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Dear All
In the Anglican Community, Easter season starts with Lent which is a period of 40 days, a period of fasting, self-examination and denial. It is a time of reflection on the suffering and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ in order to save us.

This period is significant in the Anglican Liturgical Calendar. The Lectionary summons us to the events of the Gospel. Holy Week (Sunday 5th April – Saturday 11th April) begins with Palm Sunday, which honours Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then Maundy Thursday, a reminder of the last meal which Jesus had with his disciples, the Eucharist (bread and wine) and His washing of the disciples' feet. The next day is Good Friday, a day to remember Jesus's death on the cross. On Easter Sunday the Church celebrates Jesus's resurrection.

The Resurrection is the denial or surmounting of death. The realisation that Jesus is still alive, because he has risen, the reason for Good News today, 1 Corinthians 15:14 *".. if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless".*

To mark the significance of the season, the Church sets aside time of prayer and fellowship, when reflections of how Jesus died for us, is done collectively. While to the wider public the period of Christmas has become more famous and is widely celebrated, to Christians the Easter period is more significant as it is the time when we remember Christ's death and resurrection. It is for this reason that Christ was sent into the world so that mankind's sins can be forgiven.

The risen Christ gives hope to the hopeless. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:3–8 says "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me".

In the Hartford Hundred Group of parishes, apart from sending Easter cards through people's doors, we also invite people, during the Easter period and Holy Week, to the services, displays and reflections held in our Village Churches, focusing on what Jesus went through, his sacrifice and God's love for us.

Easter is celebrated in diverse ways. It is a busy period when some families meet and a number of activities are held. In the wider community things like Easter eggs are sold. It is also an opportunity to witness to non-believers a time when souls are saved and lives transformed. People focus on the hope we have of the risen Christ, reminding each other of the power of the cross.

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Wednesday 1st April
9.30 am Holy Communion — ESSENDON
2.30 pm Bayford School Easter Service — BAYFORD
7.30 pm Essendon APCM — Church Room, Essendon

Thursday 2nd April
2.00 pm Essendon School Easter Service — ESSENDON

Saturday 4th April
9.30 am Prayer Share — Lt. Berkhamsted Church
10.00 am to 12.00 noon Tea & Coffee — Lt. Berkhamsted Church

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Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION & Sunday Club — ESSENDON
9.30 am FAMILY SERVICE — PONSBOURNE
11.00 am PARISH COMMUNION — BRICKENDON

Monday 6th April
10.00-12 noon Village Coffee Morning — Ponsbourne Church

Wednesday 8th April
9.30 am Holy Communion — ESSENDON

Thursday 9th April Maundy Thursday
8.00 pm HOLY COMMUNION — BAYFORD

Friday 10th April Good Friday
10.00 – 12.00 noon Good Friday Workshop — Church Room, Essendon
12.00 noon AN HOUR before the CROSS — LT. BERKHAMSTED
6.30 pm EVENING SERVICE — ESSENDON

Saturday 11th April Easter Eve
10.00 am to 12.00 noon Tea & Coffee — Lt. Berkhamsted Church
7.00 pm SERVICE OF EASTER LIGHT — PONSBOURNE

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Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION &Sunday Club — ESSENDON
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION — PONSBOURNE
11.15 am PARISH COMMUNION — BAYFORD
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Wednesday 15th April
9.30 am Holy Communion — ESSENDON
7.00 pm Bible Study Group — 15 Brickendon Lane

Saturday 18th April
10.00 am to 12.00 noon Tea & Coffee — Lt. Berkhamsted Church

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Sunday 19th April 2nd Sunday of Easter
9.30 am Matins (No Sunday Club) — Essendon

9.30 am Parish Communion — Ponsbourne
11.00 am Family Service — Brickendon

Tuesday 21st April
7.30 pm Bayford APCM — Brickendon Church

Wednesday 22nd April
9.30 am Holy Communion — ESSENDON
7.00 pm Bible Study Group — 15 Brickendon Lane
7.30 pm Lt. Berkhamsted APCM — Lt. Berkhamsted Church

Saturday 25th April
10.00 am to 12.00 noon Tea & Coffee — Lt. Berkhamsted Church

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Sunday 26th April 3rd Sunday of Easter
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION — LT. BERKHAMSTED
9.30 am Sunday Club — Essendon
11.00 am FAMILY SERVICE — BAYFORD
6.30 pm EVENSONG — ESSENDON

Monday 27th April
9.00 am Ponsbourne School Open Assembly — PONSBOURNE

Wednesday 29th April
9.30 am Holy Communion — ESSENDON

MAY CALENDAR (All Services are cancelled)

Saturday 2nd May
9.30 am Prayer Share — BRICKENDON
10.00 am to 12.00 noon Tea & Coffee — Lt. Berkhamsted Church

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Sunday 3rd May 4th Sunday of Easter
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION & Sunday Club — ESSENDON
9.30 am FAMILY SERVICE — PONSBOURNE
11.00 am PARISH COMMUNION — BRICKENDON

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Baptisms

1st March 2020	Christy-Ana Shanae Smith	Essendon

Deaths

15th February 2020	Maureen Louise Curran (aged 81)	Ponsbourne
17th February 2020	Christine Ann Littleford (aged 84)	Bayford
17th February 2020	Gordon Hopkins (aged 78)	Lt. Berkhamsted

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25th February 2020	Sheila Dorothy Roberts (aged 99) R.I.P. 17/12/19	Bayford

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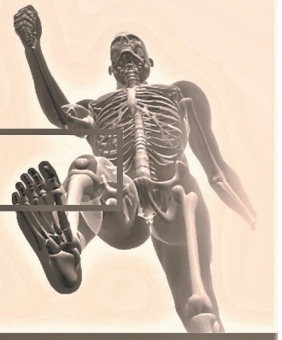

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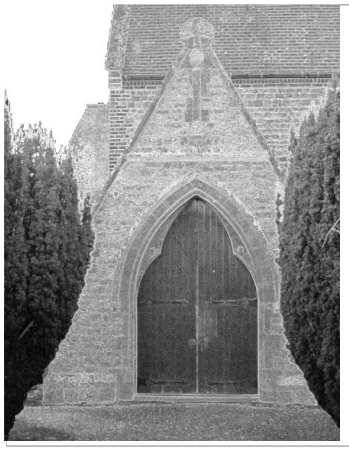

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We look forward to hearing from you.

B. Green Store, Birch Green.

The other day a friend asked me if I'd been to the new **refill shop at Birch Green**. I was unaware of it, but drove over (yes, I know, cycling would have been greener) with some containers.
B. Green Store is at 19 Birch Green, just past the school. The shop describes itself as '*a village store, coffee shop and community hu*b'. The first thing you see is a display of very fresh vegetables on the bench outside. Inside there is a seating area, where my husband spent a happy 10 minutes with coffee and cake while I filled my containers with pasta, herbs and spices, loose teas and breakfast cereals – including some delicious granola. In the back part of the shop you can fill up containers with washing liquid, hand soap etc.
Opening hours are Tues-Thurs 8.30-4.30; Fri 8.30-4; Sat 9.30-3 and Sun 10.30-3. There are plans for workshops and other events.

Catherine Henderson, Bayford

The Baker Arms

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* 'The Little Berkhamsted Parish Council at War, 1939-45'
* honouring the men from the village who gave their lives for their Country

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A new **'dog poo bin'** has been erected in the Glebe Field. Please use it!

Shrove Tuesday

Over 40 people enjoyed a very lively, warm and friendly supper together in the Village Hall on Shrove Tuesday. Several delicious quiches and a range of salads were provided by various people, followed by 100 homemade pancakes! The supper and raffle raised over £500 for the church and thanks go to all who contributed to make the evening such a success.

Friends of St Andrew's Church

SPICK & SPAN

We are looking for extra help to keep our beautiful church looking good. If you have any spare time to help with cleaning or general help with odd jobs in and around our church it would be brilliant! Contact; Sandie Ash 01707 875221

MONDAY—FRIDAY, Daytime Table Tennis. The hall is now open during the day. Book on 01707 875221

SATURDAYS Master Art Classes 10am to 4pm, Contact Angie 01707 872554 or Joan 01707 874086

Food Bank

If you would like to donate to our food bank it's just inside our church. The church is opened every day 10am – 5pm - later in the summer.

All food is sent to our local food bank in Hertford. Thank you.

St Andrew's Church. Theft of Lead

Sadly I have to report that after the 11am service on Sunday 8th March I saw that the roof lead above the new toilet extension had been stolen. It was done either early Saturday or Sunday morning. Anthony Barrett brought a ladder and inspected the damage. He then covered the area. But that was not the end. When Chris came to open the church the next day the vestry was in an inch or so of water. Chris N and Chris H cleaned up. Anthony B came back to see where the water was coming from. It seems the guttering was damaged and water was coming from the ceiling on to the organ! Our Hero Anthony B then spent most of the day sorting it out. We cannot thank you enough Anthony for all the work you have done in the last few days to protect the Church following the theft and vandalism. You are really going above and beyond what can reasonably be expected and we are enormously grateful to you. I also so would like to thank Chris N, Chris H and Simon H. Sandie Ash. Churchwarden

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19th April, Welwyn Hatfield Rotary Charity Walk. Celebrate the 2020 Welwyn Garden City Centenary. 20km or 10 km.

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IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Wednesday 13th May 2020

The Annual Parish Meeting for Little Berkhamsted, Epping Green and Howe Green is the opportunity for all residents to hear what the Parish Council have been doing over the last year, to comment and to ask questions. Afterwards there will be a social evening with wine, soft drinks, coffee and nibbles provided. We hope to see you there.

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the **Spring Litter Pick** on Sunday 1st March.

30 volunteers donned high-vis jackets and heavy-duty gloves and spent an hour and a half picking up litter from the sides of the main roads into Little B. Not a glamorous job but quite satisfying and the HUGE pile of bags collected speaks volumes. The Five Horseshoes very kindly laid on some refreshments afterwards which were much appreciated by all. (see p30)

We hope to keep Little B. beautiful and do it all again in the autumn!

The next meeting of
Little Berkhamsted Parish Council
is on
Wednesday 20th May 2020
at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The agenda will be posted on the website and village noticeboards at least three days beforehand *littleberkhamsted.org.uk*
Everyone is welcome to attend and there is an opportunity to ask questions towards the start of the meeting.

The Parish Council have purchased a **new dog waste bin** and would like to thank Epping Green resident, **Tony Robinson**, for installing it for us in the field next to the church. Please consider other walkers and clear up after your dog. (See page 32)

Our **East Herts Lottery page** is up and running. For just £1 a week you can support the fundraising effort for the refurbishment of the cricket and community pavilion and be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000.

Your support is much appreciated. *easthertslottery.co.uk*

Little Berkhamsted Sahibs Cricket Club Est. 1883

Interested in playing cricket? LBSCC plays in the Saracens Hertfordshire Cricket League Division 8A, hertsleague.co.uk

The new cricket season starts at the end of April and the club invites everyone to come to the recreation field in Little B to watch the games. There are games every Saturday and most Sundays throughout the summer season starting at 1pm - with tea served around 3.30pm.

Interested in playing? We would love to hear from you.
Please contact the club captain, Rhys Jaggers, *rhysjaggers50@gmail.com*
07496 158955

Little Berkhamsted, Howe Green & Epping Green

St. Andrew

Church Cleaning

11th April - Sandie Ash, Diane Stanbrook
25th April - Tricia Hare

HIGH STREETS & HEDGEROWS:
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7th March - 13th June 2020

Hertford Museum

Please see page 4.

UNDER 13s,
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The best design(s) will be chosen to replace the current signs at the entrances to the village.

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Tiny Tots

We are pleased to announce that Tiny Tots parent and child group will be re-starting on

Tuesday 21st April.,
10 am-12 pm
Little Berkhamsted
Village Hall

Come and have a cuppa and a chat whilst your children enjoy the activities on offer and play in our friendly group.

Everyone welcome!

For more information please contact Kerri on
07917 582652

We look forward to seeing you!

The results of the Litter Pick.

All in the month of APRIL

It has been:
27 years since CERN announces World Wide Web protocols would be free
30 years since the Hubble Space Telescope was launched from the Space Shuttle
40 years since the Republic of Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia) comes into being, with Canaan Banana as the country's first President.
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75 years since the liberation of the Buchenwald, Bergen-Belson & Dachau concentration camps.
155 years since Robert E. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia (26,765 troops) to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia.
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Brickendon Green

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Janet Burger	10th	
Brenda Lambie	17th	Janie Corbisiero
Brenda Lambie	24th	

NB: Bible study. From April this will take place on Tuesdays. (The last two Tuesdays of every month same time 7-8 pm)

Make a note of these 2020 dates:

- **Sunday 26th April** Litter Pick 10 am

- **Friday 19th June** – Midsummer Party on Brickendon Green 6.30pm

- **Sunday 6th September** – Parish Fete

Village Green Parking: The Parish Council thanks those who have responded positively to our request to observe the Village Green parking restrictions, in particular alongside Pembridge Lane. There remain, however, some who have not and we would remind them that it is important that we retain this area of green space for everybody to enjoy.

Defibrillator

is outside the Village Hall.

For access you need either to ring 999 or get the access code from the Farmer's Boy (during opening hours)

Dates for 2020

Whist Drive: 1.30pm start in The Fanshaws Room, 3rd Thursday every month.
New players welcome.

Friendly Club: 2pm start in The Fanshaws Room 3rd Monday of every month.

The next meeting for the

Brickendon Garden Club

will be on 11th March 7.00 for 7.30 in Brickendon Parish Hall, the talk is about

'The Garden at Hacketts'

from its new owner Alison Blackey.

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Brickendon Activities.

For more information on clubs/activities contact the following or www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk.

Book Club (1st Thursday) – Beryl 01992 511617
Friendly Club (3rd Monday) – Beryl 01992 511617
Gardening Club(2nd Wednesday) – Janet 01992 511099.
Petanque/Boules at The Farmer's Boy PH (Tuesday evenings, Thursday and Sunday mornings) , Janet Rees 01992 511515. see below.
Table Tennis (Tuesday evenings) – Marion 01992 511497
Whist Drive (3rd Thursday, 1:30pm, Fanshaws Rooms) – Jean 01992 511226
Pilates (Tuesday 9.30am-10.30am) In Fanshaws Rooms
Sam Fletcher 07827 440709
Parish Hall hire Brenda 01992 511551
Tennis Courts hire – The Farmer's Boy 01992 511017
Parish Council: Chairman Tony Roberts, Julia Camp, Philip Cosford, Hannah O'Donnell, Alastair Whitaker
Please send your news to Virginia Haryott – 01992 511575 or email virginia.haryott@gmail.com by the 12th of each month.

Brickendon Petanque Boules Club

(playing at the Farmers Boy)

After a successful summer season the club will continue to meet throughout the Autumn and Winter, at the following times:
Tuesdays 5.30pm – 7pm (floodlit)
Thursdays 10am – 12 noon
Sundays 10am – 12noon

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Further information from Janet 511515

Parish Council

Meetings 2019

Meetings are held in the Fanshaws Room at 7.30pm and all parishioners are welcome to attend and to raise any issues of concern. Agendas are posted on Noticeboards at least 3 days before the meeting.

Meetings:
28th May,
23rd July,
24th September,
26th November.

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne
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Tennis Courts.

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Gardening April

I am writing this half way through March after one of the mildest and wettest winters for many years and wonder what the year ahead holds for our gardens. There have already been amazing displays of bulbs and hellebores, the very wet grass has been difficult to handle and buds on roses etc. are way ahead. In fact roses should have been pruned and had their first spray for black spot and we hope that we don't get any cruel frosts. Fruit trees, bushes and canes will benefit from mulch, up to 3 inches deep, but the soil should not be dry when you put this on and it will also help to keep down weeds. If you are growing fuchsias and salvias ready for summer containers, they still need frost protection and pinching out shoot tips will encourage bushy growth. Colourful, tired-looking winter Cornus stems can be pruned back before the middle of the month and established Penstemon and Caryopteris will also benefit from a 'haircut'.

This can be a good time to re-pot houseplants that are outgrowing their pots. A new pot just one size bigger is ideal and a good multi-purpose compost is fine. If you are tomato growers get the greenhouse ready for this season's plants and perhaps try a new variety this year.

Most of all enjoy the months ahead after this dreary winter!

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On **Saturday 29th February**, Friends held their "every other year" Quiz in the Village Hall. We had eleven teams of competitors all desperately trying to win the Curley Cup, which finally went to the Spragg Team.

The Committee produced a delicious two course home-made supper which was enjoyed by all.
We had a new Quiz Master this year, **Colin Rees**, who certainly put some of the teams to the test with some very tricky questions but fun was had by all!!

There was a very successful Raffle so a considerable sum of money was raised over the evening for the preservation of our Church.

Our thanks go to all the many, wonderful helpers, without whom the evening would not have been possible and all the good humoured competitors!

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At our **February** meeting, **Jeff Lewis from the Alban Way Heritage Society**.

Smallford Station was opened in 1865 when the line was opened and operated by the Great Northern Railway – in 1939 the station was closed for passengers for 3 months and then reopened for wartime service but in 1951 the station and the branch was closed to passengers and then in 1968 closed for goods traffic – in 1999 the station building was given Grade 11 listing by English Heritage and in 2012 a group of volunteers started the '*Bringing the History of Smallford Station to life*' projects.

Monies have been allocated from the Heritage Lottery fund for a local community project and a huge amount of work has been completed on the branch line which is now a cycle and walking path – the station is owned by a building company and it is not possible to venture inside but a huge amount of work has taken place on the platform to give it the feeling of how it was when it was open to passengers

We are also **Calling all Cooks and Gardeners.**
We want your entries to the W.I. Horticultural Show on August Bank Holiday as part of the Essendon Village Day. Let us see your skills.

Schedules will be distributed by the W.I around the whole village in May.

Have a look at the items you can prepare and bring on the day

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Essendon Tennis Club 2020

The Essendon Tennis Court is an amazing asset to the village. It is sheltered and well-maintained and has a soft playing surface.

Essendon's Tennis Club is open to all. Membership entitles players to access the court, with no booking required. Subscriptions are now due.

Family membership £30
Individual membership £20
Junior membership £10
Non-members pay £5 per hour when using the court.

Contact Ruth McAdam on 01707 261321 for more details.

St Mary the Virgin
Essendon

from MAY 10TH for a
trial period our
FAMILY SERVICE
will commence at
11.00AM
instead of 9.30am
ALL ARE WELCOME

Essendon Carpet Bowls

Bowls has been running for 30 years. Every Tuesday 8pm to 10pm in the Village Hall. £1 per week, including tea and biscuits. Keith - Angela Enquiries 01707 273445.

Essendon.

Local Cleaner Wanted.

3 or 4 hours per week.
Can be flexible.

Please ring 07899 925377

Essendon CE Primary School

The Happy Apple Play
and
Stay Group

meets every Thursday in term time in the School Hall. 9:30—11am. Price £1 per session. 01707 261209

Essendon Village Day.

Help Needed!

At a recent committee meeting, the matter of help on the Sunday prior to the day and the clearing up on the day itself was discussed. Last year, it fell to 3 people to carry out everything that had to be done, two of whom are over 70 and last year, the 3 people left the field at 9.00 pm.

CANCELLED

Nobody will be surprised to hear that Village Day is Cancelled.
See you August Bank Holiday Monday, 2021

For Village Day we need 10 fit types please to set up 9 am - 2 pm on Sunday August 30th and Monday 31st 9.am - 12 noon, and again after the event, 5 pm - 7 pm please.

If you are free and can help, please

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Cub Pack - Thursday 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Scout Troop - Monday 8.00pm—9:30pm
1st Birch Green Brownies - Monday 6.30pm - 7.45pm

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Church Flowers

April 11th & 18th Easter Pam Worsley
25th Sian and John Hackett

Family Service, 10th May, 11am.

Sunday Club.

Our Sunday Club is held in St Mary's Church Room, Essendon every Sunday from 9.30am – 10.30am in term time, (except on the 2nd Sunday, when there is the Family Service). It is open to all children from our parishes and outside!

If you would like to know more please contact me or just pop along and see what we are all about!

Pauline Alleyne 01707 261346

Essendon Parish Council

Meetings are held in Essendon Village Hall on Mondays at 7pm. All Welcome.

Meetings:

27th April 2020

Meeting Agendas/Minutes available on the website www.essendonpc.org.uk
email:
essendonparishcouncil@gmail.com
or tel: 07535803529 for advice.

FOOD BANK.

We have been reminding ourselves at St Mary's Church, especially during winter, of the challenges faced by many in our area.

We take our Food Bank hamper to the altar with the collection for blessing at the monthly Family Service. It is then taken by a churchwarden to the Food Bank in Hertford.

There is a container in the church porch where donations can be left. There is a list of suggested food on the container.

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VE 75th CELEBRATION

for the Community of Essendon
on the Village Playing Field
Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020

Order of the Day:

3.00pm **Piper to play** '*Battle's O'er* '& '*VE 75 Years.*'
3.00pm **The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2**.
To coincide with the playing of Battle's O'er.
3.15pm Activities to include children's races, tug of war etc.
4.30pm **Street Party**.
6.55pm **A Cry of Peace Around the World**.
7.00pm **Ringing out for Peace**.
7.00pm **1940's dance**. ***David McTea and The Swinging Magpies***
BYO picnic and drink, rugs and chairs.
Burgers available to purchase.
Fancy Dress Optional. Prize for Best Outfit

TICKETS IN ADVANCE
(prior to 1st May 2020, please)
£3.00/person to include a **Commemorative Mug**
Numbers to Dance may be restricted if inclement weather.
Apply for tickets by giving your name, address, email address and telephone number, + £3.00/person cash
To:

Belinda Kent-Lemon	Paul Plail	Hilary Pickard
7 Church Cottages	44 High Road	Cucumber Hall
07976 447263	07957 208054	07974 231206
Belinda.kl@occamhr.com	pplail@btinternet.com	hilarypickard@hotmail.com

ESSENDON'S VE75th CELEBRATIONS
Memories and Memorabilia

We are looking for any **memories or memorabilia** (photos, ration books, etc) from **VE Day and World War II.**

If you have any stories, no matter how small, we would love to hear from you. We are hoping to put together a small collection of articles and stories to give the new generation of Essendon residents a feel of what VE Day was like for all the residents in 1945.
Were any of the larger properties taken over and used by the Forces?
We know Bedwell End was taken over by the RAF as a convalescent home, were any other properties?

We would love to hear from you!!

PLEASE contact, Jane Oram on Jane@bedwell.com or 'phone her on 01707 261238.