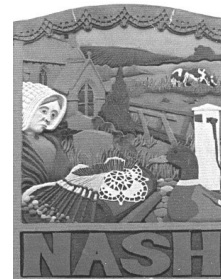


# Nash Village Newsletter

## April and May 2022



### All Saints' Church

*The Reverend Jacqueline Dove is Rector of the New Blackthorn Chase Benefice.*

*Tel: 01280 817828 and [revjdove@gmail.com](mailto:revjdove@gmail.com).*

### All Saints' Nash – Services for April & May 2022

Everyone is welcome at these services in All Saints Church.

Sunday 3rd April	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 10th April	6.30pm Lent Deanery Evensong
Thursday 14th April	7.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 15th April	10-11am Easter Childrens Activity
Friday 15th April	12.00 noon Good Friday Reflection
Sunday 17th April	9.30am Easter Day Family Holy Communion
Sunday 24rd April	10.30 Church 4 all
Sunday 1st May	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 8th May	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 15th May	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd May	10.30am Church 4 all
Sunday 29th May	Time to be confirmed - Holy communion at Thornborough followed by shared lunch

### **REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY BY REVEREND JACQUELINE DOVE**

In my last reflection I mentioned that it seems as if it is the most self-centred and potentially most destructive individuals who often end up being the 'King of the Castle'.

The terrible tragedy unfolding in Ukraine is a sobering reminder of the danger of destructive individuals becoming 'King'. The heart-breaking scenes and stories coming from Ukraine are cause for much

anguish. The uncertainty of having a war on our doorstep in an age of nuclear weapons is deeply concerning.

What does the Church have to offer during these difficult times?

I am reminded of the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu in his African Prayer Book: *Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Life is stronger than death. Victory is ours through Him who loves us!*

The response across the world to the evil being inflicted on Ukraine at the moment bears witness to the fact that the overwhelming majority of people choose goodness over evil. The diaries of the Dutch author Etty Hillesum testify that even in a concentration camp she could still find the glory of God and feel her heart bursting with love for the world. She said we have to carry God within us, a piece of God within us, and when we feel God can't help us, we have to help God.

This chimes with the words of Tatiana on BCC news struggling with her limited English to make this plea to the world: *"I plead the people for all the world, Ukraine needs you for praying – please fire the light of your heart and give for us, for Ukraine, because the light of your heart can give us, not support for food, but your heart and for God."*

As I write this it is the season of Lent, a time for reflection and repentance in the Church calendar. It's an invitation to turn to God as we choose to walk the way of sacrificial love. *"For me Lent is the time of a snowfall in the soul. If you think of what the snow does when it comes, it reimagines our land scape, everything looks a bit different. It asks of us to be sure where and how we want to travel. Its warmed chill allows us to see our own breath. It tempts us to be a bit more playful and prompts us to be more thoughtful of our neighbours."* Canon Dr Mark Oakely. So, this lent may we fire up the light of our hearts for the people of Ukraine.

Amen

**Good Friday Children's Activity, 15th April 10-11am**

Everyone is welcome to an hour of fun, stories, song and craft at All Saints on Good Friday. We will be telling the Easter story and building our Easter Garden. Please bring along a few small flowers if you would like to, parents, grandparents, carers all welcome.





### **Easter Egg Hunt 17th April**

The Easter Bunny will be out after our morning service on Easter day, approx. 10.30am, please come and join us, everyone welcome.

### **Christian Aid Week: 15 to 21 May 2022**

Christian Aid does much good work around the world and has been supported by All Saints' Church for many years as part of our support for those less fortunate than ourselves. With Covid-19 still around we don't feel that it is appropriate for us to knock on doors to collect envelopes. So, we will deliver envelopes with an address where they can be returned. Also, we have set up a special Nash e-envelope on the Christian-Aid website where you can donate online and the amount will be included in the church's total donation to Christian Aid.

The address (which is now open for gifts) is: -

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/all-saints-nash>

*Margaret Hedges*

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### **Nash Parish Council (NPC) Report**

NPC met on 17 March 2022. The minutes are published on the NPC noticeboard and on the NPC website: [http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk/meetings\\_17039.aspx](http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk/meetings_17039.aspx). These newsletter reports are intended to highlight matters of particular interest to residents.

**Nash Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Recruitment**  
Congratulations to Debbie Evans who takes up the post on 1 July 2022.

### **Nash Exchange (formerly known as the Bus Shelter Book Exchange Project)**

It isn't just about books hence the name change now the project has been completed to reflect the intention for the community to also use it, for example, as a seed exchange. The project could not have been started without funding from

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Inclusion of an advertisement does not constitute any recommendation or endorsement of the organisations concerned.

Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB), Nash Village Hall Committee and NPC. However, more importantly the project could not have been delivered without the councillors and residents who gave their time so generously or the significant financial contribution made by Cllr Williams. Thank you to all who made Nash Exchange possible.

### **Another Success Story Update**

NPC successfully bid to W&VCB for a Wild Aylesbury Vale Micro Grants to install bat and bee boxes, made by the Lindengate Charity <https://www.lindengate.org.uk/about-lindengate/>, on the recreation ground. The boxes will be installed by Cllr Collins and an announcement will be made once they are in situ. Lindengate is an inspiring charity providing support through gardening to people with mild – moderate mental health problems. Funded in part by Buckinghamshire Council, the charity has some commercial contracts to provide wild flower seeds and trees. It also sells to the public and has open days. Collecting the bat and bee boxes was an absolute joy. The manager gave me a tour and the tranquillity of the environment was enveloping. It is well worth a visit.

### **The Annual Litter Pick**

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the 2022 annual litter pick. There was a problem again this year caused by a serious lack of litter in the village. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for litter between the villages. NPC plans to discuss how best to tackle that problem of litter between the villages at its next meeting.

### **Nash Pond Redevelopment Project**

NPC is starting to explore the possibility of a pond redevelopment project to improve the pond and the surrounding area. If the required funding can be secured, the aims of the project will be:

- To remove sludge from the pond
- To minimise the re-sludging of the pond
- To remove invasive species in the pond
- To ensure that the pond keeps water in all year round
- To stop the pipes under both roads from becoming blocked
- To stop the pond flooding over the road
- To make the pond more wildlife friendly
- To make the pond look more attractive
- To ensure that future maintenance is minimal.

At its recent meeting NPC agreed to publish the report it had considered:

[http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk/\\_UserFiles/Files/Nash%20Pond%20Development.pdf](http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/Nash%20Pond%20Development.pdf)

Please get in touch if you would like to contribute to the proposed project.

**The Parish Council members:**

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Cllr Rhys Collins	<a href="mailto:r.collins@nashvillage.org">r.collins@nashvillage.org</a>
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The Buckinghamshire Council in the Winslow Ward team comprises:

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Cllr David Goss	<a href="mailto:david.goss@buckinghamshire.gov.uk">david.goss@buckinghamshire.gov.uk</a>
Cllr Sir Beville Stanier	<a href="mailto:beville.stanier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk">beville.stanier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk</a>

**The Return of the Post Box to the Other End of the Village**

Resolving this is ongoing – the Royal Mail isn't making things easy for itself or NPC...

**Committee Timetable 2022/3**

- 26 May 2022 – Annual Meeting of the Parish – 7pm
- 26 May 2022 – Annual Meeting of NPC
- 14 July 2022 – NPC Meeting 7.30pm
- 15 September 2022 – NPC Meeting 7.30pm
- 17 November 2022 – NPC Meeting 7.30pm
- 19 January 2023 – NPC Meeting 7.30pm
- 16 March 2023 – NPC Meeting 7.30pm

All meetings are held in Nash Village Hall.

Alison Robinson

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**Message from the Parish Council Chair****The Children's Playground Upgrade**

The Playground area and the recreation ground as a whole are nearly ready to opened in time for Easter.

There has been an independent professional safety inspection, the results of which the Parish Council is following and responding to.

This safety inspection looks at the quality of the build and any safety concerns that may exist. We are pleased to say that the inspection passed the build quality and installation of all the new equipment but had certain minor issues with the

existing (mostly wooden) equipment that will be resolved, by parish councillors to keep local tax down as much as possible, prior to the play area opening.

The independent safety inspector found there was no issue with the positioning or the number of entrance gates to the play area. However, the parish councillors have considered the entrance from the Stratford Road to The Green public footpath from practical entry considerations of village residents and have decided that it makes sense to install another additional pedestrian gate on the western boundary fence. This should happen about 4 weeks after the playground opens and should take a day to complete.

### **Nash in Bloom project**

The Nash in Bloom project led by Councillor Chandra Shekar ([c.shekar@nashvillage.org](mailto:c.shekar@nashvillage.org)) is well underway with sites for raised beds and flower beds identified and volunteers already starting to make changes. The Parish Council has provided £250 towards this village initiative under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The overall objectives are to make the village even more lovely than it already is and provide an activity that can bring residents together with a common goal. If you would like to get involved and volunteer to participate with a bit of horticultural help please contact Chandra or Village Hall comms officer Jen Brown [jen.brown82@outlook.com](mailto:jen.brown82@outlook.com) in the first instance for more information.

### **The Queens Jubilee party weekend**

The Parish Council is supporting the Queens Jubilee Weekend on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This is a village initiative supported by the Parish Council, The Village Hall and the Church and led / chaired by Jen Brown. The current plan, as I understand it, is that there will be a celebration event on the recreation ground on the 4<sup>th</sup> June and a Street party on the 5<sup>th</sup> June I am sure more details will be forthcoming shortly. The Parish Council is also installing a flagpole to mark the Jubilee to fly the Union Flag at appropriate times.

### **Wildlife support in the village.**

The Parish Council has now taken delivery of habitats for both bats and bees respectively and these will be put up at appropriate sites by Councillor Collins in the coming weeks.

### **Mike Williams**

Chairman Nash Parish Council

#### **From the Editor: Anna White**

Welcome to the April & May edition of the Nash Newsletter.

Items for the June & July 2022 edition should be sent to me by email:  
[annajmwhite@gmail.com](mailto:annajmwhite@gmail.com)

The closing date for submissions is Sunday 29th May 2022



*Nash and Whaddon Presents...*

# *Queen's Platinum Jubilee!*

*Celebrating Queen Elizabeth II 70 Years in service*

## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Whaddon Village Hall Event – BBQ at Whaddon Village Hall  
from 4pm onwards

## **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Nash Village Recreation Ground – Music, Drink, Food & Children's  
activities – from 1pm  
£5 per Adult, £2.50 for 8+, Free for 7 and under

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Church Service – 10:30, followed by....

Tea and Coffee at the Village Hall, Raffle draw

Nash Street Party – BYO Table, Decs, Food and Music! From 1pm

Further Details to  
follow!



## **The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!**

In Celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of service, Nash and Whaddon are collaborating to bring you a weekend of fun you'll never forget!

Between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June, music, entertainment, food and drinks for all ages throughout the weekend will be organised and we hope as many of you will join us for some or all of these fantastic events!!

If you have offered your help on the weekend, thank you and we will be in touch shortly. If you would like to help over the weekend and have not let us know, please do.

Are you a talented person, willing to perform on the day? If so, please contact Ami or Jen directly so we can add you to the line up!

The villages health and safety are at the heart of this event. It is therefore imperative we have a good idea of the likely numbers. We will be sending out a link this week so you can start booking your tickets.

Please keep your eyes out for updates leading up to the event, let the countdown begin!

The Jubilee Team

## Village Hall Social Update - February to May

### February

#### PUMP

The February PUMP raised an amazing £429.41 with the bar open for further Rugby events as well and all events thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

#### Cafe/Cakeaway

The Cafe Team ran a February Cakeaway two days later than planned, on Sunday 20th March 2022 due to Storm Eunice putting paid to our plans for a Friday cakeaway. The Village Social Whatsapp group was certainly active that day! Despite the change of date, the event raised £105.72 - all of which will go towards the upkeep of the village hall.

#### Lights for Ukraine

On Sunday 28th February, the Nash Light Brigade Team lit All Saints Church in the lights of the Ukraine flag - blue and yellow, in support and solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

### March

#### PUMP

The March PUMP had a wonderful Spring Braai with a blazing fire pit in the car park on 5th March with a lunchtime PUMP the next day. Great grub and the PUMP and Braai together raised a phenomenal £800.53 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Well Done and Thank You to Gary, Shelley, Ian, Rhys, Jo, Cathi, Lara and Scott who teamed this event.

**Cafe/Cakeaway - Ukrainian Appeal Update** - Please see below from Phil Doran, NVHMC Chair regarding the March Cakeaway:

*I have gone through the takings for the Cakeway/Cafe that we ran in the Village Hall on Friday 18th March. As stated, 50% of all proceeds from the sale of cakes and drinks were going to be donated to the Ukrainian appeal (with the other 50% going to the upkeep of the Village Hall).*

*Additionally, 100% of the proceeds from the crochet items and homemade cards will go to the appeal - and 100% of all financial donations made.*

*Not only did we sell all the cakes (we had 30+ and dozens of fairy cakes - from bakers within in and outside of the Cafe Team), the financial donations kept pouring in. As such, this fabulous little village was able to raise £1,059.10 - of which £637.50 was cake and drink sales and £421.60 being donations - of which £71 was the crochet and cards.*

*This means we can donate a staggering £740.35 to the Ukrainian appeal.*

*That said, we can 'gift aid' the pure financial donations (i.e., the £421.60 less the proceeds of the cards and crochet - so therefore, £350.60. This would mean a further £87.65)*

*If not confused yet, I will simply share what the amazing people of Nash will donate in total. It will be:*

**£323.75** (50% of the cake/drink sales)

**£350.60** (Pure financial donations - not including the crochet/cards)



**£87.65** (Gift Aid on the pure financial donations)  
**£71.00** (Crochet and Cards kindly donated by Jane & AJ)  
**This is a grand total of £828.00 raised for Ukraine.**

*Proud? Too right I am! Proud of this Village and proud of what we can achieve. You really are amazing! Well done Nash - and THANK YOU all.*

*Special thanks to the Cafe Team: Mary, Gi, Ruth, Julia, Jennie, Ami, Caroline, Penny, Sarah, Marilyn and Phil C. Also to all village bakers who contributed - Dolores, Eileen, Henri, Jess, Jo, Margaret, Mark and Pam.*

*Phil Doran*  
*Chair: Nash Village Hall Management Committee*  
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Based on the success of this cakeaway and the fundraising for both Ukraine and for the Village Hall upkeep, the Cafe Team will continue with a further Ukraine cakeaway in April. Once again, the NVHMC have agreed that 50% of funds raised will go to the Ukraine Dec Appeal fund through the British Red Cross. Just so you know, we set a fundraising target of £1000 and we have hit nearly £900 already on the just giving page. As we are so close to our original fundraising target, we have raised this target to £1500. Should you wish to make a donation, please do so at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nashvillage>

All funds are directly to the British Red Cross and gift aid can be made.

We welcomed attendees who came from near and far towns and villages around us to the cakeaway, all very pleased and happy to support the Cafe/Cakeaway and Ukraine. Funds raised towards the upkeep of the village hall from the March cakeaway were a brilliant £313.99. The hall and car park were decorated with Ukraine flags and flag coloured tablecloths, yellow and blue flowers and bunting (daffodils, irises, forsythia and muscari) and we played Ukrainian music through parts of the day.

Future Cafe and other events may include elements of charity fundraising for deserving causes and we ask you as villagers to nominate any charities you would wish to see recognised and we can have them on our radar for future events - we are considering a monthly poll to enable you to choose the charity you wish to support that month. Please let us know your thoughts by contacting any member of the Social Committee, Ami Patyal, Jen Brown, Keith Hofgartner, Lisa Campbell, Mary Vinakoti and Phil Doran.

### **Lights for the NHS**

For one night only, the colours on the church were changed to blue and green on 23rd March to mark two years to the start of the pandemic lockdown. A day and night for reflection of all we have endured and lost and of all who continue to suffer because of the COVID-19 pandemic and it's aftermath and ongoing impact. The lights returned to blue and yellow for Ukraine afterwards.

### **Our Radio Star - Des Hickey**

Not only has Des led the Nash Development Plan for the Parish Council these past

few years, he has made appearances on BBC Three Counties radio to talk about the lights the village fundraised for and use to showcase our Church and Village Hall to support where we can.

We have lit the lights for Remembrance Sunday, World Pancreatic Awareness Day, the Christmas period, Archbishop Desmond Tutu's funeral day, Village Hall Week, in support of Ukraine and most recently the NHS. Des is our very wonderful Nash Resident - so proud of his village and showing it! You can listen to Des' radio stints on the below YouTube links:

<https://youtu.be/6JmQRe8YuEg> - Wednesday 9th March

<https://youtu.be/4yfk40auoe0> - Wednesday 26th March

Should anyone wish the lights to be lit in appreciation, awareness or support of any cause, please let us know and we can see how we can work with your request. We may be able to look at sponsorship costs to enable this and raise funds for both the church and the hall.

## **Looking Forwards**

### **April**

- The April PUMP is on Saturday 2nd April.
- Our Easter Cafe which we have not been able to hold for two years, returns this month as an indoor and outdoor Cakeaway/Bakeaway on Friday 15th from 10am to 3pm. This will again raise funds for the Ukraine DEC Appeal and we would love to see you there to support both the village and those in need, throughout this crisis. We are hoping to serve not only cakes but takeaway savoury bakes over the lunchtime period.
- Watch this space for a Saturday morning Cafe/Cakeaway (Saturday 16th) with not only cakes and drinks, and perhaps some breakfast baps and some Easter breakfast goodies. Baps for Bravery anyone? - in support of the land and people we stand in solidarity with. We hope to confirm on the social channels soon.
- See further poster in this newsletter regarding The Nash Little Big Walk that we are running on Saturday 23rd April. This event is to raise funds towards the PACE Charity and also the upkeep of the village hall and there will be cake and drink at either village hall - Nash and Whaddon. Surely enough of a reason to get those walking boots on!

### **May**

- The May PUMP is on Saturday 7th May.
- Keep an eye out for information on a Eurovision party with fancy dress on Saturday 14th May - come dressed as your favourite Eurovision country or music act and root for your act to win, with the hall showing the contest on the big screen
- A whisper of a 'Cafe in the Annex', a smaller more compact Cafe to start up once a month (keep an eye on the social channels for more details) and the usual Cafe/ Cakeaway is planned for Friday 20th May.
- Plans are in discussion for a possible photography show.
- Additionally, get your pots and pans out and look out for announcements regarding the return of the much loved Safari Supper.

Keep an eye on the social channels for further information on all these events.



## **NASH VILLAGE FETE IS BACK FOR 2022!**

After a gap of two years, we are hoping to hold the fete on  
**JULY 9 at THE RECREATION GROUND at 2PM.**

The Brass Band will be playing, the Beer Tent will be open and the  
BBQ will be alight!

There will be the usual games and stalls and this year we will  
be staging a FUN DOG SHOW!



We hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy, and by so doing  
we will contribute to the upkeep of our Church and Village Hall.

**BUT . . . to make the afternoon a success we need VOLUNTEERS!**

In the morning we need help to transform the recreation ground into a fete!  
We also need people to staff the stalls.

SO . . . if you are able to help, please contact either  
Hilary Young (07962668386) or Pam King (07884044301).

FINALLY . . . nearer the date we will be asking for contributions to the  
various stalls e.g. toys, produce, plants and cakes.

The villagers of Nash have always contributed to making the afternoon  
a success and this year will be no exception!

**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!**





### What is the 'Nash Little Big Walk'?

You may have noticed an advert in the February Parish Newsletter for the **Pace Big Walk**. This is a countywide initiative to raise funds for the **Pace Charity**, making a huge difference to inspirational children who face mobility challenges by joining a charity walk. They have organised three routes of 18, 12 and 6 miles along the Ridgeway Footpath in the Chilterns.

***But fear not.....The Village Hall Social Committee have decided to also help in our own 'little' way by holding the 'Nash Little Big Walk' on the very same day – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and help them raise funds for their charity and our own Village Hall funds.***

We have produced 3 routes for walks in and around Nash and ask you to join us together with your friends and neighbours to undertake a '**Little Big Walk**'!

We are also teaming up with our neighbours in Whaddon who will also be undertaking one of the routes to Nash following the old 'Coffin Path' and back (under 4 miles). While we hold the Walks we will open our Village Hall for refreshments and toilets and they are planning to do the same, so you know there will be a welcoming cup of tea and cake waiting at either end (and toilets)! Added advantage of walking to Whaddon is the 'pub'!

If you prefer a much shorter route then you can simply walk around the village (approximately 1.5 miles) or a longer route (just over 3 miles) on roads out towards Nash Brakes and back in a loop.

We only ask for a minimum donation of £ 2 per adult undertaking the walk. Simply check in with us at the Village Hall between 10:30 am and 1:00 pm, receive a route map with interesting facts on the route (you can do the walk at any time if not on the day!). We will split the donation between the PACE Charity and the Village Hall funds.

More details can be found at **[www.Nash-Social.Weebly.com](http://www.Nash-Social.Weebly.com)**

### **Nash Websites**

The Parish Council's website can be found at  
[www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk](http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk)

The Nash Village website can be found at  
[www.nashvillage.org](http://www.nashvillage.org)

The village website has separate tabs for the church and the village hall and contains information about the history of the village and village events.

### **Nash Alert**

If you wish to keep up to date with events in Nash and with planning applications that affect the village, then you should subscribe to Nash Alert which keeps every-one informed.

If you are not already on the system please email [alertfornash@gmail.com](mailto:alertfornash@gmail.com)

### **Social Comms Channels**

Whatsapp Social Group - social group for the village sharing, information, community activities and silliness

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IJppMeRTzte4tQDzmjfBjL>

Facebook Group - village Facebook group with village activities and information

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1799625100337639/>

### **Refuse Collections**

The council collect refuse in our area on the following dates but please check on <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/find-your-bin-day> for updates

Food waste: Every Tuesday

General waste: Tues 5th, **Wed 20 Apr**, **Wed 4**, Tues 17 & 31 May

Recycling: Tuesdays 12 & 26 Apr, 10, & 24 May

Garden waste: If you are subscribed to the garden waste service the collections, brown bins will be collected on the same weeks as the general waste.

If a collection is missed, then report this within 48 hours either by phone (01296 585858) or via the website.



### **NASH PRODUCE SHOW 2022**

Date to be confirmed - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September??

... the usual fruit, veg and jars/bottles

Photos competitions: Adult and children - Platinum celebrations

Adult - Sunrise/sunset





# A few Events, Celebrations & Special Days to cheer for in Spring

## APRIL 2022

### 1st Apr 2022 April Fool's Day

Celebrated all over the world as a morning of jokes and tricks - but don't play a trick after noon - or you are the fool!

### 2nd Apr 2022 World Autism Awareness Day

Autism-friendly events and educational activities take place all through the month of April to increase understanding and acceptance and foster worldwide support.

### 2nd Apr 2022 International Children's Book Day

Held on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, which is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.

### 9th Apr 2022 Unicorn Day

A day to celebrate the most popular mythical creature ever, which is also the symbol of Scotland.

### 10th Apr 2022 Palm Sunday

Christians remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week.

### 10th Apr 2022 Siblings Day

Based on traditional Indian festival of Rakshabandhan, which is hundreds of years old, honoring the relationships of siblings.

### 15th Apr 2022 Good Friday

A bank holiday in the UK, this Christian celebration commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. Hot Cross Buns are traditionally eaten today.

### 17th Apr 2022 Easter Day

Easter is the Christian celebration of Christ's resurrection, adopted as a secular celebration with bunnies and chocolate eggs.

### 18th Apr 2022 Easter Monday

The day after Easter Day is a Bank Holiday in the UK and many countries around the world.

### 18th Apr 2022 World Heritage Day

International Day for Monuments and Sites, better known as World Heritage Day, promotes awareness about the diversity of the cultural

heritage of humanity.

### 22nd Apr 2022 Earth Day

Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face the whole of planet Earth.

### 23rd Apr 2022 National Shakespeare Day

23rd April was both Shakespeare's birthday and date of his death. Celebrations are held in his home town of Stratford-upon-Avon and around the UK.

### 23rd Apr 2022 St. George's Day

Annual celebration of England's Patron Saint.

### 23rd Apr 2022 World Book Night

World Book Night brings people from all backgrounds together for one reason - to inspire others to read more.

### 25th Apr 2022 Penguin Day

Awareness day to highlight the dangers that penguin's habitats face, as well as the number of penguin species which are endangered.

### 30th Apr 2022 International Jazz Day

International Jazz Day brings together communities, schools, artists, historians, academics, and jazz enthusiasts all over the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots, future and impact.

## MAY 2022

### 1st May 2022 May Day

May Day is an ancient spring festival, traditionally celebrated with maypole dancing.

### 2nd May 2022 May Day Bank Holiday

A Bank Holiday in the UK and Ireland.

### 2nd May to 8th May 2022 Screen-Free Week

Annual event to encourage us to unplug from digital entertainment and spend all that free time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends.

### 2nd May to 8th May 2022 National Sun Awareness Week

Raising awareness of the dangers of excessive sun exposure and how to avoid sunburn and skin cancers.

## **MAY continued...**

### **2nd May to 3rd May 2022 Eid al-Fitr**

A religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan.

### **3rd May 2022 International Gilbert & Sullivan Day**

Celebrating the comic operas of Gilbert & Sullivan, on the birthday of the man who brought them together, Richard D'Oyly Carte.

### **3rd May 2022 World Laughter Day**

The celebration of World Laughter Day is a positive manifestation for World Peace and it builds up a global consciousness of brotherhood and friendship through laughter.

### **4th May 2022 Star Wars Day**

May The Fourth Be With You!

### **4th May 2022 National Bike to School Day**

Strap on your helmets, raise your kickstands, and join the thousands of students, families, community partners, and elected officials all around the country who will be participating in this year's Bike to School Day.

### **4th May 2022 World Asthma Day**

An annual event organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma with a goal to improve asthma awareness and care around the world.

### **5th May 2022 Europe Day**

A day celebrating peace and unity in Europe. It is celebrated by displaying the Flag of Europe and commemorates the founding of the Council of Europe.

### **7th May to 15th May 2022 National Doughnut Week**

Fundraising event in aid of The Children's Trust organised by the baking industry.

### **7th May 2022 World Fair Trade Day**

A worldwide festival of events celebrating Fair Trade's contribution to sustainable development, and the economic empowerment of small producers, gender equality and responsible production.

### **12th May 2022 International Nurses Day**

Held on the birthday of Florence Nightingale to mark the contributions that nurses make to society.

### **15th May 2022 National Children's Day UK**

National Children's Day UK is all about the importance of a healthy childhood and protecting the rights and freedoms of children so that they can grow into happy, healthy adults.

### **18th May 2022 National Numeracy Day**

An annual celebration of the importance of numbers in everyday life and will bring together individuals, employers, educators and influencers to improve numeracy.

### **20th May 2022 World Bee Day**

The purpose of World Bee Day is to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development.

### **22nd May 2022 International Day for Biological Diversity**

United Nations sponsored international day for the promotion of biodiversity issues.

### **23rd May 2022 World Turtle Day**

The aim of World Turtle Day is to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect for, turtles and tortoises, and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive.

### **25th May 2022 Africa Day**

The annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity on 25 May 1963.

### **25th May 2022 Towel Day**

In memory of Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy author Douglas Adams.

### **28th May 2022 Elmer Day**

A celebration of reading, of elephants and of accepting yourself and others, just like Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, star of the Elmer books by David McKee.

### **29th May 2022 National Biscuit Day**

A celebration of this tasty treat, whether you regard it as a sweet snack to go with a cup of tea, or a savory addition to a meal.

### **29th May 2022 Oakapple Day**

Also known as Restoration Day, it is a traditional English celebration of the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, following the death of Oliver Cromwell.

### **30th May to 3rd Jun 2022 May Half Term**

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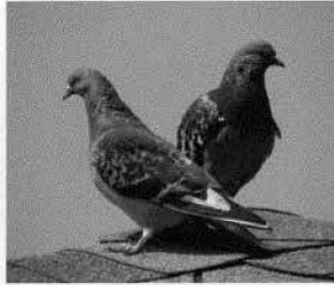






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