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Water Vole

*Britain's Most Endangered Mammal
to be found at nearby Rushy Mead Nature Reserve*

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Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray.

Editorial

Happily we live in a lovely part of Essex with nearby Hatfield Forest, lovely countryside walks, woods at Birchanger, the Rushy Mead Nature Reserve on the banks of the River Stort and easy access to splendid historic sites and properties such as Audley End and Thaxted. In normal times we also enjoy facilities such as concerts at the Saffron Hall and Thaxted Church and community carnivals in Bishop's Stortford and Great Dunmow.

As many of us have been spending much more time at home during lockdown, it may be that we have become more aware of our village and the district in which we live.

Uttlesford Local Plan

You have an opportunity to give your input to Uttlesford District Council on how you would like to see the area developing in future by contributing to their public consultation which is being conducted online before preparation of a new local plan. The consultation is exploring some nine or ten different themes including:

- Character and Heritage
- Climate Change
- Transport
- Leisure, Culture and Healthy Lifestyles
- Biodiversity

You will find more information at <https://uttlesford-consult.objective.co.uk/> and can add your comments.

Parish Council

Within our village, the Parish Council looks out for the interests of villagers through interaction with County and District Councillors and by responding to planning applications and consultations from these local authorities. It is pro-active in reporting, and expediting resolution where possible, of traffic problems in the village and maintaining local amenities, for example, the Village Hall Field, the Bedlars Green Pond and the Telephone Box and lending some support to facilities such as the Village

Hall and this publication. Previously the Parish Council was instrumental in getting mains sewerage laid through the village.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council and perhaps this might be a way for you to support the village. Please contact the Parish Council Chairman, Alan Townsend, if you are interested.

Meanwhile the pandemic continues to dominate our lives but as more of us receive a vaccination let us hope that there is truly some light at the end of the tunnel and we may look forward to a return to normality soon.

Stay safe and well.

Editor

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Easy Eating

Celeriac and Brie Tartlets with Microgreens

Ingredients

For the pastry:

- 100g plain flour
- 50g butter, chilled and cubed
- 1 egg, beaten
- sea salt

For the filling and to serve:

- 75ml double cream
- 1 egg
- 200g celeriac, cut into 1 cm dice
- 50g butter or light olive oil
- 100g Brie
- sea salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- mixed home-grown microgreens
- pesto sauce (optional garnish)

Method

First make the pastry. Working quickly, rub the butter and flour together to create a mixture resembling fine breadcrumbs. Add a pinch of salt and the beaten egg. Bring together into a ball, wrap in cling film and chill for at least 30 minutes.

Meanwhile preheat the oven to 200°C/fan 180°C/gas 6. Heat the butter or oil in a frying pan over a medium heat. Sauté the celeriac, stirring frequently, until it softens and turns golden brown.

Roll out the chilled pastry and use it to line four greased or oiled 10cm quiche tins, preferably with loose bases. Bake your pastry cases blind for 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven and trim the edges. Reduce oven temperature to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4. Divide the cooked celeriac mixture between the four pastry cases and cover with the chopped brie. Beat together the double cream and egg and add salt and pepper to taste. Top up the pastry cases with the egg and cream mixture.

Bake for 20-30 minutes until golden

brown. Set aside to cool slightly. Top each tartlet with a generous pinch or two of microgreens. Optionally, serve on a plate garnished with a dash of pesto sauce.



Acknowledgement to Dales Life



Microgreens

Leafy edible plants, picked and eaten when they are just a few weeks old, certainly have plenty to recommend them. For a start, they're quick and easy to grow; you can cultivate them on a sunny windowsill all year round. They're also extremely nutritious with, weight for weight, far higher concentrations of vitamins than mature versions of the same plant. Last but not least, they look and taste terrific. Crisp, fresh and intensely flavoured, microgreens make a delicious and colourful garnish. Simply scatter them on salads, quiches, risottos, stir fries, grilled meats, fish dishes and even desserts.

WHICH SEEDS TO TRY? Most plants that are edible when fully grown will make suitable microgreens. Herbs such as basil, chives, coriander, dill, lemon balm, mint and parsley all produce excellent results. Traditional garden vegetables also work well, including broccoli, beans, beetroot, cabbage, carrot, celery, chard, chicory, fennel, kale, peas and radish. Add to that a handful of garden flowers - dandelion, borage, sunflower and marigold - and you've got an enormous palette of different tastes, textures and colours with which to enliven your cookery.

GROW microgreens in shallow seed trays or on a grow mat. You can have a crop within 10-14 days.

Casualties from World War II

In the Winter Edition of Highlights, I wrote an article remembering two men commemorated on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial for *laying down their lives* in World War Two who had relatives similarly commemorated on the same War Memorial who had *laid down their lives* in World War One. This article remembers a soldier commemorated on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial who fought in both the First and Second World Wars. His name was Benjamin Waller Humphrey.

Benjamin Waller Humphrey (1899-1946) *Private, Essex Regiment*

Benjamin Waller Humphrey was born on 8th May, 1899, in Polstead, Suffolk, the youngest son of John Read Humphrey (1871-1932) and Mary Alicia Humphrey (1871-1930). John Humphrey had married Mary King in 1890 and they had nine children. In 1911 the family was living at Brook House, Bell's Corner, Polstead. John Humphrey's occupation was recorded as a farm labourer in the 1911 Census. Benjamin was aged 10 and a scholar. He was living in four rooms with his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

In the First World War, Benjamin joined the Army on 10th May, 1916. He fought with the Buffs Regiment until the end of the war and served most of his time in India.

In April 1929, Benjamin married Ella Franklin Edwards who had been born on 28th December, 1898, in Dickleburgh, Norfolk, and baptised on 29th January, 1899, in Dickelburgh. The marriage was registered in Bosmere, Suffolk. Benjamin and Ella had two children: Jean, born on 1st December, 1929, and Derek, born in 1934. Ella died in 1983. Jean, who had married John Chapman in Little Hallingbury on 24th January, 1950, died on 8th November,

1991. Derek died in 2015.

In 1939 the family was living in Grinstead Lane, Little Hallingbury, and Benjamin's occupation was recorded as a general labourer. Benjamin worked for the Essex Hunt at Old Harlow as a groom. He was well known and respected for his knowledge about the training of horses and dogs.

In 1939, with the outbreak of the Second World War, Benjamin – at the age of 40 – re-enlisted into the Army on 11th December. He was posted to the 7th Battalion Essex Regiment on home defence duties. In 1940, he was stationed at North Weald airfield which was an important Royal Air Force fighter base during the Second World War. At that time the Battle of Britain was at its height and North Weald was under constant attack from the German air force. Fighter planes, mainly hurricanes, flew from the site, defending the eastern approaches to London. On 24th August, 1940, the airfield was heavily bombed, resulting in damage to the officers' mess and married quarters. Sadly, nine young soldiers of the Essex Regiment, aged between 17 years and 19 years, were killed in a direct hit on an air raid shelter in which they had taken refuge and are commemorated on a plaque in Hampden Close. For an act of gallantry during the raid, Benjamin was awarded the Military Medal.

Benjamin Humphrey was invalided out of the Army in 1941 after contracting tuberculosis. He died in 1946. Benjamin Humphrey is buried in the churchyard of St Mary's, Little Hallingbury. The inscription on his grave reads: *In ever loving memory of my dear husband. Until we meet again.*

Philip Hays

(I am indebted to Sue Meyer, Chairman of the Little Hallingbury Village History Society, for much of the information about the war career of Benjamin Humphrey detailed in this article).



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District News

Cllrs Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve



Neil and I are both back in the groove, as they say, and working hard on your behalf. We are also looking forward to getting back to organising surgeries and meeting you in person again.

Covid19 Testing

Testing is a key part of the strategy to reduce transmission of Covid19 in Essex. Residents who don't have symptoms are now encouraged to get a fast Lateral Flow Test (LFT - otherwise known as a rapid test) which usually gives a result in around 30 minutes. Although the tests are aimed at all residents aged 18+, Public Health particularly wants people who work outside their home, such as those who work in other people's homes, to get tested.

In Uttlesford, the LFT centre is located at Saffron Walden ECL, 39 Audley Road, CB11 3HD. To book a test, residents can:

- visit www.essex.gov.uk/getting-tested
- call 0333 772 6144 between 8am to 8pm every day
- email booking.confirmation@nhs.net

In line with the Covid19 safety guidance, UDC continues to promote the simple actions that we all must do to keep protecting each other:

- HANDS - keep washing your hands regularly
- FACE - wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- SPACE - stay at least 2 metres apart, or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

You will see the latest messages posted on the UDC Facebook and Twitter pages - please do continue to share these messages with family and friends.

Census 2021

UDC has received confirmation that the

Census 2021 will be going ahead in England and Wales as planned on 21 March. This will be the a digital-first census and everyone will be encouraged to respond online if they can, although paper questionnaires will be available on request. Households in Uttlesford will receive a letter in the post with a unique access code, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online.

Elections - 6 May, 2021

As things stand at the present, elections are still planned to go ahead on 6th May, 2021. These are for Essex County Council along with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex which was postponed from last May.

Plans are in hand for these elections to be conducted safely in compliance with national and local guidelines. The Elections Team is currently looking to appoint staff for numerous posts, notably for polling duties and the counts. Details of elections are on the UDC website or, for further information, contact the elections team.

Uttlesford Business Team

The pandemic has had a significant impact on the Uttlesford economy, resulting in more unemployment than UDC has seen for decades and the loss of many businesses.

The Economic Development team at UDC is dealing with businesses all day every day, many of them very distressed about the challenges they are facing. If you are speaking to a local business and feel they could do with a bit of extra support, please do let them know that UDC are there for them.

There are many businesses with the same questions but also a wide range of newly developing different challenges. UDC may have access to information, new projects coming on stream or be able to refer them to specialist business support agencies if they cannot help.

Please refer them to the Economic Development Team via business@uttlesford.gov.uk.

With the end of furlough looming, UDC is also keen to promote skills and training opportunities which may be of interest to both our business community and our residents.

UDC is committed to ensuring businesses are able to obtain all the support they are entitled to and, with this in mind, will be running a monthly page in the Saffron Walden Reporter and Dunmow Broadcast to flag up what help is on offer. It is very aware that these publications do not reach across the whole district so ask for your help in identifying where there are gaps in coverage and whether in those areas there are good local publications - such as Parish or Church magazines - where they can put articles advertising what they are doing. If there is a cost involved, it would also be useful to know.

Stansted Airport Appeal Update

The airport appeal is now set to run for approximately 29 days from 12 January, 2021, reduced from 40 days. This is because the Inquiry is being held remotely without the inspectors, legal representatives and witnesses being present in person. Also, SSE has forwarded a lot of their evidence in writing. Watch live online at http://stream-uk.venue-av.com/e/sai/live_stream

Uttlesford District Council is still 100% looking to win the appeal as the legal team has briefed the Members on several occasions. UDC was required by the Inspectors to submit a Condition 15 paper before the hearing began. Should the Inspectors be of a mind to grant the appeal, the paper is there as a backup alternative to the main objections which would, if necessary and if agreed by the Inspectors, oblige MAG/STAL to comply with very strict emissions and carbon requirements etc before being able to proceed as they propose. UDC will then be able to check on compliance with any conditions at each stage.

Philip Coppel QC, the barrister acting for UDC, has been asked why the district

council has not teamed up with SSE. This is not allowed as UDC and SSE must make their own cases. Furthermore, UDC can only defend their case on the four points listed in their refusal notice, whereas SSE can submit evidence and points of view on as many topics as they wish under Section 6 of the Planning Act 2008 (108(b)). The Secretary of State thinks that, as a result of a change in circumstances since the national policy statement was first published or (if later) the statement or any part of it was last reviewed, all or part of the statement should be reviewed before the application is decided.

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Ponderings.....

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How did the man who made the first clock know what time it was?

Book Corner



HANDLE WITH CARE

by Rachael Hearson

Handle with Care is an account of the author's life from her childhood in North Devon to her nurse's training at St. Bart's, London and subsequent careers as a midwife and a Health Visitor. This is an inspiring memoir of her life in the NHS but also the story of the up and downs in the author's own life. Having to be cheerful and supportive in her professional life was not always easy when there were also problems at home.

She explains that Health Visiting is one of those professions that many people think is a bit of a non-job. *You just sit on a sofa and drink tea, don't you? It's not like you're a real nurse, in a hospital.* Well, health visitors are definitely real nurses with at least three years' training and, unlike nursing in hospital where there's always someone else you can ask if you have a problem, they're out there working on their own. These days they have cars but, not so long ago, they did their *visiting* by bike - and, before that, they walked many a mile in the course of a day!

After more than 40 years working in the NHS, first as a nurse in hospitals, then as a midwife, but mainly as a health visitor, Rachael Hearson has seen it all. She's been chased by violent family members, threatened by a knife-wielding wife-beater in a hostel, unwittingly visited a brothel and seen the tragic aftermath of cot deaths.

It's not all doom and gloom though as she also shares the satisfaction she experiences in turning desperate lives around while meeting families from every walk of life.



Book Corner

HOLD ON, EDNA!

by Aneira Thomas

Edna, says the doctor, coming to stand by her bed, *You need to wait. It's not long now. Don't push. Just hold on, Edna!* It is the 4th July, 1948, and, if Edna can hold onto her baby for just a few more minutes until just after midnight it will be the 5th July, the first day of the new National Health Service. Edna gives birth at one minute past midnight and thus benefits from the *free healthcare for all* pledge of Aneurin Bevin, the Minister for Health. Edna decides to call her baby girl Aneira although, within the family, she becomes *Nye* - both names being a tribute to the man whose vision gave us the NHS.

This is a touching and heart-warming story of community spirit, hardship and family ties. It is not just Aneira's own life story but a personal history of her ancestors which goes back several generations to describe how difficult their lives were. Living in dire poverty, each generation had to face illness and injury without resource to any medicines, doctors or hospital care. How many of them might have lived for many more years if what we take for granted - free healthcare from birth (not forgetting ante-natal) to the end of life - had been available all those years ago.

Aneira and her mother may have been among the first to benefit from the NHS but the family have *paid their dues* in another way. Aneira and her four sisters have all had careers in the service and her daughter is a paramedic. She ends with a fervent plea for every one of us to cherish an institution that has meant so much to her.



The Hundred Parishes Society

Puddingstones



Our area has a good number of so-called Hertfordshire puddingstones. I am not convinced that Hertfordshire has any real justification for claiming the puddingstone because examples can be found on both sides of the Essex / Hertfordshire county boundary. I recently acquired a copy of *Puddingstone Walks in Essex*, a neat little book that describes walking routes which in total pass more than twenty puddingstones or groups of puddingstones in the Essex part of the Hundred Parishes.

A puddingstone is a conglomerate of many small, rounded and colourful pebbles that appear to have been cemented together. Geologists explain that they were formed around 50 million years ago and were deposited in this area by a retreating glacier, possibly only 10,000 years ago at the end of the last Ice Age.

Some puddingstones lay where they were deposited whilst others have been moved to more convenient locations and sometimes put to good use. Brent Pelham and Arkesden have incorporated them into their war memorials. Others are visible in Arkesden in the stream of Wicken Water beside the bridge.



Brent Pelham War Memorial with Puddingstone



Puddingstone in Standon

Stones have been used as building material within walls in Much Hadham and Wendens Ambo, in Great Hallingbury's church tower and in St Helen's Chapel at Wicken Bonhunt. One in Standon is proudly

displayed, whilst a large puddingstone in Newport seems to have been unceremoniously abandoned beside the approach road to the station. Others stand in Tilty churchyard, by the pump at Ugley Green, in Saffron Walden Museum's grounds, by the Shell House in Hatfield Forest and beside the Yew Tree pub in Manuden.



Puddingstone in Ugley

No doubt there are many more - I would be pleased to hear of any that I have missed - please email me at hundredparishes@btinternet.com, if possible with a photo. Will we find more in Hertfordshire or Essex?

Ken McDonald, Secretary.
www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Editor's Note: *Does anyone have a photograph of the puddingstone embedded in the tower of St Giles'?*

Help to Keep our Village Looking Pretty



Great Hallingbury is a lovely village and, as Residents we all enjoy living here.

Sadly people passing through don't always show the respect for the village that we would like to see and leave their litter along the road.

Let's all make a special effort on Sunday, 21st March, 2021 and clear the area around your own property

Bags, grabbers and high vis jackets will be available to collect from the Old Post Office at Bedlars Green on Saturday 29th February

Working together makes light work of a chore
Let's all do our bit on 21st March



Everyone can help

Chairman's Message February 2021



Hello to you all. As in my previous messages, I hope this finds you all keeping well.

It was with sadness that I had to accept the resignation of Tom Streeter (my Vice-Chairman) from the Parish Council. This was due to personal reasons. I would like to



Andrew Noble

thank Tom for the many years of dedication to the village and hope that one day he will stand again as a Parish Councillor. I thank Cllr Andrew Noble for taking on the role of Vice-Chairman.

Christmas turned out to be a very different one from that which we are all used to due to Covid19 restrictions. I hope that you still managed to share the Christmas Season in some way with your loved ones, albeit online or Zoom or some other media channel.

As Freda and I watched the New Year in on television, we found it a joy to be able to hear Big Ben chime without being drowned out by the fireworks.

Let me again thank all our front line workers who have been working tirelessly to keep the country going. It is such a shame that the Covid19 virus has taken such a hold and caused so many deaths. To those of you who have Covid19, I wish you a swift recovery. We all still need to do our bit and, if we have to go out, remember HANDS, FACE, SPACE. As Matt Hancock said, *act like you have it* to protect others.

I hope many of you have at least had the first Covid19 jab. Please do get it done when called to do so; it is the only way to beat this disease.

It is so nice to see the nights draw out a bit and, if like me you grow your own veg, it is the time to decide what you are going to

grow and get your seeds planted. Maybe we could start an *Exchange Scheme* where we could swap any excess plants - at a safe distance of course! I am sure everybody would get some joy out of picking your own home grown plants and, who knows, if the Flower Show does take place this year it could have a record number of entries!

I do need to remind you about *Scams*. Please be very careful when answering the telephone and do not give out any details, or press 1 when told to do so - just hang up. Your bank will never phone you and ask for details.

If any of you are having problems with paying bills due to lockdown, please go on the Uttlesford website for details of how you may be able to get some help: put in *Uttlesford District Council*, click on *Contact Council Departments*, scroll down and click on *Contact the Community Response Hub*.

Email - uconnect@uttlesford.gov.uk or communityresponse@uttlesford.gov.uk

As you know, we had a Litter Pick in October but it seems that mindless idiots think it is OK to just throw their rubbish anywhere rather than dispose of it properly. Our next Litter Pick, being organised by Cllr Mark Bloomfield, will be on 21st March (please see page 10).

Your Parish Council has continued to hold meetings, albeit by Zoom, and I thank my fellow Councillors for all their hard work and, of course, our Clerk, Urška. We have made comments on all sorts of issues from planning to pot holes and floods. We also bought a new door for the Defibrillator at the village hall. I have been attending meetings with the Essex Association of Local Councils and was also elected Chairman of the Uttlesford Association of Local Councils; meetings are by Zoom for both.

Goodbye for now and may I wish you a belated Happy New Year.

Please take care and stay safe.

Alan Townsend
Chairman, Great Hallingbury Parish Council

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

My optimism last month has been dashed - as you will appreciate, Covid19 restrictions meant we were not able to open the Gardens in February to let visitors enjoy the snowdrops. The upside of this was not worrying about hundreds of people tramping over grass that has struggled with the record amount of rainfall in recent months and this year's Beast from the East. But it was so sad not to be able to share the joy of the snowdrops, looking better than ever: pooled under trees at the front of the Gardens; covering the banks at the side of the glade; and colonising the grass in the walled kitchen garden.



It is not yet clear what will be possible in March. Last year I was naïve about the looming impact of the pandemic and we didn't start getting volunteers back into the Gardens until May, with visitors first allowed in July. This year, we remain hopeful that the roll-out of the vaccine will mean we will be well ahead of those dates, but you will need to keep an eye on our website or Facebook pages to get the up to date news on when we will be open. You will also find there our latest pictures of the Gardens.

In the meantime, we have managed to get a little essential winter work done, between the storms, and by March the early spring should be lifting our spirits. We should have



finished our planting of new fruit trees in the walled kitchen garden and the pruning of the older apples and pears; the blossom should be coming out on the peaches and nectarines; and the bees should be settling into their new home. We should also have the stonemasons on site, restoring the balustrade in the Italian garden. And of course we will have a host of daffodils in the lime walk and the glade.

So, we keep on smiling and hope you can too!

Jill Goldsmith

A little light humour

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, 'We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.'
(The Daily Telegraph)

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like.
(The Guardian)

A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast guard spokesman commented, 'This sort of thing is all too common'.
(The Times)

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.
(Aberdeen Evening Express)

Great Hallingbury History Society



Great Hallingbury History Society is a member of The Recorders of Uttlesford History, one of whose objectives is to record the present for future generations. Below is an extract from my report for 2020.

No one can gainsay that 2020 was not the year we had planned or anticipated. Even in January or February, as news reached us of the virus that was sweeping through Asia and into Europe, we had no idea of what was ahead of us. The World Health Organisation declared Covid19 a pandemic on 11th March and this dominated our lives for the whole year.

In Great Hallingbury, January saw the WI enjoy their New Year meal and in February a speaker. The Parish Council held their first meeting of the year. The History Society welcomed speakers in January and February when Robert Lodge proudly told us some of the history of Lodge's Coaches and the impending visit the following week of HRH The Duke of Kent to celebrate their centenary. In March, we just squeezed in a visit from Dr Peter Green who spoke about Wicken Fen and how the National Trust is trying to restore the landscape.

The Spring issue of ***Great Hallingbury Highlights*** was full of dates for future events - the Annual Parish Meeting, WI meetings and History Society talks, Village Hall Quiz Nights and the Hallingbury Flower Show in July. Then, in the middle of March, all this optimistic planning was being cancelled as the country went into lockdown. Our Health Service personnel worked heroically to care for those ill with the virus and other key workers - transport operators, food and essential shop workers, essential service engineers and many more - carried on.

The pattern of the year to come was quickly set. Meeting with family and friends was not allowed, shopping was for essentials only and carried out by one individual from each household or delivered to the house

and anything else one wanted also had to be delivered. Each month, optimistic planning ahead for events when we were out of lockdown continued only for them to be ultimately cancelled.

Zoom and other electronic means of communication soon provided



that all important contact between people.

In the Spring and early Summer, we were fortunate to enjoy to some lovely weather and, in spite of Affinity Water's warning of a drought, there were reports of many beautiful gardens around as people had had the time to devote to them during lockdown. Here in Great Hallingbury, we all enjoyed the respite from frequent planes flying overhead which made our gardens even more attractive.

Then we reached a tantalising summer when restrictions were eased, we were encouraged to *Eat Out to Help Out*, schools were expected to reopen in September, some people managed a holiday and a few even travelled overseas.

The Village Hall Committee worked manfully to make Great Hallingbury Village Hall Covid19 compliant and this allowed - with



appropriate social distancing - both the WI and the History Society to hold

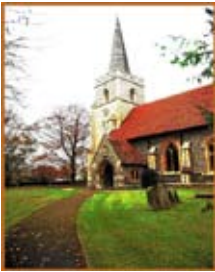
meetings and a new yoga group to start, but they only managed one session before we went into lockdown again.

We still managed our biannual litter picks in Great Hallingbury with, sadly, little diminution in the quantity of rubbish collected in spite of reduced traffic through the village.

Great Hallingbury Parish Council launched a new website for the Village in the

Spring at <https://e-voice-org.uk/great-hallingbury-parish-council> and Parish Council meetings have continued throughout the year using the *Zoom* platform. In this way they maintained their work reviewing the many consultation documents, looking out for adverse effects on our village and commenting on planning applications which have continued unabated.

One constant throughout 2020 was the prevalence of scams which, in fact, increased as unscrupulous people tried to take advantage of the pandemic. Another crime of opportunity has reared its head with the theft of packages delivered and left on doorsteps.



St Giles' Church in Great Hallingbury is part of a United Benefice with St Mary's in Little Hallingbury. St Giles' is also one of the churches in the Six Villages Mission and Ministry Unit (MMU)

which was inaugurated in 2017 when a covenant was signed between six local churches - St Giles' in Great Hallingbury, St Mary's in Little Hallingbury, Holy Trinity in Hatfield Heath, St Mary's in Sheering, St John's in Bush End and St Mary's in Hatfield Broad Oak - which pledged the churches to work more closely together. The Covid19 lockdown has accelerated this development as people from all six villages have been sharing the online services that have been taking place each Sunday following the closure of the six church buildings. Members have begun to meet and recognise one another on screen with a consequent growth in relationships and understanding.

During 2020, this cooperation was strengthened when The Rev'd Dawn Jewson, Priest in Charge of Hatfield Heath and Sheering, was licensed in addition as Priest in Charge of Hatfield Broad Oak and Bush End. Dawn was also licensed to be Associate Priest of St Giles' in Great Hallingbury and St Mary's in Little Hallingbury. At the same

time The Rev'd David Herrick was licensed as Associate Priest in Hatfield Heath and Sheering and in Hatfield Broad Oak and Bush End. Overall, the effect of the latest licensing is that the churches of the Six Villages now share one ministry team - Dawn and David with Licensed Lay Minister, Mrs Caroline Harding.

Optimistic plans to re-open the churches, especially over Christmas, were thwarted when lockdown regulations again came into force and church services were not allowed although the churches may be opened for private prayer.

The 2020 Poppy Appeal was understandably affected by the pandemic but collection boxes in Little Hallingbury C of E Primary School and Howe Green House School plus two retail outlets produced contributions.

In the Autumn, a horse chestnut which had stood for many years in the centre of the Village Hall field became diseased and had to be felled. When this work was done, a swarm of honey bees was released causing consternation to all those involved and watching. However, the swarm was recovered by beekeepers and safely relocated.

The year ended on a hopeful note with the announcement of vaccines to combat the Covid19 virus and the first shots were administered to some residents in late December.



2020 was a very different kind of year.

The History Society has a programme of speakers in place for whenever we are allowed to meet again.

10th March *The Great Plague in Essex*
14th April *Three Men Without a Boat*
12th May *Hadham Forge and Museum*

Let's hope we can restart our programme soon.

Christine Coultrup
 Chairman, Great Hallingbury History Society

Census 2021

A census has taken place in England every ten years since 1801 (with the exception of 1941). A



census gathers information about our society so that appropriate services can be put in place for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.

Fans of TV programmes such as *Who Do You Think You Are* will know the value of historic census data to family historians and genealogists but data from the census impacts our lives every day, often without us even realising it.

Did you know that water companies use census data to anticipate peak water demand? Or that the NHS uses census data to plan a wide range of services such as hospitals and GP surgeries, mobile chiropodists and home support? Everything from schools to care home places are planned using census data to make sure that the needs of all age groups are met.

Every aspect of our lives is impacted by the census so it is vital that everyone participates to ensure the best possible understanding of the structure and needs of our society.

By taking part, you can make sure that your community is represented and gets its share of public and other funding to ensure the provision of services now and in the future.

The next official census date is Sunday, 21st March, 2021, but Census 2021 will be the first time that everyone will be able to complete the census online at any time from the beginning of March 2021.

You will receive a letter with your unique access code and will be able to complete the census online using any device. Help will be available if you need it by phone, email or text. You will also be able to use web-chat or social media, or drop into a Covid19-compliant Census Support Centre. Guidance will be available in a range of languages and

accessible formats and the paper option will still be available if needed.

The census is run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) which operates completely independently of government and of any private sector interests.

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Poppy Appeal 2020



For the past year everything has been very different and the 2020 Poppy Appeal was unlike any other. There were boxes of Poppies in both Little Hallingbury Post Office and HACS shop at Latchmore Bank but no door to door collections. Both local schools had collections in the pupil bubbles and I collected some heavy boxes after the campaign.

It was while I was on my way to Howe Green House School after collecting from Little Hallingbury School that I saw this. I



completed my collection and decided to take pictures as I left. Just in time! The members of staff responsible for the display were just removing it and told me all about it. The poppies had been made by a group of children from recycled materials and looked like those displayed at the Tower of London in 2018. Recycled plastic for the petals and bottle-tops for the centres. It made a stunning display and was a cheering sight during a sad time.

Thank you to the school once again for all your support. We will have to see what we are able to achieve this year. We should have more knowledge by summer and be able to plan a different campaign for November.

Gill Sewell

Great Hallingbury Village Hall



Ton Club Results

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

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

Here are the results of the **Ton Club** draws since the last issue of this magazine.

November 2020

1st prize	no 2	Miss Eleanor Cox
2nd prize	no 74	Mrs Gill Sewell
3rd prize	no 7	Miss Grace Walker

December 2020

1st prize	no 90	Mrs Rosemary Stevens
2nd prize	no 58	Mr Tom Banister
3rd prize	no 18	Village Hall

January 2021

1st prize	no 64	Mrs Pippa Dann
2nd prize	no 14	Mrs Valerie Walker
3rd prize	no 98	Mrs Sue Pledsted

February 2021

1st prize	no 63	Mr & Mrs Jack Brear
2nd prize	no 86	Mr Mike Wilkins
3rd prize	no 25	Mr Joerg Stuebler

Joining In

To take part please contact Lee Cox on 07500 805281 or cox_L3@sky.com 5 The Grove, Great Hallingbury, CM22 7TT.

We welcome your support.



Kemi Badenoch MP for Saffron Walden



2020 was a difficult year which presented many challenges we continue to face, but also highlighted our many strengths; a stable economy and public finances, which meant we could pay millions of people to stay at home and protect themselves; strong communities, which were able to look after their most vulnerable; a resilient health service with dedicated workers on the frontline and our armed forces, supermarket workers, shopkeepers, post men, delivery drivers, teachers and so many others who kept food on our shelves, brought us parcels and medicine and kept the country going.

I am grateful to live in a country that has so much and we must remind ourselves never to take these things for granted.

Over the last month residents in Great Hallingbury have written to me regarding the latest national lockdown and the impact of the measures on local businesses.

The Government continues to provide unprecedented support for local residents,

businesses, charities, cultural and heritage sites in light of the difficulties we have faced, as well as increased funding for our local schools, hospitals such as the Princess Alexandra in Harlow and Essex Police.

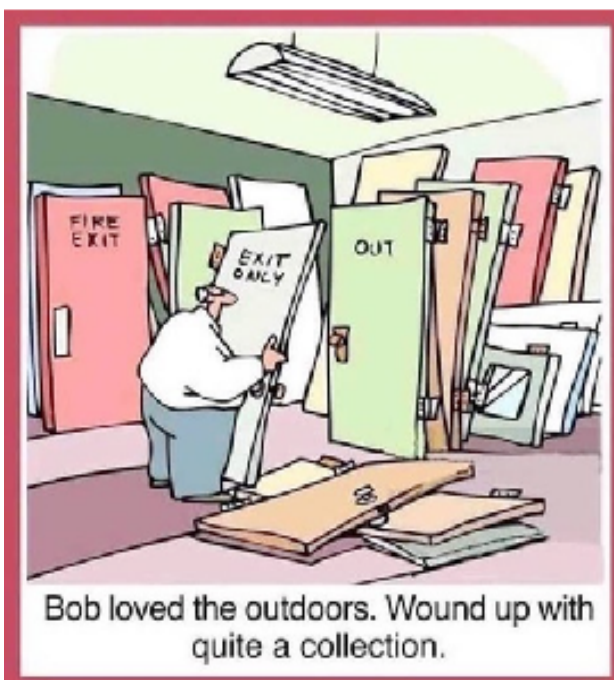
I continue to receive regular updates from our local health executives regarding the vaccine roll out across the constituency, which is now well underway. The NHS is asking residents not to contact their local GP for an appointment as they will contact you.

Some residents in Uttlesford who live 30-45 minutes away from a vaccination centre in Stevenage have received a letter from the NHS with details on how to book their vaccination there if they have not been contacted by their GP. Another vaccination centre in Harlow has also been announced, which is much closer for residents in Great Hallingbury. The vaccine rollout is the light at the end of the tunnel.

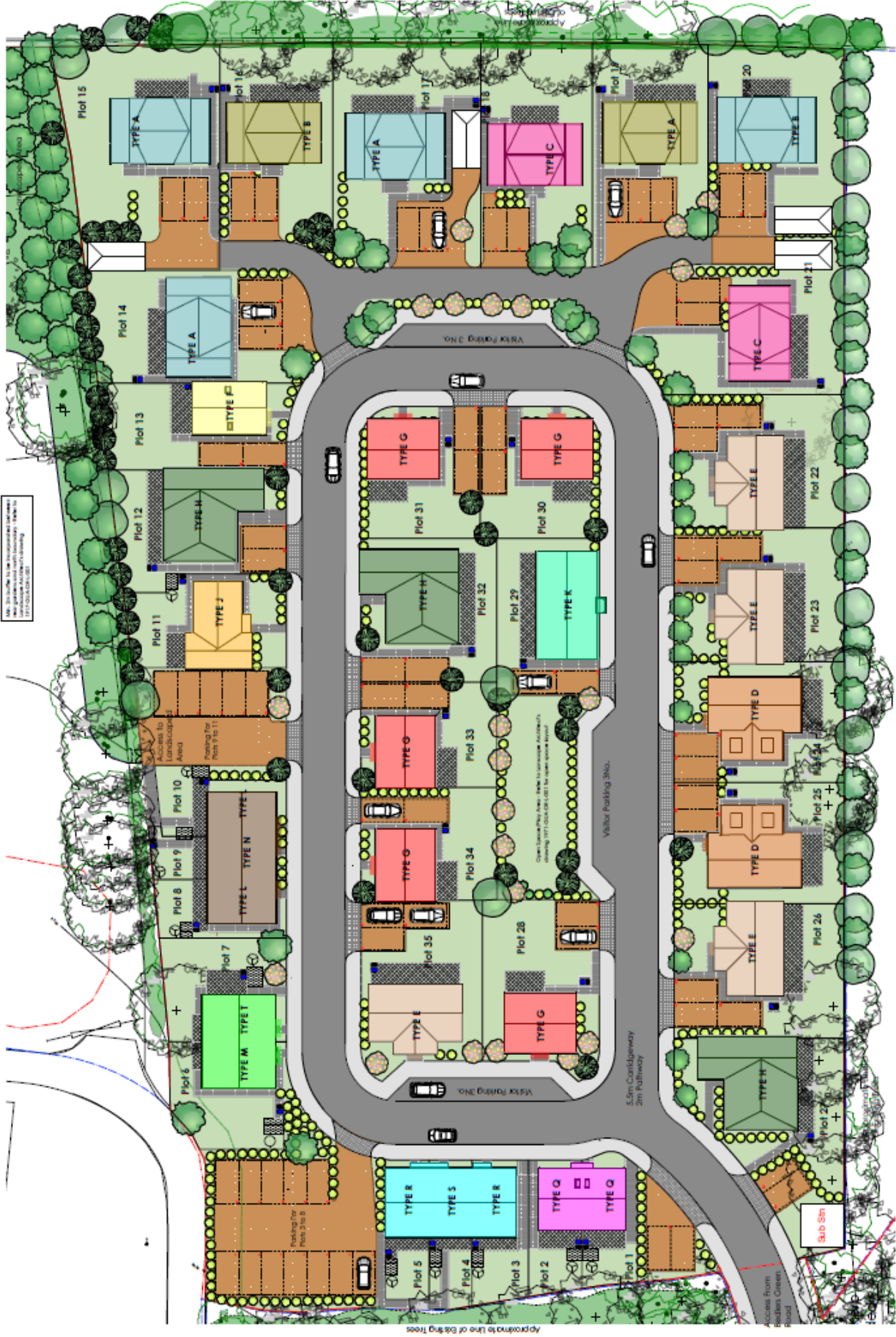
I look forward to our constituency and country coming together and rebuilding as we begin to recover from the pandemic.

If you have anything you would like to raise with me, please email me at kemi.badenoch@parliament.uk.

Kemi Badenoch, MP



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Approving Line of Existing Trees

Tilekiln Green Housing Development Mead Field Drive

It has been a long wait, but the Tilekiln Green housing development is about to start.

I find it amazing that time has passed so quickly and to recall that the whole process of planning started nearly ten years ago. So many twists and turns, dealing with the only objector - ironically that being the airport - adapting to satisfy Uttlesford Planners and Lawyers and, of course, inevitably the Covid19 pandemic slowing down the crossing of the last hurdles.

I am sure there will be considerable interest in the village and elsewhere to watch progress being made but also to have some idea of what it will finally look like.

















The development access road clearing is now there to be seen and the sight lines have been cleared of trees to comply with Highways approval. The road will be named Mead Field Drive which, many will recall, does reflect an aspect of the village's recent history. For building purposes the site access may vary but the final access will be directly from the main road as shown on the photo.

The plan (2015-105-001A) has the site layout with the types and location of the houses and bungalows. There will be a total of thirty five units including 11 dwellings

handled by Uttlesford District Council and the remainder for normal sale. They consist of eight 5 bedroom detached houses, six 4 bedroom houses, seven 3 bedroom houses, three 3 bedroom bungalows and one 2 bedroom bungalow.

The developer will appoint a housing association to handle the affordable units which consist of three 1 bedroom, seven 2 bedroom and one 3 bedroom houses. Anyone interested in these should apply to Uttlesford Housing Department and preferably have connections with the village.

ACCOMMODATION	SCHEDULE
	1 Bed Type Q + Handed Affordable Rent
	2 Bed Type R + S Shared Ownership
	3 Bed - Type M + T Affordable Rent
	2 Bed - Type N + L Affordable Rent
	1 Bed Bungalow (Part M) - Type J Affordable Rent
	2 bed Bungalow (Part M) - Type K
	3 bed - Type F
	5 bed - Type A
	5 bed - Type B
	5 bed - Type C
	4 bed - Type E
	4 bed - Type D
	3 bed Bungalow- Type H
	3 bed - Type G

TOTAL PARKING INDICATED: 81 SPACES
+ 9 Visitors parking

Property details and prices will be finalised and published shortly and I would invite anybody within the village who is interested to call me at this stage. Villagers will have the first choice before sales are opened up to the wider community.

Work is expected to begin in March and it will take two to three years for overall completion, with sales being progressive as work proceeds.

It is absolutely our intention that the finished development will be a real asset to the village.

Andrew Noble
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Essex County Council

County Cllr Susan Barker



Dear Residents

It is 18th January and water levels are still very high around the County. Thank you to the farmers and landowners and Councillors who have been out there clearing ditches and gullies and helping to reduce the levels and the problems. I am aware that there is still more work to be done in Hatfield Heath, High Easter, Bush End, Barnston and Margaret Roding where there are specific locations that need work to resolve the issues. If you are aware of other areas please let me know. Many of the problems are caused by blocked gullies where mud, debris and leaves are washed off fields and additionally by road sweepers inadvertently pushing sweepings into the drains. Essex Highways clears thousands of gullies every month but I continue to push for more.

As we come towards the end of the financial year, I am aware that this has been a period like no other in terms of trying to balance budgets with both the District Council and the County Council experiencing reductions in income. For the District Council this is in areas such as car parking income, planning fees and taxi licensing and for the County Council in areas such as library charges and room bookings, country park and adult community learning income and wedding cancellations. In addition the District Council has managed a whole additional raft of grants to businesses and the County Council has supported care homes, school transport companies, provided holiday clubs, food vouchers for holidays (February half term and Easter planned too), managed Track and Trace and the pressures of an increased number of deaths. There have, of course, been large tranches of additional funding to assist with these costs from Central Government. For the County Council, setting a budget as we have to in

February, all these issues have made this more complicated. We do not know how long the current restrictions will last or the impact of additional residents losing their jobs and claiming Universal Credit (who are then likely to pay reduced Council Tax) and what effect that will have on the amount of Council Tax we will receive. We are discussing at Cabinet on January 19th a 0% Council Tax increase and a 1.5% increase in the Adult Social Care precept. This will be debated at Full Council in February.

Essex County Council is working on an ambitious programme to assist families who have children going to school *remotely* and have purchased around 2,500 laptops for pupils where schools have identified the need for a machine. 1,700 have to date been handed out. If you are or know of anyone in that situation please make contact with your school. This programme started with senior schools but junior schools are now being contacted. As well as purchased machines, if you have an old machine you are no longer using we can clean and refurbish those and pass them on to someone in need.



The Uttlesford Local Highways panel met last week to discuss progress on schemes. These include the mini roundabout at the bottom of Rosemary Lane and works to the Roding Drive roundabout in Takeley as well as potential pavement widening in Barnston. We also had two members of the public speak about speed on the B1256 in Little Canfield and in Dunmow at the bottom of Braintree Road. The full list may be found here <https://www.essexhighways.org/highway-schemes-and-developments/local-highway-panels/uttlesford-lhp.aspx>.

If there are matters you would like help with or information about, please do get in touch.

Susan Barker
01245 231250

Cllr.susan.barker@essex.gov.uk

Life During the Pandemic

As I put pen to paper I reflect on how 2020 has affected me, like many others in the village, who have been forced to *work from home* during the Covid19 pandemic.

I thought ok, we can make this work perhaps until the end of the year and we could then see a slow return to work in the office!!!! Or perhaps not!

However, in March we had to very quickly re-evaluate how we do things, organising, promoting and delivering events as well as keeping a small team working cohesively. Thank heavens for the internet.

Like many in our industry, we have gone completely virtual and it has been successful.

So working from home has become the norm for me, allowing me time to keep an eye on my neighbours and family and doing the neighbourly things village life holds.

As we are soon to reach a year of the pandemic, many employees are still working from home or perhaps being furloughed, or, unfortunately, being made redundant; companies are facing huge decisions on how their operation will fare in 2021.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, but how that will evolve remains to be seen.

Julie Baldwin

Neighbourhood Watch

Crime Continues

With many of us at home, household crime rates have seen a marked fall but this doesn't mean there are none.

Recently and locally, I have seen many reports of thefts of home deliveries, parcels left innocently in doorways/porches and the thieves not shy about taking them, many being caught on home CCTV and being reported to the police. Also there have been



reports of a man who appears to be stealing post from residents' homes with external mail boxes. He has been seen following the Royal Mail vans around the villages and then appearing to take the post once the Post Employee has moved further down the road.

So please keep vigilant and if you are expecting a delivery, try and make sure you take it in promptly or get a neighbour to do so if you can't and if you currently have a mail box on the outside of your house, perhaps it's time for a new one and ensure its more secure than your current box.

Crime in Great Hallingbury

The crime rate remains low for the Great Hallingbury area and generally across the Uttlesford District with around 30 incidents reported weekly. Vehicle theft is the most reported crime.

Please keep safe and above all report anything suspicious to the Police on 101.

Please do not feel that you will be wasting police time. The information you provide may prove useful in an investigation.

Keeping Your Dog Safe



Identification

- Ensure your dog is microchipped and that the details on the chip reflect that you are the owner. Always keep these up to date, particularly if you move to a new house. Cats should also be microchipped. Microchipping helps reunite pets with their owners very quickly.
- Do not put your dog's name on their collar as it is then easy for someone to call your dog away from you. Just put your mobile phone number on there so that if your pet does get lost someone can call you to let you know they have them. Attached is a link to an example of a dog tag that links to your dogs' collar

and ensures it does not fall off whilst they are running around <https://www.identitag.co.uk/productcart/pc/Collar-Dog-Tag-Medium-p30.htm>

At Home

- Keep dogs inside your home and if you are going out, set alarm, if fitted, and leave radio and timer switches on as per your normal burglary prevention.
- If it is not possible to keep your dogs in at night, ensure they are locked in a secure kennel with security lights and alarms fitted.
- If you are letting your dog out into the garden (even during the day) never leave them unattended at any time and ensure your garden is secure with fencing etc. Fit motion sensor lights in your garden to add to your security. This way you can see where your dog is at any time and it also makes you aware of any unwanted intruders.

On A Walk

- Always take your mobile phone when you are walking your dog.
- If you feel that you are threatened in any way, make your way to the nearest house or, if too far away, ring 999. If you can get information that can be passed onto the police do so but do not put yourself at risk
- Vary the times you walk your dog.
- If possible, set up a time with someone else who has a dog who could walk with you. A nice way to socialise and safety in numbers (socially distancing now, of course).
- Carry a personal alarm with you. This example on the internet may be useful. It's also a good idea for when you are out walking in general anywhere. https://www.nrshealthcare.co.uk/health-aids-personal-care/dementia-memory-aids/door-entry-key-safes-alarms/police-approved-personal-alarm?gclid=EAIaIQobChMlv62QlYK_7QlVWsTVCh32hgkhEAQYASABEgLiIPD_BwE

Message from the Uttlesford Crime Prevention Team

Uttlesford South PC (Barnston, Rodings, Hatfield Heath, Stansted & Takely)
PC 72023 Steve Sharma
PC 3574 Kerry Rowson
Uttlesford South PCSO (Barnston, Rodings, Hatfield Heath, Stansted & Takely)
PCSO 79914 Nikki Morris (Stansted, Elsenham & Henham)
PCSO 71102 Simon Horne (Barnston, Rodings, Hatfield Heath, Hatfield Broad Oak, Takely & Hallingburys)

Venturing out from “Lock Down”

As and when the Covid1919 restrictions are eased and we cautiously emerge from the security of our homes, whilst not wishing to alarm, we do need to remember to secure our property once again.

Whether we are just going to the shops, going out for the day or perhaps taking that well deserved break make sure your home is secure and it looks like you are still there.

Just a few tips to remind you:

Ensure that windows, doors, outbuildings and gates are closed and locked correctly. Make sure all tools are put away too. Remember with PVCu and similar doors - when locking, lift the handle, turn and remove the key. If you have a night latch and a mortice lock ensure that you lock both not just the night latch.

No keys outside in hidey holes please. The thief will find them no matter how well you think they are hidden.

Create the illusion of occupancy: A radio on, a chair that looks like you have just got up, book or magazine open with a pair of spectacles and a mug next to it, a vacuum cleaner with the lead trailing out of sight (not plugged in), the usual signs of habitation and don't leave it too tidy.



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Highlights from the Minutes of Meetings of Great Hallingbury Parish Council

9th November, 2020, and 11th January, 2021, on 'Zoom'

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

Vice Chairman

Cllr Townsend proposed Cllr Andrew Noble to undertake the role of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council which vacancy occurred due to the resignation of Tom Streeter. Cllr Noble agreed. The nomination was seconded by Cllr Baldwin and agreed unanimously. Cllr Noble also took on the role of Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Uttlesford District Council

District Cllr Driscoll reported that information regarding the Local Plan Consultation will be found on the UDC website. The Local Plan Stakeholder Forum is virtual and anyone can join and comment on topics.

District Cllr Driscoll also informed the Parish Council that UDC has obtained the Banana Factory in Little Canfield and will be moving some offices there. UDC plans to use this primarily as a combined waste depot (to replace the current sites in Dunmow and Saffron Walden).

District Cllr Reeve reported that, despite the extra service costs and loss of some income, the UDC budget is still balanced. This results from new rental income from the District's investments aimed at covering essential services.

An Economic Development Recovery Plan has been approved by UDC. Particularly driven by the consequences of the Covid19 pandemic, this is also linked to the

Environmental and Ecological Emergency and Local Plan employment consequences. The aim is to provide help to businesses and residents and to encourage future inward investment. £1 million has been allocated to this over the coming three years. A small example is the recently launched *Click-it Local - Uttlesford* which provides an online shopping site where local businesses can sell their products and residents throughout the district can purchase from multiple businesses in Saffron Walden, Dunmow, Stansted Mountfitchet and the rest of the district, as well as Cambridge, and have these delivered at home for a modest charge. District Cllr Reeve encouraged residents to support local businesses and use this new service.

Tree on Village Hall Field

The horse chestnut tree on the Village Hall field had become dangerous and was felled. The felling released a nest of wild bees. It still needs to be chopped and cleared which will be done shortly. District Cllr Driscoll agreed to arrange a grant for felling the tree from the New House Bonus.

Uttlesford District Council has been asked for trees to be planted to replace the felled chestnut.

Bedlars Green

Residents have reported waste disposal on the land behind the Hop Poles - mostly subsoil and concrete. The explanation given was that this is needed for landscaping. The Clerk will provide details to District Cllr Driscoll.

Cllr Pinnock reported that parking is getting worse. Two big trees were put down to try to stop the parking but something needs to be done on the other side of the road. It is assumed that it is likely to be the increasing number of visitors to Hatfield Forest. Time limited parking suggested in County Cllr Barker's email was discussed but it seems it will not target the right people.

Cllr Barlow noted that Bedlars Green pond needs some work when possible.

Village Hall Field

The Council considered expenditure on grass cutting for the Village Hall field and resolved that, as the Parish Council is the owner of the field, the Parish Council should take over the cost of grass cutting from the Village Hall Committee.

The trimming of the hedge on the part of the field owned by the Parish Council should also be paid by the Parish Council. There are some implications to be considered at the next meeting. Cllr Barlow will obtain more details.

Stansted Airport

Regarding comments on new documentation relating to the Airport's appeal, it was agreed that the same comments as previously made in 2018 should stand as the Council does not have the time or resources to review all the new information in the time available.

Vacancy

Uttlesford District Council has been informed of the resignation of Cllr Tom Streeter and the notice received was displayed on the website and main noticeboard. No requests have been received for an election so the Council can now co-opt a new member. It was agreed the vacancy for a Parish Councillor should be advertised.

Highways

County Cllr Barker reported that a resident had contacted her regarding an accident on the B1256, Dunmow Road, between the Esso station towards Takeley near the big tree. Three cars were parked on the verge, one car reversed onto the road and couldn't see an approaching car because a bigger car was parked next to theirs and was obstructing their sight.

A damaged cattle grid gate at Woodside Green had been reported and a large pothole on Church Road opposite 128 and 128a will be reported.

Covid19

District Cllr Reeve reported that access

to the various grants available from the Government can be found through the UDC website. In particular, applications can be made for the *Business Adaptation Grant*. Please continue to follow the rules to keep fighting the virus.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Baldwin reported that normal text and email scams are prevalent. She also urged residents to collect parcels delivered to their properties as soon as possible or to give instructions for them to be put in a safe place as there was an incident where a parcel disappeared within ten minutes of being delivered.

Woodside Green Road

Cllr Townsend advised he asked District Cllr Driscoll for a recount of houses as it is believed that the number of the dwellings has changed since the last count which may be relevant to qualifying for a 30mph speed limit.

Playground

A number of things need to be considered before a commitment to installing a playground is made. The village consists of a series of hamlets and therefore there is no one area where houses are grouped. It would appear that the main developments where families with young children are likely to move are now around Tilekiln Green, so consideration should be given to whether the field near the village hall is not too remote. A designated area for children to play behind the hotel development was discussed but it was agreed it is not suitable.

Website

The administration for the Parish Council website was discussed. The Chairman advised that he keeps all the passwords for the Parish Council as a back-up. It was concluded that there should be just one administrator.

Precept 2021/2022

The Council carefully considered the situation. An increase was discussed and,

in prospect of new houses being built soon and to be able to continue to provide current services and to cover inflation, the decision was made to increase the precept from £14,175 to £15,000.

Planning

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

a) Application Decisions

UTT/19/2894/FUL // Land at South View, Start Hill // Erection of two new detached dwelling houses // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/19/2951/FUL // Land East of M11, Howe Green // Application to vary conditions 8, 9 and 10 of UTT/18/2935/FUL relating to drainage // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/20/0336/DFO // Land South East Of Great Hallingbury Manor, Tilekiln Green // Details following outline approval UTT/16/3669/OP for the erection of 35 dwellings - details of appearance, landscaping, layout scale and access // Approved (No objections)

UTT/20/1106/FUL // Little Jenkins, Jenkins Lane // Removal of storage container and erection of detached double storey showroom and storage building with offices above (revised scheme to that approved under UTT/18/1740/FUL) // Approved (No objections)

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 due to increasing numbers of cars to each household.)

UTT/20/1034/OP // The Hop Poles, Bedlars Green // Outline application, with matters of appearance, landscape and scale reserved, for proposed development of 8 chalet style houses with associated parking and access and play area // Awaiting decision (Objections: it is overdevelopment; there

are concerns about the access and parking as the road is too narrow)

UTT/20/1425/HHF // Mulberry House, Hallingbury Place // Demolition of existing lean-to outbuilding and erection of a detached two storey outbuilding // Approved (No objections)

UTT/20/1391/HHF // Little Jenkins, Jenkins Lane // Erection of proposed pool room and swimming pool // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/20/1377/CLE // Newlands House, Church Road // Use of building as a residential dwelling // Refused (Objections: it is back land development and has been lived in without planning consent)

UTT/20/1699/HHF // Woollcott House, Anvil Cross // Proposed first floor extension // Approved (No objections)

UTT202052HHF // Normandale, New Barn Lane // Proposed single storey rear extensions and ground floor alterations // Withdrawn (No objections)

UTT/20/2179/CLE // 1 The Gatehouse, The Street // Certificate of lawfulness for occupation of dwelling by non-agricultural worker (breach of condition 2 of UTT/0169/88) // Approved (No objections)

UTT/20/1751/FUL // Land Adjacent to The Willow Tree, Tilekiln Green // Construction of a single dwelling house alongside, ancillary access, parking, landscaping, and other associated works // Refused (No objections as such but developments must be connected to the main sewage. The construction of a footpath to connect Tilekiln Green to the B1256 should be considered so that pedestrians can safely access the amenities that are being quoted in planning statements. Currently there is no safe access to the Petrol Station or the Bus Stop for pedestrians. Adequate provision to meet the increased pressure on social and community infrastructure resulting from development should be in place)

UTT/20/2386/FUL // 66 Woodside Green // Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling

and attached cartlodge (amended scheme to that approved by planning permission UTT/20/0219/FUL) // Approved (No objections)

UTT/20/2482/FUL // Land at Coppins, Woodside Green // Erection of 3 two storey detached dwellings with new vehicular access and associated private garden, car parking and landscaping // Refused (No objections)

UTT/20/2629/HHF // Old Tithe Hall, Start Hill, Stane Street // Proposed erection of treehouse // Approved (No objections)

UTT/20/2758/AV // Dunmow Road, Birchanger // Erection of 1 non-illuminated advertising sign for new development // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/20/2739/FUL // Woodside Green Farm // Construction of two maneges on pasture within farm // Awaiting decision (No objections but the lighting for the menage should be restricted)

UTT/20/2753/FUL // 1 & 2 Greenways, Woodside Green // Proposed demolition of two semi-detached dwellings and construction of one replacement dwelling // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/20/2754/OP // Land South of Greenways, Woodside Green // Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of one dwelling // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/20/2470/FUL // Marstons, Start Hill, Stane Street // The demolition of the existing dwelling house and the replacement of eight residential dwelling houses, alterations to the existing vehicle crossovers, ancillary car parking, landscaping and associated development // Awaiting decision (No objections but would like to point out that the B1256 stretch of road is a clearway and as such any vehicles should not be allowed to park on the road including all delivery vehicles to site)

b) Applications to be Dealt with at this Meeting:

UTT/20/2882/FUL // Stables South Of The Old Elm, Start Hill // Proposed demolition

of existing stable block and erection of one dwelling retaining existing access (amendments to previously approved application UTT/19/0160/FUL) // No objections

UTT/20/2710/FUL // Start House, Tilekiln Green // Erection of detached chalet style dwelling and garage complete with widened access and related infrastructure // No objections

UTT/20/3094/HHF // 71 Woodside Green // Erection of detached single garage // No objections

UTT/20/3151/FUL // Lodge Farm, Woodside Green // Creation of separate access to Lodge Farmhouse // No objections

UTT/20/3280/FUL // Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green // Change of use of agricultural building to offices and storage // No objections

UTT/20/3271/HHF // The Old Forge, Woodside Green // New tennis court with fencing surround // No objections

UTT/20/3353/HHF // Rosebery House, Hallingbury Place // Erection of deer proof fencing and hedging to rear of property // No objections

UTT/20/3431/FUL // Land East of White Cottage, Start Hill // Proposed erection of four dwellings with associated private gardens, car parking, access and landscaping // No objections but it is suggested that it is overdevelopment and it should go back to the original application.



Great Hallingbury WI

Great Hallingbury WI was unable to meet monthly in 2020 but members have kept in touch with each other via email and zoom. Members have been busy with various projects and crafts. These images are from the 2020 annual archive photo book



VE75 Day
No big celebrations, only socially distanced gatherings



Social Distancing at the AGM



Carole, Jenni & Irene enjoying their New Year Raffle Prize of Afternoon Tea at Great Hallingbury Manor



Lesley was busy knitting - keeping a baby warm in the first few hours of life is hugely important



Fun at our ZOOM meeting playing Scattergories

Photos courtesy of Beverly Moore

You Don't Have To Be On Benefits To Get Help



Short of Money?

Are you short of money and struggling to pay for food or other essentials? Has your *rainy day fund* been used up?

There are lots of reasons why people find themselves in financial difficulty and need help with money. It may be through losing a job or a reduction in income. If your outgoings have risen suddenly, it can become harder to cope with making all the usual payments.

Coronavirus has made many of these problems worse for a great number of people. Many have seen their income fall. If this has happened to you, we can offer information, support and guidance. Our advice is confidential and costs nothing.

Sources of Help

We can help you to access:

- Local foodbanks and children's clothes banks
- Help to pay utility bills or top up oil tanks
- Emergency funds for prescriptions and other household essentials
- Cold weather payments
- Budgeting and debt support
- Grants to improve the energy efficiency of your home
- Support with job hunting and small grants for education and training
- Universal Credit and Disability Benefits
- Benefits for working families
- Support for carers
- Help from your local council, such as council tax support




If you're worried about money, don't wait to get help.

Call us, Citizens Advice, 01799 618840
(Monday-Friday 9.30 am-3.30 pm)
or email help@uttlesfordca.org.uk

Quiz Questions For the Brightest

You only need 4 correct answers to pass.



1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats? 
3. From which animal do we get cat gut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5.  What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name? 
8. What colour is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aeroplane?

Answers:

1. 116 years
2. Ecuador
3. Sheep and Horses
4. November
5. Squirrel fur
6. Dogs
7. Albert
8. Crimson
9. New Zealand
10. Orange

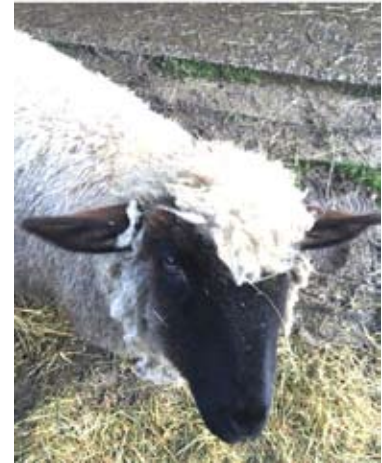


What do you mean, you failed?
Me too

Thirteen - Lucky for Some!

A Great Hallingbury Lamb's Tale

Some of you may know that a few years ago we bought some sheep to keep our grass down on the fields. When they arrived, they were a ragged bunch and had clearly not seen much grass for a while. In need of some extra care they fattened and, without much effort on our part, the following spring produced twenty lambs. Since then, Rameses the Ram has been replaced by Don, an Oxford Down, who looks like a giant Teddy Bear. The ewes have been replaced by five Suffolk and three Suffolk Texcel crosses and every Spring I have friends who like to come and see the lambs.



Last year was no different. The lambs were born in early March during a ten day period and, with my usual cry of *I'm not bottle feeding any lambs this year*, I settled down to look after them and to prepare for visitors.

The thirteenth lamb to be born seemed to be weaker than her sister and was slow about getting to her feet. I moved the family to a stable with a heat lamp and put the lamb underneath it. As she was unable to stand and feed, I started to give her milk from a bottle at regular times of the day. I would stand her up and she would keel over. After a few days the other lambs were running off outside into the yard but she remained where she was.

Then lockdown arrived and the weather became warm and sunny so I started to carry her outside to sit in a sunny spot where she could watch the

others. I was still feeding her and sometimes she stood for a very short while. As I picked her up one morning, I noticed that her legs felt cold, so I gave them a massage and she stood for half a minute. At this point my granddaughter arrived back home and of course wanted to know why she was sitting down, etc. *Not having any of that!* was her response and the next time I went to see Thirteen she was having walking lessons!

We continued with the treatment and gradually she stood and then started to walk unaided. Her sister was never very far away and they could always be found snuggled up together at night. Her mother soon learned that there was extra food about for Thirteen and I was very happy to see them as a family group. Although she was getting about, Thirteen was still unsteady on her feet and I thought she would never run about as freely as the other lambs.

As the summer progressed the sheep were free to wander in both fields. I kept feeding Thirteen with her bottle and often had to call her over for her milk. She still comes when I call, usually hoping for a handful of food. She had started to run freely during the summer, which had surprised me, but sometimes finds the mud a little difficult at the moment.



Thirteen is still with us because of lockdown and she will not be going anywhere. She follows me about like a puppy and leads the flock out onto the field every day. Now she is a year old she has been renamed Saffron and according to my grandson has become very arrogant! I think she has just become aware that she is my favourite and the leader of the gang.

New lambs are due in about a month. I am still saying I am not going to bottle-feed any lambs this year but who knows.

Gill Sewell



Essex Police Spring Garden Crime Prevention



Hopefully by the time that you read this we will be moving into spring with improving weather inviting us out into the garden. It is a good time to take a look around; are your fences and gates in good condition, do you have good quality locks on gates, will they keep the unwelcome intruder out? Where possible, keep fencing, planting and hedges at the front of your property to about 1.5m in height so that an intruder is not hidden from view.

Defensive planting

Security does not have to be just about locks, bolts, and spiky fence toppings; nature provides some excellent plants to keep people away. There are a number of attractive, fragrant plants of a spiky nature such as climbing roses, pyracantha and berberis and other planting of a dense nature that can work quite well. Have a chat at your garden centre or with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) for the right plant for the right location.

New plants

Larger plants can be secured to land or rootball anchors or plant through chicken wire covering the area with soil. Cement or bolt down containers to the ground.

Working in the garden

It is easy to get engrossed in what you are doing when working in the garden. If the house is empty, it is wise to close and lock the door (don't forget the key though!). Remember, when you stop for a break put your tools away and at the end of the day also put away the wheelbarrow and wheelie bin.

New tools and lawn mowers

Be mindful of how you dispose of the packaging of your new purchases; don't advertise it to the thieves and burglars with your empty boxes on display outside for roadside collection. Fold boxes inside out or break them up and put them in a bag for collection. If you are not using your lawn mower, jet washer or other equipment, put it away out of sight from prying eyes. And don't forget to mark your property with your house number and post code.

Stephen Armson-Smith

Little Hallingbury School

Spring Term 2021



The beginning of 2021 has seen yet another challenge for the staff, pupils and parents at Little Hallingbury School with the announcement of a third national lockdown. From the 4th of January, children have been learning from home and staff have risen to the challenge of maintaining a diverse curriculum whilst teaching remotely. Children are enjoying learning about an exciting range of topics and the inclusion of live lessons using Zoom during this lockdown has led to greater engagement in learning. Importantly, live lessons have also enabled children to see their friends. They have also strengthened the feeling of community in what are strange and unprecedented times for us all.

The school continues to make daily use of a Virtual Learning Environment called *dB Primary*. This provides opportunities for pupils to engage with staff and other pupils. Pupils can post their work for their teacher to see and can share their thoughts on various forum topics. This includes a forum with a *Wondering Question* which encourages children to ponder their opinions and beliefs on a spiritual or moral theme. The school has received some laptops from the government scheme and has loaned these to families who could not otherwise engage with home learning.

Whilst academic learning is important, there is also a strong emphasis on supporting children's mental wellbeing. This week



has been Children's Mental Health Week and under the theme of *Express Yourself* children in all classes

have been encouraged to express who they are, what's important to them and how they can feel good about themselves. During the week, there have been many examples of high quality work shared with members

of the school community. This has ranged from sports instruction and dance videos, to poems, original art ideas, storytelling and drama. Encouraging positive mental health will remain a focus as we head towards the half term break and on the 9th of February



the children will be encouraged to consider their digital wellbeing as part of *Safer Internet Day*.

Whilst most children are learning from home, Little Hallingbury School remains open for vulnerable pupils and those whose parents are key workers. Staff are therefore working hard to support these children in school as well as providing remote learning.

The PTA continues to work hard to organise fun events to keep the children feeling happy and positive. A virtual disco held recently on Zoom proved popular and children are being encouraged to take part in a *Pancake Flip Challenge* over the half term holiday.



It is very much hoped that we will soon see a return to some form of normality....

Alison Hays

*The Board of Governors
Federation of St. Mary's Hatfield Broad Oak &
Little Hallingbury C of E Primary Schools*



St. Giles' Church 100 Club

December 2020



The draw took place in
December 2020

The winners were:

No. 74 Robert Fitch £25

No. 85 Val Mugele £18

No. 47 Vicky Wing £12

The prize money is 50% of the membership fees taken in December. The remaining 50% will be used to help maintain the fabric of our beautiful and historic village church.

If you are interested in joining The 100 Club please contact Heather Hays or Philip Hays for further details.

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E-Mail: philipandheatherhays@
googlemail.com

St Giles' Nature Reserve Project

Sadly all work is currently on hold during the Covid19 lockdown but will resume as soon as it may be allowed.

Russell Robinson

News from St Giles', Great Hallingbury, and the Six Villages



Plans and Predictions

Before writing this contribution to *Great Hallingbury Highlights*, I looked back at what I had written for the issues published last year. The overall theme was clear. My predictions were wrong: it seems that any plans for forthcoming services or other kinds of event, came to nothing. By and large, the services and events we planned did not happen. The impact of the pandemic on church life at St Giles' is clear: it has brought uncertainty and made it very difficult to plan ahead in the same way that it has for other groups in our community and for families and individuals.

As an example of this difficulty in planning, last autumn we made plans for a new pattern of services at St Giles' and the other churches of the Six Villages to begin on 3rd January, 2021. It has been impossible to put these plans into action. They had to be postponed when the current lockdown was announced in December. Even though the government has not required churches to close, the high levels of infection in November and December meant the Diocese of Chelmsford asked us to move services and meetings on-line to minimise the risk of Covid19 being transmitted.

As I write in early February, we are continuing to hold almost all services and all other events online using the Zoom platform. We welcome anyone to join us and the Zoom codes that allow you to participate are available through our website www.hallingburychurches.co.uk. At the moment it seems unlikely that we will be able to resume face-to-face services in our church

buildings before Easter - but please look out for more information on the website (and take note of what I have written above about my own predictions!)

Throughout this period of uncertainty in which plans have been made and then discarded, we have been reminded of the fact that the God we worship is constant, his loving care does not fail, even when circumstances seem chaotic and out of control. We are aware too that there is hope on the horizon, the vaccination programme is making great strides. We look forward to a more normal pattern of church life later in the year.

Repair Work

Although we cannot use our churches for worship and meetings, work is continuing at St Giles'. We are attending to repairs to the church building. Those who walk through the churchyard will have noticed that the temporary fencing on the north east side of the building has at last been removed. The coping stones on the gable above have been renewed and repaired - at considerable cost. Repairs to the spire and tower and some internal repairs are next on our list. The replacement of cedar shingles on the spire will deal with the damage caused by woodpeckers and will mean other birds will not be able to access the inside of the structure. Repairs to the bells and bell -frame are also in view. All work on the church must take account of the bats who roost in the building. A new bat survey has recently taken place and we await the results which will help us to clarify how and when repairs can be made without disturbing the bats. Please look out for information as we continue into 2021.

*The Rev'd David Herrick
Priest-in-Charge of St Giles', Great
Hallingbury and St Mary's, Little Hallingbury*

*The Cedar Shingles of the St Giles'
Churchtower when repaired previously*

United Benefice Services

Our services take place on-line at 11.15 am each Sunday using the Zoom platform. There are currently no regular services in St Giles', Great Hallingbury, or St Mary's, Little Hallingbury. This will continue to be the case until the current lockdown regulations and guidance from the Diocese of Chelmsford are relaxed sufficiently to allow face-to-face services to resume safely.



Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting

will be held on

Monday, 22nd March, 2020, at 8 p.m.

All residents are welcome to attend to hear what has been happening over the past two years with the Parish Council and our local societies.

The meeting will be held on Zoom. If you have not previously used Zoom it is easy and free to do so.

Go to <https://zoom.us/> and, in the top right hand corner, click on **Sign Up, It's Free**. Follow the instructions and download the app. This may be done ahead of time.

On the day of the meeting, go to <https://zoom.us/> and this time click on **Join a Meeting**. Enter the meeting code below and click on join. You can use your computer, tablet or mobile phone.

Meeting ID: 837 4591 8965 Passcode: 918768

or enter the following in your browser bar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83745918965?pwd=YIU2azl2SIB6TEEyVDVjS FJmLzdLUT09>

Calendar

March 2021

- 1 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - on Zoom - 7 pm
- 22 Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting - on Zoom - 8 pm (see above)

April 2021

- 14 History Society - *Three Men Without a Boat* - Village Hall 8 pm

May 2021

- 10 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall or on Zoom - 8pm
- 12 History Society - *Hadham Forge and Museum* - Village Hall 8 pm

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

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