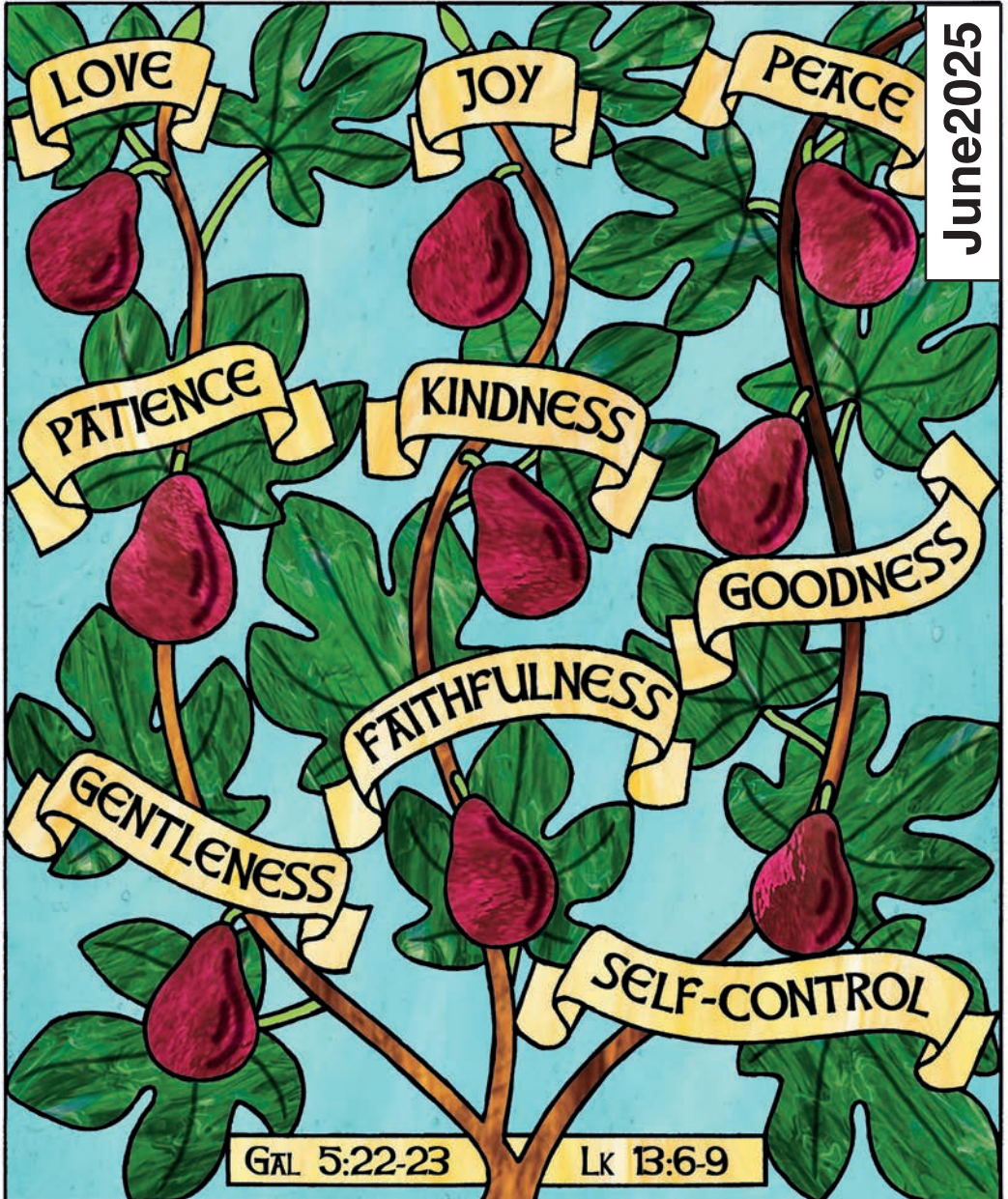


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St Mary the Virgin, Ramsden Bellhouse

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## What's on when and where

### Sunday 1 June - Easter 7

10.00am St Peter's South Hanningfield Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Family Service

Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

### Sunday 8 June - Pentecost

10.00am St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse Morning Prayer

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Sung Eucharist

Note: No service at South Hanningfield

### Sunday 15 June - Trinity Sunday

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Group Holy Communion

Note: No services at Ramsden Bellhouse or South Hanningfield

### Sunday 22 June - Trinity 1

10.00am St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Sung Eucharist

Note: No service at South Hanningfield

### Sunday 29 June - Trinity 2

10.00am St Peter's South Hanningfield Group Holy Communion

Note: No services at Downham or Ramsden Bellhouse

### Sunday 6 July - Trinity 3

10.00am St Peter's South Hanningfield Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Family Service

Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

## Other dates for your diary

28 June Coffee Morning 10.00am to 12.00 noon at St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse to assist with the purchase of flowers for the Flower Festival

12 to 13 July Flower Festival at St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

6 to 9 September Flower Festival at St Peter's South Hanningfield

## From the ministry team

### Happy Birthday!

Raise your hand if your birthday is in June.....

Happy Birthday!

You may (or may not!) be interested to know some of the famous faces who also have a birthday this month. They include: Morgan Freeman (1st), Sir Paul McCartney (18th), and Ariana Grande (26th).

In June we also celebrate Pentecost, which is sometimes called the church's birthday!

Pentecost does not fall on a fixed date, but it rather marks the 50th day of Easter. It is the day when, following his ascension up to heaven, Jesus sends the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The gift the Holy Spirit (part of the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) at Pentecost means that God is always present with us.

The gospel writer Luke tells us the story in the second chapter of the book Acts in the New Testament. The disciples are gathered in one place and then the Holy Spirit descends from heaven, landing on each one like a 'tongue of fire'. They then speak in the different languages of all those present in the diverse crowd. From there the disciples would travel across the known world, and beyond, spreading the new of Jesus' death and resurrection, and giving the good news of sins forgiven and life after death.

Pentecost is therefore a special day in our churches - some churches do even celebrate with birthday cake! This year Pentecost falls on 8 June.

Whether you have a birthday this month or not, I hope you have a wonderful June.

God bless,

*The Revd Jacqui*

## 21 June - Summer Solstice, longest day of the year

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. Sol + stice come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, here are some Christian alternatives that honour the Creator rather than the created.

### ***A Cantic for Brother Sun***

Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures,  
Especially Sir Brother Sun,  
Who makes the day and enlightens us through You.  
He is lovely and radiant and grand;  
And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

*St Francis of Assisi*

### ***God in All***

He inspires all,  
    He gives life to all,  
He dominates all,  
    He supports all.  
He lights the light of the sun.  
    He furnishes the light of the night.  
He has made springs in dry land.  
    He is the God of heaven and earth,  
    of sea and rivers,  
    of sun, moon and stars,  
    of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,  
the God above heaven,  
    and in heaven,  
    and under heaven.

*A prayer of St Patrick*

## **From the registers**

### **Downham**

#### **Baptism**

27 April    Allani Copeland

### **Ramsden Bellhouse**

#### **Burial of ashes**

12 May    Eric Lewsey

#### **Funeral & Burial**

8 May    Frank Fisher

## **Request from the “Jam Factory”**

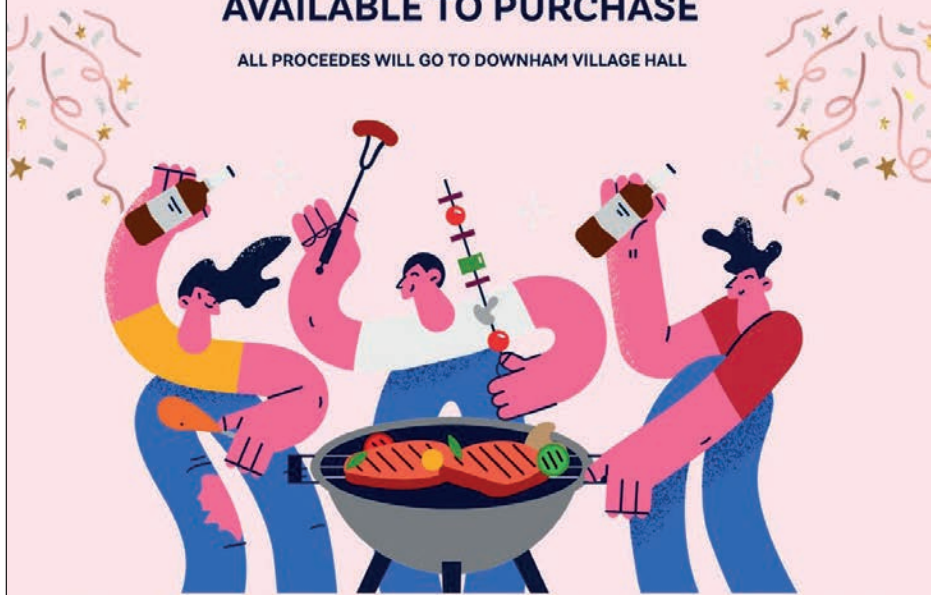
With our Flower Festivals on the horizon Jean Pavely is looking for jam jars.  
If you have any spares in your cupboards, please donate them to Jean.  
Her contact details are 01268 710810 or 07933 805475.



# Downham Summer BBQ

**BBQ MEAL, ICE CREAMS AND BAR  
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL



The perfect chance to share a bite with your neighbours: join us for a relaxed evening of food, conversation, and community spirit!

**14 June**  
2025

Time  
**4PM-7PM**

**DOWNHAM  
VILLAGE HALL**

R.S.V.P to: PAULA 07974071782  
DEBBIE: 07906585656

**THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE COME RAIN OR SHINE**

## **Connection and Community at Downham Church of England Primary School**

Perhaps you have heard of “The Daily Mile” campaign which encourages children to run a mile every day? At Downham Church of England Primary School, we have adapted this to “Walk and Talk”. Twice a week, two or three classes spend some time walking together – building friendships across year groups and getting to know one another. In the midst of busy days, weeks and terms, we believe it is important to provide these opportunities for building connection and community.

There is increasing scientific evidence on the value of friendship in promoting well-being and good mental health. We all need at least one friend to come alongside us to support, encourage and love us. With increasing numbers of children and young people feeling lonely and anxious, it has never been more important to build strong support networks around the children in our care. Walking and talking together is just one of the ways in which we do this.

Another way of building up our school community is through our daily acts of Collective Worship. We gather together to sing and reflect on Bible stories, which often remind us of God’s love and presence with us. Friendship with God is the ultimate friendship; He promises to never leave nor forsake us. How wonderful to be able to share this with the children in our care. We are currently considering how “Easter Changes Everything” – learning about the community of believers who established the Early Church with the help of the Holy Spirit. It has been so encouraging to learn how ordinary men and women were filled with God’s power and became courageous and confident to change the world. It is our hope that the children of Downham C of E Primary School will know that same courage and confidence as they too seek to change the world and make it a better place.

*Lynne Boyd*

Class Teacher and RE & Collective Worship Co-ordinator at  
Downham Church of England Primary School

## **Downham WI**

Hope you are all enjoying the sunny weather. Make the most of it whilst it lasts.

Back in April we had our ‘bring and buy’, which was a great success. We raised £475 for our nominated charity this year, The Guide Dogs. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. It is our intention to have another ‘Christmas themed’ ‘bring & buy’ on 25 November.



We are looking forward to a coach trip in July to Kentwell Hall in Suffolk. There is a red brick manor house and beautiful gardens to explore.

We received some interesting news from the Essex Federation to say the Downham WI came first in Essex, for new members joining this year. This puts us forward to the National table. We must be doing something right !!

Our AGM on 20 May saw the committee re-elected for a further year. I very much appreciate their support and look forward to another successful year.

*Wendy*

## **St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse**

### **Flower Festival**

We are looking forward to our Flower Festival over the weekend of 12-13 July. The theme is 'A year in the church'. Gail Carpenter, a local florist and floral judge, is organising this event and she is already hard at work planning the various displays. Some members from the South Hanningfield Flower Festival team have been persuaded to assist with the displays.

On the evening of 12 July there will be a concert in the church, again organised by Gail, along with her husband Wayne. Some of you may have been to concerts they organised in the church in years gone by. We should be in for a musical treat. Tickets for the concert cost £10 including refreshments.

Please call Beryl Clements on 01245 601298 or Gail Carpenter on 01268 710653 for further details.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee morning on 26 April which raised £196. This will be used to help purchase flowers for the Flower Festival. We have another coffee morning on 31 May. If you receive this magazine before then, please do come along and support us.

### **Other forthcoming events**

28 June - Coffee Morning 10.00am to 12 noon at the church

27 September - Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care  
10.00am to 12 noon at the church

## **Ramsden Heath Social Club**

Our regular monthly BINGO NIGHT will be on Friday 6 June at 8.00pm. Just £1.00 to play plus £2.00 for each book you would like to play with. All ages welcome. FREE tea/coffee/biscuits at the half-time break, but please feel free to bring other drinks/snacks of your own.

Later in the month we are planning a "RAMSDEN RAMBLE" on Saturday 21 June at 1.30pm. Come & join us for a gentle 2 mile walk around the village, with the option to walk further if you wish. This a FREE event but please let us know in advance if you are coming along. The walk will start at the Village Hall but please note the car park will not be available to us on the day.

All our events take place in Ramsden Heath Village Hall, Dowsetts Lane.

For more information/tickets please contact:

Dave Quinney on 07950 309524 or Dave Charlton on 07940 540819

## **Ramsden Heath Horticultural & Allotment Society**

On Thursday 1 May we held what is becoming an annual event, a plant sale ahead of our usual meeting. We never cease to be amazed at the amount of plants donated, all grown by our enthusiastic members. The sale raised £130 which will help boost Society funds.



The plants left over were donated to Maria Carter to sell at an event raising money for the Pussycat Lodge cat rescue centre and also to the

VE Celebration picnic held on 4 May. Ted Branch ended the evening with an interesting and amusing talk about his allotment with questions and answers to end a lovely evening.

## **Forthcoming event**

### **Summer Buffet**

Thursday 5 June 7.00pm in Ramsden Heath Village Hall

The menu is a cold buffet consisting of meats, fish, quiches, salad and potatoes, plus desserts. There will also be gluten free options. The cost of the evening is £12 per member.

Please bring your own choice of liquid refreshment as well as a glass to drink it from.

If you haven't yet booked your place, please contact Rita Elcock, telephone 01268 733283, email: [t.elcock@talktalk.net](mailto:t.elcock@talktalk.net)

## **Ramsden Heath Luncheon Club**

The Lunch Club always enjoys celebrating special occasions, so it was fitting that on 6 May we held a lunch to mark the 80th anniversary of the Victory in Europe.





The Village Hall was decorated with Union flags and the tables adorned with red, white and blue flowers and table decorations.

30 members enjoyed a delicious meal comprising of roast lamb, roast potatoes and vegetables, followed by Eve's pudding and tea/coffee, all complimented with a celebratory drink or two. Many of our members dressed in red, white and blue and Pat Jordan wore her 1940s dinner lady uniform. It was great to celebrate such an historic occasion, and a good time was had by all.

The Luncheon Club serves roast dinners twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays, at a very minimal cost for senior residents of the Parish. We are a very friendly group, and it is always good to welcome new members as and when places become available.

Please contact Barbara Stanton on 01268 710642 or 07528 789258 for more details.

## **Community Cuppa & Cake afternoon**

**Ramsden Heath Village Hall  
Dowsetts Lane CM11 1HX**

**Tuesday 10 June 2.00 to 4.00pm**

Well yet again it was a great turnout at our May afternoon especially as the weather was so lovely outside and that afternoon we were raising money for the Oesophagus Cancer Charity as it has effected people very close to us. We were delighted that we raised £200 to donate to this charity and thank all our 'customers' for their generosity.

Look forward to our June meeting and as we say every month it is always lovely to see new people coming along to enjoy the afternoon for a cuppa for 50p and a piece of lovely homemade cake for £1.50.

*Ramsden Cupcakes*



# St Peter's South Hanningfield

## Quiz night

Thank you to everyone who attended our quiz night on 9 May. The numbers attending were a little down on previous years, but the evening raised £503 for church funds. A few technical problems with the Village Hall sound system delayed the start slightly, but once we got going a enjoyable evening was had by all. With the help of the Almighty, the team led by the Revds Jacqui and Jean nearly won. They were beaten into second place by just one mark.

## Flower Festival 2025 - 6 to 8 September

Preparations are firmly underway for this year's flower festival which will have the theme "A Posy of Poetry". Our wonderful flower arrangers met recently to agree the theme and discuss the specific arrangements each will undertake.



We are also planning the outside area and will be in touch next month with specific requests for help. In the meantime if you have any raffle prizes and second hand books you might be able to donate please keep them safe and we will let you know where to drop them off in due course. Finally if you are a gardener please bear us in mind for donations for our South Hanningfield Plant and Produce stall, requests in this respect will follow.

We especially need everyone's support this year as we have expensive repairs that need to be carried out to the church spire, following the recent architect's quinquennial inspection report.

Thank you everyone

*Mission Control Ladies*

# South Hanningfield Village Hall

South Hanningfield Road, South Hanningfield, CM3 8HL

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Available For Hire within the village hall:

- Main Hall
- Small Hall
- Kitchen
- Toilet facilities in Main and Small Halls
- Bar facility in small Hall
- Car park
- Wi-fi, projector and PA system

Our village hall is available by the hour or day.

It is suitable for weddings, christenings, birthdays, parties, clubs and societies.

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Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southhanningfieldvillagehall>

For bookings and further information, call our Bookings Line 07396 546050 or email [shvhall@gmail.com](mailto:shvhall@gmail.com) to check availability and prices.



## South Hanningfield Village Hall

**St George's Day Chas and Dave tribute evening** on 25 April was a great success (pictured). Rabbit Rabbit a Tribute to Chas and Dave had everyone singing and dancing - a great night was had by all. The event raised over £1,200 which will be used to improve facilities at the village hall. Thank you to everyone who attended.



**VE day celebration** The village hall held an 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Film Show with original Wartime Newsreels (from World War 2) on Thursday, 8 May, using funding from National Lottery Community Fund. There was a full varied, interesting and informative programme of films from before, during and after the war provided by Phil from Nostalgia Film Shows. There was a break for refreshments and the Beacon lighting outside the hall during the evening. Thank you to all who attended, (pictured) and we raised £214.12 which will be donated to the charity SSAFA, the armed forces charity.



**South Hanningfield Summer Show** on Saturday, 12 July from 12.00 noon to 6.00pm. This year, it will be the 40th Anniversary year of the rebuilding of South Hanningfield Village Hall so there will be even more reason for a celebration and bringing the local community together. This Free Entry village event will be outside either on the tie green (by kind permission of South Hanningfield Parish Council) or in the field beside the village hall by kind permission of the landowner. The village hall will also be open to showcase its use on that day. There will be local entertainment as well as a wide range of crafts, traders, community stalls, children's activities, food and drinks stalls. Thank you to Pronto Training who will be sponsoring their First Aid services. Thank you to South Hanningfield Parish Council sponsoring the cost of the children's entertainment. Thank you to Bond Residential for sponsoring the promotional letting boards. We will have a Raffle with a range of prizes to be won! If anyone would like a stall space, could provide entertainment or help in anyway, please let Clive know on email [vallisc@aol.com](mailto:vallisc@aol.com) or phone 07891 653238.

**Annual General Meeting** We are holding our village hall AGM on Tuesday, 22 July from 7.30pm. This is an open invitation to all to attend. If you would like to join the committee, please let Clive know on [vallisc@aol.com](mailto:vallisc@aol.com) and he will email the nomination form to you.

**Magic Evening** on Saturday, 27 September, doors open from 7.00pm. The tickets cost £8 each adult and £3 for children over 10 years. Bring your own drinks and snacks. There will also be a Raffle. For further information, email [vallisc@aol.com](mailto:vallisc@aol.com) or phone 07891 653238.

**Christmas Fayre** on Saturday, 22 November from 10.30am to 4pm. There will be lots of Christmas crafts, gifts, festive refreshments and a Raffle. Free entry. Further details about the Christmas Fayre will be in future editions of *The Herald*.

**Raffle Prizes Needed** If anyone has any suitable items that could be used as Raffle prizes, please can you donate them to us which would be used at future fundraising events for the hall. The committee would be very grateful.

**No Parking on Pavement by Hall** South Hanningfield Village Hall Management Committee requests that vehicles don't park up on the pavement outside the village hall because of the health and safety risks. Please alert the volunteer committee if you see such vehicles parked in this way outside the hall on 07891 653238.

## **Mobile Library**

The Mobile Library visits South Hanningfield Village Hall every three weeks.

Day of visit: Tuesday Time of visit: 11.25pm to 11.55pm

Next visit dates are 3 and 24 June.

## **Regular Activities**

### **Coffee Morning**

Second Wednesday of each month from 10.30am – 12.30pm  
This month Wednesday, 11 June.

Please call the listed contacts below to book a place.

### **Pilates & Keep Fit**

Monday 9.45am – 10.45am

Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am

Contact Hayley on 07758 427379

### **Strollercise Dance**

Monday 11.15am – 12.15pm

Tel: 07952 791183

Email: [lynne.strawford@sky.com](mailto:lynne.strawford@sky.com)

No booking is required, just turn up.

### **Puppy Dog Training Classes**

Monday from 6pm and 7pm

Dog training for puppies of all ages

Contact Rachel on 07484 706085 or

email: [Rachel@PuppyPotentialDogTraining.co.uk](mailto:Rachel@PuppyPotentialDogTraining.co.uk)

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Line Dancing**

Tuesday afternoons

17 June 12.30pm-1.30pm

Sunday, 1 June 7pm to 9.30pm

Contact Richard from the Super Troopers Line Dance Club

email: [thesupertroupersldc@gmail.com](mailto:thesupertroupersldc@gmail.com) or tel 07740 360554

### **Karate and Kick Boxing**

Tuesday evenings:

5.30pm Children's Karate

6.30pm Advanced Children's Karate

7.30pm Senior Karate

7.30pm Kick Boxing

***Free first classes at all sessions***

Phone number to contact for Leah and Richard is 07934 213010

## **1-1 Ballroom and Latin lessons and wedding dance lessons**

Available with Callie every Wednesday afternoon and evening from 3.00pm £30 for a 45-minute lesson.

Please contact Callie on 07885 630241

## **Yoga and Zumba Thursday night**

Zumba 6.30pm to 7.20pm and Vinyasa Flow Yoga 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Pay as you go. Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028 or

email: [info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk](mailto:info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk)

## **Upholstery Class**

Friday morning 9.30am – 1.00pm Contact Fiona on 01621 776586 or 07887 507208

## **Zumba Saturday mornings**

Zumba 9.20am to 10.20am

Pay as you go Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028 or

email: [info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk](mailto:info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk)

## **\*\*NEW\*\* Introduction to Tai Chi**

11.00am to 1pm Saturday 31 May

History, demo and practical taster of Tai Chi

Tel Sen 07853 239103 or email: [senfitness@outlook.com](mailto:senfitness@outlook.com)

If you would like to book the South Hanningfield Village Hall for any regular activities or events, please call Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email [shvhall@gmail.com](mailto:shvhall@gmail.com) to check availability and prices.

Please continue to support our local village hall in 2025 and if there are any other ways you can help us, let us know. Please contact the Chairman, Clive Vallis for further information on 07891 653238.

Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall>

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## **All in the month of June**

It was:

500 years ago, on 13 June 1525, that German Protestant Reformer Martin Luther married Katharina von Bora, a nun whom he had helped to escape from a convent.

250 years ago, on 14 June 1775, that the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army. Later it became the United States Army. On 15 June, George Washington, who would become first President of the USA, became the Army's Commander-in-Chief. This army would defeat the British army, and America would declare independence the following year, on 4 July 1776.

Also 250 years ago, on 23 June 1775, that the first Thames Regatta was held in London.

175 years ago, on 24 June 1850, that Herbert Kitchener, the 1st Earl Kitchener, was born. This Irish-born British Army officer and politician became Secretary of War during WW1, when he appeared on an iconic poster asking people to join the army. He was killed in 1916 when his ship was hit by a German mine.

150 years ago, on 3 June 1875, that George Bizet, French Romantic composer, died of a heart attack at 36. Best known for his opera Carmen.

125 years ago, on 25 June 1900, that Louis Mountbatten, 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma, was born. He became Governor-General of India (1947-48), First Sea Lord (1955-59), and Chief of the Defence Staff (1959-65). Assassinated in 1979 by an IRA bomb planted on his fishing boat.

90 years ago, on 1 June 1935, that driving tests became compulsory for all new drivers in Britain.

80 years ago, on 22 June 1945, that the Battle of Okinawa in Japan ended (after 82 days). This battle saw the highest number of casualties in the Pacific Theatre of the war, with more than 12,000 forces, 110,000 Japanese forces, and 140,000 civilians killed.

75 years ago, on 3 June 1950, that the first successful ascent of Annapurna in the Himalayas was made. It was a French expedition and the first successful ascent of a mountain over 8,000 metres. Annapurna is the tenth highest mountain in the world.

70 years ago, on 11 June 1955 that the Le Mans disaster took place. A car spun off the track during the Le Mans 24 Hour race in France, and the driver, Pierre Levegh, and 83 spectators were killed, with 100 more injured. It was the greatest loss of life in the history of motorsport, but bizarrely, the race was not stopped. The survivors carried on for the full 24 hours, while the dead and the injured were removed from the site.

65 years ago, on 28 June 1960, that the Six Bells Colliery disaster took place in Monmouthshire Wales. 45 coal miners were killed by a gas explosion.

50 years ago, on 7 June 1975, that the first Cricket World Cup to be held in England began.

Also 50 years ago, on 18 June 1975, that the first North Sea oil was pumped ashore to Britain.

40 years ago, on 2 June 1985 that UEFA banned all English football clubs from playing in European competitions following the Heysel Stadium disaster of 28 May. The ban was lifted after five years.

30 years ago, on 25 June 1995 that Ernest Walton, Irish physicist died. He was the first person to split an atom.

25 years ago, on 10 June 2000, that the Millenium Bridge opened in London. It closed for a while two days later, when it was found to sway uncomfortably when people walked in step.

15 yeas ago, on 28 June 2010, that the US Supreme Court ruled that American citizens have the right to own a gun, regardless of which state they live in. The right is protected by the Second and the Fourteenth Amendments. There are an estimated 393 million privately owned guns in the USA, and about 340 million people.

## Open Farm Sunday – 8 June



Do you have any farms near to where you live? Then this month, they might just provide you with an interesting day out!

For June brings Open Farm Sunday, which can be a “fabulous opportunity for the public to discover the crucial work farmers do in producing food, nurturing nature, and protecting the environment for future generations.”

So says the website, [www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org). And on the day, nearly 200 farms throughout the country will be welcoming the public to come and see their farms.

From Inverness to Cornwall, about 170 farms will be putting on guided tours, self-guided walking routes and static displays as part of the event. Visitors will be able to take part in a national pollinators survey. This will involve standing near a crop area for five minutes to count pollinating insects before doing a comparative count in a different habitat.

The day is organised by the group Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF).

Editor’s note: *Not sure if any of the farms in our villages are taking part, but it is worth visiting Downham Hall Farm, next to St Margaret’s Downham. They now have a farm shop and locally produced milk, cream, cheese and yogurt for sale.*



## What about Facebook after you die?

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers what might happen to your Facebook page when you die.

*The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death' (Isaiah 57:1-2 NIV)*

What happens to our Facebook page when we die is probably the last thing on most of our minds. However, many people have an 'online presence' such as Facebook pages, Linked-in, email accounts, Instagram and all sorts of bank accounts and website pages. Who can get access to that information?

Depending on the type of account, a relative or friend might want to close it, retrieve information or images or preserve it in some way. Making a Will is an opportunity to make a clear decision about what happens to things you own, and this includes something electronic and who carries out your wishes.

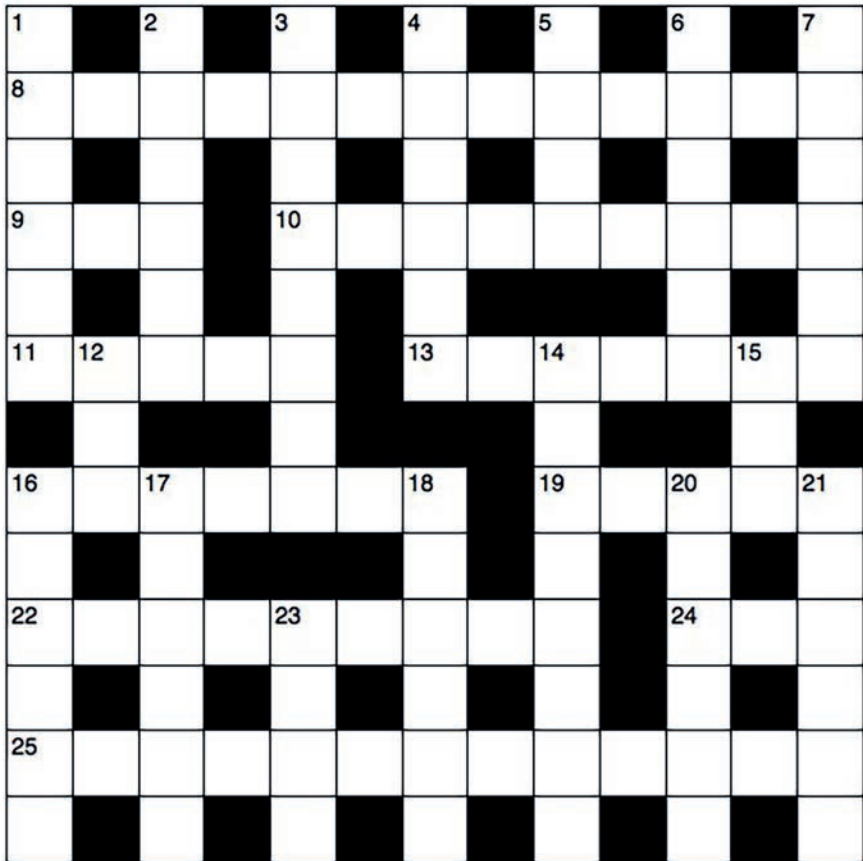
According to Facebook, you can choose to either appoint a legacy contact to look after your account, or have your account permanently deleted from Facebook. If you do not choose to have your account permanently deleted, it will be memorialised if Facebook are told about the death. Memorialised accounts are a place for friends and family to gather and share memories after a person has passed away.

Google encourages people to think about these issues and they have something called an Inactive Account Manager to let them know who should have access to your information, and whether you want your account to be deleted.

They recognise that many people pass away without leaving clear instructions about how to manage their online accounts. They work with immediate family members and representatives to close the account of a deceased person where appropriate. In certain circumstances they may provide content from a deceased user's account.

The best advice is to think carefully and make choices about what happens in the event of your passing, and carefully select someone you trust to do this. As ever this is a light-hearted introduction and if in any doubt get proper advice. Different companies have different policies and procedures so always check carefully.

## Puzzle corner



### Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)

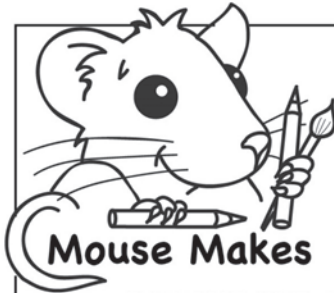
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

### Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

### Answers on page 33

# Children's pages



## Mouse Makes

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It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

The crowd that were listening were amazed as they heard about God in their own language.

*How many people heard, believed and were baptised that day?*

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing

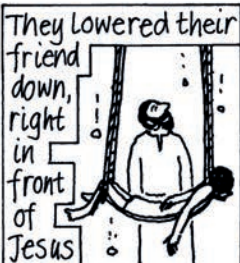


But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus



Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?



But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God



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## Smile lines

### Notices in a church news sheet:

- Organist required: to work with small but trying priest and congregation.
- The Low Self Esteem Support Group meets Thursday. Please use the back door.
- Weight Watchers to meet at 7.00pm in the church hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- There will be a shared supper at church this Sunday – with prayer and medication to follow.
- The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- The students will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7pm . The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

### Our next hymn

A visiting minister, seeing the list of hymns chosen for the Sunday service, sent a message to the organist to say that the last hymn (519) did not suit his sermon, and so he wanted it replaced by 213. The organist's message replied: 'In this church the organist chooses the hymns and I will play 519.' The minister shot back: 'At this service I announce the hymns and I shall still announce 213.'

### Life in the Circus

A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motorhome, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he or she fits in the cannon."

### Sweets

I gave my four-year-old grand-daughter money for sweets and the church collection plate. Later, seeing her enormous pile of sweets, I got suspicious and asked if she hadn't also given some money to God in church that morning. "No," she replied sweetly, "He wasn't there."

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## Answers to the Crossword puzzle

**ACROSS:** 8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

**DOWN:** 1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

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