increasing isolation, redundancy and fear of not being able to support one's family. We do not deny that times are hard for many people but there are rays of hope in our community that help us through.

People in Bengeo have been coming together to support one another in many ways, from small neighbourly acts of kindness, to wider expressions of togetherness. Carrie Bone, our new correspondent, tells some of our lockdown stories in three streets in Bengeo on pages 14 and 15.

The Yarnbombers (Secret Society of Hertford Crafters) promote community joy and fundraising every year, from last year's wonderful Advent Christmas tree on our Front Cover to the poppy cascade for Remembrance on Hertford Castle. Who can forget the magical fantasy world they created in Parliament Square? They bring together crafts people, schools and care homes to make their displays bringing a smile to people's faces. This year watch out for something special starting with Noah's Ark Trail for Hertford Town Council from October 24th to the 7th November. Characters will be displayed in shop windows around Hertford and offered for auction to raise funds for future yarnbombing projects.

The Editorial Team

Front cover photograph: **Yarnbombers Advent Christmas tree in Salisbury Square last year**
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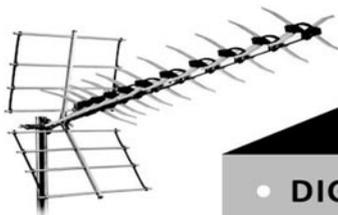
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Dried up Millrace threatens rare breeds farm

A rare breeds farmer in Hertford is 'close to giving up' her farm after a branch of the River Beane known as the Molewood Millrace dried up. Morag Tait's land was formerly part of the Goldings Estate and the landscaped parkland is listed by Historic England, having been considerably altered by Robert Smith in 1870 to provide his newly built mansion with an idyllic rural view.

The millrace runs along the eastern boundary of the farm creating a 'wet fence' between the pasture, public footpath number 107, and the busy A119. But a breach in the river bank occurred upstream of the farmland in September 2019, causing all of the water from the River Beane to be diverted through a branch of the river known as Goldings Canal, leaving the natural barrier dry. Consequently the rare breed cattle have been able to walk across the riverbed and onto the road, endangering motorists and themselves.

The farmer went to considerable lengths and expenditure to secure the pasture with temporary fencing in the hope that, following an appeal to the Environment Agency, the water would soon be returned to the wet fence created by the millrace. Unfortunately the cattle have now learned the route through and have continued to break down the fencing.

Ms Tait is acutely aware of the dangers this poses to motorists and the cattle, and is distressed by the constant need to be vigilant over her free-range livestock whilst managing the other aspects of her business. In July, she invited the Environment Agency to undertake a site visit along with other stakeholders, in the hope of a more immediate resolution to the issue.

In reply to a letter sent by the Molewood Millrace Action Group and undersigned by the many stakeholders including Ms Tait, the EA acknowledged the wider local impact and going forward representatives of the community will form an advisory group to cooperate with the EA.

To date, the EA has not given any indication of timescales and has not engaged directly with Ms Tait. Her farmland is listed as Catchment Sensitive due to its historic importance and as such she must comply with tight regulations laid down by



the agency to protect the river. The farmer believes that in return, the agency has a duty of care to assist her when the river under their care changes and disrupts her business. The delay by the agency has left her facing a police caution for failing to secure her livestock as well as an estimated bill for £25k to urgently install permanent, robust post and rail fencing along the dried up river. In addition to the cost, she feels the solid post and rail fencing will not be sympathetic to the original pastoral design.

Ms Tait set up the organic rare breed farm two and a half years ago and has not yet seen a return on her investment. She fears that the unexpected bills for fencing, along with a possible fine and damage to her reputation, will force her to close the farm side of her business. The farm is run along the principles of organic Polyface Farming, a method by which animals are provided with the habitat which allows them to express their natural instincts, working alongside each other to organically manage the grass pasture giving them a happier, healthier life.

"I don't want it on my record that I don't take care of my animals. That's the last thing you want as a farmer," she said.

Molewood Millrace Action Group

What a waste!



Picture credit: WRAP



One of the small bright lights amongst the challenges of lock down was the appearance of pre-loved books, toys,

furniture and other items on

local social media sites or on driveways and garden paths across Bengeio. With waste sites and second-hand shops shut down, and more time at home to spring clean, we suddenly gave our neighbours priority – offering them no-longer needed items that still had life. A shining example of community-spirited Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

It's a habit we all ought to value, even when lock downs are a memory. The simple truth is that for all our sakes we need to increase the amount we pass on for reuse or recycling, and cut what we dump in our black waste bins.

One reason for this is that our county has a serious waste problem. Hertfordshire has run out of land where it can bury household rubbish. The vast majority of our black bin bags are now transported to a depot in North Herts where they are squeezed into huge containers and then driven to neighbouring counties where they are incinerated or buried in landfill.

Morally, it feels wrong to dump our rubbish on someone else – whether in Bangladesh or Buckinghamshire. But there is also a tangible cost to all this. Dumping waste in UK landfill is expensive; Hertfordshire County Council (which disposes of our waste) must pay about £100 per tonne now but rising each year. HCC doesn't have bottomless pockets.

Following government policy, HCC aims to send nothing to landfill by 2030, and has also committed to Herts

becoming a net-zero emitter of greenhouse-gases before 2050. Nor is incineration the answer: although this can generate energy, it also releases CO₂, and since we have no incinerators in the county, lorries transporting the waste out to neighbouring counties only adds to the problem.

The bottom line is that our current waste habits are unsustainable – both financially and environmentally. Our choice is clear: either we recycle more or we all pay increasing amounts for waste disposal. And with government funding to councils falling, that means we either face increased council taxes or losing local services.

Recycling rather than dumping is also a no-brainer when it comes to climate change. Recycling has a significant impact on carbon pollution: for example, turning used glass, metals and plastics into new products takes far less energy than making these products from scratch. Making new cans from aluminium recycled from old cans rather than aluminium ore cuts the energy consumption of the process by a massive 95%. For glass this figure is 30% and for plastic 70%. Each decade, the UK's recycling efforts are roughly equivalent to taking more than a third of the nation's cars off the road for a year.

So how are we doing in East Herts? Each year, we residents produce a total of about 46,000 tonnes of waste, with each household averaging 880 kilograms of the stuff. Of this we recycle just under half: the district average is 49.9%. We need to up our game: compare that with North Herts where recycling rates are almost 58% and the Three Rivers district where recycling rates are at 66%.

Whatever happens, we're set to see major changes to the way our waste is collected and handled after we throw it away, due to the government's Environment Bill, due to

come into force in 2023. The Bill could include a target of a 75% recycling rate by 2030, along with the introduction of a plastic and glass bottle deposit scheme in which you can recycle bottles for cash. This should go some way to reducing the litter we see along our roads and pathways.

When it comes to waste, lock down has had another subtle impact on our behaviour. When green waste collections halted, many of us began recycling our garden waste at home, by composting it. Home composting has significant benefits – although a compost heap can be small in size, it generates valuable organic compost so we can enrich our soil and grow better flowers and veg at zero cost, as well as offering important garden creatures like worms and insects a welcome home and food source. And contrary to popular belief, a compost heap needn't be smelly or encourage rats or mice, if you are careful with what you add to it.

Indeed East Herts council should offer residents clearer advice on how to compost – and maybe even free compost bins – to encourage the habit. Certainly, given the impact of COVID-19 on the lungs, there are indisputable health reasons to discourage the use of bonfires to dispose of our garden waste. We would love to hear resident's views on all this.

So how else might East Herts Council help Bengeo residents recycle more? Perhaps separate recycling bins in place of the waste bins our streets, so we can separate our rubbish as we bin it? Schools should also have access to free recycling – crazy as it sounds, schools have been told they have to pay for recycling if they want separate paper or plastic collections. Shouldn't we be encouraging children to get in the habit early? What else might help?

And surely there should be better coordination of recycling at local events such as Rock at the Castle, or the Hertford Music Festival when they start again. In 2019



Picture credit: WRAP



the streets were littered with plastic waste after the music festival as there was nowhere to put the stuff. Now that should change at least during the Music Festival: encouraged by a small group of residents and the event's organisers, EHC has agreed to provide recycling bins for the next event. They'll also need volunteers to help collect and sort

the rubbish. Finally with the Ware Household Waste site set to reopen in October, don't forget that it's not just a final destination for your stuff – it also recycles and sells things that are still useful, from furniture to bikes and tools.

So let's maintain the habit of sharing our pre-loved stuff with others. In fact, there could be huge benefits to sharing more widely. In some places in Hertfordshire, residents are experimenting with sharing all kinds of things, from DIY equipment and garden tools to bikes and even cars. Informal sharing groups – created online or by word of mouth – have sprung up in towns around the country. As well as helping to reduce the amount of new things people buy, and so saving money, there is another important benefit which we all know about from lock down – the benefit of helping, and talking with, our neighbours.

Lock down has shown clearly that there is a genuine appetite in our Bengeo community to help support others, by shopping, sharing, collecting, and chatting. Why not keep these habits, and even build on them? Given all the benefits they bring - for saving money, helping the environment, tackling loneliness and maintaining mental well-being – sharing, reusing and recycling could help Bengeo become an even happier, healthier and more resilient place to live. What's not to like?

We'd love to hear your views. We are also planning a Green Party litter pick in Bengeo in October – let us know if you want to join us.

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What's on at the White Lion, Bengo

The White Lion is geared up ready to carry on their entertainment and outdoor eating throughout the winter with their new garden venue:

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All events are from 7pm to 9pm. Please book by phoning **01992 509717**.



November

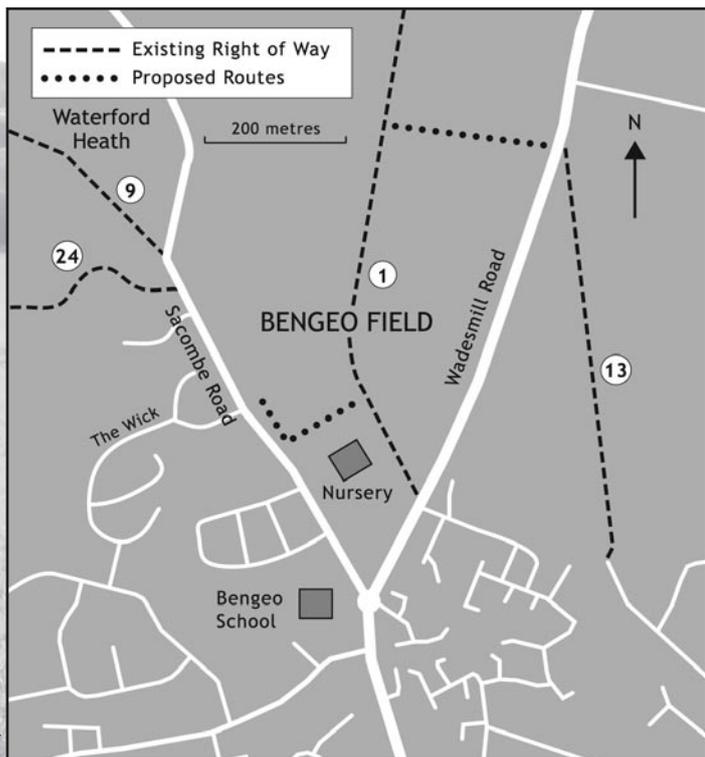
Friday 6th	Jonny Hollis
Saturday 7th	Mod and Ska Band
Thursday 12th	Badmen
Saturday 14th	Rivals
Thursday 19th	Mark Sullivan
Saturday 21st	Stack Lee Cuddy
Saturday 28th	Undercover Band
Wednesday 26th November – Christmas Wreath Making Class. £40 per person with all materials and a glass of mulled wine.	

December

Saturday 12th	Wayward Sons
Thursday 17th	Christmas Carols (<i>check if running</i>)
Friday 18th	Stacy Lee Cuddy
Sunday 20th	Mario (5pm to 7pm)

As usual **Mussel Mayhem** is on the first Thursday of the month. Watch out for other themed dining evenings.

New Rights of Way for Bengoe Field?



Map credit: JOHN GILKES

Bengoe Field provides a lovely peaceful backdrop for Bengoe Residents going out for a walk or taking exercise. It is a welcome country walk away from the crowds. Many of these walkers access the field from two pathways, one from the end of The Wick and the other from opposite the end of Footpath Route 13 on the B158 – currently this is a farm track.

It may not be widely known but neither of these paths is a public right of way. The landowner could block them off at any time and local residents would be powerless to do anything. However, both of these paths have been in use daily since the late 1960s so residents have every right to claim they are public rights of way. If we want to continue to use these paths then it is important that we obtain the rights of way status for them. *The map shows the current rights of way and the line of the proposed paths.*

It is vital to obtain the right of way status for a number of reasons. Firstly, rights of way are properly looked after by Herts CC and marked on the Definitive Map which, together with the definitive statements, is a legal record of public rights of way in Hertfordshire. Secondly, the land owner can divert, but not remove, a right of way and therefore it is a

factor in discouraging development. The farmer cannot remove the right of way or block it.

It is hard work obtaining right of way status, but in my judgement it is worth the effort.

How can you help?

I am appealing for residents who have lived here and used these paths for over 30 years to complete evidence forms. We know that both paths have been in use since the 1960s but we have to prove it if they are to become rights of way.



Contact me johnhowson@gmail.com and I can supply the relevant documentation and maps and a template evidence form to help you fill it out. Each evidence form must be complete and be accompanied by a map. I can email a suitable map or provide a printout if needed.

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John Howson

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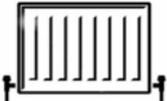
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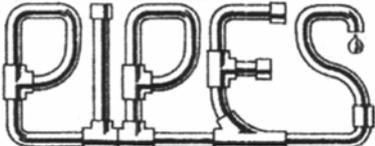
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Hertford and District Foodbank

UPDATE – 6 OCTOBER 2020

Another 2 months have gone by since our last update at the beginning of August, so here is our latest news.

The first piece of good news is that we are delighted to report that the Foodbank team has received a 'Heroes of Hertford Award' by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. Certificates and badges have been given to those Volunteers who have been helping over the last seven months, all of who were really pleased to have received the recognition.

The Foodbank has seen a huge number of donations from various Harvest Festivities, particularly local schools, as well as the continuous flow of donations from our Collection Points in local supermarkets. We are in great shape as we head towards winter both with plenty of stock and with our finances. We are also glad to report that we are providing certain clients with a £10 'fresh food' voucher for Tesco. Our gratitude also goes to the allotment holders in Hertford Heath for their supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables over the past few months, both of these additions have helped to make our food parcels more interesting and nutritious.

Below are the figures for September 2020 and, for comparison, September 2019.

September 2020

186 people were fed, 69 of which were children
 Stock issued: 3271kg including 1038kg passed to other Foodbanks
 Stock donates: 2247kg
 Current stock level: 6835kg

September 2019

139 people fed, 21 of which were children
 We thought you might be interested to see how the last six months compared with the same period last year.

Since the financial year

01/04/20–30/09/20

1880 people fed, of which 806 were children

01/04/19–30/09/19

947 people fed, of which 256 were children

We think those badges were very well earned!



Going forward and due to the current Covid situation, we think it is unlikely that we will return to the old way of operating the Foodbank with clients coming in for a chat and a cup of tea whilst we are picking their food parcel. Hopefully this will happen sometime next year and we will keep this under review. In the meantime we think we are well prepared for an increase in demand over the next few months.

Clients are still being referred to us through various Agencies and each Client still has advice and help in trying to improve their individual situations. If we are approached by individual Clients we continue to give referrals to Agencies and are able to advise on the best way forward for them and to make sure that they are receiving the correct Benefits.

You may remember that we had reported another Foodbank Centre opening in Ware. The Foodbank now has two distribution Centres from which clients can collect food parcels:

- ▶▶▶ United Reformed Church, Cowbridge, Hertford which is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am to 11am
- ▶▶▶ St Mary the Virgin, Church Street, Ware which is open on Tuesday and Wednesday 3pm to 4pm

Our electric van is in constant use daily and over the year that it has been in use we have covered 4,000 miles, saving 1 ton of CO2 emissions and only costing us £66.80 along with accessing some free charging.

It is almost certain that there will be no 'Christmas Alone' this year at Sele School, so thought will be given to combining an initiative together with the Foodbank to do something at Christmas.

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Fran Spence
 Secretary

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Neighbourhood Plan Update



The final public consultation on the Bengeo Neighbourhood Area Plan closed on the 10 September and the Plan is now at the examination stage. The Examiner's report will be made public. After final

revisions have been made to the Plan, it will be put forward for a public referendum, which is scheduled for May 2021.

In the last couple of months, Neighbourhood Plan

responses have been submitted to the public consultations on proposals for Hartham Leisure Centre and Hertford Theatre. Responses have also been submitted to the planning application for the Old Verger's House in St Andrew Street, the revised planning proposals for Hartham Leisure Centre, and the revisions for the proposed eight new dwellings off Sacombe Road. Full information on the Bengeo Neighbourhood Area Plan is on www.lovebengeo.org.uk/blog. Regular updates are also provided on the 'Love Bengeo' Facebook page and Twitter account.

Brenda Heninghem

Bengeo Neighbourhood Area Plan



All change at Bengeo Co-op

The Co-op as we know it will be having a full refit with new refrigeration, shelves and floor. This means that the store will be closing from Saturday 14th November and re-opening on Thursday 10th December. This timeframe allows the fitters to follow Covid-19 restrictions on the number of workers on the site. The refurbished store will have more fresh food and meal ideas in eco-friendly cabinets, a new bakery fixture and five tills, three of which will be self-scan.

Unfortunately, the Post Office will be closing on the 9th November as Kim and John are retiring. John says, "If you are going to have a Post Office Bengeo is the best place!" Thank you, Kim and John for all the years you have been serving us and we wish you all the best for the future.

Thankfully, there will be Post Office services for basic parcels and postage from the Co-op till area when it reopens.

The official opening and ribbon cutting is at 9am on the 10th December – see you there!

Hazel and the Team

Bengeo's Handbells

Some of you will know that Bengeo's Holy Trinity Church has a set of 13 handbells that have been stored in the tower. They were cast by Mears sometime between 1858 and 1919 (the latter date being most likely). Although in the past the bells have been played at Christmas, I understand that they have not seen the light of day for a few years. The Hertford U3A team borrowed them when we initially started back in 2012, but they were hard to play as the handles were old and floppy.



The Church has kindly given me permission to have the set fully refurbished and they are currently in Norfolk with Mark, a craftsman who worked at

the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for many years. The photo shows Stage One, dismantling the clappers (the easy bit). Mark says that the hard bit is keeping each assembly together and not mixing them up!

When the bells are returned to Holy Trinity Church, I hope to set up a new team in Bengeo. If you are interested in learning a new skill, or brushing up from days past, please contact me at jacqueline.downs94@gmail.com or speak to me when we next meet. It promises to be fun!

Jackie Downs

Editor's Note: Jackie has kindly financed the cost of refurbishing the bells. Thank you, Jackie, for providing a valued resource for the church and community.

Coronavirus strengthens community ties

When the national lockdown in March came into place earlier this year, green shoots of community spirit started to grow street by street, connecting neighbours who were previously strangers.

From street Facebook and WhatsApp groups, to charity yarnbombing and even a street wedding party, communities came together to support their fellow neighbours.

One such example of this is a weekly street gathering on Byde Street, (pre-rule of six, of course.) Felicity Reed says that the street coming together at midday on a Sunday to share a coffee, weather dependent, gave her a new appreciation for her local area. "During lockdown I started a Facebook page to share news and ideas for the street, which morphed into WhatsApp group. I did know my neighbours before, but since lockdown I've been meeting neighbours I haven't met before," she says.

"The reason why we moved to Bengeo was that it's somewhere you know your neighbours. It's a community and community is built with everybody, we need everybody's voice, which is what's nice about the meet up as it's founded on individuals," she said. "When we started standing on the streets to spend time together because there were no cars there due to lockdown and we got speaking to those in Nelson Street, it enabled us to say: this is our street, this is where we live and we got to know people better. As a result there is a momentum that starts to form, this got us talking on [community issues] such as the rat run, and creating an idea of collective action which puts a sense of pride in place."

Another street that uses a WhatsApp group to support each other was nearby Fanshawe Street. Resident Madeline Carmichael said that during lockdown she did not go out shopping at all with neighbours stepping in to help if she needed anything which she says she was very grateful for: "people were so kind and generous."

As a yarnbomber for the Secret Society of Hertford Crafters, Madeline also created yarn rainbow ribbons which you will see adorned on railings and front gates along the street. "I thought it would nice to do something to raise funds for NHS so I started making these and then put it on the street



WhatsApp group, and people wanted them," she says. "It's a lovely area, it's like a village really, we've created more of a community as we've met people we didn't know before," she added.

A jigsaw loan service brought about by Teresa Mattock was more popular than expected after an 'overwhelming' response to a call for jigsaw donations. "Back in March when we went into lockdown with everything including the charity shops I knew I wouldn't be able to [find some] so thought I would put a shout out on the Bengeo community page for any that people may have for a few ladies that I could pass on to and the response was overwhelming," she says.

With more jigsaws than expected, she made another post offering to loan them out. "I was soon out on my walk daily delivering, picking up more new ones and swapping, with strict Covid rules in place to keep everyone safe, talking to people from a distance, waving at people at their windows, it gave me a purpose and felt I was giving back," she said.

On Nelson Street, the pandemic didn't stop two residents from getting married in early August after their wedding in France was postponed.

The couple, Danica and David Macnab, didn't want to wait to be wed so opted for a low key event where they lived with their new friends.

"We made friends with all of our neighbours doing the [NHS] 8pm clap and we started having the

occasional drink in the street after the clap in our own front porches and we suddenly had a light bulb moment, we couldn't have a reception and our house is too small... so why not have a street party and invite all the new friends we had made on the street," Danica said.

"They surprised us and totally decorated the street with all the bunting so that when we came back from the church the street was completely transformed, it was amazing" she added.



A wider Facebook group called Bengeo Residents Support Network Against Coronavirus was created in March by Ian Matthews, who is also an administrator for the Facebook group, Bengeo Residents, and with support from Dimiter Dimitrov, it has 446 members to help residents who are vulnerable, self isolating or in need of support.

Some of the tasks included prescription collections, requests for shopping items, support for those unwell and even sick cats. We had many comments on the group saying people were ready to help but not saying they needed help and we thought are we hearing the people who need help and are not social media savvy, Dimiter recalls. "Printing 3,250 leaflets and getting volunteers to distribute them to all of Bengeo and surrounding areas was a feat when people were afraid of getting close to others," he says. "One call was just someone who wanted to pass on their gratitude of knowing there was someone there to help and a phone number to call if all else fails," he continued. "The good thing it did for the community was that it reassured everybody, every house in Bengeo and beyond got the leaflet."

Carrie Bone

Courtyard Arts



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Even though the exhibitions in the Gallery and at Hertford Theatre are closed, there are still opportunities to release your inner creativity with art classes of all types.

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Please note that currently the Gallery and Shop are closed.

Hertford Theatre

The venue is open again for socially distanced cinema viewing. See the full programme and the Covid-19 arrangements on the Hertford Theatre

website. Online booking, contactless payment, distanced seating and additional cleaning are in place to make your visit as safe as possible.

Special events:

National Theatre Live presents *War Horse* to mark Remembrance Day at 7.30pm on the 12th November.

The *Very Hungry Caterpillar Christmas Show* replaces the traditional pantomime this year. Expect a very special live performance over the festive period perfect for younger children and their families to enjoy.

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Tonwell School News



It has been the first month back to school normalcy and the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting reacquainted with their teachers and friends. We have been lucky that all of our children have come back and can be a part of school life once more.

Over the course of September, our school council have been planning and developing an outdoor reflection area as our indoor one is currently out of use. We hope it will provide a beautiful and relaxing space for our children's wellbeing. In these pictures, they are adding sensory plants – rosemary, lavender, mint, Mexican orange blossom.

Years 1,2 & 3 have the fascinating topic of dinosaurs where they have been creating their own poems and learning about extinction. They loved using mud from our Forest School to produce their own cave paintings.

In the autumn term in Years 4, 5 and 6 they have been learning all the interesting facts on the Egyptians including the ancient Egyptian ritual of mummification as well as designing their own death masks. Electricity has also been a fun topic where the children have been identifying electrical appliances and the type of electricity they use whilst also learning about circuits and their symbols.



Tonwell St Mary's C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Bridgman

We are offering 30 hour places in our Nursery class.

We also have a Breakfast Club from 8am and After School Club until 5pm daily.

Visits are warmly welcomed.

Please speak to Mrs Moorehead on 01920 462894 between 8.30am and 12 noon to arrange a visit or email admin@tonwell.herts.sch.uk



Bengeo Primary School

We have now completed our fifth full week back at school.

The weeks have gone well for us, the children are working hard to close gaps and have settled back into routines well. We have all been impressed with their attitudes to learning and perseverance with tasks. They have adjusted well to some practical changes due to Covid regulations including now sitting in lines facing front, like the good old days! We are back having hot meals, although this has been a logistical challenge, as most children are eating in their classroom.

We have managed, within Covid guidelines, a Boccia and Balance Bike workshop for our Year 1s and an Archery workshop for Year 4s; which all the children enjoyed immensely.

Here are a few photos of the start of this unusual academic year...

Ed's Note: Boccia is a Paralympic target sport, similar to bowls, which is played indoors by disabled players. Balance bikes, are bikes without pedals that are used to teach children how to balance before learning to ride a bike with pedals.





Mill Mead Primary School

What an exciting and unusual start to this term we have had here at Mill Mead! We are so proud of the way that our wonderful children have adapted to the changes we have had to make to keep them safe. Being in class bubbles, new lunchtime arrangements, different entry and exit times and even using new gates to enter school are just some of the changes that have all been embraced with ease and a sense of resilience which a lot of adults in their situation would have struggled with. And all this alongside meeting their new class teachers too!

On that note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful staff for their continued commitment to helping our children to thrive. Their creative approach to the current restrictions on our profession is a credit to them as is the love and care they are continually showing to each other and our children.

Our Curriculum

Whilst schools have been told that they do not need to allow children to access the full curriculum until next year, our commitment to ensuring our learners leave us as well-rounded and skilled individuals has meant that we have provided access to the full range of curriculum subjects from September. This has meant that our children have enjoyed a wide range of learning opportunities and also a sense of normality which we feel is so critical in these uncertain times. It has been an absolute delight to see the wonderful artwork that has been produced and to hear all the brilliant music lessons which everyone has been undertaking.

School Values

Working remotely, we have remodelled our school values – we consulted with our parents, staff and children and are proud of the brilliant ideas that everyone contributed. Our new values represent the ideals and life skills that we are committed to developing. We promise therefore that at Mill Mead we will be: honest, respectful, brave, resilient, reflective, kind and responsible. To help us ensure these values underpin everything we do, including

our behaviour and learning, we have appointed new 'Values Ambassadors' from our Year 6 class. Additionally, we have a new 'values medal' which is awarded to a child weekly from each class who has demonstrated one or several of the values.

Keeping our Community Together

We have such a strong sense of community within our school and we have been working hard to ensure the pandemic doesn't put a stop to that. Class bubbles have been linked to form 'Buddy Classes' with children sending each other letters, speaking to each other virtually via our online learning platform and sharing their learning with each other through pictures and videos too. This is what Miss Gavaghan had to say about the system:

"NM and 6N love meeting! We think the buddy system was a great idea. Today we shared our story we had written and our harvest songs... next week year six are writing us a story so we are very excited!"



Additionally, we have been able to host virtual assemblies, with children being awarded weekly prizes as usual and appearing in our 'Golden Thank You' book. Although we are not able to see each other or spend time together in the way we normally would, the sound of cheers and applause echoing around the building as the winners are announced in these assemblies demonstrates that the bond we have is strong enough to survive these strange times that we live in.



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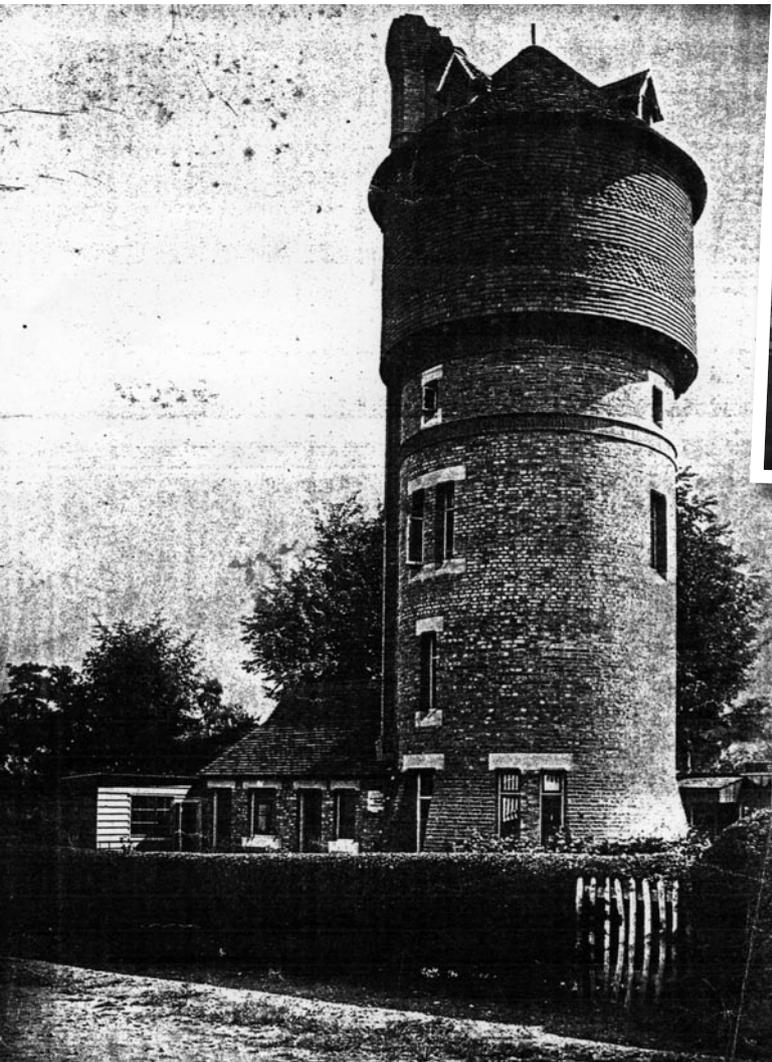
The Roberts family came from Waterford. Their mother, Susannah Jenkins, was married twice: first to Joseph Roberts and then to John Gould, so some of the family used both names. They were a very large and complicated family.

George Roberts Snr was born in 1849 in Waterford and started his own business in 1878. In 1881 he was still with his family in Waterford and an engineer and a smith. In 1885 he married Margaret Fulton in Bengeo.

This is around the time he was building the houses in Tower Street and came to live in Bengeo. They lived in the old water tower on the corner of Tower Street and Duncombe Road at the start of their marriage and while he was building the two cottages 10 and 12 Tower Street c 1890. By 1891 he was living in No 12 Tower Street and renting out No 10. He is listed as a mechanical engineer. They had two children: Maggie in 1886 who died aged 2 and George Jnr in 1890.

By 1901 they had moved to 48 Bengeo Street where he had a builder's yard at the back of the house with access at the side of the Post Office (now ITS Digital), and a small office between his house and the Post Office now part of 'Keeper's Cottage'. He is listed as an Engineer and Ironmonger though it is known that around this date the family were also purchasing land and building houses. Also in 1901 Mr Roberts rented the land around the old water tower as a garden. Between 1903 and 1911 Mr Roberts built all the houses numbers 102 to 124 in Duncombe Road.

By 1912 he and his extended family owned many properties around Bengeo. Some they lived in but most they rented out. He died in 1913 and his widow in 1938.



Albert Gould Roberts was born about 1862, the younger brother of George Snr. He married Annie Thomas in 1892 and in 1901 they were living at 12 Tower Street recently vacated by older brother George. Albert was a whitesmith and fitter on the 1901 census. By 1911 he was still at No 12 and seems to be working with or for brother George. His son Albert Jnr was the organist at Waterford Church and lived in The Drive for all of his married life in a Roberts built house, which remains in the family to this day.

Part Two of the story in the next edition.

Marilyn Taylor

A Word from The Rectory

From The Vicar, The Revd Robert Thompson

'Fear not,' said he, for Mighty Dread



I have been led to believe that there were ten commandments that God was really bothered about, but having read my bible I can only really find one. 'Do not be afraid.'

Have no fear. It is a directive that appears again and again in the bible, and Christmas is no exception. An angel

appears to shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night, so the story goes, and insists they keep calm and carry on.

Which is interesting, because those particular shepherds weren't the querulous type. The fields round Bethlehem are no place for the faint-hearted, even today. The Shepherds Fields, they call them (maybe for marketing purposes). Go there and you'll find some tatty brown-coloured sheep wandering a sparse hillside, tended by gnarly old shepherds with very few teeth between them. Camera-toting tourists, gawp, gulp – and move swiftly on.

But it was the site of messenger angels, once-upon-a-time – a singing, shining throng, filling the air with song, emotional appeal and a pointed instruction. Fear not. Do not be afraid. The Number 1 command in the bible.

Why is that? Because we are never far from fear. Because we walk through uncertain times, and always have. Foreboding looms ahead. Littered around us are financial insecurity, threats to our health, environmental catastrophe – fear plagues us. God tells us not to be afraid, but we are afraid much of the time, more than we care to admit, and, sometimes, more than we can handle.

Which is why, true to form, the shepherds immediately go and do exactly what the angels have told them not to do, and faint with fear.

Or so it seems to me. Perhaps you see it differently. You might consider the whole episode routine and typical – an everyday event in humanity's long

history of disobedience, our not doing what's good for us even when God tells us to. Or you might chalk this encounter down to happenstance – fainting being what mere mortals do before God's dazzling divinity.

Or it could be a story for us right now - ordinary, hard-working individuals, going about their business when something intrudes upon their lives that is wholly unexpected, unexplained, unwanted and upsetting. People just getting on with their normal lives, when normal life came to a dramatic sudden stop. They must have been terrified.

And that's where God meets us. At Christmas – when God comes to us in our fear. Christmas is a shocking story, a down-to-earth story, God meeting us in the hard, brute facts of life as we encounter them – our fear, our doubt, our collective dis-ease, our personal infirmity. The idea that Jesus' birth was peaceful, cosy and domesticated is overplayed; it resembles Christ's historical birth no more than our fluffy white sheep resemble Bethlehem's scrappy livestock. The Shepherds Fields were filled with the beat of wings, a burst of light, a blaze of glory – beautiful and terrible things in a world full of beautiful and terrible things which we cannot but be afraid of.

But the angels insist they have good news for us, all the same. 'See,' says the angel. 'I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'

Hope lives, love reigns, beauty blazes – the world's darkness is swallowed up in God's terrifying light. And those shepherds, frightened, wandering and bewildered, stagger to Bethlehem, not knowing what to expect. Blinded by tears or by the stars in their eyes, they don't know. But they'll get there, to the manger. They're survivors.

I want to be there too. Christmas in Bengo this year will be unlike any other; no parties, no concerts, no singing. There will be some gentle reflective services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for you to come along to, with the Christmas crib at the middle of them all. Spiritually speaking, I prefer things that

way – just you, me and the shepherds together at the manger, looking on at the new-born baby and his exhausted parents – they’ve also been through a lot, and they’re survivors too.

And the end of 2020 perhaps a pared-down Christmas best suits our souls. We make religion too complicated – stripped-down and tinsel-free, the

ends of our faith will be decided by simple human choices.

Bless life or curse fate. Love your neighbour or please yourself. Fear God or fear the darkness.

Stay with the sheep – or follow the angels.

With my prayers,
Robert Thompson

Parish Calendar

Holy Trinity Church is open for private prayer Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm. Come in and soak up the stillness.

Sunday worship

You’re welcome to join us for services every Sunday at 9am and 10am. To keep things safe please book a place on our website www.parishofbengeo.com or call us on 01992 413691 or email info@parishofbengeo.com and let us know when you’d like to come.

Life together – thank God for that!

Service times November 2020

Tuesday Quiet Time at Holy Trinity: a short service of reflection: 8pm on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November. Booking not required.

Sunday Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church: 9am service and 10am service – please book as above for 1st (All Saints’ Day), 8th (Remembrance Sunday), 15th, 22nd, 29th November (Advent Sunday).

Service times December 2020

Tuesday Quiet Time at Holy Trinity: a short service of reflection: 8pm on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December (not 29th December). Booking not required.

Sunday Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church: 9am service and 10am service – please book as above for 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th December.

Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 13th December, 3.30pm.

Annual Christmas Service of Remembrance and Lighting of Evergreen tree.

Remembering Loved Ones, in Holy Trinity Churchyard and Memorial Garden.



Christmas Service times

Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church (35 minutes). Please book as above.

- ▶▶▶ Christmas Eve, 24th December, 8pm
- ▶▶▶ Christmas Day, 25th December, 9am
- ▶▶▶ Christmas Day, 25th December, 10am

Don't forget to look on the Holy Trinity church website and Bengeo church Facebook pages for Advent news and Christmas videos nearer the festive season.

Parish Prayers

Prayers in November

1. All Saints Church, Hertford
2. Those dear to us departed
3. Chesling Farm
4. The UN High Commission for Refugees, Holborn, London
5. HMP Werrington Young Offenders Prison
6. Hertford Town Council Officers
7. Local Sports Teams
8. Those Fallen in Conflict
9. Christchurch Place
10. Prison Chaplains
11. The Refugee Council
12. HMP Wetherby Young Offenders Institute
13. Ware and Broxbourne campus, Herts Regional College
14. Climate change and our care for nature
15. Holy Trinity Church website and online events
16. Church Road
17. East Herts Planning to assist the homeless
18. The charities Asylum Aid and Asylum Help
19. HMP Whitemoor
20. All Nations Christian College
21. Land Use and Planning in our Parish
22. Our in Church Services
23. Coach House Mews
24. Our Parish Church Council
25. Refuge Support Network
26. HMP Winchester
27. Our Church Hall
28. The Church Army
29. The Missionary Work of the Church at home and abroad
30. The Church in Scotland

Prayers in December

1. Courtyard Mews
2. The Children's Society
3. HMP Woodhill
4. NHS Hospital Chaplaincy Service
5. Christians in sport
6. Our Planning for Christmas Services
7. Cowper Crescent
8. The Mothers Union
9. Seagoing migrant rescue ships and crew in the Mediterranean
10. HMP Wormwood Scrubs
11. Future Hope Work with schools and families
12. Staff and Residents Beane River View
13. Hertford Team Ministry
14. Cross Road
15. Those who work online to protect young people from harm
16. Refugee Camps in Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon
17. Save the Children
18. HMP Wymott
19. Hertford and Ware Foodbank
20. Hertford and District Churches Together
21. Crouchfield
22. Christmas Alone outreach into the Community
23. UK Refugee Detention Centre
24. MIND Mental Health Charity
25. Our families
26. Our friends
27. The town of Bethlehem
28. Isabel Hospice, WGC
29. Amnesty International
30. Human Trafficking Detection and Support Agencies
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Bengeo Residents Support Network Against Coronavirus

Many volunteers from Bengeo and the vicinity are offering help and support to vulnerable neighbours. Ring 01992 230155. Call if you need food or other items, information or just for a chat.

There is a Facebook group to get help or to volunteer: www.facebook.com/groups/bengeo.residents.against.coronavirus

Below are links to local services that Herts CC have sent out about the coronavirus assistance.

Medical and Health Advice

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Information about local council services

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

Domestic Abuse

www.sunflower.org

Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline

0808 808 8088

[Freephone Monday to Friday, 9am–9pm
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www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/benefits

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Advice on avoiding scams

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