



ABBERTON & LANGENHOE NEWS

Autumn Newsletter 2023



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- www.abbertonandlangenhoe.org.uk
- f Abberton & Langenhoe Village Community

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Parish Council News

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Chairman's Chat



Abborton & Langenhoe Parish Council were pleased to welcome Cllr Lee Scott to their meeting on 10 July 2023. Cllr Scott has held the portfolio of Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport since May 2021. This was his third visit to the village since he took up this responsibility. After a short address in which Cllr Scott gave an update on the current and further highways issues, both in the village and more widely in Essex, he answered many questions.

The popular weekly 'Meeting Place' Coffee mornings continue to be held each Wednesday morning in the Village Hall and the monthly Ed's Bar welcomes many for good company, good food and a licenced bar on the first Friday evening of each month. It was pleasing to see so many enjoy the Barbecue at Ed's Bar on 4 August, despite the persistent heavy rain.

The Lion Corner Community Shop continues to serve our community well and has recently achieved a significant milestone. As you will read on page 5, the Abborton & Langenhoe Community Benefit Society Fund has recently made its first community grants to groups in Abborton and Langenhoe.

We are very lucky in Abborton and Langenhoe to have willing volunteers to arrange and run so many activities. We are also very fortunate to have our Community Shop open seven days a week run entirely by volunteers. If you wish to join the volunteers and help in our thriving community, please speak to Alan Frost (07710 794 885) for Village Hall activities or to Maggie Dougherty 07762 568 468) if you are interested helping in the Community Shop.

Simon Dougherty MBE

**If you would like to advertise in this newsletter please contact the Editor:
Margaret Palmer-Slatter:
cllrpalmerslatter@gmail.com**

WHAT'S ON?

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Ed's Bar 7pm @ Village Hall
- 4th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm @ Village Hall
- 6th Ladies Circle (see below)
- 16th 'Stroll with the PC Patrol' 6pm (see page 16)
- 22nd Youth Club (see page 6)
- 23rd Macmillan Coffee Morning (see back page)

OCTOBER

- 4th Ladies' Circle (see below)
- 5th Village Hall AGM 7.30pm
- 6th Ed's Bar 7pm @ Village Hall
- 9th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm @ Village Hall
- 13th Village Quiz Night (see centre page)
- 20th Youth Club (see page 6)
- 21st Beats Working Dance (see centre page)

NOVEMBER

- 1st Ladies' Circle (see below)
- 3rd Ed's Bar 7pm @ Village Hall
- 6th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm @ Village Hall
- 11th Remembrance Service on Abberton Green (see page 18)
- 13th Neighbourhood Watch Meeting 7.30pm @ Village Hall
- 17th Music Quiz (see centre page)
- 24th Youth Club (see page 6)

Ladies' Circle

6th September

Clare Thompson - "My Marathon Madness"

4th October

Rev. Keith Lovell - always entertaining - Title of Talk to be confirmed

1st November

Chris Farndell - Forensic and Police Photographer

All meetings now begin at 7.30 pm

Village Hall open from 7.00 pm.

Guests welcome: £4.50

For more information contact Christine 735159 or Rosemary 735624



 www.lioncornercommunityshop.co.uk

 **Lion Corner Community Shop – Abberton & Langenhoe**

 **Mon – Fri: 8am – 6pm**
Sat: 9am – 5pm
Sun: 9am – 12noon

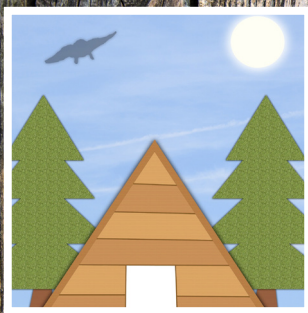
Do you help run a community group in Abberton and Langenhoe? Would your group benefit from financial aid for a special project? If this is you, then read on. The management committee of the Lion Corner Community Shop have now set up the Abberton and Langenhoe Community Benefit Society (ALCBSF), the purpose of which is to help local community groups. Individuals and Groups resident in Abberton and Langenhoe are invited to apply for grants from the ALCBSF for projects or activities which are of benefit to the community at large. Applications will only be accepted on an Abberton and Langenhoe Community Benefit Society Fund Application Form for consideration by the Management Committee.

The Application Form is available at <https://www.lioncornercommunityshop.co.uk/> or from the Secretary of ALCBS, or can be picked up in the shop. The Committee would expect that applications from individuals would normally include details of match funding. Applicants should note that applications from individuals for direct funding for donations to charities will not normally be considered. The Application Form should be submitted by email to the Secretary of ALCBS (secretaryalcs@gmail.com). Applications can be submitted at any time. Financial contributions agreed to so far this year are as follows:

The Hideout - the Abberton and Langenhoe Youth Group - for a multi-activity table.

St Andrew's Church Abberton - a contribution towards grass cutting in the churchyard.

The Committee invite you to submit your applications. We look forward to hearing from you.



THE HIDEOUT YOUTH CLUB

www.facebook.com/TheHideoutLangenhoeandAbberton

or email on:

thehideout-langenhoeandabberton@outlook.com

The last Hideout session before the holidays, our “Summer Party” was still a huge success. Despite the torrential rain.

The children enjoyed ice cream sundaes, piñata and the photo booth. But I think the highlight was definitely the HUGE water fight we had on the green at the end of the session. Was so wonderful to see everyone running around, enjoying themselves, adults included.

As we look to September, we have very exciting news. The ALCBS are kindly funding a multi games table for the children to use. Table tennis has been very popular so we are sure this will be a huge hit too.

We have also been successful getting a grant from the Essex Community Fund – Rural Fund. These funds are earmarked for activities that will help support our children’s emotional wellbeing. We are hoping to arrange yoga and dance classes, whilst enhancing our calm zone.

We will also be celebrating the Hideout’s 1st Birthday on Friday 24th November. Rachel is busy planning a party themed session as we speak!

Thank you all for a wonderful first year and for your support.

If you would like any more information please look at our Facebook Page

Rachel Rosevear

YOUTH CLUB LEADER



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ABBERTON

Revd Terry Walker: merseaisland100@gmail.com

I have been reflecting on change recently, change is inevitable, the world is changing in ways microscopic and changing right before our eyes.

As you read this contribution something will have changed, maybe not directly affecting our relationships with our families but we will know of others whose life has been changed because of a career change, getting married, a family loss or a trauma.

As I write the wildfires on / in the Greek islands and Australia are changing people's lives. Change, changes us, hopefully for the better, we hear how the restaurants, residents and communities have come out to help the holiday makers, with lifts out of the Danger area, food, water, and shelter until they can get sorted out and get back home.

I know you will know or have heard from a friend or a friend of a friend who has been caught up in this unexpected challenge, I do. I suppose this is a different kind of change I'm thinking of it's as a natural change or is it? Benjamin Disraeli said "Change is inevitable. Change is constant."

If change is inevitable, then we have to learn, to embrace change otherwise we will not learn, we will not grow in the changing world.

Where do you go to ponder the changes in life?

Your Parish Church overlooking the reservoir is a beautiful and peaceful place to ponder life, stuff won't change you as a person. One of the important things about change, is that you change in order to make yourself better, not to take advantage of a situation or a person.

Church services at St Andrews Abberton normally Monthly:

1st Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 6pm Taize A reflective time

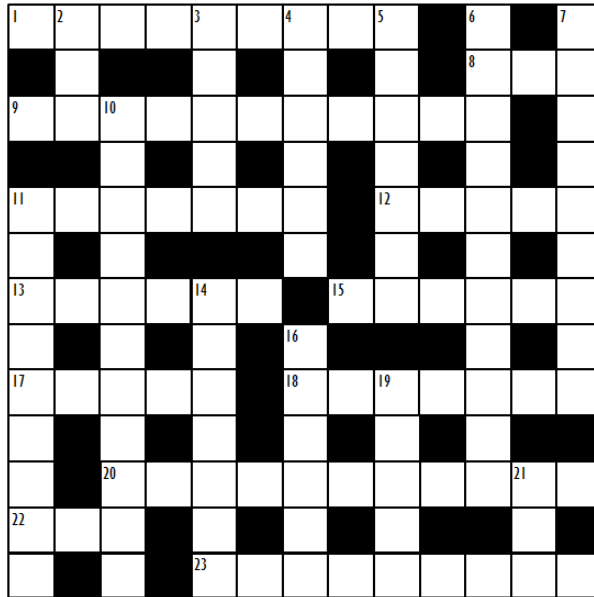
3rd Sunday 11am Holy Communion

4th Sunday 9.15 Morning Prayer

5th Sunday Benefice service 10am (in one of Benefice Churches)

Revd Terry Walker

Martin Luther King Junior very wisely said. "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase".



Clues across:

1. Barge in and collide with barrier first. (9)
8. Expert finds Romeo in post office. (3)
9. Graduate left law firm. That's unethical. (11)
11. Secret meetings to produce article on very loud tunes. (7)
12. Seek romantic relationship with council leader on organised tour. (5)
13. Overcast and noisy in county borders. (6)
15. Bad start with a number of levels. (5)
17. Countryside river and mountain. (5)
18. Aim for Christian building. (7)
20. Merely a yarn spun in Essex village. (5,6)
22. Obligation to pay nothing with points. (3)
23. Confused alderman and doctor initially, but it's all in the mind. (9)

Clues down:

2. A great start with a range. (3)
3. Small organisation in Channel Islands gets dog. (5)
4. Damaged cases caught inside entrance. (6)
5. Could make you light-headed. (7)
6. Spot a clue in terribly risky gamble. (11)
7. Hold back fool with small drill. (7)
10. Swimming Loire, Liffey and having a great time. (4,2,5)
11. Agreement with one currently playing instrument. (9)
14. Put down carefully in legal document, but late. (7)
16. Come out East and join up. (6)
19. Short conflict with Mike in crowd. (5)
21. Keepsake one holds for a long time. (3)

(Answers on page 13)



ABBERTON/LANGENHOE COLCHESTER BUS SERVICE

A reminder to residents that we have more than one bus route.

In addition to First Bus 86, which terminates in Osborne Street, Heddingham service 63 leaves the crossroads bus shelter at 09:54, 11:54, 13:54 and 16:54 on weekdays and runs to the sports centre. This route does not serve Osborne Street but has a stop in Head Street. Journey time is 10 minutes longer than the 86 but the additional time can be off-set if Head Street is a preferred destination.

Often overlooked is First Bus 175 from Fingringhoe to the bus station, with departures from Fingringhoe Road near the junction with Edward Marke Drive at 08:11, 10:26, 12:26, 14:26 and 17:11 on weekdays. Journey times on all except the 08:11 departure (which serves TLA School) are slightly shorter than the 86.

Another option is the 174 service to the bus station which runs in the opposite direction through Fingringhoe and Rowhedge. Departures from Fingringhoe Road opposite Edward Marke Drive are at 08:59, 10:59, 12:59 and 15:22 (not schooldays), 15:27 (schooldays). These services take a hefty 41 minutes but may be an option.

The Headingham 63 and First Bus 174/175 services are not crowded and may be a worthwhile alternative to the 86.

A leaflet showing departure times and return departures from Colchester is available from the Lion Corner shop.

Following a request from the Parish Council I now represent the villages at Essex CC Transport Group online meetings which are held approximately half-yearly. If anyone would like me to raise questions about timetable schedules, siting of bus stops or any other planning matter please contact me, Tony Johnstone on 01206 735735. Please note that these meetings do not cover day to day running issues and are concerned only with ideas and proposals for future planning.

Mrs. Sarah Stevenson | Headteacher

Langenhoe Community Primary School

Bracken Way

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E.mail: head@langenhoe.essex.sch.uk



We had a lot to celebrate at the end of the year - our Good Ofsted, excellent results in phonics, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two and a brilliant Year 6 production. Adults and children worked so hard across the year and the outcomes were well-deserved.

We are so proud of our Wildlife Area; very few schools have this incredible facility in their grounds. A big thank you to Friends and Family who raised enough money to be able to get vital work done in the area, so that it remains safe for the children to use.

We are grateful for the continued support from the local community in helping with the upkeep of the Wildlife Area. It was great to see some of you celebrating with us at the end of term.

We especially appreciated John Hall returning to Langenhoe to officially re-open the Wildlife Area after the work was completed.

The Year 6 pupils once again enjoyed their experience working in the shop. Thank you to everyone involved in supporting that experience.

We are always sad to say goodbye to Year 6, but we know that they will keep in touch with us. We look forward to seeing many of them when they return to volunteer.

Sarah





The Class of 2023. What an amazing send off the year 6's had. The traditional tunnel run out of the school gates (all the school children make a tunnel for the year 6's to go through), a lorry led decorated convoy with horns honking, clapping and drumming in the streets as they passed, ringing each one onto the party with the school bell, relay races, hands-free donut eating shenanigans, a colour run and lots of tears and laughter. What an amazing group of children they are!

Wishing you all the very best as you continue your journey at secondary school. Good Luck to you all! Thank you also to all the villagers who came to wave them off and to Doug for his superb street drumming!



Thank you, Pat!



It was a sad day when our village lost its Lollipop Lady to retirement after 16 years of dedicated service. Pat Jordan had brightened Mersea Road for drivers, parents and children alike with her cheery smiles and good humour. The huge success of the "Honk for Pat" campaign and the wonderful messages of thanks on social media show how much she will be missed by the local community – not to mention the dogs!

A GREAT JOB by Pat Jordan

Here come the children, all shiny and fresh
Big ones and small ones, some from the crèche
The sun keeps on shining the birds start to sing
To be in this job is a wonderful thing.
So if you are lonely and want something to do
Be a Lollipop person – it's just perfect for you!

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT,
PAT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU IN THE VILLAGE.**





What's going on?

MONDAY 6.30 - 8PM: YOGA

Contact: Caroline 07760 237419

TUESDAY 7PM - 8PM: CLUBBERCISE

Contact: Holly: 07443 477731

WEDNESDAY 10AM 12 NOON: THE MEETING PLACE

Coffee Morning – all welcome

WEDNESDAY 7.30PM: LADIES CIRCLE

(1st Weds) Contact: Rosemary 735624 or Christine 735159

WEDNESDAY 7.30PM: CARPET BOWLS

(Except 1st Weds) Contact: Tim 735520 or Tony 735466

THURSDAY 10AM 12 NOON: CRAFT MORNING

(1st Thurs.) Contact: Chris 735071

FRIDAY 10AM 12 NOON: TODDLER GROUP

(Term Time) Contact: Emily 07599 709509

FRIDAY FROM 7PM: ED'S BAR PUB NIGHT

(1st Friday)

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735980 between 10am – 7pm

Ed's Bar

We have been asked why our new pub facility has been called Ed's Bar so we thought we would explain: In his will of 1623, Edward Marke left three acres of land and a house to the people of Langenhoe in perpetuity. The gifted land has, over the years generated income for the benefit of the community and is run by Trustees of the Charity of Edward Marke Allotments. Edward Marke lived in a house which was on the site of the original car park of the Langenhoe Lion Pub. The allotments are still producing rental income for the Charity of Edward Marke. It is now four hundred years since that gift and the Abberton & Langenhoe Village Hall built in 1995 stands on Edward Marke Drive next to the allotments and provides a vital hub for all the villages' social activities. The bar is a recent addition to the hall facilities, and it was thought fitting to name it after our benefactor Edward Marke.

We are developing a facility which will be available on Friday Pub Nights, at our community social events and for private hire to our customers when booking parties, and weddings. In this way we can enhance our revenue income from the hall to pay for the ever-increasing maintenance costs. Our BBQ on 4th August was well attended and thanks go to Simon and Maggie for cooking in the rain!



VILLAGE QUIZ

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Starts at 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm)

Teams of up to 6 people Bring your own drinks/
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Tickets £5.00 per person

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MUSIC QUIZ

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Starts at 8.00pm

Teams of up to 6 people Bring your own drinks/
glasses/nibbles Tables to be booked in advance

MAKE A NOTE

We are working on booking BEATS WORKING!

It is hoped that there will be a final farewell event for Beats
Working (live 60's Band) at the Hall on Saturday 21st October.

So if you are interested in acquiring tickets for this event please
register your interest with either Doug 07887 550 622 or
Margaret 735980 and we will reserve your tickets.



Abberton and Langenhoe Neighbourhood Watch Scheme WE NEED YOU!

A 'save the date' is Sunday 10th September 2022 at 6.00pm from the Village Hall to 'Stroll with a Patrol', for a one hour walk. A chance to meet again with our local police. They are visiting and invite you to discuss with them any issues or highlight any problems you may have.

If anyone would like to receive a copy of the crime report emails, please either contact your coordinator or myself, as below. Please be aware I only send out the email with the fortnightly reports if we are directly mentioned or there is an article of interest.

Though not in our local area there has been a huge increase in car and bike theft. Below is advice from the Colchester NHW scheme for when you are out and about.

1. Locking devices: Use high-quality, sturdy locks for both motor vehicles and bicycles. For cars, use steering wheel locks or gearshift locks. Bicycles, use robust U-locks or chain locks.
2. Secure parking: Park your motor vehicle in well-lit areas with surveillance cameras whenever possible. For bicycles, use designated bike racks or secure them in a locked area. Park in busy, populated areas to deter thieves, as they are less likely to attempt theft in such locations.
3. GPS tracking: Consider installing GPS tracking devices on both motor vehicles and bicycles. This can help locate them if stolen and aid in their recovery.
4. Remove valuables: Avoid leaving valuable items in plain sight inside your motor vehicle, as it can attract thieves. For bicycles, take removable accessories with you when parking.
5. Register your property: Register your motor vehicle and bicycle with the local authorities or online databases. This helps in identifying and recovering stolen property.
6. Secure storage at home: Keep motor vehicle keys and bicycles in a secure location at home, away from doors and windows, to prevent easy access for potential burglars.

Date of the next meeting 7.30pm Village Hall TBA. There is always a no obligation welcome.

Keep safe and keep vigilant. In an emergency dial 999 or 101 and website www.essex.police.uk for less urgent matters and crime stoppers 0800 555 111

Sue King

Sue@kingandco.co.uk 01206 735683

CHARITY OF EDWARD MARKE ALLOTMENTS (Reg. 239476)

The summer has arrived over Abberton & Langenhoe a little late this year, early August we had a few good days and then the rain came making it difficult for farmers at harvest time and control of weeds on the allotments. The allotment holders have had very dry weather then lots of rain early August making the grass around the plots grow very rapidly. Dexter has been cutting the grass regularly to keep the paths clear but because of the rain and the sun some of the grass around the edges is quite high, if anyone can help us with this we would be very grateful.

I have seen some lovely vegetables grown this year courgettes, potatoes and some great strawberries. The allotment holders grow some very nice flowers which adds colour to the area and the fruit is already being picked.

We have some plots available and they are very good value, if you would like to try a half plot. Committee members will show you round and there is always plenty of help and advice available.

If you require any further information feel free to contact me and I will put you in touch with one of committee/allotment holders Keith, Rosemary, Phil or Margaret will be pleased to show you around and explain how it all works.

Full Plots £50 Half Plots £25

Alan Frost | Chairman of Trustees

Contact cllrfrrost@gmail.com Mobile 07710794885



Lion Community Corner Shop Foodbank Donations

Your very kind food donations for the Trussell Trust Colchester Foodbank for the first half of 2023 was just over 100kg. Despite a big overall drop in donations area wide, we in Abberton and Langenhoe, with thanks to the shop, remain consistent with our local donations.

That is the amount we need to feed for 3 to 5 days, 5 large families or 8 small or single person family units. The foodbank happily receives in date; unopened food, cleaning stuff and toiletries, either purchased from the shop or donated from home. From the Lion Corner Community Shop we are unable to take homemade foods or jams or foods requiring refrigeration. There is a website showing which items are currently required:

info@colchester.foodbank.org.uk

Gordon Davis, a well-known and admired resident of Abberton, died peacefully at the beginning of June 2023 aged 91 years.

He lived in Manwood Cottage with his wife Rita for nearly 50 years.

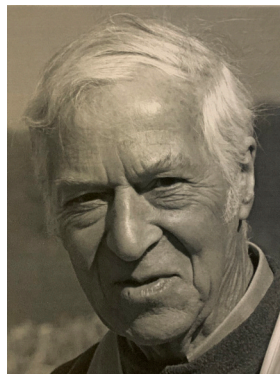
Gordon grew up in Harrow being the oldest of four children. After school he was an apprentice and qualified as a compositor in the print trade.

He was passionate about walking, rain or shine, I remember his nodding red bobble hat, blue raincoat and sturdy leather boots. For years we travelled together in my car to Colchester Ramblers walks and he would repay my petrol with enormous bags of vegetables grown on his two village allotments. He enthusiastically led our village walks on New Year's Day and usually in the spring and autumn also. He was a total lover of the natural world and was the go-to for plant, bird and insect identification

As a staunch believer in the value of our village community and in local democracy, he was a Parish Councillor for many years taking a particular interest in footpaths which he regularly strimmed to keep open. He also erected and maintained stiles, gates and fences. You may remember him meticulously cutting the hedges around the Village Hall.

Gordon will be deeply missed and not forgotten by those who knew and loved him.

Sue Bowles



LEST WE FORGET

There will be a short service of remembrance at the War Memorial on Abberton Green on:

**SATURDAY 11TH
NOVEMBER AT 10.45AM**

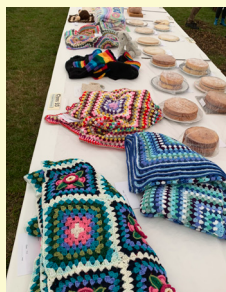
led by Rev. Terry Walker.



the 87th *Parishes* SHOW

After two days of Storm Anthony with torrential horizontal rain on the Friday and Saturday, amazingly Sunday arrived with warm winds and then the sun decided to put in an appearance too!

Well done to the Five Parishes Committee and their band of great volunteers who worked so hard to put on a great show against all the odds. We look forward to next year's show!



ABBERTON & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB



The Club has had a very successful first half of the season, both First and Second Team performances have put them in strong promotional positions. The Third Team and Sunday Teams are also turning in some great performances, and are providing “cricket for all” and progression for our younger players. Interestingly, a number of Colts have also been playing in the First and Second Teams – great news! The T20 Team is playing well under the Captaincy of Will House.

The First XI are currently just one point off the top with some tough fixtures to come. The Second XI had some great results in the first half of the season, and they too face some tough opposition for the remaining fixtures. The Third XI playing at Holmwood House has also seen some great performances turned in. At the half way point, the Sunday XI currently sit 6th in the table and there have been some notable performances from the younger players as they develop their skills and experience.

The Kwik Section and the Dynamos have also been seeing some action, and for many young Lions it was their first chance to represent the Club and they did not disappoint!

Key Dates:

Sunday 27th August
Chairman's Day

Sunday 10th September
Colts Awards afternoon

If you feel, as a member of the Community you might be able to assist the Club in any way, then please do reach out either to myself on the number below, or any of the Officers of the Club at the following email address: info@abbertoncricket.co.uk.

Chairman: Kevin Smith; Club Secretary: Jess Matthews; Treasurer: Ian Collett;

Players' Representative: Dave Booker;
Colts Co-ordinator: Chris Petts.

Any help, no matter how big or small, whether it be an interest in coaching our younger members, a spare pair of hands at the pre and post season Working Parties, or by taking out a Social Membership, your approach would always be welcome.

On the matter of Social Memberships, I am still taking renewals and most welcome have been requests to join us from residents moving in to our community. For the current season, the cost is just £25, renewable annually and this gives membership of the club for your family.

Best regards

Doug Kibblewhite

Community ADCC

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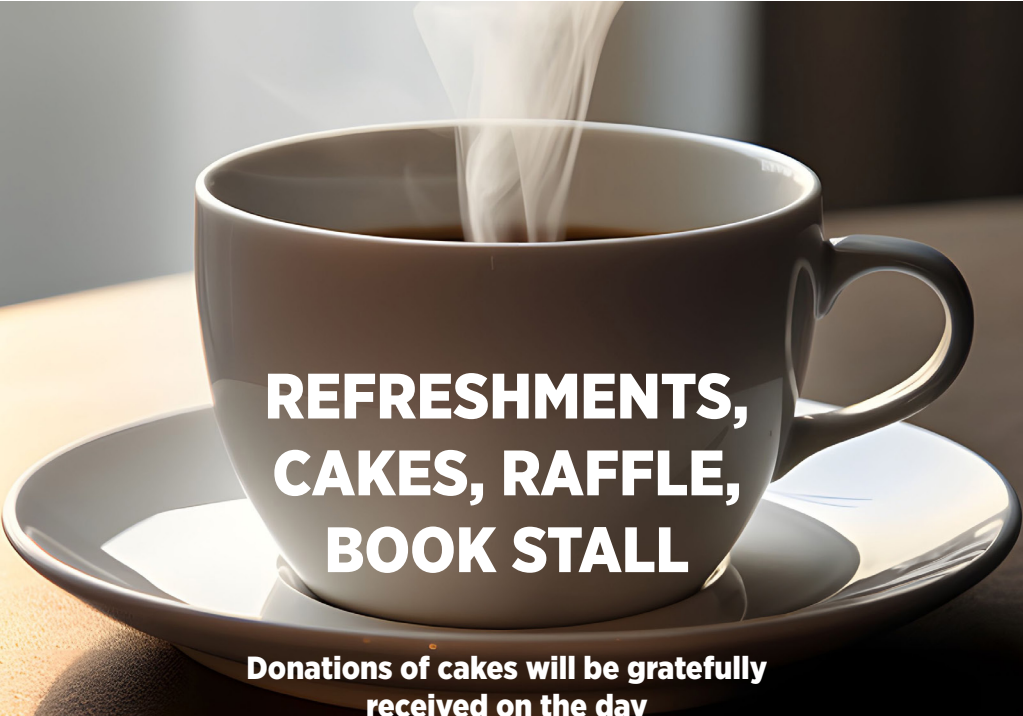
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