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A VIEW FROM

CHAIRMAN TONY LILICO



Following the county council elections on 1st May we can welcome parish councillor Liz Needham as our new representative at county hall. She will be the go-to person for anything county related such as social care and highways for all parts of the village.

I am sure everyone will wish outgoing county councillor Sarah Tallon every success with her career in parliament and thank her for the work she has done for the village over the last 4 years. She is no doubt destined for high office.

One of the big challenges for the village is coexistence with the Segro freight terminal. In the last edition of our magazine Segro had the opportunity to share some of their plans. Going forward the parish council we are looking at three different areas of engagement.

Firstly, it is important to hold Segro to the promises they made when they were granted planning permission by Eric Pickles and the conditions made when the permission was granted. Whilst this falls mainly on the district council, Cllr Keith Loud is already looking at this from a parish perspective and would welcome contact from anyone who is interested in this topic.

Secondly, part of the Segro development are the two new areas of country park in London Colney. One behind Sainsburys and one behind the Pastoral Centre. It is important that these are developed for the long-term benefit of the village as key sustainable amenities for local people to enjoy.

Thirdly, Segro have committed to providing community funding for local projects. It is really important that this money is spent on the communities impacted by the terminal, so we are working with St. Stephens Parish Council (which covers Park Street and Brickett Wood) to ensure a united front in ensuring this is the case, as they receive bids from far and wide for this funding.

Following on from the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting on 15th May, we are looking at broadening engagement through two village meetings in June. These will be themed

“Next Steps for London Colney” on Thursday June 12th at 6pm. Guest speakers will include our MP Daisy Cooper and all will be able to have their say.

“Improving Parking in London Colney” late June, with date to be confirmed. Guest speakers will include Paul de Kort leader of St. Albans District Council.

The second meeting is designed to fit with the parking consultation that will be taking place in London Colney over the summer, designed to give everyone a say on parking.

PARISH COUNCIL

update



As we move into the warmer months, it's a pleasure to bring you the latest updates from London Colney Parish Council.

We're delighted to announce that the Splash Park is now officially open for the summer! It's always a highlight for local families, and we're especially excited to introduce the newly named “Splash Shack”, where you can now grab ice creams and refreshments while the children play.

Preparations are well underway for our parish events calendar, with the new Village Day event on 9th August. It promises to be another fantastic community celebration, and we look forward to welcoming residents and visitors alike.

In terms of community facilities, the play parks at Caledon Community Centre and Morris Playing Fields are currently undergoing much-needed updates, including the installation of a long-overdue accessible equipment, ensuring inclusive play opportunities for all children in our parish.

The Lounge and Hall in the Caledon Community Centre will also be decorated with thanks to Dulux Decorator Centre, St Albans for supplying the paint and Morgan Sindall Property Services for supplying the contractors to complete the work. The council are compiling a short, medium and long term strategic plan for the Parish Council buildings.

Our allotments have seen a new lease of life recently, thanks to the hard work of our grounds team. We were pleased to hold our first allotment meeting in two years, and we look forward to seeing the plots thriving once again.

Lastly, we want to inform residents that St Albans District Council will be closing the male and female public toilets on the High Street. However, the accessible disabled toilet will remain open for use by the whole community, ensuring there is still provision for those who need it.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in parish life. We look forward to a vibrant and active summer in London Colney.

Warm regards,

A GENEROUS GIFT & LEGACY *to our community*

On the 5th of March, the small but dedicated grounds team of London Colney Parish Council planted a very special collection of trees kindly donated by Mr. Michael Kennard. These trees had been lovingly nurtured in Mr. Kennard's garden for the past eight years, and he generously offered them to the community, saying they should be put to better use where more people could enjoy them and where they would continue to be cared for.



The planting was no small task - it involved a tractor and trailer, a digger, our newly acquired cargo E-bike, some bonemeal, compost and four eager and 'strapping' members of the Parish Council staff. Together, they successfully planted seven beautiful trees: an Evergreen, a White Cherry, a Straight Willow, a Hornbeam, a Copper Beech, and a striking Black Alder.



These trees now grace the footpath between the Caledon Playing Fields and the council car park at the Caledon Centre. In honour of Mr. Kennard's thoughtful gift, this stretch will be named Kennard Row - a lasting tribute to his generosity and community spirit.

We will continue to nurture these trees in the months and years ahead, and we hope they bring colour, beauty, and joy to all who pass by. They will also support local wildlife and create an important habitat in our area.



We warmly invite you to visit Kennard Row and take a moment to appreciate both the trees and the wonderful legacy they represent...



SUMMER TERM

Adventures



As the summer term gets underway, the girls of London Colney Girlguiding are stepping into a season full of fun, friendship, and unforgettable experiences. From Brownies to Young Leaders, the units are all set for a packed programme of activities – both at home and away.

One of the most exciting highlights of the term will be our Colney District Camp, taking place at the iconic Gilwell Park – the headquarters of the Scout movement. Over the course of a weekend, our Girlguiding members will join together with others from across the district for two nights of

camping, adventure, and team-building.

The Saturday promises to be especially action-packed, with a full day of outdoor activities designed to challenge and thrill. The girls will be trying their hand at archery, crate stacking, rock climbing, raft building, and even braving the zip wire – set at a height that certainly gets the heart racing!

It's a brilliant opportunity for them to test their courage, build confidence, and most importantly, have fun with friends old and new. Events like these are a core part of the Girlguiding experience – offering girls the chance to grow, develop new skills, and make lasting memories in a safe and supportive environment.

Closer to home, there's plenty to look forward to this term. All units will come together for a memorable campfire at Cherry Green Trees in Colney Heath, creating a wonderful opportunity for shared songs, stories, and s'mores.

We'll also be enjoying the outdoors with a visit to our local park, making the most of the lighter evenings. To round things off, our Girl Guides will take to the stage in a mini Gang Show — a lively showcase for parents and families featuring much-loved songs and the fantastic talents of our girls, from comedy and drama to dance.

We look forward to sharing more from our adventures as the term continues – and we're always open to welcoming new members and volunteers into the Girlguiding family here in London Colney.



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MEET COUNCILOR

Liz Needham



Liz Needham has been elected as the new County Councillor for London Colney, representing the Liberal Democrats in the Hertfordshire County Council elections held on 1 May 2025.

Securing 965 votes, the election

was also contested by candidates from Labour, Reform UK, the Conservatives, and the Green Party.

A seasoned accountant and business owner, Needham brings over three decades of experience in finance, including a tenure in the Irish civil service. She currently serves as a Parish Councillor for the North West Ward of London Colney, where she chairs the Finance & General Purposes Committee and contributes to the Human Resources, Environment & Neighbourhood, and Planning Committees.

Beyond her political commitments, Needham is deeply involved in community initiatives. She chairs the trustees

for both St Albans for Refugees and the Welwyn Hatfield Women's Refuge, reflecting her dedication to social causes.

As County Councillor, Needham aims to leverage her extensive experience to address local issues, enhance community services, and ensure effective governance for the residents of London Colney.



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PROMOTING ACTIVE TRAVEL &

Clean air at local schools

London Colney Parish Council, with the support of a Greener Together grant and in partnership with local bike company Estarli, has integrated an electric cargo bike into its operations to champion sustainability and environmental education.

One of the most impactful uses of the bike so far has been at local schools - including St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School with plans to include Bowmansgreen Primary School and London Colney Primary School - where it will be used to promote active travel and raise awareness about air pollution and engine idling during school drop-offs.

CHALLENGE

Air pollution around school gates - largely caused by idling vehicles and short car journeys - poses a significant health risk to children. Many schools in the area have voiced growing concerns about traffic congestion, rising emissions, and the need for greater education around climate-conscious travel choices.

Changing these habits requires more than just messaging - it needs positive, visible alternatives that demonstrate leadership and inspire behaviour change.

SOLUTION

Solution With the Greener Together-funded cargo e-bike - built by Estarli, based locally in Berkhamsted - the Parish Council delivered a hands-on solution to spark community conversations and drive local action.

The bike will continue to be showcased at the start and end of the school day, supporting wider school campaigns and engagement events focused on clean air and active lifestyles.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Parking the e-cargo bike at school gates during drop-off

IMPACT

- **Visibility & Awareness:** The bike's presence sparked immediate interest, making pollution and travel choices a topic of conversation among families.
- **School Collaboration:** Teachers and pupils engaged in creative ways, helping embed environmental thinking across multiple age groups.
- **Positive Behaviour Change:** The bike offered a real-world, fun and functional solution, with many families expressing interest in trying it themselves.
- **Community Leadership:** The project demonstrated how local councils can lead by example - delivering practical climate action in partnership with schools and local businesses.



and pick-up times to demonstrate a practical, zero-emissions alternative to driving.

- Collaborating with school staff to design and promote anti-idling messaging and Clean Air Day awareness activities.
- Engaging children in conversations about air quality, travel habits, and how active choices impact their health and the environment.
- Promoting the upcoming family loan scheme, encouraging parents to trial the bike for their own school runs.

Thanks to the Greener Together grant and our collaboration with Estarli, we've been able to turn a conversation about clean air into action. The cargo bike has made sustainability tangible - something children, parents, and staff can see, touch, and try for themselves. It's leadership on wheels, and the school gate is the perfect starting line.

Quote from Project Lead - Matt Fisher, Environment Officer London Colney Parish Council

NEXT STEPS

Planned developments include:

- Supporting Clean Air Day 19th June 2025 with dedicated school events.
- Delivering student-led campaigns focused on clean air and climate action.
- Working with Estarli on a series of case studies and short videos to inspire wider uptake of e-cargo bikes and active travel across the district.

COOL OFF AT THE *Splash Park*



A COMMUNITY OASIS OF FUN AND REFRESHMENT

As the summer sun heats up, there's no better place to cool down than the Morris Playing Field Splash Park. Alongside the pirate themed fountains, sprays, and buckets of fun, visitors can enjoy a tasty treat or refreshing drink at the newly renamed Splash Shack, the park's very own kiosk.

More than just a snack stop, the Splash Shack is a community-driven addition to a much-loved community space. Operated with locals in mind, the kiosk offers affordable ice cream, drinks, and light refreshments perfect for families enjoying a day out.

Whether you're after a classic ice lolly, an ice-cold lemonade, or a snack to recharge between splash sessions, the menu is designed to keep everyone cool and happy — without draining your wallet.

The splash park itself remains a free-to-use facility, making it a standout attraction for local families during the warmer months. Surrounded by seating, grassy picnic areas, and the ever-popular water features, it's the perfect spot for kids to burn off energy and parents to relax nearby.

With the addition of the Splash Shack, the experience is even more enjoyable — a one-stop summer destination right in the heart of the community.

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women's evening group. The next course is for six weeks 5th June - 10th July @ £95.00 inclusive.



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There are only a handful of providers in the UK to have Ofsted 'Outstanding' twinned with the FSA Accreditation, so they are in a pretty exclusive club and are very proud of the wonderful environment and the

SINGING FOR *Memory*



Everyone has fun at singing for memory at Sams. 18 months ago we launched Singing for Memory at SAMS where we hold weekly sessions every Monday afternoon in St Albans for people living with memory loss conditions. At our first session we welcomed 5 Participants together with their Companions (a family member, friend or carer). We now regularly welcome 10-15 Participants with their +1 which clearly demonstrates that the sessions are popular, enjoyable and beneficial.

The sessions start with refreshments where everyone sits down to afternoon tea and have the opportunity to chat with each other. Many of the Companions find the opportunity to chat with others in similar situations to be very useful and helps to reduce their feelings of isolation.

Once in the singing circle, we do gentle exercises to promote mobility and play percussion instruments which stimulates co-ordination. Then the singing starts, and there's absolutely no doubt that people living with memory loss conditions benefit enormously from singing songs they remember from times gone by.

You can tell by the smiles on their faces and their laughter that they are enjoying themselves. We end the session with some "Rock & Roll" and "The Twist" and it's so wonderful to see those who are able get up and dance. It's the highlight of the sessions.

The feedback from the families is overwhelmingly positive, and many report that after attending a session, they notice their loved one's moods have improved, similarly their appetite, and in many instances they see a reduction in pain.

A recent introduction to the programme is Intergenerational sessions, usually every 4-6 weeks, where babies and pre-school toddlers bring along their grown-up and join in with the fun and games. Who doesn't love a bubble machine and singing "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles"? The older generation certainly enjoy their presence. "The intergenerational group was great. Dad enjoyed it, the babies were a joy and it added an extra dimension and fun to the group" said the daughter of a regular participant.

Our amazing team of volunteers find the sessions so

rewarding too. "It's the best thing I have ever done. When I step through the door, I leave my personal challenges outside in the car park and it's a wonderful thing to be able to make a difference to people's lives" says volunteer Pauline.

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COMPASSIONATE *Cafes*

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Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care is expanding its Compassionate Café offering in St Albans with the launch of its first CompassionART

Café and a new partnership with a St Albans landmark. Compassionate Cafés are drop-in sessions that provide a safe space for people who have experienced bereavement, or are lonely due to illness, to connect with other people in their community who understand. They are a safe space for people to come together and each session is facilitated by trained volunteers who provide emotional support and a listening ear.

The new CompassionART Café launch builds on the existing format by giving people an opportunity to express themselves through art and crafts. The first Rennie Grove Peace CompassionART Café launched this month at Café on the Corner, on Catherine Street, and will take place on the first Thursday of every month between 2-3.30 pm. For the launch, the café hosted an Easter card making workshop with volunteers from Camphill Village Trust.

Janet attends one of the charity's other Compassionate Cafés where the CompassionART Café format was trialled. After the session she said: "I think this format of combining the chat and

cuppa you get at a Compassionate Café with being creative is really beneficial. I really like the idea of CompassionART Cafés as they give people something to focus on while chatting."

The charity has also launched a new Compassionate Café at St Albans Cathedral, in partnership with Abbots Kitchen and St Albans Cathedral. The first session took place on Monday 7 April, and takes place on the first Monday of each month from 2-3:30pm. As well as giving people a space to talk to others about their loss, trained volunteers will be on hand to listen and provide support.

Alison May is the Community Engagement Manager at Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care. She says: "Launching our first CompassionART Café will help us tap into the wellbeing benefits of arts and crafts. They help with relaxation and mindfulness, they give people a creative outlet to express themselves.

Art is a fantastic way to convey emotions and reduce stress so we're pleased to be launching our new CompassionART Café to bring this support to local people." Although these drop in sessions are based in St Albans, they are open to anyone based in London Colney, and local residents are encouraged to attend if they feel it could be beneficial to them.

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PARKING SURVEY

St Albans District Council is going to lead a village-wide Parking Survey to better understand the parking challenges facing residents, businesses, schools, and visitors. Whether you live, work, or travel through the area, we want to hear from you.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Parking across London Colney has become an increasing concern—from congestion on residential roads to inconsiderate parking near schools. The District Council is working to find solutions that balance accessibility, safety, and the needs of the community.

The survey's aim will be to gather your views on a range of important parking issues to help shape future improvements and policies.

WHAT'S BEING CONSIDERED?

The exercise is being approached with an open mind, focusing on the High Street and surrounding areas of the village including Haseldine Road.

Clearly there are significant issues in this area, especially at certain peak times and this is having an impact on local businesses which rely on passing trade.

How any improvements are paid for is a key part of the exercise, charges for parking at public car parks and some on-street locations are made elsewhere in the district. But an open-minded approach needs to consider other options, a local business has already indicated they are considering helping with our parking infrastructure.

And if parking charges were part of the mix, deciding on the duration of any free period before charging started is also an issue to be addressed – 30 minutes for a quick shop or 90 minutes for a meal out.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

This is your opportunity to contribute to the way parking is managed in our village. We encourage everyone—residents, shop owners, parents, and commuters—to share their views.

An “Improving Parking in London Colney” meeting is due to be scheduled for late June, with date to be confirmed. Guest speakers will include Paul de Kort leader of St. Albans District Council. This meeting is designed to fit with the parking survey that will be taking place in London Colney over the summer, designed to give everyone a say on parking.

In the meantime, your input is invaluable so please share your thoughts by emailing parking@londoncolney-pc.gov.uk. Your feedback will be received by parish councillors. Let's work together to make parking easier, safer, and fairer for everyone.



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Welcome To Village Day

We are so excited for our very first Village Day event! This promises to be a wonderful Summer event for families and friends, showcasing the very best of London Colney and surrounding areas in Hertfordshire, with local businesses and community groups all taking part in the fun on the day, as well as entertainment including live music on the main stage!



LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED

Shirley's Roadhouse is delighted to be supporting the event. They are known in the village for providing live music every Sunday afternoon for their members and guests. Plus, this year they launched their First Friday events where they've brought the UK's best tribute acts to their stage for everyone to enjoy. This event will allow them to debut their new mobile bar, equipped with 4 different draft larger options. We can't wait for them to join us!

The White Horse will be serving gin and cider from their pop up bar.



WHO LET THE DOGS OUT!

We've got 'Training Tails' (www.trainingtails.co.uk) kicking us off with a dog show, with categories including cutest puppy, best senior and best trick amongst others.

Then our very own Sarah will be taking to the main stage to get us all on our feet by bringing the energy she usually saves for our Seated Exercise classes which run weekly at the community centre.



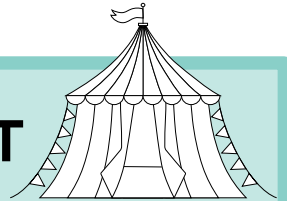
I LIKE TO MOVE IT MOVE IT!

Naomi and her troops will be performing from NCD (www.naomiczubadance.com), and then we've got three live acts on the main stage comprising of a mix of bands and a solo special guest to get the party going.

TUG OF WAR

If all the above wasn't enough you can expect a trip down memory lane with the Tug of War competition making a comeback, but which pub will take the trophy this time round?

FOOD COURT



THE DESSERT GUY will be there to cool you down with ice creams and refreshing slushies! Taking card and cash.



TIFFINBOX offer Indian street food, and they'll be there serving both meat, vegetarian and vegan dishes. Check them out in Instagram @tiffinbox57



SUNSHINE TACOS, back by popular demand! We can't wait to welcome back 'Sunshine Tacos' who are fast becoming a favourite at our events, offering authentic Mexican Street Food - family owned and home made. Bringing the vibrant flavors of Mexico to London Colney, their family-owned taco truck specializes in mouthwatering, slow-cooked street food. From tender beef and juicy chicken to tasty vegan options, they craft every taco with care using fresh, gluten-free ingredients. Find them on Instagram, searching '@lovesunshinetacos' or search their website: www.lovesunshinetacos.co.uk



BARKING BARISTA. Making their debut at one of our events The Barking Barista, offering delicious iced tea and coffee with tons of delicious flavours, free puppuccinos all day, and lots of reasonably priced kids drinks snacks, cookies, treats. With delicious barista style hot drinks, a vast collection of speciality teas, and milk options for dairy intolerant customers, they have got everything covered! The Barking Barista accept both cash and card payments. You can look them up on Instagram by searching '@thebarkingbarista'

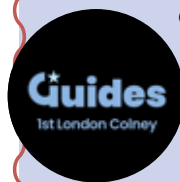


PATZERIA are also back by popular demand, selling fresh pizza from their wood fired oven

COMMUNITY GROUPS



Doodlebugs will be there on the day running an activity stall, and if their usual classes are anything to go by you can expect them to keep you busy and bring out your creative side



Girl Guides will be there sharing information about how to join them, alongside selling home made cakes. They'll be taking cash payments. You can find out more about them via the website: www.girlguiding.org.uk



London Colney Hedgehog Rescue will be running a Tombola, offering a mix of cosmetics, toiletries and gifts items. Find out more by checking out the website: londoncolneyhedgehogrescue.weebly.com



The London Colney WI has been empowering women and fostering friendships in the village for 55 years, and we are delighted they'll be present on the day running a bottle Tombola. They'll be taking cash payments, raising money for charity. You can find them on Facebook by searching 'London Colney WI'



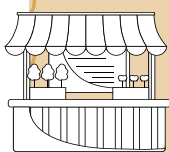
Scouts will be there running an activity stall, find out more about our local Scout group by visiting their website: 1stlondoncolney.co.uk



The Royal British Legion Women's Section London Colney will be running a 'Sand in the Jars' game stall, pay them a visit to find your treasure.



St Peter's Church will be there, it's a very special year for them as they're celebrating their 200th Anniversary. They'll be showcasing a history display of the church, along with the chance for you to purchase a 'duck' for their duck race taking place at their Autumn Fayre on Saturday 20th September.



FUN AT THE STALLS

DE HAVILLAND MUSEUM will be promoting their award winning museum, bringing a small selection of goods from the gift shop for purchase, along with a selection of games to test your hand eye co-ordination that will be free to try. They'll be taking cash and card.

THE MESSY COTTAGE will be selling art, gifts, embellishments and home decor from upcycled materials

COSY ROSIE CANDLES will be selling handmade candles and enamel pin badges

MLP GEMS make handmade personalised jewellery and keyrings stall, we will be taking both cash and card payments. You can follow them on Instagram @mpl.gems or Facebook @M.P.L Gems

CANDLES AND FLOWERS will be offering Resin, Shaped Candles, Diamond Art and a Sunflower Game. They'll be taking cash and card payments.

SIMONS TOYS will be a hive of activity, with their Ring the bell game, along with pin badges, toys, cards and gifts for sale.

COMPETITION TIME!!

Colour in the front cover of this magazine for your chance to WIN A PRIZE!

Entries can be emailed to: events@londoncolney-pc.gov.uk, or you can post your entry on our Facebook page 'London Colney Parish Council' by 25 June 2025.

Don't forget to tell us your age! Categories: Age 0-4, Age 5-8, Ages 9-11.

FIRST PRIZE is 4 x tickets to our Fireworks event on Sunday 2

November,

SECOND PRIZE is 4 x tickets to our Village Day event!

Feel free to share your entries and bring some colour to the village by displaying in your windows at home! We'd love to see them!

Winners will be contacted directly and announced via our socials week commencing 30 June



COME AND BE PART OF OUR EVENT

If you're a local business or community group and you've not yet signed up to be part of the event there's still time for you to participate, please email: events@londoncolney-pc.gov.uk

BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE

TICKETS ARE £2 (per ticket) + booking fee For more information SCAN this QR code



BEST FARM SHOP/DELI ON OUR DOORSTEP



Lots of local residents of London Colney are seasoned visitors to Battlers Green Farm Shop, but for those of you who haven't yet discovered this local gem just a short drive away, we wanted to share this good news. Battlers Green Farm Shop is delighted to announce that it has been named Best Farm Shop/Deli in Herts & Beds in the prestigious Muddy Stiletto's Awards 2025. As the only Radlett-based business to reach the finals in any category, the team is overjoyed to not only have been nominated, but to have won, especially as the accolade is awarded by voting customers.

Founded in the early 1960s by Joan Haworth, shortly after the Haworth family relocated from Lancashire, the Farm Shop has been a cornerstone of the local community for over six decades. What began with Joan selling milk and eggs produced on the farm soon blossomed into a thriving business. She moved operations into a small shed beside the farmhouse to expand the range of local goods available, laying the foundation for the shop as we know it today. In the mid-1980s, Joan's husband Tom built an extension to house the growing business, which remains the home of Battlers Green Farm Shop today.

Now run by Joan's daughter-in-law Gillian Haworth, with the support of a dedicated team, the Farm Shop continues its mission of serving the community with a wide range of everyday essentials and artisan products from some of Britain's best producers.

"We're absolutely thrilled to have been recognised as the Best Farm Shop/Deli in Herts & Beds," said Gillian Haworth. "It's a real feather in the cap for our hardworking team and a proud moment for the Haworth family, especially Joan, who at 91 still lives on the farm and affectionately refers to the shop as her 'fifth baby'."

The award also recognises the success of the shop's recent expansion into in-house baking, with a new kitchen producing fresh cakes, quiches, and sweet treats. "Winning this award means so much, it affirms that our efforts to grow and diversify our range is resonating with our customers," added Gillian. Battlers Green Farm Shop now progress to the Muddy Stiletto's National Finals, where they will compete to be crowned 'Best of the Best' nationwide. National

winners will be announced on 25 June 2025. In other exciting news for the Battlers Green Farm community, Tia Harris of Everything Starts With You, a Sound Healing Facilitator who regularly works from Destiny Rising at Battlers Green Farm, was named a finalist in the Wellbeing Specialist category in Herts & Beds.

This accolade also follows closely behind another recent success at Battlers Green Farm that saw Brimarks Butchers, the farm's longest-standing tenant business, named winner in the Best Butcher category of the Watford Observer 'Your Favourite' competition 2025.

Battlers Green Farm Shop was established in 1960, long before today's flourishing appetite for fresh, local food came into being. The family-owned shop was originally a modest enterprise intended to do little more than supplement the income of a busy working farm. It was, though, to prove the keystone for the gradual development of Battlers Green Farm Shopping Village.

Today, although the number of retailers has grown, the Farm Shop remains our anchor store, a genuine original that stocks all you might expect, and so much more: high quality foods including preserves, jams and chutneys, fresh crusty bread, homemade cakes and quiches; fine wines from around the world; and a superb cheese selection, specialising in English farmhouse and continental varieties.

Our range of products has grown over the years, but one thing remains the same. Quality over all. Whether locally-sourced or selected from further afield, we know exactly where the items on our shelves come from and the high standards they're produced to.

We also stock a variety of products that cater to allergies and intolerances. While we may have started out with the goal to feed our local community, today we also delight in serving visitors from further afield. Regardless, our aim remains that of a true farm shop, to give our customers access to quality, everyday items, plus a wide selection of the finest products for all tastes and occasions.

EXCITING

Art Exhibition



Art Salad is a free monthly workshop, run by a local artist and some volunteers, providing older people and those with dementia a fun, creative experience, while enjoying a cup of tea and a chat in a relaxed and informal setting. Art is a wonderful way of boosting wellbeing, and finding contentment and peace, and our growing community are testament to this. Our members report to us how much they look forward to coming along, and we always love to see the wonderful work they produce, and the individual style each person brings to their art.

After the success of our inaugural exhibition last November, Art Salad are delighted to be staging a spring exhibition, *Peace by Piece*, showcasing a vibrant and meaningful collection of artistic works from the Art Salad monthly sessions. Please come along and see the incredible creativity of our members. See flyer below for dates and times. Greeting cards and postcards will be available to buy, and all donations and proceeds go directly back into the running costs of the group, to enable us to keep offering Art Salad contentment to as many people as possible - for FREE!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

In other exciting news, we are currently seeking a passionate

and organised Volunteer Treasurer to join us, for some basic financial management and record keeping. The position requires someone who can commit 4-6 hours monthly (mostly flexible). So if you, or someone you know, feels they would like to join us and make a difference to the lives of our lovely community, please contact Sam and Sarah by emailing info@artsalad.co.uk.

As always, we are hugely grateful to London Colney Parish Council for their generosity in providing exhibition space in the Caledon Community Centre, and for their continued support with the use of the room for the monthly sessions.

About Us
We are Art Salad, a trust dedicated to providing free creative experiences for older people, people with dementia, and individuals with diverse needs. Through art, we build connections, boost wellbeing, and bring joy to our community members.

The Role
We're seeking a passionate and organised Volunteer Treasurer to join our team and help ensure our workshops continue to make a difference.

What You'll Do

- Manage our financial accounts and record-keeping
- Prepare simple financial reports for board meetings
- Process expense reimbursements and workshop supply payments
- Help develop annual budgets
- Ensure we meet our financial obligations with proper governance

Perfect For Someone Who

- Has basic bookkeeping or financial management experience
- Can commit 4-6 hours per month (mostly flexible timing)
- Values community arts and inclusive programming
- Wants to make a meaningful difference in people's lives

What You'll Gain

- Satisfaction from supporting vital community programs
- Experience with non-profit financial management
- Connection to a warm, creative community
- The joy of seeing how your contribution enables artistic expression for those who need it most

PEACE by PIECE

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FOR MORE INFORMATION - info@artsalad.co.uk

Art Salad is a **FREE** monthly art group,
specifically aimed at older people,
and those with dementia.



Our friendly group continues to grow, and this second exhibition follows on from our hugely successful winter exhibition last November. We hope you will come along and support us, and take a look at some of the wonderful work our participants have created!

Greeting cards & postcards will be available to buy. All donations and proceeds will go into the running costs of the group, to enable us to keep offering **Art Salad** contentment to as many people as possible for **FREE!**

*Huge thanks to our local sponsors, who have so generously supported **Art Salad**:*



PADDINGTON IN PERU

WHAT ABOUT YOU?



At London Colney Primary and Nursery school, we love to kick off the start of every term with a whole school English curriculum-based topic to excite, engage and captivate the children. At the start of the Spring Term, we launched our very own Enrich Plan: Paddington is from Peru. What about you? It was very timely indeed as the children began the topic in January by watching Paddington's 2025 new year message from the London Eye.

They absolutely loved it and the message was clear:



We used this as a springboard to discuss its' meaning and how Paddington's message relates to our own individuality and diversity as well as our vibrant community here in London Colney. The children wrote some fantastic new year speeches based upon Paddington's and this paved the way for some excellent learning, creativity and writing skills development. Each year group took on their own unique spin on the theme to ensure that curriculum skills were taught in a meaningful and contextual way. This added to a personalised approach to learning at our school as we continued to deliver the plan whilst also allowing for the children's ideas and interests to be included.

To add further enrichment to the children's learning, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 had an amazing time visiting The Paddington Bear Experience in London. The trip kicked off with travelling on the train to the venue which developed the children's



“As we enter a new year, I always remember what Mrs Brown says:

In London, everyone is different but that means anyone can fit in.

I think she must be right because although I don't look like anyone else I really do feel at home”

independence, safety awareness and navigational skills whilst using public transport and helped to encapsulate the whole Paddington Bear whole school topic. Their behaviour was outstanding and their social awareness was truly admirable. As a school, we can't thank public transport staff enough for chaperoning us on and off of the trains.

When we arrived in London we had time to soak up the sights en route to our destination. After a short walk across Westminster Bridge and down a few stairs, we arrived ready for the adventure which included:

- A simulated train ride to Windsor Gardens where Paddington lives
- Meeting Mrs Brown and Mrs Bird as they asked for our help to sort out Paddington's mess and then prepare marmalade for The Marmalade Day Party inside their house in Windsor gardens.



- A flood created by Paddington in the bathroom upstairs which meant we had to take cover in the larder so as not to get wet (literally)
- Problem solving tasks in The Amazon Rain Forest involving map finding and Peruvian oranges. The day ended with a celebration of our efforts

with games, lunch and photos with Paddington.

The staff commended the children's attitude, enthusiasm and engagement and said that we truly are a 'Paddington Bear' School.

Our whole school topic culminated with the timely release of the latest 'Paddington in Peru' film which we all enjoyed as we set up our classrooms as cinemas as a celebration event on the last day of half term.

We also prepared an exhibition of our work in the hall. This provided an opportunity for our whole school community to come together and view some of the outstanding work created from each class whilst enjoying a marmalade sandwich or two!

If you would like to visit us or find out more about our approach to teaching and learning, please do contact us. We'd love to hear from you.



WHAT THE CHILDREN HAD TO SAY

- It felt like Paddington Wonderland!
- I have loved every minute of our Paddington topic. It has been amazing!
- I've never seen anything like it! (Mariam)
- Thank you for this diverse experience. (Mariam)
- I felt like it was all in my imagination. (Esme)
- It made me feel like Paddington and that I was actually in Peru! (Jack)
- It was perfect just like the photobooth. (Goodnews)
- The exhibition was spectacular. The decorations, sculptures and 3D models looked fabulous. (Vihaan)
- Very explorable. (Paresa)
- Very interactive. (Mohammed)
- A very welcoming place. It has been a fun and interactive way to show our learning (Kaobi)
- Very well planned and I hope to see more exhibitions like this. Keep up the good work! (Billie-Grace).
- It was very nice. It was like I was in Paddington Town. (Frankie)
- It was super cool. (Pri)

WHAT OUR VISITORS, PARENTS AND CARERS HAD TO SAY

- Absolutely fantastic! You should be very proud!
- Amazing work. Well done!
- We loved the Paddington soft play tray.
- There was a lot of fun in school.
- My child has absolutely loved this whole school topic.
- A lot of fun for the children to enhance their learning.
- The children have loved learning. Well done to everyone.
- The exhibition was amazing. All the work was displayed beautifully, showcasing the wonderful work of the children.
- It was lovely to see all school year groups working on the same topic but producing different pieces.
- Honestly speaking, I enjoyed every part of it. Thank you.





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LONDON COLNEY WI WALKING GROUP



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London Colney WI is going from strength to strength with our village WI being bigger than ever. The not-for-profit group is run purely by volunteers with the main focus on empowering women through education, friendship, campaigning and advocacy – fun, friendship and forward-

thinking. The group meets at 7.15pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Caledon Community Centre, where a speaker, craft event or activity is enjoyed as well as a raffle. Being foodies, tasty treats are always provided alongside tea and coffee (and sometimes something a little bit stronger).

LCWI President Hilary explains “meeting once a month was proving not to be frequent enough to achieve everything that we wanted to deliver. The whole group was brimming with so many ideas that we simply had to launch some more get-togethers – we call them sub-groups. I am so grateful to our volunteers that are running our additional clubs, as well as our hard-working committee. We have loads of laughter along the way, volunteering really rocks”.

First up, Priscilla created a Pub Speed-Quiz meet-up where LCWI came runners-up on their first attempt....winning a bowl of chips! Since then, the group has got bigger and bigger. They might need to hire out the whole pub soon.

Sue has formed a Knitting and Crochet group for all abilities from total beginners to craft-champions. Originally based from her dining room, her group has become so popular that she had to sweet-talk the landlord of the White Horse to use their conservatory to fit everyone in. One of the beginners said “I couldn’t even hold a crochet hook when I joined the group. Sue was so patient with me, I actually managed to crochet two different types of stitches. I’m not

sure I’ll be making a baby cardigan yet, but it’s a good start”. April saw the kick-off of Annette’s Walking Group; she says “this is the perfect time of year to get out in the fresh air and enjoy some exercise with chatter and friendship thrown in. We are so lucky to have so many beautiful walks on our doorstep that’ll keep us busy for quite some time”.

Cheryl’s Book Club was also launched in April, where the group picked *Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister and *Someone Else’s Shoes* by JoJo Moyes to be their first reads. They meet monthly to discuss the novels over a cuppa and cake, then decide on their next books to order from the village library (also run by wonderful volunteers).

Maureen organises theatre trips for the group and Ellen is arranging a chocolate making workshop. One member said that until she joined LCWI, she didn’t have a varied social life and had got stuck in a bit of a social rut. “I love the Tuesday monthly meetings, I have met so many ladies through WI, all with wonderful stories to tell.



My favourite speaker was the lady that gave a talk on all the famous people buried at Highgate Cemetery, I could’ve listened to her all day. I’m really enjoying Book Club and the Knitting Group, and I’ve already reserved my space for the Alban Arena show that Maureen is booking”.

Email londoncolneywi@gmail.com to enquire about becoming a member.

**Join the Facebook group
London Colney WI.**

ST. BERNADETTE'S *Success*



Recently, St Bernadette Catholic Primary School held a cultural day across the school. All children were invited into school in clothing that represents their culture. Each class, from Nursery up to Year 6 were given a culture to learn more about.

The classes then spent the day learning all about their given culture and explored a number of different fun and engaging activities.



We then displayed all of the children's findings and hard work from the day and invited all the parents to hear all about what we discovered. Parents joined us in watching the children perform some amazing dances, eat some delicious food as well as looking at some beautiful art work that had been made throughout the day.



Science week was a great success with fun and activities taking place throughout the week. The theme for Science week was 'Change and Adapt,' with links being made to climate change, how materials can be changed, and animal adaptations.

The week began with every class taking part in class experiments from making Cola volcanoes, rainbows from skittles, melting ice investigations, egg drops and making Lava lamps! Hertfordshire Zoo came into the school to run workshops with the classes.



The children were able to handle 3D printed laser skulls of different animals, investigate X-rays of animal bones and watch videos of animals in their habitats and how they camouflage and adapt to their environments.

On Scientist day, each class learnt about a scientist or scientists that have made a difference to the world. The experiments continued as the week went on, culminating in an assembly to round up and share all our activities and work with the school.



We are really looking forward to our 'Celebrate My Year' afternoon in July, where we invite the parents to join us in reflecting on the year and celebrate the children's hard work from over this academic year. We are also excited for our annual Sports Week in July, followed by our Sports Day.



ST PETERS Church

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It's heartening to see so many events planned this summer for our village, including those celebrating the 200th anniversary of St Peter's Parish Church. We're excited to be part of this wider community celebration.

Having served as vicar here for a year, I've noticed a growing interest in life's deeper questions. Many people I meet are searching for more meaning—seeking a spiritual depth that contrasts with today's culture of instant gratification.

Our church, like many others, has seen encouraging growth, particularly around key festivals such as Christmas and Easter. We were delighted to welcome so many from the village to our Holy Week and Easter services. This renewed engagement suggests we may be entering a season of spiritual renewal.

Whether they are lifelong believers or simply marking significant life events, many people I meet express a desire for greater spiritual insight. This quest spans across a wide spectrum of faith, including those with little or no religious background. Our growing emotional awareness as a society may be contributing to this spiritual searching. One event that reflects this search for meaning—regardless of faith—is our annual Chantry Island Pilgrimage, taking

place this year on 18 June. Pilgrimage has long held significance across cultures and religions, blending physical journeying with spiritual reflection. While our local pilgrimage may not match the scale of routes like the Camino de Santiago, it carries its own rich meaning.

Chantry Island, just west of Shenley Lane, is believed to be the site of an ancient chapel mentioned in the Domesday Book. Legend tells us that in the 4th century, Alban—a Roman living on the island—gave shelter to a Christian priest, Amphibalus, fleeing persecution. Moved by the priest's faith, Alban converted to Christianity. When soldiers came searching, Alban protected Amphibalus by swapping clothes with him. Alban was arrested in his place and executed, becoming Britain's first Christian martyr.

We invite you to join us on 18 June for this unique experience of story, reflection, and community. We'll meet at St Peter's Church on Riverside at 6:15pm for a one-mile walk along the River Colne to Chantry Island, pausing there before returning for refreshments. Please wear appropriate footwear as the path may be muddy if wet. All are welcome to join us.

Rev'd Tom Smith

200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

- Summer Banquet and Art Auction - Saturday 7th June
 - Autumn Fayre on the Green - Saturday 20th September
- For more info 01727 760875

We will also be present at the Village day on 9th August



CHANTRY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

Join our annual Pilgrimage to Chantry Island - all are welcome to this walk (including dogs) to learn about the historic background of our village. This is a non-ticketed event and pre-booking is not required.

Meet outside St Peter's Church at 6.15pm. We will then proceed through Broad Colney Lakes to Chantry Island. Followed by tea/coffee and biscuits at St Peter's Church.

For more information email: events@londoncolney-pc.gov.uk

Wednesday 18 June 2025 6.15pm

The poster features a background image of a path leading to a small stone building (Chantry Island). On the right, there is a circular inset showing a stained glass window with a figure of a saint. At the bottom right, there is a small crest logo.



ST PETER'S London Colney

SUMMER BANQUET and ART AUCTION

Saturday 7th June

£25 per person * Four Courses
Tables of 6 max * Licensed Bar

Viewing at 5.30pm with canapés and fizz.
Banquet at 6.15pm.
Art Auction at 8.15pm

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St Peter's Church, Riverside AL2 1QA

The poster has a yellow background with a decorative border. At the top, there is a logo for St Peter's Church featuring a cross and the year 200. The text is in various fonts and colors, including black, blue, and green.

A SCREEN FREE Sanctuary



A Screen-Free Sanctuary: Inside the World of Doodlebugs
As the final bell rings and kids spill out of school, there's a little pocket of peace waiting just around the corner. It's called Doodlebugs, and for many local families, it's become so much more than an after-school club—it's a creative sanctuary, a place to breathe, build, and just be.

At 3:30pm, children are dropped off or collected earlier via walking bus and welcomed into a calming, screen-free world where art, craft, and play replace noise and overwhelm. The vibe? Slower pace, gentle energy, and a whole lot of paint brushes, glue sticks and giggles. "This isn't just childcare," says co-founder Mandi with a smile. "It's creative therapy. Kids come here to unwind, make friends, and discover who they are—without screens or pressure." And the parents agree.

"I can't express enough how thankful I am for Doodlebugs," wrote one mum. "My little boy absolutely loves it—his confidence has soared, and he's so much more sociable now." "A perfect environment without the pressures of technology," another parent said. "They're building self-esteem, emotional awareness, and friendships—all through creativity."

From painting and mindfulness to Lego creations, sensory areas, and collaborative games, every session is intentionally designed to nurture children's minds and hearts. The sessions aren't just for kids who need somewhere to go after school—they're for any child who could benefit from a dose of calm and colour in their week.

Home-educating? Doodlebugs has you covered during the day with sessions tailored to suit different learning styles. School holidays? Their holiday club bursts with themed art and crafts and moments of stillness in a usually busy world. Mini ones aren't left out either. The beloved MiniBugs group on Wednesdays and Fridays invites toddlers and their carers into a space of dressing up, painting, role play, and messy joy.

And it's all held together by Mandi, Lenya, and their warm, creative team. As one reviewer summed it up: "Doodlebugs is a gem. A calm, creative space where my child truly thrives. We'd go every day if we could."

Don't just think of it as care. Think of it as connection, creativity, and calm. Book a spot, step away from the screens—and let your child flourish at Doodlebugs.



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A WHOLE LOT OF *History*



From time to time the bed of the River Colne flowing through London Colney dries up much to the concern of local residents. However the effects are not so serious to the community as was the case many years ago.

Up to the early 20th century there was no mains water supply to London Colney. Water was obtained from either private wells for those fortunate to have a well within the curtilage of their home or from the village pump. Over several years in the last decade of the 19th century there was a below average rainfall resulting in a water shortage in 1898 which newspaper reports proclaimed as 'London Colney's Water Famine'. The river, private wells and the well supplying the pump were drying up.

The vicar of St Peter's, London Colney, Reverend Thomas Bluett, wrote to the Rural Council commenting on the seriousness of the water shortage. A large number of villagers depended upon the village pump for their drinking water and the pump was unable to cope with the demand although the well supplying it had been deepened.

In order to conserve the supply the handle of the pump was chained up from 10 am until 6 pm during the day. The Herts Advertiser reported that each morning and evening processions of villagers could be seen wending their way to the pump.

One enterprising Albanian was carting water to London Colney and selling it for ½d [half penny] per pail. The obvious solution was to deepen the wells that were running dry but the majority of the wells were supplied from springs and deepening them had the effect of depriving the supply to neighbouring wells. The water shortage was affecting village businesses particularly the local Warwick laundry whose own well was beginning to run dry. The proprietress purchased cart loads of water in order to continue with her business.

A public meeting was held at the village school concerning the condition of the River Colne. An action committee was formed with the aim of persuading the various authorities having an interest in the river to come to an agreement and the Reverend Bluett acted as chairman. The dispute rumbled on and now included Herts County Council, The Thames Conservancy Board and the Local Government Board. By August 1899 the River Colne was flowing again.

The water crisis passed but the supply in London Colney continued to have problems. In 1906 it was reported that the matter had been investigated by the District Medical Officer who reported that 19 of the 33 wells inspected were contaminated with sewage and that the public pump was "very bad". The maintenance and cleanliness of water could only be achieved with a mains supply.

By that year the St Albans Waterworks Company had laid a mains supply as far as Kings Road and were prepared to extend the supply to the River Colne bridge "upon receiving a guarantee that £30 worth of water would be taken per annum". At a meeting held at London Colney a sufficient number of householders agreed to take the water supply to meet the requirement of the water company. The days of the village pump were soon to be over. London Colney Local History Society.

Thanks to the London Colney History Society for sharing this piece.



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INTRODUCING

Debbie Daniels



My name is Debbie Daniels and I am one of the local officers for London Colney. I have been a PCSO here for 18 years this September and I honestly cannot believe it has been that long! I think it says a lot for the community here which has made the decision to stay in this role and in this area all the easier.

As well as assisting officers in dealing with crime related enquires and any untoward activity I

become aware of. I am also out and about in London Colney for visible and reassurance patrols. You may not always see me but I am out there!

I also get involved in school visits educating the children in a variety of subjects, groups such as the scouts as well as others and try to attend as many community events I London Colney as possible hence the photo of me at the Picnic In The Park at Morris Playing Fields enjoying the weather and engaging with the many people who came to it. Here's to a few more years

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LONDON COLNEY W.I. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The W.I. in London Colney meet every second Tuesday in the month (except in our August break). You can find us in the Community Centre, Caledon Road, London Colney, AL2 1PU at our new starting time of 7.00 p.m. until 9.45 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10TH JUNE

Make Do and Mend. Amanda Sutherland will show us the most fabulous garment creations achievable from charity shop finds and old favourites – the simple way.

Competition: Plant cutting swap.

TUESDAY, 8TH JULY

Making Gin for the King. Ian Puddick from Old Bakery Gin talks on 'Surviving the End of the World' and making gin for the King. Competition: Something Royal.

AUGUST – VILLAGE DAY

No meeting but come and see us on Village Day.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 9TH

Suzi Clark is back to tell us about 'An Eventful Life', which is a lot of fun. Competition: Anything musical.

For £5 please join us as a visitor. The speakers are excellent and having refreshments give us a chance to chat before the raffle is drawn.

For more information, please contact:
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FACEBOOK: [@londoncolneyparish](#) VISIT: www.londoncolney-pc.gov.uk

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CHANTRY ISLAND
PILGRIMAGE
Wednesday 18 June



VILLAGE DAY
Saturday 9 August



HALLOWEEN
Sunday 26 October



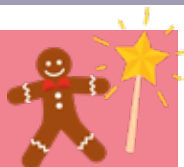
FIREWORKS
Sunday 2 November



CHRISTMAS LIGHT
SWITCH ON
Sunday 30 November



CHRISTMAS PANTO
Sunday 7th
December



MONDAY

SEATED EXERCISE

10am - 11am

Caledon Community Centre

T: 01727 821314

SEATED YOGA AND

RELAXATION

11am - 12noon

Caledon Community Centre

T: 01727 821314

LINZIE'S MUSIC GROUP

10am - 10:45am

Napsbury Pavilion

Term Time

T: 07956 857589

London Colney Library

1pm - 5pm

TAE KWON DO

4pm Caledon Community Centre

T: Chris Snow - 07960 476124

IRISH DANCING

6.30pm

Caledon Community Centre

T: Kathleen - 07702 232464

PILATES

6:45pm - 9pm

Morris Way Pavilion

T: Joanna - 07740 930263

FOOT HEALTH CLINIC

First Monday of the Month

Morris Way Pavilion

T: Sandra Gray - 07580572349

TUESDAY

LINZIE'S MUSIC GROUP

10am - 10:45am

Napsbury Pavilion Term Time

T: 07956 857589

LUNCH CLUB

12 noon

Caledon Community Centre

T: 01727 821314

LONDON COLNEY LIBRARY

1pm - 5pm

OVER 60'S BINGO

1:30pm - 4pm

Caledon Community Centre

T: Angela 07811287359

T: Susan 07753803979

IRISH DANCING

6.30pm

Caledon Community Centre

T: Kathleen - 07702 232 464

WI

Every 2nd tuesday of the month

7:30PM - 9.30pm

Caledon Community Centre

WEDNESDAY

ART SALAD

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY

OF THE MONTH

10:30pm - 12noon

Caledon Community Centre

SOCIAL CRAFT MORNING

10am to 12pm

Every other Wednesday

(next on 6 March)

Napsbury Pavillion

FACEBOOK @ MADHOUSE CRAFTSMUM

KEEP FIT

3pm - 4pm

Caledon Community Centre

T: Janet - 01438 840519

ZUMBA

7.15pm - 8:15pm

Caledon Community Centre

E: micheleplummer@talk21.com

PILATES

7pm - 9pm

Morris Way Pavilion

T: Joanna - 07740 930263

THURSDAY

COMPUTER FRIENDLY

9:30am - 11:30am

Caledon Community Centre

T: 01727 617 359

LINZIE'S MUSIC GROUP

10am - 10:45am

Napsbury Pavilion - Term Time

T: 07956 857589

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12noon

Caledon Community Centre

T: 01727 821314

LONDON COLNEY

LIBRARY

1pm - 5pm

TAE KWON DO

4pm

Caledon Community Centre

T: Chris Snow - 07960 476124

ROYAL BRITISH LEGIONS

Thursdays 7.30pm to 10.00pm

(fortnightly) Morris Way Pavilion

Rosemary 01582 763736

FRIDAY

OVER 50'S EXERCISE

10am - 11am

Caledon Community Centre

T: Nicki - 07984 928855

LONDON COLNEY

LIBRARY

10am - 1pm

SEATED EXERCISE

11:30am

£1 for class

Caledon Community Centre

T: 01727 821314

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

FOOD BANK 10am - 12noon

Caledon Community Centre

T: St. Albans Citizens Advice

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SATURDAY

LONDON COLNEY LIBRARY

10am - 1pm



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