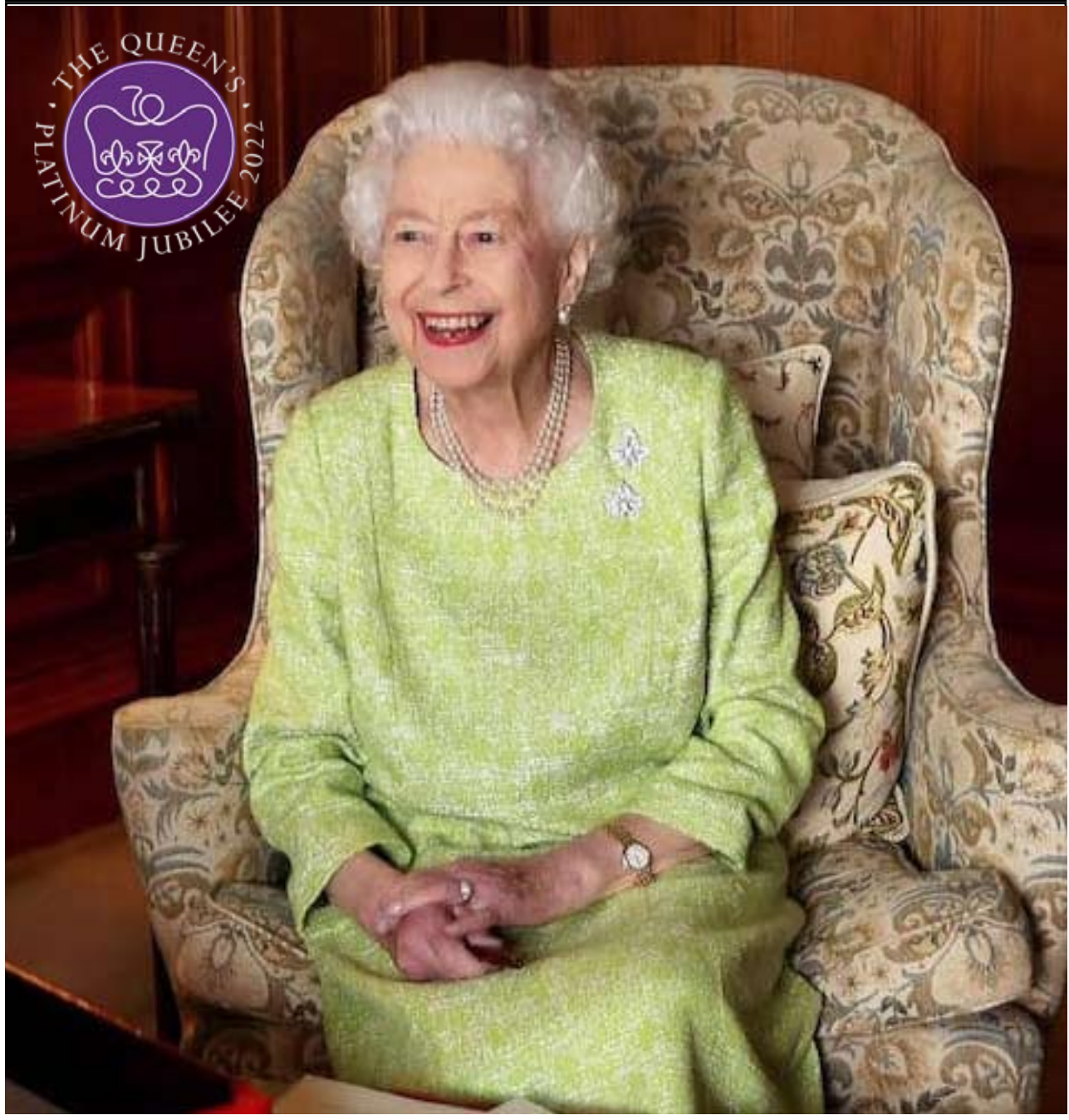


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Editorial

There are some terrible things happening in the world at present but, just for once, perhaps we are allowed to concentrate on our corner of the world, our village, Great Hallingbury.

Even so, we would not wish to ignore some national events. The celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee will be almost here when you get to read this and, as you may have guessed from the cover, you will find this theme in much of this edition of *Great Hallingbury Highlights*. However, we have tried to reflect on the impact on the Village when we explore the huge quantity and variety of changes we have all experienced during the Queen's long reign.

I didn't live in the Village at the time of the Coronation in 1953 but I recall that we had a fancy dress competition at my junior school as part of the celebrations. I was dressed as a pierrot in pale green with red pompoms and I bet the skirt was longer than many you will see on the street today. And I still have my *Coronation Scrapbook* in the attic.

No doubt like a good many other villagers, in 1952 it never went through my mind that I would end up living somewhere like Great Hallingbury. The countryside around here is so different from the London suburb in which I grew up. But there are other people in this village who have lived here all their lives and have been glad to do so.

Nonetheless, for all of us, on many levels, life in 2022 is so very, very different from



1952 and yet so much is still the same: the enjoyment of other people's company,

the desire to help others whenever possible, the instinct to be considerate and respect other people and the drive to contribute to your community.

Whatever you do over the Jubilee long weekend, I hope you enjoy yourselves and stay safe. We are all part of this village of ours. We cannot isolate ourselves in Great Hallingbury but we can all help to make our corner a good corner in which to live.

Meanwhile, may we send our very good wishes to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on this occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

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The Rising Cost of Heating Your Home



Over a quarter of homes in Uttlesford use Oil or LPG to heat their homes. Due to the recent situation in the Ukraine, heating oil prices and supply have been severely disrupted; prices continue to be very high and volatile, ranging from 90ppl to 150ppl.

During these unprecedented times, you may wish to consider ordering smaller quantities or waiting to top-up if possible. If you do need to place an order, it's even more important than usual to shop around to ensure you are getting the best price. You can do this on one of many price comparison websites: www.oil-club.co.uk www.boilerjuice.com/ www.fueltool.co.uk/

Joining your local heating oil club is another great way of finding savings. Visit the Uttlesford District Council website for more information: <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/5783/Set-up-or-join-an-oil-club>

With the price of oil at an all-time high, the risk of theft rises. Make sure your heating oil is covered under your household insurance so that if thieves do strike, you will be able to make a claim to replace not just the lost oil but also cover the cost of any repairs to the damage thieves may have done. However, be aware that most insurance companies will expect you to install some preventative measures such as tank alarms, security lighting or other deterrents.

LPG is an alternative to heating oil for those not on mains gas. Whilst fuel prices are higher than oil, boiler and tank replacement costs are much lower. You can find more information at <https://www.theheatinghub.co.uk/oil-verses-lpg>

If you are struggling to heat your home and pay for oil, LPG, mains gas or electricity, the team of energy specialists at Uttlesford Citizens Advice are here to help. They can check your benefit entitlements and offer advice on energy efficiency measures and

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1st Great Hallingbury Brownies



The 1st Great Hallingbury Brownies did not meet in 2021 owing to the pandemic. During the lockdown, Guiders kept in touch with the Brownies through telephone calls and *WhatsApp*. They have been encouraged to keep safe and help others in their family bubbles by doing a good turn every day.

In April 2021 a birthday and sympathy card was sent to the Queen from the 1st Great Hallingbury Brownies, following the death of Prince Philip. In December the *Brownie Tree* at the Christmas Tree Festival in St. Mary's, Little Hallingbury, was decorated with items, which the Brownies had previously made.

The Census Subscriptions have been paid to Headquarters for 2022 to enable the pack to continue and it is hoped to resume Brownie meetings in the next few months, if there is sufficient interest.

Thanks were expressed to the Chairman and members of the Village Hall Committee for their support and understanding during the last year.

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home improvement grants. They can also provide support to manage fuel related or any other debts and access emergency funds on your behalf, if needed.

If you would like to help people get the advice and confidence they need to tackle their problems, Uttlesford Citizens Advice would love to hear from you! The local charity is in urgent need of volunteers who would like to train as advisers and someone with a background in accountancy or finance to join the board of trustees as Treasurer.











Uttlesford Citizens Advice

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The Cost of Living during Queen's Reign

We know it's happened, but here are some numbers



Item	1952	1977	2002	2022
Loaf of bread 	7d (3p)	23p	74p	£1.21
1/2lb (250g) butter 	1s 6d (8p)	23p	76p	£2.35
Bag of sugar 2lb (1kg) 	7 ½d (3p)	26p	62p	77p
House Price average 	£1,891	£13,000	£24,6500	£278,123
Hoover Washing Machine 	£42 7s (£42.35)	£169.95	£251	£329
1 pint of Milk (500ml) 	6½d (3p)	11p	36p	49p
Daily Mirror Newspaper 	3d (1.5p)	13p	29p *smaller in size	74p *smaller in size
Pint of beer 	1s 9½d (9p)	38p	£1.46	£4.07
12 Eggs 	4s (20p)	44p	£1.59	£2.22
Gallon of Petrol 	4s 3d (21p)	78p	£3.18	£7.31

Val Waring



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Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting 2022



Chairmans Report 2022

The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing his pleasure that we were meeting face to face again.

Parish Council

We have a full complement of Parish Councillors since the co-option of Cllr Professor Neil Jackson last May. They work as one body for the good of our Village and all councillors are also part of working groups such as Planning, Housing, Neighbourhood Watch and Airport and represent the Parish on Road Safety, Footpaths and Health matters.

The Chairman is also the Tree Warden and sits on the executive committee of both EALC and UALC and chairs the latter. He also checks the defibrillator each week.

Meetings

Since March of 2021 the Parish Council has met six times, either on Zoom or, latterly, in the Village Hall.

Finance

Following careful consideration of the budget for 2022/23, it was agreed to increase the precept by 3.2%, i.e. from £15,000 to £15,480, to maintain the same value after inflation. This relates to the Parish portion of the council tax.

The Council continues to support Stansted Airport Watch (SAW), formerly SSE, along with Essex Air Ambulance and Uttlesford Community Travel. Once again they are supporting Accuro, a charity located within the Parish whose representative later talked about the work they do. The Parish Council continues to support the Village Hall and **Great Hallingbury Highlights** magazine.

Planning

The Parish Council considers and comments on all planning applications. Over the past

year there were 42 applications, an ever increasing number.

Whilst in general there is little reason to object to the proposals, relevant comments are made, whether in opposing the application or in its support, for the good of the surrounding area. The need for new builds to connect to the mains drainage is always stressed.

Highways

Through the Clerk, the Council continues to report pot holes and other road defects in the Village. There is great concern about speeding and the lack of any enforcement of the speed limit.

There has been much communication with the Highways Rangers to cut back the hedge along the footpath and it is hoped that work will begin on this very soon.

Bedlars Green

Work to restore the Bedlars Green area by The Hop Poles is still ongoing.

Litter Pick

Litter picks are held twice a year with thanks to Mark and Joanne Bloomfield for organising them and to everyone who helps.

Thank You's

The Chairman thanked Christine Coultrup for continuing to produce **Great Hallingbury Highlights** which is a free publication delivered to every house in the Village through a team of distributors and in which you can find out about most things going on in Great Hallingbury.

He thanked, too, all involved in looking after the Village Hall.

Finally, he thanked both his fellow Councillors and many villagers for their continued support during the past year with special thanks to Urska, the Parish Council Clerk.

Cllr Alan Townsend

Chairman, Great Hallingbury Parish Council

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF **EASTON LODGE**

Since the new year, it has been one step forward, two back at the Gardens. Dry weather in January allowed us to work steadily through our winter jobs, prepping for snowdrop open days. But, once again, snowdrop season was also storm season so in March we have been clearing up all the dead wood, when it has not been too wet.

We know that trees can have limited lives and some of those planted in 1902, when the Countess of Warwick had her Gardens at Easton Lodge remodelled by Harold Peto, are now becoming frail. So over recent years we have been planting new trees to add different specimen trees and ensure succession. This last year many interesting specimen trees were given to us by the widow of Henry Girling, who was a renowned arboriculturalist.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the Gardens

We have planted a *Taxodium distichum* (swamp cypress) as our Jubilee tree and on 2 June we will celebrate its planting. The Gardens will be open to visitors as usual for an Open Thursday 11 am to 3 pm - with one key difference. Our volunteers will be celebrating the Jubilee with a leisurely picnic! So why not bring your own picnic and join us? Daisy's will provide drinks and cakes as usual. The Gardens look particularly lovely in June, with waterlilies in the Italian Garden and on the fishing lake at the bottom of the Glade and roses everywhere. The *Taxodium distichum* was



chosen as our Platinum Jubilee tree because it is spectacular, particularly in the autumn. It is a tree that was much appreciated by the Countess of Warwick who had 7 or 8 of them planted around the Easton Lodge Estate. Over 100 years later, we wanted to plant another to help ensure their continuation in the area.

June Open Day: Dog Day at the Gardens

Dog day on 26th June is an opportunity to remember the Countess' love for her dogs and other animals. She was a dog breeder and supported local dog shows. There will be a range of dog classes and stalls with details yet to be announced. There will also be a range of other stalls including a plant stall, a local wood turner, crafts and jams; and we will be joined by Essex Wildlife Trust.

The Trust's volunteers will stand ready to welcome visitors from 11 am and to provide the usual excellent fare at the Gardens: locally sourced bacon, cheese or hummus rolls; homemade cakes; and hot and cold drinks until they run out - or till 4 pm.

For more details go to What's On on our website www.eastonlodge.co.uk.

Jill Goldsmith

Hallingbury Choir



The Hallingbury Choir commences on Wednesday, May 4th, at 7pm at St. Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury.

Singers of all ages and abilities are very welcome to join our enthusiastic group of local music makers.

The group is in need of a pianist to accompany them. This is a paid position - so if you know anyone who is able to fill this role please get in touch.

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Great Hallingbury W.I.



There are some interesting speakers lined up for our programme this year but in February and March some of our members shared their talents.

February

Jan Baldwin demonstrated how to create decorative wrapping of wine bottles. With a great selection of coloured ribbons for members to choose from and the inclusion of little sweet treats, these transferred a plain bottle into an ideal gift.



Beverly Moore showed how to create a vase with just 4 folds of pages from a brochure/magazine. With travelling on hold for the past two years, those travel brochures came in very handy. This was quite a therapeutic exercise with some members completing their design at home.

Carmela Claxton (President) demonstrated the beautiful art of lace making. Also on display were several items that Carmela had made and one by her grandmother whose talent has obviously been passed down through the family.



March

Rosemary Nugent, well known in our WI for her amazing cake baking, demonstrated a simple way to decorate cupcakes. Everyone was given a plain cupcake and following Rosemary's instructions were able to beautifully decorate their cakes using fondant icing. Not an easy task when it



came to judging them, but well done to Dawn, Sue and Julie. It was lovely to see three visitors at this meeting.

April

Our speaker was Anne Small who gave a

very interesting talk accompanied with photographs, on her time living as an ex-pat wife in Papua New Guinea and Kenya.

Anne and her husband spent several years in Papua New Guinea and she shared many funny stories with us as well as facts about the beautiful flora, fauna and the colourful people of Papua New Guinea.

Next was a move to Kenya where they enjoyed bringing up their young family of three sons. Sharing both emotional & humorous times, Anne explained how she worked with the local schools and charities raising awareness about the challenges to boosting girls personal education by providing free panties and sanitary products.

Another charity was Kazuri Beads. Anne explained the complete process of the raw clay being turned into beautiful stunning jewelry, some of which our members purchased.

Kazuri means *small and beautiful* in Swahili. A small workshop was started in 1975 when the founder, Lady Susan Wood, learned that there was a great need for regular employment of single mothers in the area. Kazuri Beads employs over 300, mostly single, women now. The factory is located on parts of the former Karen Blixen Estate.

Anne also took to water colour painting whilst in Kenya. She has certainly led an interesting life. Her sons are all grown up and she is living back in England so we hope to invite her back another time to hear her *Getting back to Reality* presentation.

You are always welcome to come along to any of our meetings. held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Village Hall, Church Road, Great Hallingbury. They run from 7.30 until approx. 10 pm.

The Membership Subscription year now runs from April to March and is £44. Dual Membership is £21.60. Visitors will be asked to make a voluntary contribution. Membership allows you to attend all 12 monthly meetings in the village hall.

Beverly Moore

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The Queens Elizabeth in Great Hallingbury

The Morley family were Lords of the Manor in Great Hallingbury for four centuries from the early 1300's. Henry Parker, Lord Morley, was the

head of the family in the reign of Henry VIII and probably the builder of the splendid mansion then known as Morley House and later as Hallingbury Place. He was a courtier and friends with the Boleyn family which may be how his daughter Jane, came to marry George Boleyn, brother of Henry VIII's second wife, Anne.

On his death in 1556, Henry, Lord Morley, was succeeded by his grandson, also Henry Parker. The younger Henry Parker did not subscribe to Queen Elizabeth I's protestant religion and later fled the country but, in 1561, the Queen stayed two days with him in Great Hallingbury. At this time, Morley House was a red brick mansion, built in an E formation, with forty five rooms, corner towers, chapel, long gallery and with an inner court.

Some 400 years later in 1970, Queen Elizabeth II also visited Great Hallingbury. This was a private visit when Her Majesty brought a team of six dogs from Sandringham to compete with a Hallingbury team trained by Bob Baldwin. The location was the same - Cedar Drive and the grounds of Hallingbury Place - but by then, of course, the mansion was no more, the estate and contents of the house having been auctioned in 1923/24 and the fabric subsequently demolished.

My thanks go to Heather Cocks for information on the Morley family in her book *The Great House of Hallingbury - Its Place in History*. But on 1st/2nd October this year, St Giles' and St Mary's Churches will be presenting a **Tudor Weekend** at St Giles' when you can hear more about Jane Boleyn and her father Henry Parker and enjoy a fair in a traditional location - St Giles' churchyard. **A date for your diary.**

Christine Coultrup, Chairman Great Hallingbury History Society

GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY



Countess of Portsmouth

Saviour of Audley End

by Sarah Kirkpatrick

Wednesday, 8th June, 2022

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Great Hallingbury W.I.



Report to Annual Parish Meeting

The Secretary was happy to be writing her report on a bright Spring Day with a full calendar of activities for the year ahead. The WI had struggled when meetings were resumed last year with many members unsure about attending amid concerns for their families.

The first meeting this year was a festive meal at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club in late January. It was a very enjoyable evening when members were able to reflect on the past year although two long term members, Cynthia and Ruth, had sadly passed away.

With some loss of members, meaning less revenue, the WI will be looking for more fund raising activities in addition to their traditional *Flog It* meeting in October. Watch this space!

Regular meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday in the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall and visitors are very welcome. Great Hallingbury WI is looking forward to a busy year.

Gill Sewell
Secretary GHWI



Great Hallingbury Neighbours Association

Wren Kitchens Submits Another Planning Application

A further meeting of GHNA was held on 29th March as, a few days earlier, Wren Kitchens submitted a further application for the logistics site at Start Hill to go ahead. (This application can be viewed under reference ref UTT/22/0267/FUL at <http://publicaccess Uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications>)

Some of you will have had letters/notes about objections through your doors. Many people have already objected but there is still a long way to go. Initially the deadline for objections being submitted to UDC was 22nd March but GHNA has been successful in securing an extension to that deadline to 10th June. At the time of writing the case manager assigned to the application has already indicated that any objections submitted by 22nd June may be considered.

If you have not already done so, we would implore you to submit an objection. If you have no access to the internet, you can contact me on 07979 540871 and I will collect your objection letter from you, scan it and submit it on your behalf.

We now wait with bated breath to see if this one is met with a refusal or if planning is granted. Watch this space.....

Val Waring, GHNA Secretary



Highlights from the Minutes of a Meeting of Great Hallingbury Parish Council

7 March, 2022

Present: Cllr A Townsend (Chairman), Cllrs J Baldwin, D Barlow, M Bloomfield, N Jackson, K Juggurnauth, A Noble and A Pinnock, Mrs U Sydee (Clerk), County Cllr S Barker and District Cllr G Driscoll

Chairman's Communications

Cllr A Townsend reported his activities:

- USAG meeting
- Zoom meeting with Essex Highways Liaison Officer
- met with Highways Ranger
- chaired EALC Executive meeting
- TPLPG (former USAG) meeting
- met with Cllr Neil Jackson to work on response to UDC re Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- met with clerk every Monday
- talked to parishioners.

Essex County Council

Cllr Barker reported:

- Howe Green - request being dealt with by Highways Panel
- Highways Rangers are working through their list of jobs
- She is arranging meeting with Cllr Scott
- There is another option on how to get the cattle grid at Woodside Green repaired

Uttlesford District Council

Cllr Driscoll reported that:

- UDC Tax has increased
- Local Plan - a briefing for Councillors is expected in April
- He explained what section 62A means in practice
- Informed enforcement department about change of name of a property

Airport

London Stansted Airport has submitted stage 2 documentation to the CAA for review.

Documents are available on the CAA's Airspace portal.

Local Plan

- USAG working group is now called TPLPG which consists of three parishes and is currently working on documents released from UDC for perusal to move the work from desktop to parishes to be able to include local knowledge. This relates to possible proposals for developments at Hatfield Garden Village.
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan for the UDC Local Plan - the Parish Council's comments on this document were submitted to UDC last week.

Hallingburys' Speedwatch Group

More people are needed from Great and Little Hallingbury. Cllr Townsend will ask for volunteers at the APM.

District Flood Risk Assessment

The Parish Council's comments were submitted to UDC in January 2022

Community Wi-Fi Hub

The Council agreed unanimously to approve payment of £100 to the Village Hall Committee towards the provision of Wi-fi. In future, this will be added to the annual grant.

Planning

Application No // Site and Development // Decision (the Council's comments are shown in brackets)

Application Decisions

UTT/20/1098/FUL // Land to The East of Tilekiln Green // Construction of 15 new dwellings, including 6 affordable dwellings, vehicular access and associated parking and landscaping // Awaiting decision (No objections as such but there should be provision for electric car charging and enough parking spaces for increasing numbers of cars to each household.)

UTT/21/2755/OP // Cannons Yard, Bedlars Green // Outline application with all matters reserved for 14 dwellings (Class C3), parking, landscaping and all associated development // Awaiting decision (No objections as such, but all the trees should be kept.)

UTT/21/3121/HHF and UTT/21/3122/LB // 83 Woodside Green // Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and boiler room, re-

building of boiler room and erection of rear extension, re-thatching and insulating roof void, reconfiguring internal rooms and joinery alterations, Garage conversion into part store, part accommodation to include 2 roof lights, replacement of existing roof light and addition of new extraction fans // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/21/3339/FUL // Old Cottage, Start Hill, // Proposed erection of 7 dwellings including the closure of existing access, creation of new access and associated infrastructure // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/21/3483/FUL // Lodge Farm, Woodside Green // Realignment of internal residential and agricultural access within Lodge Farm // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/21/3463/FUL // Rear of The Street Barn, The Street // Erection of one dwelling on the site of a disused manege // Refused (Objections: The original permission was for a manege and now the planning application is for change of use as a dwelling)

UTT/21/3723/HHF // Leistbury, Bedlars Green // Two storey side extension and related alterations // Approved (Objections: It is not in keeping with the current property and the neighbouring properties. The street view would spoil the rural character of this stretch of residential housing in Great Hallingbury. We appreciate that no two residential properties are exactly the same along this stretch of road but they all follow a very similar vein of design and style.)

UTT/21/3777/OP // Thremhall Priory Farm, Start Hill // Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the removal of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of residential development of up to 18 dwellings // Awaiting decision (The Council strongly objects because, according to the Local Plan 2005 as to *Where will development take place - Airport in the countryside - The priority within this zone is to maintain a local belt of countryside around the airport that will not be eroded by coalescing developments*. The site is in the Countryside Protected Zone but approval could result in more similar developments which would then *promote coalescence between the airport and existing development in the surrounding countryside* (policy S8). An archaeological survey must be done as this is a historical site with listed buildings (policy ENV4). A thorough noise survey should be conducted

(24 hours for a period of time) because of its proximity to the airport (policy ENV10).

The proposal notification is not accessible to the public at all times. The nature survey needs to be validated for marshland habitat (policy ENV8).)

Applications Dealt with at Meeting

UTT/22/0053/HHF // The Bungalow, Bedlars Green, Tilekiln Green // Instalation of a dropped kerb to allow parking for vehicles. (No objections as such but sight lines must be clear)

UTT/22/0434/OP // Land North of Stansted Airport // Outline application for demolition of existing structures and redevelopment of 61.86 Ha to provide 195,100 sqm of commercial / employment development predominantly within Class B8 with Classes E(g), B2 and supporting foodretail/ food/beverage/nursery uses within Classes E (a), E(b) and E(f) and associated access/ highway works, substation, strategic landscaping and cycle route with matters of layout, scale, appearance and other landscaping reserved. (No objections as such but it should be looked into improving the access of the north side)

UTT/22/0389/HHF // Willow House, Tilekiln Green // Erection of single storey extension to rear of existing cartlodge to form office/gym. (No objections as long as it stays a cart lodge and will not be redeveloped later)

Address

The existing address letter -21/00176/NEWNUM - Coppins, Woodside Green, received and noted.

Planning Committee

It was agreed to change the Terms of Reference to:

The Powers and Duties of the Planning Committee are to make comments on planning applications where a Council Meeting does not occur within the consultation period allowed. The quorum of the Planning Committee is 3.

Litter Pick

Cllr Bloomfield reported that the next litter pick will be on Sunday, 20 March 2022.

Low Bridge Sign

Cllr Noble asked about the progress of a *Low bridge ahead* sign and it was agreed that the clerk should ask Cllr Barker.

Great Hallingbury Highlights

Report to Annual Parish Meeting

The Editor commented on the change of masthead colour, which you will all have seen, but the concept for the magazine remains largely unchanged.

As ever, there was an appeal for photographs of the Village which are always valuable.

Most importantly, thanks were given to the Parish Council for their continued financial support of the magazine.

Christine Coultrup, Editor

Great Hallingbury History Society Report to Annual Parish Meeting



The History Society members grabbed every possible opportunity to meet during the pandemic; members were just happy to get out and enjoy some *normality*. Regular meetings have been held since September last year. In this time speakers have reviewed the stations on the West Anglia railway line and their historic features, explored the history of the London Bus and, in October, provided a riveting account of the Battle of Waterloo, in particular the costly mistakes made by Napoleon and how Wellington exploited these and the lie of the land.

Constant postponements of speakers was a feature during lockdown but, this year, there was a talk on Panama and the impressive engineering construction of the Panama Canal and, most recently, a very entertaining and interesting account of a walk along the Thames Path and the history uncovered. This was the biggest turnout to recent date but Tony Tuckwell is a very good speaker.

The programme for the remainder of the summer is on page 11 showing, once again, a very varied programme.

The History Society is also arranging a trip in early July to Copped Hall where renovations continue and there is much to see. This trip is being arranged jointly with the WI and anyone is welcome to join us. Hopefully there will be a second historical trip in the Autumn.

On October 1st/2nd, we will be supporting the Tudor weekend which St Giles' and St Mary's are organising and which promises to be very appealing.

We always welcome new members and Judy Simmonds has maintained our reputation for including in our refreshments some very good cakes.

Music Quiz



Name the song with a royal connection in which you will find these lines:

1. Anybody could be that guy
Night is young and the music's high
2. Third boxcar, the midnight train,
destination Bangor, Maine
Old worn out suit and shoes, I don't
pay no union dues
3. For cars she couldn't care less
Fastidious and precise
4. I'll get over you I know I will
I'll pretend my ship's not sinking
5. Long ago in days untold
Were ruled by Lords of greed
6. Round and round and round my head
Touching the very part of me
It's making my soul sing
Tearing the very heart of me
7. In the blink of an eye I knew her
number and her name, yeah
She said I was the tiger she
wanted to tame

Answers on page 28

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Kemi Badenoch MP for Saffron Walden



It has been devastating to watch and hear the reports on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. I know residents across Great Hallingbury will join me to pay tribute to the bravery and determination of the people in Ukraine as they continue to resist this horrifying and unjustified invasion by President Putin.

Most residents will now be aware of the sponsorship scheme announced whereby families and residents can offer a home to Ukrainians fleeing the country. Families are already arriving in the constituency through the schemes set up by the Government and I know communities will warmly welcome them to the area.

I met with West Essex CCG recently who are also working closely with local authorities, Stansted Airport and Border Force who are pivotal in the facilitation of this scheme. Alongside the full and unrestricted access to healthcare and benefits, sponsored individuals will also benefit from support from local authorities who will be bolstered with additional resources to help families

rebuild their lives and fully integrate into communities. Substantial support of £10,500 per person will be provided to local authorities, with further funding for child education.

The response locally to this conflict is a testament to the courage shown by the Ukrainian people and the kindness and generosity of residents. Vigils have been organised, fundraising appeals (I joined Stansted's fundraising event recently), donation collections, amongst much more. I would urge residents who are keen to help to have a look at what is being organised in their community or you can visit: www.gov.uk/government/news/ukraine-what-you-can-do-to-help

The Prime Minister has said that nothing is off the table when it comes to the UK's support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and indeed the desire of its people to live in peace, democracy and free from foreign bullying.

I am assured that the Government, standing alongside our friends in Ukraine and allies around the world, is using all possible means at its disposal to assist.

Kemi Badenoch MP
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From a Satisfied Reader

The following comment in an email from one of readers is much appreciated:

Have been meaning to email you for months, just to say "well done" and "congratulations" on keeping Great Hallingbury Highlights going all through the pandemic. I think it really helped the likes of us, who are still having to shield much of the time, to feel that the village is still out there and still being connected.

Many thanks from the Editor.



You measure my life in
hours and I serve you
by expiring. I'm quick
when I'm thin and slow
when I'm fat. The wind
is my enemy.

A Candle





The Platinum Jubilee

There have been many changes during the Queen's long
Everyone will have

New Aspects Of Great Hallingbury

- Bishop's Stortford to Dunmow railway closed and Fitch Way path established
- M11 built, cutting through the village
- Speed limit through the village and warning sign
- Development of Stansted Airport as a commercial airport
- Village Hall field purchased by the Parish Council and car park laid by Stansted Airport after the 1999 air crash
- The transfer of Great Hallingbury Village Hall to a dedicated charity
- Howe Green House School established by Great Hallingbury resident, Nadine Garrod
- **Great Hallingbury Highlights** created and distributed quarterly to every house in the Village
- Local History Society started, initially to fund the publication of Heather Cocks' book *The Great House of Hallingbury*
- Mains drainage laid
- Fibre optic cables for internet

Been & Gone in Great Hallingbury

- Woollcott House restaurant
- Anton Edelman's restaurant at Great Hallingbury Manor
- The Hop Poles became Sir John Houblon, then back to The Hop Poles and then closed
- Great Hallingbury Youth Club
- Great Hallingbury Carpet Bowls Club

Innovations

- Colour television
- Natural gas as a household fuel (it replaced town gas)
- Decimal currency in 1971
- Home computing (early facilitators in the UK were Clive Sinclair and Alan Sugar)
- Mobile phones
- Internet
- Satellite communications bringing Sky, sat navs etc
- Wind and solar power for large scale electrical generation
- Social media
- Space exploration

Great Hallingbury's Losses

- Post Office and shop on Bedlars Green closed
- Great Hallingbury School closed
- There are no longer cows on Woodside Green
- HBO Hospital closed 1959
- The Hunt no longer rides through the village
- Our weekly bus service has been abandoned
- The lions at Latchmore Bank have gone

of Queen Elizabeth II

reign. Here are just some in no particular order.
their own list.



Great Hallingbury Achievements

- Andy Streeter, a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex and High Sheriff in 2004
- Bob Baldwin won the Retriever Championship in 1959 and 1966
- Vincent Routledge won the Retriever Championship in 1962 with Hallingbury Blackbird
- In 1962 Great Hallingbury won the title of Best Kept Village in Essex
- Martin Mugele won the Supreme Bull Championship at the Royal Show in 1983 with Hallingbury Rustic
- Heather Hays, Brown Owl of the First Great Hallingbury Brownies, was recognised for her 40 years as a guider
- Val Walker won First in Class for Toy Poodles at Cruft's

Household Names That Have Disappeared

- C & A
- Woolworths
- The Home Service
- The Light Programme
- Hillman cars
- BOAC
- BEA
- Toys Я Us
- BHS - British Home Stores
- Morris Motors

Great Hallingbury Residents We have Lost

- Nessie Streeter - long term President of WI and daily horse rider through the Village
- Norman Mead MBE - Churchward, Parish Council Chairman and instrumental in the founding of Stop Stansted Expansion
- Jimmy McGowan - farmed Lodge Farm, Churchwarden and Parish Councillor who battled with bureaucracy on behalf of the village
- Eileen Peachey - Parish Councillor for over 40 years and the lady for whom the meeting room at the Village Hall is named
- Ernie Field - Parish Councillor for over 40 years, local historian and founder of Great Hallingbury History Society

Been & Gone

- Betamax and VHS recording media
- Britain's membership of the Common Market / EEC / EU
- Eddie Shah's *Today* newspaper
- Word processors
- Blockbuster Video stores
- Compact discs
- Pearsons in Bishop's Stortford

Easy Eating

Coronation Chicken

This was first made for the banquet at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. It can be bought ready made today but this is a very simple recipe that tastes much better.

Ingredients

6 tbsp mayonnaise
 2-3 tsp curry powder to taste
 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
 2 tbsp mango chutney
 1-3 tbsp sultanas to taste
 500g shredded chicken (any left over chicken can be used or cook a couple of chicken breast pieces)

Method

- 1) mix together the mayonnaise, curry powder, cinnamon, chutney and sultanas
- 2) Season with black pepper
- 3) Add shredded chicken and stir to coat with the sauce
- 4) Stir in 2 tbsp of water to loosen
- 5) Serve with salad, jacket potato or as a sandwich filling.

Rosemary Nugent



The Queen's Chocolate Biscuit Cake

This is said to be the Queens favourite with her afternoon 'cuppa'. It originated at Troon in Scotland and is a very easy no bake recipe.

Ingredients

150g butter
 3tbs caster sugar
 3tbs golden syrup
 6 tsp cocoa
 225g rich tea biscuits (or similar) crushed
 Handful of raisins
 110g milk chocolate
 110g dark chocolate

Method

- 1) Line a 7 inch round cake tin with parchment paper. (Square can be used but the Queen prefers round)
- 2) Melt together the butter, sugar and golden syrup in a heavy pan, stirring gently to prevent burning
- 3) Stir in cocoa powder and raisins
- 4) Press into the prepared tin
- 5) Set in a fridge
- 6) Melt the chocolates together and spread over base when it is cold and place back in the fridge to set again
- 7) Cut into very thin wedges with a knife dipped in boiling water
- 8) Only a small piece is needed as it is very rich.

Great Hallingbury Village Hall



Report to Annual Parish Meeting

The year of 2021 for Great Hallingbury Village Hall was a year of two halves. The first half was again one of continued uncertainty and disruption caused by the pandemic. This in itself affected the hiring of the hall and the potential for much needed income and the stability of our regular clubs. Of note, however, the Hall did fulfill its role as a designated Polling Station on Thursday, 6th May, for the local elections.

The second half was better and the Hall was open for hire on a regular basis. We saw the complete return of all the regular users and clubs in July which was great for all concerned for so many positive reasons.

The village hall hosted a coffee morning on Saturday, 11th September, when the MP for Saffron Walden, Mrs. Kemi Badenoch, proudly presented to a well attended gathering the Hall's new air source heat pump heating system.

We saw a slow return in confidence for the hiring of the hall for children's parties and family gatherings which was lovely. All the committee appreciate they have a duty of care to all hirers and have worked so hard to make it a safe and a pleasurable environment whilst minded that the government guidelines and restrictions must be met. December unfortunately saw a return to unsettled times in the lead up to Christmas and all the scheduled parties and functions were cancelled by the hirers. The clubs continued into the second week but then they too decided to cancel any outstanding bookings for the remainder of the year. However, early in December a fund raising *Quiz Night* was fitted in which raised some excellent money and a good night was had by all who attended.

With the building dormant again for six

weeks, coupled with poor weather in January, an old problem recurred; the flooring. In brief the oak floor is to be totally replaced and work is scheduled for August this year.

Again, public confidence returned and a sense of some kind of normality towards the end of January which brought bookings and hirers back. Bookings are going well and clubs have now returned. To date we have three table tennis clubs, a yoga class and a dog training club. The Great Hallingbury Women's Institute, Great Hallingbury History Society and the Parish Council continue to hold their meetings/functions on a regular basis. Four new clubs have started in the last year - a bridge club, a craft club, a puppy training class and a preschool activity class. Also, of notable mention, is that we now host the Residents for Uttlesford District Councillor surgeries on a monthly basis.

The hall is also hosting the Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show on Sunday, 24th July, and we are grateful for the publicity and proud to be part of a great annual community event. Village Hall Officers are also working to support a Tudor History Weekend being coordinated and managed by St. Giles' Church on 1st/2nd October. Again, it's lovely for the Hall to be involved in another large community event.

The Village Hall, like so many other community venues, businesses and services has experienced its fair share of problems over the last few years. These have ranged from structural issues as well as the obvious loss of revenue. This, however, falls into insignificance given the plight of other people's situations whether personal and/or financial that this virus has brought as well as the current issues surrounding Ukraine.

The Ton Club, a fundraising monthly prize draw, continued throughout the year raising funds. Thank you to all those who purchased number(s) which have now reached 101.

On behalf of Village Hall Committee, a huge thank you to Great Hallingbury

Parish Council. As always, they have been generous with their donations, support and attention to what has been achieved in the Village Hall.

Thanks, too, to County Cllr Sue Barker, Fowler Smith & Jones Trust, Essex County Council and the Rural Community Council of Essex for all their grants, support and much appreciated assistance in keeping the Hall going. Thank you also to District Cllrs Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve for their support and extremely kind donation for this year's flooring project.

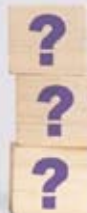
The Chairman noted his personal enjoyment in constantly reviewing and updating the Risk Assessments and writing of the Hall's Equal Opportunities Policy and Safe Guarding Persons Policies! He thanked the Committee for all their time, effort, support and opinions throughout the year and, in particular, expressed sincere gratitude to Mrs. Christine Coultrup for all her time and effort with the many administrative tasks surrounding this Hall. Also, he made special mention of Mr. Alan Pinnock who represents the Parish Council on the Committee. He gives so much time to the more specialised maintenance issues of this Hall and is always eager to give his support. Last, and by no means least, the bookings for the Hall have become a minefield with cancellations, keeping hirers informed etc., and thanks are due to Sarah Cox for all her work in promoting the Hall and keeping the administration side running smoothly.

The Committee looks forward to a good year with all the much appreciated support for the Village Hall.

Lee Cox, Chairman

How is seven different from the rest of the numbers between one and ten?

It has two syllables



Great Hallingbury Village Hall

Ton Club

A monthly draw with cash prizes for just £12 a year to help the Village Hall Committee maintain the hall in good condition with competitive hire rates. Half of each month's membership fees are paid out as prizes which currently are:

1st prize £25 2nd prize £15
3rd prize £10

Results

January 2022

1st prize no 46 Vicky Wing
2nd prize no 67 Tracy Coultrup
3rd prize no 60 Roger Hathesich

February 2022

1st no 42 Christine Coultrup
2nd no 14 Valerie Walker
3rd no 84 Terry Wilkins

March 2022

1st no 9 Carole Morris
2nd no 16 Oliver Cox
3rd no 79 Karen & David Barlow

April 2022

1st no 100 Grace McCarthy
2nd no 26 Gill Schaff
3rd no 27 Debbie & Andrew Smith

Thank you for your Support





Events in Great Hallingbury during Queen Elizabeth II's Reign



1957 - 12 council houses were built at Copthall Close

1962 - Great Hallingbury won the Best Kept Village in Essex Award.

1964 - the fight against the development of Stansted Airport began

1972 - retirement of the last resident District Nurse in Great Hallingbury after 22 years of service

1975 - The Harlow to Start Hill section of the M11 motorway which divided the Village was opened

1975 - the Parish Council provided a seat in Church Road in recognition of Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee

1976 - Great Hallingbury re-enacted its history over a weekend in July. Most villagers took part in the event which was held in the Cedar Drive and the gardens of Hallingbury Place

1983 - The American Space Shuttle arrived at Stansted Airport carried on a Jumbo Jet



1986 - Great Hallingbury Local History Society was formed

1988 - Great Hallingbury Carpet Bowls Club was established and fielded teams in local leagues but has now closed

1989 - 1st Great Hallingbury Brownie Pack was started

1993 - the Parish Council purchased the field adjacent to the Village Hall. Part

would be used for a car park and the rest for recreational purposes

1996 - the first edition of Great Hallingbury Highlights was published and distributed, free of charge, to every house in the Village

1997 - after years of negotiation between the Parish Council and Essex Highways, a 30 mph speed limit was imposed on some roads through the Village

1999 - Just before Christmas, a Korean Airways cargo plane crashed into the southern embankment of Beggar's Hall lake, just 150 yards clear of the nearest houses.



2001 - the transfer of the Village Hall from the diocese to a dedicated charity was completed

2002 - construction of the new A120 was started

2002 - in conjunction with Little Hallingbury, the Queen's Golden Jubilee was celebrated in the Village with a ball, children's party, concert and other activities

2002 - concept for four runways at Stansted Airport proposed in a government document

2004 - an extension at the Village Hall created the Peachey Room and a mural in the main hall reflecting our Village history was donated by the artist, Lister Bolton



2004 - Andy Streeter, DL, was appointed High Sheriff of Essex for a one year term

2008 - Savoy Chef Anton Edelmann opened a restaurant at the newly extended Great Hallingbury Manor Hotel, sadly closed when the hotel went into administration two years later

2008 - Landmark 70th Hallingbury Flower Show was featured on TV

2009 - mains drainage laid through the Village after a long fight by the Parish Council

2010 - the Parish Council purchased the iconic red telephone box for £1 now used as a community library



2011 - the Village sign, promoted by the History Society, was unveiled by MP Sir (now Lord) Alan Haselhurst

2011 - the flashing speeding sign was erected in Church Road

2012 - Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated at the Village Hall and an Oak tree planted

2012 - Hatfield Heath Police Station closed making our nearest physical Essex Police presence in Great Dunmow (no longer) or Harlow

2013 - The Hop Poles re-opened briefly after being closed for several years

2013 - our District Council ward of Broad Oak and The Hallingburys was extended to include Great Canfield

2016 - Federation created of Little Hallingbury and Hatfield Broad Oak Church of England Schools



2016 - defibrillator installed on the outside of the Village Hall

2017 - approval for building 35 houses,

including 8 affordable houses, near Great Hallingbury Manor, the largest development in Great Hallingbury

2017 - Parish Council planted six Elm trees to those lost to disease

2019 - superfast broadband services come to Great Hallingbury

2019 - Stansted Airport obtains approval to increase passenger movements to 43 million per annum

2020 - community wifi hub installed at the Village Hall



2021 - Wren Kitchens' application to build a logistics depot at Start Hill fought off but a new application has been made

2021 - Friendship Club for older villagers closed after around seventy years

2021 - creation of Great Hallingbury Neighbours' Association to fight undesirable developments which may impinge on the Village

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Parish Council Chairman



Hello to you all. I hope that you are keeping well.

Parish Council meetings are now taking place in the Village Hall and the dates of may be found in this magazine and on the Parish Council Website.

The Covid pandemic is still with us but, thankfully, it does not seem to be making as many people very ill now, presumably thanks to the vaccinations.

With regard to rising energy bills, if you are having trouble with payments, it is of great importance to get in touch with Uttlesford District Council who will hopefully be able to put you in touch with organisations that may be able to help you.

As I write this my thoughts turn to the terrible war that is taking place in Ukraine, and so many people being displaced or killed. I find it hard to believe that in this day and age so called civilised countries can carry out and inflict such devastation. Our hopes and prayers go out to everybody who is affected and hope that the conflict soon comes to an end.

You will, I hope, have noticed that the hedging along the footpath from The Grove to the Church has been cleared back so that it is now possible to walk two abreast along the path. Our grateful thanks go to Steve, the Highways Ranger who has carried out



this work single handed and so very well.

A litter pick was carried out through the Village on 20th March. Once again, seeing the amount collected was really quite upsetting. It

is not just the thoughtlessness of individuals who drop or throw out their litter but also the abuse from passing motorists who speed through the village without a thought for the litter pickers. Thank you to Cllr Mark Bloomfield for organising the litter pick once again.

Once again we have a Planning Application from Wren Kitchens for building a distribution site at Start Hill. The Parish Council has been working alongside the newly formed Great Hallingbury Neighbours Association (GHNA) to let everyone know about it by printing and distributing leaflets to every house in the parish.

We are all pleased to see that the Hallingbury Flower Show will take place this year. It will be held at Great Hallingbury Village Hall on Sunday, 24th July, so please do come along to support and enjoy this great event. If you are able to give any help to the Flower Show Committee please contact them or Cllr Alan Pinnock - email address inside first page.

My thanks go to all my fellow Councillors and of course our Clerk, Urška. Goodbye for now and I hope you all have a great summer.

*Alan Townsend
Chairman Great Hallingbury Parish Council*

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District News

Cllrs Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve

Hi. Easter has passed and fading as Parishes prepare for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

Neil and I hope we find you well and that you have enjoyed your Easter.

Local Plan Timetable Amended

Uttlesford District Council has taken the decision to amend the Local Plan timetable. The council is committed to developing the best plan it can for the district and has reached an important stage in the process. Taking some additional time now will allow the council to explore variations on the emerging strategy, carry out further engagement with councillors and give officers time to incorporate feedback when drafting the Local Plan chapters and preferred options.

The first draft Local Plan - known as the Regulation 18 Local Plan - will still go out to public consultation on Monday, 20 June, and will close on Friday, 29 July.

There are several ways in which you can stay informed. Please keep an eye on the UDC website or UDC pages on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

Uttlesford Tree Scheme

The total number of trees planted as part of the Tree planting Initiative 2021-22 was 34. The number of native hedging plants planted was 2,038. The planting extended over 7 parishes.

The tree planting scheme has now closed. However, if you believe you have any suitable areas for tree or hedge planting for our next tree planting season (between November and March), please email Ben Smeeden bsmeeden@uttlesford.gov.uk. I would like to thank everyone involved in this vital green objective.



Uttlesford Local Highways Panel

I recently attended an LHP meeting where it was confirmed that Essex CC would agree £200,000 to help Uttlesford to fund more safety schemes in the District. This has been a three-year battle. With the normal funding in place, an extra £200,000 from Essex and funds rolled over from last year, there is approximately £700,000 available. At the meeting in the first week of April, we confirmed a little over £250,000 will be spent this coming financial year with more schemes in the pipeline to be validated.

Ward Surgeries

A reminder that Neil and I hold two surgeries in the Ward each month. The first is on the first Tuesday at Great Hallingbury Village Hall, with the second at the Dukes Head PH in Hatfield Broad Oak on the third Friday. Both surgeries start at 2pm and finish no earlier than 4pm. You do not have to book an appointment, just turn up. We realise that some of you may be working or otherwise busy around these times so we are considering to maybe do an evening session. It would be good to receive some feedback on that idea.

UDC Multi-Agency Trailer

The trailer with several different organisations will be coming to visit an area near you on the following dates:

- Beech Close, Takeley CM22 6RQ on Tuesday, 17 May, at 11am
- Reynolds Court, Gaces Acre, Newport CB11 3JR on Thursday, 23 June, at 11am
- Holloway Crescent, Leaden Roding, Dunmow, CM6 1QD on Tuesday, 26 July, at 11am
- Barnfield, Hatfield Broad Oak CM22 7JR on Thursday, 18 August, at 11am
- Watts Close, Barnston, Dunmow CM6 1LT on Tuesday, 13 September, at 11am

Included in the list of visitors are a number of organisations available to give advice: Uttlesford housing team, Essex Police, Essex

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The Hundred Parishes Society



I would like to remind readers of the walk routes on the Society's website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk. All routes can be download and printed. They include route instructions and information about the places you will pass. Each of the hundred parishes is included in at least one route and there are walks for all abilities. The routes have been designed to take you through interesting places and lovely countryside.



Before setting off, you might like to check the relevant parish introductions on our website; there, you

will find details of local tea rooms and pubs, etc. It's best to check with the pub to see if it will be open on the day and time that you will need it.

Most of our routes include footpaths or bridleways where good footwear will

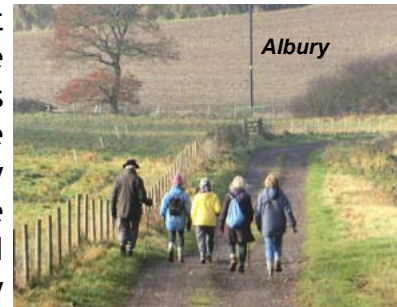


make life more comfortable. A modest investment in a good pair of walking boots is recommended.

Carry boot covers or plastic bags to put on before visiting a pub or church - or leave boots outside. Check the weather forecast and be prepared - with waterproof top, woolly hat or sunscreen.

Countryside Code

Whether or not you are using one of the Society's routes, please be sure to follow the Countryside Code. I summarise a few points that are mainly common sense:



Respect everyone • be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside • leave gates and property as you find them • do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking • be nice, say hello • keep to marked paths.

Protect the environment • take your litter home • do not light fires • always keep dogs under control and in sight • pick up your dog's poo • do not cause damage or disturb wildlife.

I hope you will join many others who already enjoy our routes.

Ken McDonald, , Secretary
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County Fire and Rescue Service, Peabody (floating support), United in Kind and a variety of agencies that support people to live securely and safely in their homes. They are also giving away a free material shopping bag with helpful information inside. They will be onsite for 3 hours.

And a reminder that, should you need to contact us, you can email us on the following addresses

cldriscoll@uttlesford.gov.uk
cllreeve@uttlesford.gov.uk

Music Quiz Answers to quiz on page 15



1. Dancing Queen - Abba
2. King Of The Road - Roger Miller
3. Killer Queen - Queen
4. King Of Wishful Thinking - Go West
5. Kings and Queens - Aerosmith
6. Your Love Is King - Sade
7. Caribbean Queen - Billy Ocean

Val Waring

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Talking Newspaper

Bishop's Stortford & District



This article is a plea for help, and you may be able to provide it.

We are trying to recruit more listeners for our service. The Talking Newspaper is a weekly recording of local news taken from the Bishop's Stortford Independent and the Dunmow Broadcast. It is a free service, including postage and all necessary equipment, for anyone who is visually impaired or who cannot manage a newspaper because of some physical disability. The recording comes on a USB stick and we normally provide listeners with a special player for the purpose.

The restrictions placed on all of us over the past two years have highlighted the problems of social isolation. We know from our existing listeners how much they have appreciated the Talking Newspaper in keeping them in touch with local news brought to them by local voices. We are sure that there are many others who would feel the same if they were aware of it. These same restrictions have, however, made it much more difficult for us to identify new listeners, so please give serious thought as to whether you know anyone who might benefit.

The Talking Newspaper is also available via a Listen Online facility on our website: www.bstalkingnewspaper.co.uk. The website option can be used by anyone, whether visually impaired or not. It is also possible to access the recordings via links such as Alexa or an app on your smartphone. If that appeals, please contact us and one of our technicians would be able to provide assistance if required.



For more information or with suggestions about possible new listeners, please ring Richard Barnett 01279 651270 or leave a message on our mobile: 07918 296764. Maybe you'd like to volunteer? If so we'd like to hear from you. It's very rewarding and not too time-consuming!

Some Thoughts

- When one door opens and another closes, you are probably in prison.
- My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.
- It's the start of a brand new day and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- I had my patience tested and I'm negative.
- Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- If you are sitting in public and a stranger sits next to you, just stare straight ahead and say "Did you bring the money?"
- I hate it when a couple argues in public and I missed the beginning and I don't know whose side I'm on.
- When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask "Why? What did you hear?"
- I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east".
- Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever. We call those people the police.

Book Corner



Book Corner

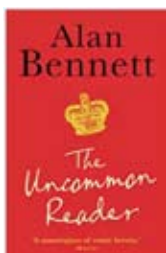
The Uncommon Reader

by Alan Bennett

The Queen, led by the corgis, discovers a mobile library round the back of Buckingham Palace near the kitchens. Intrigued, she enters the van and meets Mr Hutchings, the driver, and Norman, an awkward young kitchen worker. She feels obliged to borrow a book just to be polite. She doesn't enjoy it - but, when she returns it, feels obliged to take out another. Luckily, this one is more to her taste - and little does she know that this is the beginning of a love affair with books and reading!

At first, she is guided in her reading by Norman who has been promoted from the kitchens to be her *literary assistant* but soon she begins to make her own choice of books. Very soon, her reading starts to dominate her life which is not appreciated by her staff or her private secretary, who feels that she is neglecting her duties to the country. He might well have a point as the Queen had even taken to reading in her coach - waving with one hand but with her attention given to the book on her lap. And neglecting the Prime Minister in order to finish Proust!

After a while she also starts to make observations on what she is reading, some in a notebook but others to her family, the household and the *ordinary* people she meets on public duties. And quite soon, she begins to develop a new perspective on the world - one that alarms her closest advisors as she is tempted to make some new, and bold, decisions.



I like to think that The Queen has not only read this book - probably in one go as it's very short - but also giggled all the way through. I'm sure she does *giggle* at times!!

The Daughter of Time

by Josephine Tey

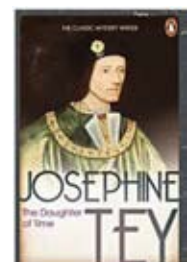
This is the story of one man's quest to solve a centuries-old historical mystery: what actually happened to *The Princes in the Tower*.

After a serious fall, Inspector Alan Grant of Scotland Yard finds himself confined to a hospital bed and becomes increasingly irked by inactivity - of his mind as well as his body. In an effort to alleviate his boredom, a friend brings him a collection of pictures, portraits of faces from history, each one with a story behind it.

Grant becomes fascinated by the one of Richard III which bears no resemblance to most people's idea of the *Wicked Uncle* of history who was accused of the murder of his two nephews in order to become the next king. Could such a sensitive and noble face truly belong to one of the world's most hated villains or could Richard have actually been innocent of the crime? Was he, in fact, turned into a monster by Tudor historians writing about him decades later? Not to mention William Shakespeare, forsooth!

With the picture set up in a visible place in his hospital room, - but giving no clue as to who it is - Grant begins to ask visitors and staff for their impressions of the portrait. His surgeon sees childhood disease - perhaps polio; a friend feels the facial expression shows a great deal of suffering. No one, however, senses a strong affinity to criminality in Richard's facial expression.

Grant and a young researcher uncover some fascinating details that seem to discredit the accusation against Richard. Josephine Tey sets out other possibilities for us to consider: will you be convinced?



Jan Baldwin



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St Giles' Gardening Group



In the last edition I had to report that all had not gone well with our ambitions to have a spring plant and bulb sale. The church mice had a party in the bulb store which they no doubt enjoyed very much... Lucky for them, St Giles' is a patron saint of all nature, however hungry, so we will not be advertising the position of *Church Cat!* Although the thought had occurred...

Fortunately the current crop of volunteers at the churchyard are a resilient bunch. Not only have they persevered with the idea of a plant and bulb sale, this has grown into a monthly event. As a trial, on the first Saturday morning of March, April and May, from 10am, not only have a wide variety of plants been on sale but also a lavish array of biscuits and cake to complement our famous tea and coffee. The aim is to continue this experiment going forward, so keep an eye out for the signs!

At the time of writing we have had two of

these Saturday events, both well attended, which have raised funds for the Church, the gardening group and the Ukraine appeal. As the weather improves, sitting outside in the sun with a coffee and cake is extremely rewarding!

The churchyard is shaking off its winter slumber and coming to life again. Particularly pleasing has been the number of daffodils. We have planted hundreds of bulbs and the effect, particularly along the wall with the road, has been most striking. Already there are the early signs of cowslips, pyramid orchids and bee orchids.



Another exciting development! To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are being gifted five fruit trees by Uttlesford Council. These are being sent out to us complete with an expert to help us site them. All are heritage species - the two apples both having been cultivated first in Essex. There are also two pears and a cherry. In years to come we are promised a spectacular display of blossom. Will there be a St Giles' Cider?

For further information, or if you want to get involved, please contact Russell on 07756142890.

Russell Robinson

Great Hallingbury Litter Pick



Mark and Joanne would like to thank everyone who gave their time and support on the March litter pick. It was a great community spirit with great results.

We were blessed with beautiful weather which made the pick a breeze, collecting quite a pile of red bags outside the Village Hall.

The next pick is Sunday 8th October 2022. However if you feel the need to collect anything that is discarded outside your property before October, red bags, hoops and pickers are available from the Old Post Office.

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Little Hallingbury Cricket Club

Season will Soon be here



After a very successful winter indoor nets, we are now planning for the summer. The senior team's first game is away to Easton's on Sunday 24th April.

Colts weekly training starts Wednesday, 11th May, at 6.15pm at the Gaston Green Ground. All newcomers are most welcome. The fee is just £30 for a summer's coaching and possibly a free BBQ!

Our exciting venture this summer is signing up for the ECB Allstars. This is aimed at giving 5 to 8 year olds their first experience of cricket. For just £40, the colts get a free shirt, bag and bat and 8 weekly fun cricket sessions. You can sign up by going to allstarscricket.co.uk and search for Little Hallingbury Cricket Club or contact nickthorne59@hotmail.com or keithbehagg@btinternet.com. We are looking forward to lots of boys and girls enjoying their cricket at Gaston Green this summer.

Keith Behagg

Letter from St Giles' What is Worship?



I wonder how you would define worship. Is it singing? Is it dancing? Is it praying? Is it being in a church building?

Worship is any one of these and more besides. Worship is an activity which brings us closer to God. In and through worship we declare God's worth but also we listen to what God has to say to us and respond. It should not be a painful ritual that we go through week after week but it should be alive and changing and challenging us so that we get to know God better and, in doing so, let Him become an intrinsic part of our lives so that we grow more like Him, reflecting Him in our words and actions.

Worship is not confined to Sundays. We can connect to God any time and any day of the week. And our worship is not confined to a church building. During Lockdown, when all church buildings were closed, worship continued in different ways. The Church of England set up a phone line which people could call up to hear prayers. Many churches, including those in the Six Villages, set up online worship either, as we did, using a live Zoom meeting or they pre-recorded worship to broadcast through YouTube and other platforms. Facebook pages became

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places where prayer requests were asked and where congregations checked in on each other. People used their daily walks to take time out to reflect and speak to God and appreciate the beauty of the world around us, worshipping within God's created, natural world. Others connected to God in prayer whilst tending their gardens or doing hobbies such as painting or embroidery.

The way we worship, the way we connect to God and his people, has changed and is still changing. Maybe it was ever thus but the events of the Global Pandemic accelerated

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the change, forcing us into quick action. Furthermore the reorganisation of the Six Village Churches asks the question, *What is worship and how do we want to worship going forwards?* We are unlikely to be able to sustain a pattern of a main Church Service in each church every Sunday and, indeed, this has not been the case in the Hallingburys for some time but there are new opportunities being presented at midweek events.

The *St Giles' Gardening Club* meets on Saturday mornings in the churchyard with a monthly tea and coffee morning. *Edward Bear Mother and Toddler club* meets in St Mary's, Little Hallingbury, on Tuesday mornings and a monthly *Rainbow Club* for those on their own meets at St Mary's too. There is regular *Messy Church* in Hatfield Heath and in Hatfield Broad Oak there is a monthly *community cuppa* on Tuesdays as well as a *book lending library*. Home groups are led from St Mary's Church Sheering and there is potential for more, new, mid-week worship opportunities too.

So however you might choose to worship, the churches are offering new ways to connect with God, new ways to listen to and respond to His Word. So even if you are busy on Sundays, please look at the church webpage at www.hallingburychurches.co.uk because there just might be another way for you to worship and grow closer to your God.

Caroline Harding
LLM, Six Villages



United Benefice Services

Services in the Six Villages

As the churches of the Six Villages (St Giles' Great Hallingbury, St Mary's Little Hallingbury, St Mary's Sheering, St Mary's Hatfield Broad Oak, St John's Bush End and Holy Trinity Hatfield Heath) move towards a United Benefice of six churches, the patterns for Sunday worship are undergoing review to create a sustainable worship rota going forwards.

We are, therefore, unable to publish the schedule of services for the next three months at this time. Please do check the Hallingbury Church website, www.hallingburychurches.co.uk to see where services are happening in each of the churches.

Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the

**Gardening Club
Coffee Morning
on 2nd April.
£320 was raised to
support the DEC (Disasters
Emergency Committee)
Ukraine Appeal.**

Well done to the St. Giles' Church Gardeners for organising the Coffee Morning

Heather Hays
Churchwarden





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Calendar

June 2022

- 2 Easton Lodge - *Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic* - 11 am - 3 pm
- 4 St Giles' Coffee Morning - 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
- 9 History Society - *The Countess of Portsmouth - Saviour of Audley End* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 11 Great Hallingbury WI - *Platinum Jubilee Quiz* - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 18 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 22 Great Hallingbury WI - *My Family and other setbacks* - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 26 Easton Lodge - *Dog Day*- 11 am to 4 pm

July 2022

- 2 St Giles' Coffee Morning - 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
- 4 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 8 pm
- 6 History Society - *Visit to Copped Hall* - 2 pm
- 9 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 24 *Hallingbury Flower Show* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 12 - 4 pm
- 27 Great Hallingbury WI - *Flower Arranging Demonstration* - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 30 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm

August 2022

- 6 St Giles' Coffee Morning - 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
- 20 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 24 Great Hallingbury WI - *The Honeybee - from Flower to Jar* - Village Hall 7.30 pm

September 2022

- 10 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - Quiz Night - 7 for 7.30 pm
- 12 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 8 pm
- 14 History Society - *History through Essex Public House Signs* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 28 Great Hallingbury WI - Tate and Lyle Sugar - Village Hall 7.30 pm

October 2022

- 1-2 St Giles' Tudor Weekend

Come to the next Parish Council meetings - ask your questions - give your views. See how the Parish Council works for you.

Monday, 4th July	8 pm	Village Hall
Monday, 12th Sept	8 pm	Village Hall