

Welcome to the Bunny Bulletin



The Bunny Bulletin is the Bunny Village monthly magazine. It was founded in September 1998 and is distributed free of charge to every household and business in the Parish of Bunny.

It is produced by a team of volunteers and is funded by Bunny Parish Council and advertising.

The Editorial Committee is conscious that the population of Bunny is constantly changing and is aware that the sense of community that many of us value is in danger of being lost. By promoting village activities and events, raising issues that affect the life of the village, giving a voice to Bunny residents and supporting local businesses and trades-people, we hope to foster a sense of belonging in those who live in our village.

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Perhaps you would like to arrange a subscription for a friend or relative with Bunny connections?

The Subscription is currently £8 per annum plus postage and packing.

Initial inquiries should be made by letter, including a stamped addressed envelope, to Mrs. Heather Paul, 148, Loughborough Road, Bunny, Nottingham, NG11 6QS.

Each Month our Web Page will give you a Taste of the Content of the Bunny Bulletin by including the Editorial and Information on the Village Events for the Month.

The Editorial



Another month has passed quickly by and there seems to be an ever increasing amount of activity going on in and around the village, the pop up road-work's between Main Street and Church Street on the A60 were a particular highlight.

Having enjoyed the relatively mild weather and seeing all my bulbs burst out of the ground 3 months early, the cold snap we are currently experiencing has come as a rude shock, and, as my cycling sportive season kicked off late in February, I am looking forward to the return of the spring conditions, and the feeling in my feet. I have heard rumors of various nasty bugs doing the rounds over the last month, I, myself, had a nasty bout of gastro-flu, and would like to thank the friendly neighbour who rescued my errant wheelie bin in the high winds, the week I was incapacitated.

We have another stunning photo from Christopher Paul on the cover, and I would encourage you to send in any photos of the months' upcoming activates to share with us all. (Or you will get inundated with pictures of my cycling ventures - My "Ride-London" place has been confirmed - prepared to become sick of news about cycling)

On that fitness note, I have had an email from the Community Sports trust, they are working on a new project in Nottingham called Fit 4 Life, its aim is to increase participation in sport and exercise for people with type 2 diabetes. They are compiling a list of suitable sessions to signpost people to and wondered if we know of any adult exercise sessions running in Bunny? If you do please get in touch and let me know about them.

Heidi

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Sending copy to the Bunny Bulletin

To make my life easier, it would be helpful if Village Groups could:

1. Nominate someone to be responsible for sending copy (advertising meetings and special events) to the Bulletin each month or when appropriate.
2. Ensure that someone is responsible for sending in a report after the event (some photos would be a bonus!).

Our regular contributors are excellent but, if you are an occasional contributor, as a reminder I use Publisher to compile the bulletin - can I request you send information through in a word document or Publisher file. If sending a publisher file can you also send a PDF version

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Why not set up a “Bunny Bulletin” document on your computer with the above layout – A5, Portrait, the correct margin settings etc. You can then use it each time you need to send in an item for publication. This will give you some idea as to how much space your item will take up, don't forget to allow for illustrations

Having said all this, if you are struggling with technology and can't get someone to show you how, just do your best. Handwritten copy is also welcome, but please make sure that it is legible!

May Day Event?

A Date for your Diary.

Sun. 1st & Mon. 2nd May 2 pm to 5 pm

St Mary's Church, Bunny will be holding a **May Day Festival**.

On both days there will be an exhibition to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the setting up of the Bunny Allotments and Leisure Garden Society. Based on the theme “A Garden Plot” it will look at allotments and gardens in local history and literature.

There will be the “Nosh in the Nave Café” offering tea and tempting cakes, and also a programme of activities and entertainment. Watch this space for more details....

P. S: A request from the History Group

We are looking for information/pictures about the Allotments. If anyone has any photographs – especially aerial views – we would love to see them. Do you have any old gardening tools, or books, we could borrow for the display, any favourite poems or your own poems about Plants and Growing? Could you write a short piece of prose on the joys of allotment-keeping? Contributions from any age welcome! Don't be shy –



Contact Jan on 9841570 or Kate on 9847090

VILLAGE DIARY FOR MARCH

Date	Time	Event	Place
1 Tuesday	10:00a.m. 7:30p.m.	Toddlers Group Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall St. Mary's
2 Wednesday	7:00p.m.	Grey Bin Day Handbell Ringing	Almshouse
3 Thursday	6:20p.m.	Community Choir	Village Hall
4 Friday	7:30p.m.	Church Choir Practice	St. Mary's
5 Saturday	9:15a.m.. 6:45p.m.	H.M.Birthday Litter Pick Rainbows Quiz Night	Village Hall Bradmore Com.Hall
8 Tuesday	10:00a.m. 7:30p.m.	Toddlers Group Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall St. Mary's
9 Wednesday	9:00a.m. 2:30p.m. 7:00p.m. 7:30p.m.	Blue & Green Bin Day Bulletin Committee Meeting Chat in Church Handbell Ringing Gardeners AGM + Demo by Ian	 36 Main St St. Mary's Almshouse
10 Thursday	12:00noon 6:20p.m.	Lunch Bunch Community Choir	Village Hall Village Hall
11 Friday	7:30p.m.	Church Choir Practice	St. Mary's
14 Monday	7:30p.m.	April Bulletin Deadline WI "Champions Made not Born"	Bradmore Com.Hall
15 Tuesday	7:30p.m.	Bell Ringing Practice	St. Mary's
16 Wednesday	2:00p.m.	Grey Bin Day History Group Meeting	Bunny School Almshouse
17 Thursday	7:00p.m. 5:50p.m. 7:30p.m.	Handbell Ringing Community Choir Parish Council Meeting	Almshouse Village Hall Village Hall
18 Friday	7:30p.m.	Church Choir Practice	St. Mary's
20 Sunday	10:00a.m.	Meadow Work	Bunny Wood
22 Tuesday	10:00a.m.	Toddlers Group	Village Hall
23 Wednesday	2:30p.m. 7:00p.m.	Blue & Green Bin Day Chat in Church Handbell Ringing	St. Mary's Almshouse
24 Thursday	1:30p.m. 2:05p.m. 2:30p.m. 6:20p.m.	Mobile Library Mobile Library Mobile Library No Community Choir This Week	Hill Top Convent Church View Albert Road
25 Friday	7:30p.m.	Bank Holiday Church Choir Practice	St. Mary's
26 Saturday	10:30a.m.	Open Church	St. Mary's
27 Monday		Bank Holiday	
29 Tuesday	10:00a.m. 7:30p.m.	Toddlers Group Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall St. Mary's
30 Wednesday	7:00p.m.	Grey Bin Day Handbell Ringing	Almshouse
31 Thursday	6:30p.m.	Community Choir	Village Hall

Advance Notices

Sunday 17th April: Rev. Wellington Final Service + Retirement Party
 Sunday 24th April: Annual Parochial General Meeting
 Mayday Weekend: Exhibition Celebrating the History of the Allotments
 Saturday 9th July: Windblowers Concert
 Saturday 16th July: Sounds Like Swing
 All to be held in St Mary's

This monthly Diary can only be published as a reminder of forthcoming events in and around Bunny, if organisers let us know!

CHIRPINGS

- Notes on birds and nature in the garden.

Since early February I have been noticing the predictable lengthening of the days and revelling in the days of gorgeous sunshine.



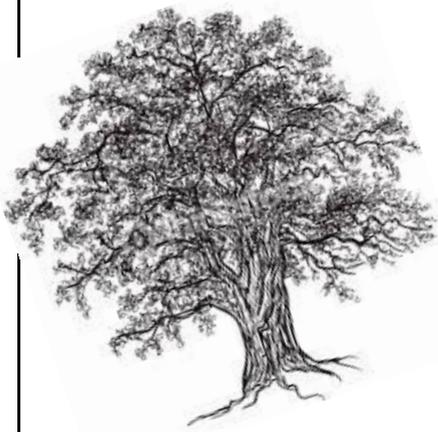
The garden, on the other hand, still doesn't know quite what it should be doing. Mid-February gave me a pretty blue-and-white display of snowdrops and grape hyacinths, which I haven't seen flowering together before. As for the birds – fats, sunflower hearts and seeds have all been ignored by the three regular blue tits, who are only interested in scouring the branches of the cherry tree. They must be finding something tasty there. At last I am seeing goldfinches again on the sunflower seeds, and even an occasional sparrow, a rarity in my garden over the last 6 months.

One bird I don't get in my small garden is the rook. The Ornithology Trust recently revealed results of their survey on rook behaviour. Like crows and jackdaws, rooks are good at manipulating things and many people reported that they will often remove feeders from where they were hanging and drop them onto the ground before taking the food - doubtless to the annoyance of the humans! Like greenfinches, they will take food out of hanging feeders and throw it on the ground, though in the rook's case it is to feed other rooks below, not just to discard the bits they don't like. They have also been seen to work in pairs, one pushing the hanging feeder towards the other to catch and feed from it.

I instantly warmed to them though when I read that they do not like pigeons, especially when they are near them when they feed. One rook was seen to pick up a long branch, view a pigeon sitting on a telegraph pole nearby, snap the stick to the required length and then fly over to the pole and knock the pigeon off its perch with the branch. Now there's a bird with real attitude, who would be welcome in my garden!



Sheila Clark.



NOTES FROM THE WOOD

Carrion crows (*Corvus corone*) are one of almost sixty species of birds breeding in and around Bunny Wood, although you are more likely to hear than see them. The question arises – was it a crow or a rook? Crows are all black; adult rooks have white faces. In flight, it is more difficult, but their call can separate them. Rooks make longer kaaa sounds; crows give a shorter, lower-pitched kaa or caw. Rooks are gregarious, crows more solitary, so

if there's one of it, it's probably a crow; if there are lots, they're usually rooks!

Crows feed on carrion, insects, earthworms, grain, small mammals and amphibians. They will worry birds of prey, or even foxes for their kills, and actively hunt and, occasionally co-operate with other crows to make kills. Egg stealing makes them unpopular with gamekeepers, and, being scavengers, they often visit sites inhabited by people to feed on household waste.

The nest, made from sticks, is usually built in a tall tree, or other high place and males often bring presents of twigs to the female on the nest site. The female, fed by her mate, incubates 3 to 4 brown-speckled blue or greenish eggs for 18–20 days. The young fledge after 29–30 days.

Like all corvids, carrion crows are highly intelligent. They can break nuts by dropping them from height onto a hard surface, and in one Japanese city, they use roads. If the nuts don't break they wait until traffic cracks them. To reduce the risk of being run over, some birds wait by traffic lights and collect the squashed nuts when the lights turn red. For a short film on this see: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p007xvww> . On our Clifton campus, we have a well-researched family of crows, whose abilities have been tested using cups with different coloured lids. Under the red lids was cooked chicken and it didn't take the crows long to work out which lids to take off!

Note that we shall be improving the Gypsum Butterfly Meadow On Sunday 20th March. We meet at 10.30 in the A60 car park, so please come along and help. Tools and gloves are provided. For more details contact Chris Terrell-Nield on 0115 937 4906 or christopher.terrell-nield@ntu.ac.uk

Chris Terrell-Nield



Church Services for the Parish of Bunny with Bradmore

Everyone is Welcome!

Services for Bunny & Bradmore in March

Friday in Lent	4th	7:00 PM	Holy Communion	Bunny
Mothering Sunday	6th	10:00 AM	Family Service	Bunny
Friday in Lent	11th	7:00 PM	Holy Communion	Bunny
Passion Sunday	13th	9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Bradmore
		10:15 AM	Sunday School	Bradmore Communi- nity Hall
		6:00 PM	Evensong	Bunny
Friday in Lent	18th	7:00 PM	Holy Communion	Bunny
Palm Sunday	20th	9:45 AM	United Eucharist	Keyworth
		10:15 AM	Sunday School	Bradmore Communi- nity Hall
Monday in Holy Week	21st	7:00 PM	Holy Communion	Bunny
Maundy Thursday	24th	7:30 PM	United Eucharist	Keyworth
Good Friday	25th	11:00 AM	Quiet Hour	Bunny
Easter Sunday	27th	6:00 PM	Holy Communion	Bunny

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