

# Great Hallingbury Highlights

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**Winter Sunset in Hatfield Forest**

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## Editorial

Well, we haven't had a quiet life since the last issue of *Great Hallingbury Highlights!*

Having reported last time on events in the Village marking the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Village Hall flagpole - one such commemoration - had no sooner raised the Union Jack than it was being flown at half mast in sorrow at the death of her late Majesty. This was devastating for us all. Although a few of us had lived during the reign of Her late Majesty's father, Queen Elizabeth II has been for many the only monarch they have known and such a constant and stable influence. Her reign witnessed many changes in the country and the monarchy but she was always there. She will be very sorely missed by us all and, for our new King Charles III, a hard act to follow but he will rightly have all our support. Her funeral provided a fitting and memorable tribute to Queen Elizabeth II personally and to her reign.

Meanwhile, of course, we have had Liz Truss' short lived term of office as Prime Minister and now Rishi Sunak is the third this year with that responsibility. We must wish him success in these difficult times.

In spite of all that has happened nationally, in the Village we have also enjoyed a major event with the Tudor Festival organised by and held at St Giles' Church. The trigger and inspiration for the whole event was a daughter of this Parish - Jane Parker - who married, in St Giles' Church, George Boleyn who was the brother of the second queen of King Henry VIII. This was a major historical event for our Village and worthy of recognition. As ever, of course, life then was also a lot more complicated than it first appears and the ramifications of her experiences were explored during the festival as well as some excellent and robust musical legacy from the period.



Even internationally, the last three months have been tumultuous, especially with the developments in the war in Ukraine.

We may sometimes think that we live in a small rural community but modern communications constantly remind us that we are part of a broader world in which we have a responsibility to participate, chiefly through the ballot box (Uttlesford District Council Elections fall due next May), but also as part of the community in which we live.

*Editor*

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

26 September, 2022

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

One minute's silence was held for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

## Chairman's Communications

Cllr A Townsend reported on his recent activities:

- EALC Executive meeting twice
- Takeley Parish Council interview process
- UALC AGM
- EALC AGM where he spoke to the Essex Chief Constable and the Essex Libraries Officer regarding our telephone box
- Meeting with Clerk over Zoom.

## Uttlesford District Council

- Local Plan - S 19 stage will be next year after a three month delay
- A120 - Start Hill is used as diversion
- Economic situation - annual plan approved; prosperity fund available for most affected businesses e.g., hospitality, and most deprived people in the area. Parish Councils' input is welcome.

## Road Signs

It was noted that vegetation is overgrown and in some areas signage cannot be seen. Additional *low bridge ahead* signs have been requested and await ECC action.

## Local Plan

Cllr N Jackson reported that three parishes intend to continue TPLPG working group meetings periodically.

The Council approved expenditure of £58.80 to cover one third of the cost for the *Unsustainable Sites* website.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr J Baldwin reported that there is a Community Survey to be submitted individually. There had been uptake on dog theft.

## 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 except there should be provision for electric car charging and adequate parking space.)

UTT/22/0434/OP // Land North of Stansted Airport // Outline application for demolition of existing structures and redevelopment of 61.86Ha to provide 195,100 sqm 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 // Awaiting decision (No objections except consideration should be given to improving access of the north side.)

UTT/22/0789/FUL // Normandale Farm, New Barn Lane // Demolition of existing house and erection of new house // Withdrawn

UTT/22/0267/FUL // Land at Tilekiln Green, Start Hill // Creation of an open logistics facility with associated new access and ancillary office with amenity facilities // Awaiting decision (The Parish Council strongly objected with fulsome comments previously reported in this journal concluding that, should this application go ahead, it will irreversibly change the whole dynamic of Great Hallingbury as a village.)

UTT/22/0861/FUL // Start House, Bedlars Green, Tilekiln Green // Erection of two residential dwellings // Refused (Extensive

objections by the Parish Council previously reported)

UTT/22/1001/FUL // Howletts, The Street // The erection of two detached five bedroom houses together with garaging, an access drive and landscaping enhancement // Refused (No objections other than we feel it might be an overdevelopment on a small quiet country lane.)

UTT/22/1484/FUL // The Hay Patch, Woodside Green // Installation of manege arena lighting and low level security lighting. Proposed storage building to house feed/hay, wc, and tack room // Approved (No objections but lights should not impinge on any housing and storage building should remain storage and not being converted into a house later.)

UTT/22/1485/LB // 89 Woodside Green // Replacement windows and door // Withdrawn (No objections)

UTT/22/1528/FUL // Land South East of Great Hallingbury Manor, Tilekiln Green // Application to vary condition (approved plans) of planning application UTT/20/0336/DFO (added under UTT/22/1567/NMA) // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/22/1789/LB // Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green // Repair and replacement of windows and doors with proposed secondary glazing // Awaiting decision (No objections)

UTT/22/1719/FUL // Land East of White Cottage, Start Hill // Full planning application for three dwelling houses including a three bed detached house and a pair of three bed semi-detached houses, seven parking spaces, access and landscaping // Refused (Objections from the Parish Council previously reported)

#### **Applications Dealt with at Meeting**

UTT/22/1922/HHF // Sendhurst, 99 Park Gates, Woodside Green // Proposed two storey rear extension (No objections)

UTT/22/1900/FUL // Little Beldams, Beldams Lane // Erection of agricultural storage and tractor shed. (No objections but it must remain as a store and not be

converted to a dwelling at a later stage.) UTT/22/2015/HHF // 83 Woodside Green // Garage conversion, including the alteration of fenestration. Alter driveway and flora layout to create enhanced vehicular parking. (No objections if the conversion is in keeping with host property and the surrounding area.)

UTT/22/2306/HHF // The Old Stables, Tilekiln Green // Section 73A Retrospective application for a detached summerhouse. (No objections as long as it is not a dwelling.)

UTT/22/2285/FUL // Hockerill Sports Club, Beldams Lane // Proposed erection of three security lights on 4.4m poles. (No objections as long as there is no overspill to the neighbouring properties.)

#### ***Bedlars Green***

Cllr M Bloomfield reported that a powerful mower is needed for the Bedlars Green pond area and a pile of wood needs to be removed. Cllr A Pinnock added that there are three ash trees at Bedlars Green, two of them in a very bad condition, especially the one by the Hop Poles. Cllrs D Barlow, M Bloomfield and A Pinnock will organise tree work.

#### ***Village Hall Car Park***

The lighting at the car park is insufficient. The Village Hall Committee would like to illuminate the car park and to put two extra sockets on the field. They would like to know if the Parish Council have any objections to the proposal and if the Parish Council is willing to give a financial contribution. Parish Council has no objections to the proposal and agreed to contribute 50% of the cost which is £1,000.00.

#### ***Potholes at Woodside Green***

Information sent to ECC Cllr S Barker has not been actioned and one pothole is currently full of water. The clerk will contact Cllr S Barker.

**I didn't realise removing my doorbell...  
Would have such a knock on effect...**



## Heavenly Marriage



On their way to get married, a young couple is involved in a fatal car accident. The couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven.

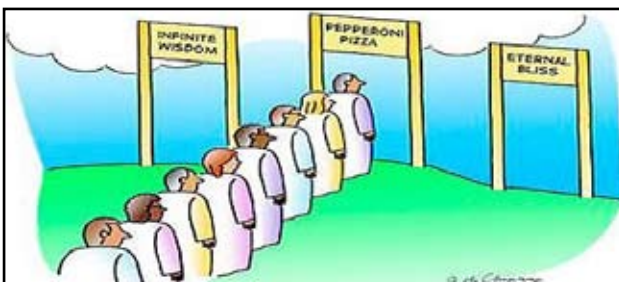
While waiting, they began to wonder: could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left.

The couple sat and waited, and waited. Two months passed and the couple were still waiting. While waiting, they began to wonder what would happen if it didn't work out; could you get a divorce in heaven? After yet another month, St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "You can get married in Heaven."

"Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple.

"OH, COME ON!," St. Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"



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Payment for the year may be in cash or cheque made out to Great Hallingbury Village Hall or direct to our bank 40-12-03 account no. 01230999

### Results

#### August 2022

1st prize	no 35	Sue Jagers
2nd prize	no 10	Freda Townsend
3rd prize	no 56	Dave Mugele

#### September 2022

1st	no 62	Sue Gray
2nd	no 76	Alan Pinnock
3rd	no 82	Alan Townsend

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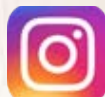




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*Cllr Susan Barker*



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### **Broadband Service**

Broadband is now considered by many as essential to everyday life and at Essex a recent briefing highlighted two issues.

The first is that Essex estimate that there is still around 1% of households that have no or slow broadband and they want to change that. If this is you, can you please let me have your details and we can get you connected. The second thing I learnt was that all households on Universal Credit (also sometimes pension credit or other benefits) can apply to their supplier for a Social Tariff. This normally saves around £144 a year. Have a look at the Ofcom website <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>. BT, Sky, Virgin, Vodafone etc are all there as well as some more obscure names.

### **Lee Valley Authority**

One of the Committees I sit on is the Lee Valley Authority which has assets throughout the Lee Valley from the East India Docks in the south all along the River Lee. We have many projects underway and one, a new Twin Olympic Ice Rink in Leyton, is due to open in the New Year. This is a £30m project which will be able to accommodate far more people than previously and will be a great Community Hub and Leisure facility for skaters and residents from miles around. This link will take you to watch a (very) speeded up build out. <https://leevalleyicecentre.com/>

### **Essex Pension Board**

The Essex Pension Board has been busy too and I am delighted that we recently applied, and were only one of nine new Funds to be accepted, as a signatory to the Financial

Stewardship Code. Success is down to the fact that we demonstrated that we are very aware of our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) responsibilities and of the importance of Responsible Investment (RI) while ensuring that we have funds to pay pensions now and in the future to around 170,000 current and future pensioners. <https://www.frc.org.uk/actuaries>

We regularly meet with our investment managers to see how they are reducing the carbon footprint of their portfolios. In October we made a decision to look at impact investment and met with our timber manager to hear how they are planting trees in areas not before forested to produce timber to offset carbon used elsewhere. As a result of investment decisions, March 2022 saw the Fund's investment in sustainable timber and renewable energy increase by 3.6% and our direct investment in fossil fuels decrease a further 0.03% from an already low level the previous year. This additional investment will improve those figures further. The Committee also made the decision to move our Passive investments to a better Climate aligned fund, again reducing the overall Carbon Footprint.

### **Budget Time**

The next couple of months will be budget setting at Essex. Just as residents are feeling the effects of inflation, financial pressures such as pay rise expectations and energy costs will lead to even more difficult decisions than normal. To give you an idea, the rising cost of Electricity has added over £10m to street light costs across the County.

If you know of anyone who is struggling please do ask them to get in touch. There are funds to help in some cases.

May I finish by wishing you all a Happy Christmas and if, as ever, there are any issues (I think I have sorted most of the Hallingbury Highways ones) please do get in touch.

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## Little Hallingbury Cricket Club Season's Successes



The Saturday side had a successful season finishing sixth in division 1 after being relegated in 2021.

The Sunday team lost a few more games than we won, but there were many near wins for the team with lots of good performances from the colts starting to play senior cricket.

Our under 11s had a good season, well led by captain Leo Clayton. Our final game was at neighbours, Hatfield Heath. With 7 year old Martha Huntley making her debut, we managed a good victory against an inexperienced Hatfield side. Albert, Thomas and Aarush were top scorers.



Under 11's Team

### Club Awards

The End of Season BBQ was a great success with over 60 attending and awards were presented by our new President, Colin Berthoud.

- Most Runs: *Amit Kalyankar* (as usual)
- Most wickets: *Raj Bharambe*
- Club Man of the Year: *Mathew Shepherd*
- Young Player: *Olly Harding*
- Most improved Young Player: *Joseph O'Rourke*
- Junior Cricketer: *Leo Clayton*
- Most improved Junior: *Veer Kalyankar*
- Jack Petchey Achievement: *Charlie Jones*

### ECB Grassroots Cricket Awards

These Awards, presented at a ceremony

at Essex's County Ground in Chelmsford in September, are aimed at recognising those volunteers in the recreational game of cricket who give so much of their time to the sport and without whom the game would not survive. The awards provide an ideal opportunity for saying thank you to our volunteers for their incredible work and celebrate their success with them. This year we had entries in two categories.

### Young Volunteer of the Year

Aimed at 17-25 year olds making a difference in the game - Winner **Will Gould**.

Will has been a member of Little Hallingbury CC since he was 13. Now 22, he plays both Saturdays and Sundays and has been helping with our colts for the past three years. Although he has now moved to West London, each week he makes the 90-minute journey back to LHCC by public transport to help with the delivery of our All Stars programme. He also helps coach our under 13s and attends their matches on Sunday mornings to help with the scoring and umpiring. In winter he attends the indoor nets

Will's passion and enthusiasm for the game is infectious and he has helped grow participation at youth level exponentially. Will watches ECB videos and develops sessions that he believes will be engaging and enjoyable for younger cricketers. Having a younger coach gives juniors someone with whom to identify and his commitment to growing the game is first class.

### Most Runs in 2022 - Amit Kalyankar

Amit played 16 out of 18 League games this season and scored 868 runs at an average of 62. He scored three 100's and five 50's. Amit also took eight catches, the most of anyone at the club.

**Congratulations to both these young men.**

### Winter Indoor cricket

This has already started and the under 11s have played two games, winning one match. Under 13s will start later this month.

*Keith Behagg*

# Great Hallingbury W.I.



As the nights draw in we can reflect on the meetings since our last report. Great Hallingbury WI continues to enjoy interesting and varied speakers each month.

## The Honeybee



In August we heard from Andy French on all aspects of *The Honeybee - From Flower to Jar*. The competition was a photograph of a Bee.

## Sugar, sugar

At the September meeting, Andy Hagon-Torkington gave a slide show about the origins of sugar and specifically Tate & Lyle where he is the Control Systems Manager. The refinery has been in East London for 98 years and Andy joined in 1977, working his way up to his current position. Following the very interesting presentation he took questions from our members.

## Visiting Other W.I. Groups

Several of our members enjoyed a lovely afternoon at Barnston WI in September watching a flower arranging demonstration with Stephanie from The Rose Garden Florist, in Dunmow. Two members were lucky to win the flowers in the raffle.



We also enjoyed visiting High Roding WI for lunch.

## The Return of 'Flog It'

Our popular *Flog It* event was back in October and we welcomed over 20 visitors from neighbouring WI's and friends. It was a great evening, full of fun and, of course, plenty of bargains as the bidding got underway.



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## Poodles, Poodles, All the Way!

The fact that I have *poodles* as part of my email address is a good hint of my involvement with this very popular breed of dog.

In 1978, a friend who was going to Canada asked me whether I would like to have her toy poodle. Holly, a 13-month-old bundle of joy, joined the family and was the first of many poodles in our lives from then on. Our 11-year-old son, however, made it clear that he had no intention of taking her for walks as she was not a *proper dog*! Luckily, this attitude only lasted a week and he and his friends were soon walking her over the fields every day after school.

At two years old, Holly was still very boisterous and excitable and someone told me that if I were to let her have a litter it would calm her down. A few months later she duly produced four puppies and I decided to keep one, a beautiful, chocolate-brown girl who we named Zoe.

I had always liked to watch Crufts and that year I took a particular interest in the toy poodles class - one of which went on to win *Overall Best in Show*. This fired my imagination! Could my Zoe be trained to be a Show Dog?



My first step was to take her to ringcraft training, for me as much as for her, which seemed to go well but, although she was our pride and joy, she was not up to Show quality. However, I had enjoyed the classes so much that I decided to buy a *top-bred* toy poodle bitch.

My ambition was to enter her within the next two years at Crufts. To do this, we had to qualify by winning a first at a *Championship Level Show*. Half-a-dozen shows later, the best she had achieved was a first at an *Open Show*, the level below. I decided to give it

one last try at the Championship Level Show coming up in Belfast. SHE WON - which meant we were on our way to Crufts for the first time. No, she didn't win! But she did well enough to merit a 5<sup>th</sup> place rosette - quite something for a dog and her owner to achieve on their first attempt at this standard.



Val presenting her dog for judging



In the next few years, though, with a number of other dogs, I did become the proud recipient of many red rosettes - for first place!

Eventually, I moved on to another aspect of a showing career, having been nominated to judge at *Open Show* level. Over the next six years, I travelled the length and breadth of the UK judging all three sizes of poodles, standard, miniature and toys, and then, in 1990, I took a step up to *Championship Level* which involves Shows at Windsor, Richmond and, of course, the ultimate accolade of Crufts. I have yet to achieve the last but there's still time - watch this space!

My CV these days also includes the title of International Judge. In 2010, out of the blue, I received a phone call from Sweden. Would I be prepared to fly to Stockholm to judge a Breed Club Toy Poodle Championship Show? All must have gone well from their point of view as I was soon recommended to judge a similar show in Norway.

As with everything else, Covid put a stop to Dog Shows but the ones that I was already booked to judge are now in my diary, some in the UK, others abroad. Perhaps I will be adding *Crufts* one day soon?

Val Walker



Judging at a Recent Show



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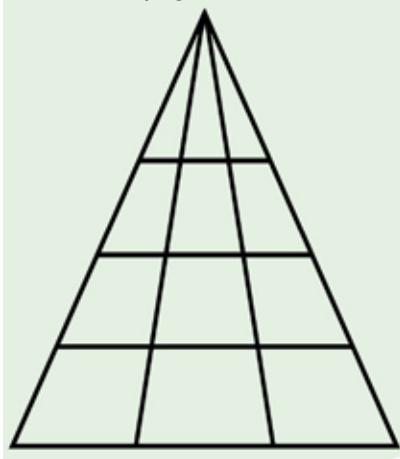


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## Puzzle Column

Answers on page 28



How many triangles are there in this figure?

Can you decipher this rebus puzzle?



And here's another to decipher.

### Try this Sudoku puzzle

(medium difficulty)

Enter the numbers 1 through 9 in every column, in every row, and in every smaller box of nine (outlined by the bolder lines) without any duplicates.

2						6	9	
	5				3			
1	7				9	4		5
		3		2	5		1	8
				4				
7	2		3	8		5		
5		2	6				4	1
			5				7	
	6	7						3

## Please help us at this difficult time



It is not surprising that Uttlesford Citizens Advice is even busier than usual as many households are becoming increasingly concerned about their financial situation. Our local charity is often the first point of call when people are worried about benefit entitlements, housing issues or money problems, or need advice about their rights at work, information about carers support or a referral to another community organisations such as Uttlesford Foodbank. At times like these, people often ask us what they can do to help others who are struggling. Here are some suggestions, depending on your circumstances:

If you have some time to spare, please think about joining our amazing team of volunteers - you'll make a real difference to people's lives and have a positive impact on your community by giving information and advice that empowers people to tackle the root cause of their issues and find a way forward. We have lots of volunteer opportunities available - please contact us to find out more.

Like many charities, we are finding funding challenging at the moment and we are having to make difficult choices about how we deliver our service. If you would like to make a donation to support our work, you will be helping to provide a lifeline for someone by making sure a trained adviser is able to offer them the support they need. You can send donations to our office in Barnards Yard, Saffron Walden or donate via our website [www.uttlesfordca.org.uk](http://www.uttlesfordca.org.uk)

If you are fortunate enough to be able to manage without your winter fuel allowance or would like to help another local person who can't afford to heat their home this winter - you can make a donation to the *Uttlesford Share the Warmth Fund* on Crowdfunder. The appeal will be live until 6th December - donations will be ring-fenced to assist local people in this cost of living crisis. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/uttlesford-share-the-warmth>

However you are able to help - your support is greatly appreciated.

If you need help or advice, our office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 3.30. Email [help@uttlesfordca.org.uk](mailto:help@uttlesfordca.org.uk) or call 01799 618840.

# Great Hallingbury History Society



## *Tudor Festival*

Both Great and Little Hallingbury History Societies worked together to support the Tudor Festival in St Giles' Church at the beginning of October and provided an extensive display.



*Part of History Societies' Display with costumes loaned from Saffron Walden Museum and a visitor suitably attired*

## *Three Eminent Scholars*

It is remarkable that from one small village, we had three eminent Tudor scholars who we featured.

**Henry Parker, Baron Morley**, was an erudite scholar whose talents were in translating and writing, one of a small group of aristocrats at the court of Henry VIII who shared an interest in the New Learning. He translated into English classical works from Latin and Italian, including five of Plutarch's Lives, decades before any other writer attempted to do so. Over twenty-five years he presented his translations each year as New Year gifts to the King himself, to the king's daughter, Mary, and to Thomas Cromwell.

**William Bedwell** is believed to have lived at Stornaway Cottage in Bedwell (or Bedlars) Green in Great Hallingbury. An important Cambridge Scholar, William Bedwell became known as the father of Arabic Studies. He was the first teacher of

Arabic in England and translated the Bible into Arabic. Later he published an edition of the Epistles of St. John in Arabic and wrote a book about the Koran. Amongst the many Arabic manuscripts left to the University of Cambridge on his death was an Arabic Dictionary, on which he had been working for many years, and a font of type for printing in Arabic.

Occasionally he was employed as a translator of official documents and, as an interpreter, meeting the Moroccan ambassadors to Queen Elizabeth who arrived in August 1600. Under James I, William Bedwell became one of the Westminster Company of ten translators of the 1611 King James' Bible.

**Richard Amadas** was a book collector and scholar. He was first curate and then rector of Great Hallingbury from 1585 until his death in 1629.

## *And a Philanthropist*

Thomas Sutton purchased the manor of Little Hallingbury in 1588. Already a very wealthy man from land in Durham which was rich in coal, Thomas and his wife Elizabeth set out to found a school for boys and a hospital in Hallingbury Bouchers. (The Bouchiers were then Lords of the Manor in Little Hallingbury.) However, before it was built Thomas Sutton bought Howard House in London, which became known as Charterhouse, and it was here that the school and hospital were finally built. There remains a connection between Charterhouse and Little Hallingbury to this day.



*Items loaned by Saffron Walden Museum and display of nearby Tudor buildings*

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## A musical feast

In medieval times travelling bands of musicians known as waits were a common source of popular entertainment. The audience in St Giles' church on 1 October for the concert of period music was delighted by the performance of the Colchester Waits, a local band of musicians, who played a wide variety of instruments. They blew into recorders, shawms, sackbuts and bagpipes and beat powerful rhythms on tabors and tambourines as well playing a fiddle. Their repertoire included popular dances of the Tudor period such as the stately pavaues and lively galliards known to have been danced and enjoyed by both Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.



Their leader, Lizzie Gutteridge, gave a one woman demonstration of some of the instruments using very twentieth century looping technology to build up rhythms and melodies into full instrumental sound. Her wry comments about the instruments were hugely entertaining.



*The Colchester Waits*

The concert opened with a programme of unaccompanied choral works of the Tudor period sung by the de Merc Chamber Choir. This was a sophisticated choice of music ranging from church anthems by Thomas Tallis and William Byrd to lively madrigals - a favoured form of Tudor court and household music making.

This is an experienced group of singers able to tackle complex works in six and seven parts. Their skilful performances and helpful introductions to the music, unfamiliar to some, were greeted with well deserved applause. A musical feast indeed.

*Pat Larby*

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### **Saffron Walden Museum's Display**

We were delighted that the Saffron Walden Museum was able to send us photographs and information on some of the Tudor items in the museum's collection as well as a number of actual original and replica items from the period. These included costumes for a boy and a girl. Our thanks to curator Carolyn



*Costumes loaned by Hadham Forge Museum*

Wingfield for her support.

### **And Hadham Forge Museum**

Curator Cristina Harrison kindly loaned us two more replica costumes for a lady and a gentlemen which attracted considerable interest.

**Regular Speaker Programme** During the Autumn we have continued our regular programme of speakers covering a wide range of topics including the changes witnessed during the reign of her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Matchgirls Strike in 1888 and stories behind pub signs.

*Christine Coultrup, Chairman*



## Jane Boleyn – A Reputation Restored

### *History All Around Us*

It really is astonishing how much history there is around us in our little village. Thanks to the inspired organisers of the Hallingbury Morley Tudor festival, a light was shone on one particularly turbulent period of our past. They treated us to two illuminating talks, one on the tragic life of our village's most famous daughter, Jane Boleyn, by her biographer Julia Fox, and the second on Jane's father, Henry Parker, Lord Morley, gentleman usher to Henry VIII, by local historian Philip Hays.



*There are no known portraits of Jane but this is thought possibly to be her.*

Jane Boleyn has been vilified throughout history. Her alleged role in the downfall of her husband, George, and his sister Anne has been a driving factor in the formation of her reputation. Yet, upon closer

examination, historian Julia Fox provided compelling and fascinating evidence that she has been wronged by history and is deserving of our sympathy.

### *Jane's Life at Home and at Court*

Jane Parker was born in Great Hallingbury in 1505 and was christened in St Giles' Church. The Parker family initially lived in Hallingbury Hall beside the church and later built Morley House (which became Hallingbury Place) and was one of Essex's great houses, eventually demolished in 1926. Jane would have spent a carefree childhood right here in our village before joining the household of Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife, when she reached 17. Soon afterwards Jane married George Boleyn, the brother of Anne. As a wedding present, Henry VIII granted George

## Tudor Festival

the manor of Grimston in Norfolk and they became Viscount and Lady Rochford. When Jane's friend and sister-in-law Anne Boleyn, married the King, Jane was appointed lady of the Queen's bedchamber.

Everything seemed to be on the up for her. However, the rest is well known to most people: Henry grew tired of Anne and as a way of ending his marriage she was accused of adultery with four men and incest with her brother George, Jane's husband. The accepted wisdom stemming from that time was that Jane was the chief witness for the prosecution and instrumental in proving their guilt. After their executions, Jane went on to be a lady in waiting to Henry's third and fourth wives and then to his fifth wife, Catherine Howard, alongside whom she was executed for facilitating the queen's apparent adultery.

However, as Julia Fox researched the sources of these claims of Jane's supposed treachery, the more the myths began to disappear. Far from her being chief witness for the prosecution at the Boleyn trials, it transpires that there were no witnesses at all. George did say that he was condemned upon the evidence of *one woman* but did not accuse his wife, nor was Jane mentioned in any of the detailed trial reports of that time. And, significantly, two contemporaries, one of whom was on the bench at Anne's trial, named two different women entirely. So, when did accusations against her first surface?

### *Attracting Notoriety*

It all started with a man named John Foxe, some 34 years after the trial, who noted, *it is reported of some that this Lady Rochford forged a false letter against her husband and Queen Anne.* Yet, as Julia Fox argued, before taking him at face value, we need to think when and why he was writing: history is written by the winners and by the time he was penning his work, Elizabeth, clearly a winner and a Protestant, was on the throne. Naturally, she would want to appear to have

come from spotless stock, so her mother must have been innocent and her father simply duped by a *dodgy dossier*.

Because her reputation was already trashed through her actions over the Catherine Howard affair, Jane was a perfect scapegoat. From John Foxe onwards she was fair game, appearing as the villain of the piece in the works of various other writers. By the time we get to the eighteenth century, she'd become *scandalous, infamous and wicked*.

In any case, she had no motive for bringing them down and, moreover, she would have known that by speaking out against Anne and George she would not only place herself in danger she would make herself penniless, since the property of a convicted traitor became the property of the king.

## ***Jane's Hallingbury Family***

And what of her family in Great Hallingbury (or Hallingbury Morley as it was then known)? They understood the value of silence. Her own father, Lord Morley, participated in her trial and sentencing. Because she died in disgrace, the family was not allowed to mourn her or bury her: her body remained in the Tower of London.

In what was the most poignant moment of the recent Hallingbury Morley Tudor Festival, a single bell was tolled. This tenor bell was a gift from her mother to St Giles' Church when Jane died. Like most people at that time, the Parkers were still Catholic at heart as this new Church of England religion had been foisted upon them. Catholics believed bells could be heard in purgatory for the solace of lost souls so, when the bell tolled, she would hear it and be comforted.

When this bell was rung at the festival it felt like a long overdue memorial to Jane, our local girl, framed for a crime she didn't commit and caught up in a murky world, not of her making.

RB

***The Flowers were part of the Tudor Themed Flower Festival***



*Henry VIII's Crown  
by Sue Tonkin*

## **From the Organiser**

Looking back at the Tudor Festival held at the start of October, two things strike me.

Firstly, how generous people can be, both in money and in time. A huge thank you to everyone who got involved, in whatever role, and to everyone who came to visit the various events.

In total we raised £3,550 after expenses to be divided equally between the two churches of the Hallingburys. This is a phenomenal result.

And secondly, whilst the financial side was important, we also made many new friends and have - I hope - created a solid foundation for future events going ahead.

The history of the Hallingburys is so rich that many possibilities suggest themselves. We have a share in the story of the Gunpowder plot and also in the Battle of Bosworth! Moves are already under way to investigate possible events going forward so watch this space...!

*Russell Robinson*



*Porch Flowers  
by Sue Clarke*

## Tudor Festival

### 1549 Matins

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the second day of the Tudor Weekend, began with a special tudor-themed service in St. Giles' Church based on Morning Prayer of 1549. A packed church greeted the Bishop of Chelmsford who attended the event and gave the address.

The large choir, made up of choristers from St Giles' and St Mary's augmented with choir members from the six parishes and several semi-professional singers, processed in to traditional music played by the Colchester Waits wearing livery of the period and playing instruments unfamiliar to present audiences. These sounds have probably not been heard in St. Giles' for almost 500 years! Interestingly, the group was assembled at the back of the church, as was the case in medieval times. Should an instrumental piece have been played then the congregation, if they wanted to watch the musicians rather than simply listen, would have to turn around in their pews and that was the origins of the phrase *face the music!*

A welcome from Caroline Harding, our Lay Minister, was followed by a spirited rendition of the 1551 hymn *All People that on earth do dwell*, versicles and responses, Venite and Psalm 11 (all to the music of Thomas Tallis 1505 - 1585). After Tallis' *Te Deum* and *Benedictus* (both in D Minor), the two readings (Judges 13 and Luke 1) the Creed, prayers and Collects were said. Much of the music was sung in the Can and Dec style (not Ant and Dec as my spellcheck seems to be advising!) whereby choristers on either side of the church sing alternate phrases.

The Anthem *If ye love me, keep my commandments*, again by Tallis, was beautifully sung by Discantvs and the Colchester Waits, led by the enthusiastic Lizzie Gutteridge, played *Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore* by Thomas Campion (1567 - 1620). Everyone then joined in singing the hymn *Joy and triumph everlasting*.



The Right Rev. Dr. Guli Francis-Dehqani, gave her sermon, adding how delighted she was to be part of our celebrations and also to be in the parish for the first time since becoming Bishop of Chelmsford. She gave an inspirational talk based on the common theme of the two readings. For those not present, your homework is to discover this common thread!

A final hymn - *Forth in thy name, O Lord I go* and a few rings of the *Jane Boleyn* bell (a bell gifted to the church by the family back in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and still part of our 5-bell peel) brought the service to a close although many stayed on for refreshments and fellowship before heading home or viewing the various Tudor activities taking place in and around the church throughout the day.

We have many people to thank for making such a huge success of this occasion; in particular our gratitude goes to the conductor/musical director John-Paul Bowman, organist Chris Harding, Gillian Thompson for sourcing the medieval music scores and historian/organiser Russell Robinson.

Brian Beaumont



Henry VIII's  
Coat of Arms  
by Sue  
Tonkin



Tudor  
Rose  
by Sue  
Tonkin

## Great Hallingbury Litter Pick



It was a low turnout for this litter pick but we would like to thank everyone who took part. We met some residents who were sorting out their late mother's house and thought they would help on the day so a big thanks to them.

We collected about 50 bags and various other items. Happily that's less than last time but still a lot of discarded rubbish. I think if we had a pound for every Red Bull can we collected we would have made a tidy sum.

It is lovely to drive through the village after we have picked but it only takes a hour or so before we see new rubbish on the verges. Sometimes it seems a pointless exercise but could you imagine what it would look like if Vicky hadn't started this great biannual event.

Once again thank you to all the diehard pickers and the first timers, young and old, who turn up twice a year to save our village from turning into a rubbish tip and with their efforts helping wildlife and the environment. Joanne and I could not do it without you.

*Mark and Joanne Bloomfield*

## Disney Land Beckons



**A six year old goes to the hospital with her grandmother to visit her Grandpa.**

**When they get to the hospital, she runs ahead of her Grandma and bursts into her Grandpa's room ... "Grandpa, Grandpa," she says excitedly, "As soon as Grandma comes into the room, make a noise like a frog!"**

**"What?" said her Grandpa.**

**"Make a noise like a frog - because Grandma said that as soon as you croak, we're all going to Disney Land!"**

Great Hallingbury  
History Society

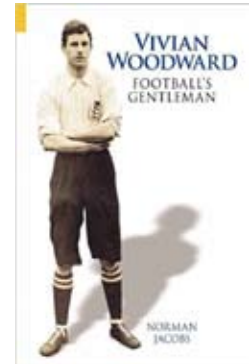


## Spring Programme 2023

**Vivian Woodward:  
Football's Gentleman  
& Essex's greatest  
sportsman**

By Norman Jacobs

Wednesday 11th January



**The Old Hundred  
of Uttlesford**

By Simon Coxall

Wednesday 8th February

**The White  
Ship Disaster**

By Julian Whybra

Wednesday 8th March



Meetings are held in Great  
Hallingbury Village Hall at 8pm

**Everyone is Welcome, so  
please join us!**

## The Hundred Parishes Society



Before the middle of the twentieth century most people did not have watches; they relied on public clocks which could be seen at railway stations, post offices and other public buildings - and on church towers. This reminds me of the lines written in 1912 by the homesick poet, Rupert Brooke:

*Stands the church clock at ten to three  
And is there honey still for tea?*



Within the Hundred Parishes are a variety of interesting church clocks. In Furneux Pelham, St Mary's clock is topped by Old Father Time and the words *Time Flies, Mind Your Business*. One wonders what prompted those words to be included.

The bell tower at Sheering has two clock faces which were installed in the 1940s to remember those who served in the War. The north-facing one tells us to *Work and Pray* whilst the west-facing proclaims *Today Is Yours*.



The church at High Wych was built in 1861 to the design of local architect, George Edward Pritchett. Its clock is almost as wide as the thin flintstone tower on which it is mounted.

Hinxton possibly has our oldest church clock, believed to date from 1700 AD, albeit extensively renovated in 1809 when a new face was fitted.



Artist Eric Ravilious lived in Great Bardfield and his wood engraving of the church of St Mary the Virgin clearly shows the enormous clock that was added to commemorate



the coronation of King George V in 1912. One assumes the residents of Great Bardfield are never late for work or church. The engraving has been adopted as the logo of The Hundred Parishes.

I hope you will keep an eye open for the variety of clocks to be found around the Hundred Parishes.

The Hundred Parishes Society's trustees join me in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.  
[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)



## Dog Vouches for Man



A man sent an enquiry to a small hotel in a West Country seaside town he planned to visit for a short holiday. He wrote: "I would like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to allow me to keep him in my room at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who said, "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel.

And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

## Kemi Badenoch MP for Saffron Walden



The last few weeks have contained moments for the history books. From the passing of her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth to the handing over to not one, but two, Prime Ministers in as many months. They've certainly been some of the most eventful times of our era.

### *The Late Queen*

The many wonderful tributes from all walks of life that we have heard, from the local to the international, remind us of the icon we lost in our late Queen who was the perfect example to those of us in public service.

### *The Government*

Speaking of public service, to say that there have been many changes in government over the past few weeks would be an understatement. However, what I do know is that, despite much upheaval and the numerous challenges we face from the Russia/Ukraine war, the international energy crisis to the security of our borders as the numbers of migrants travelling to the UK via small boats increases exponentially, the government is working to get the best for the country at a time when every policy option requires making difficult choices.

I was delighted to be reappointed Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade - a role that offers an exciting opportunity to unleash the UK's potential so we can create more jobs, more growth and more opportunity.

### *Helping with Energy Costs*

It is all hands-on deck now as parliament and government work to resolve the challenges we face this autumn - the Government has already announced an unprecedented package of support in light of the rising cost of living including the Energy Price Guarantee for households, the Energy Bill Relief Scheme for local schools, businesses, charities and

other public sector organisations in and around Great Hallingbury.

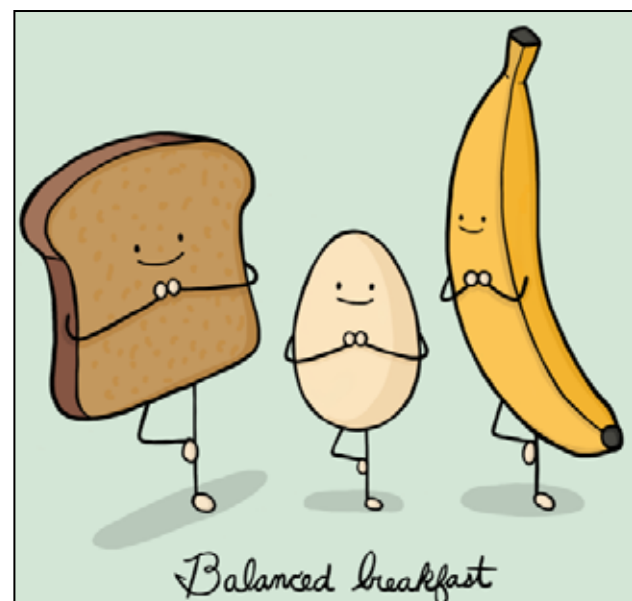
For those in the constituency living in park homes and or who use heating oil, a discretionary scheme is being set up to support them - addressing concerns that have come up in my inbox frequently over the past few weeks.

This builds on the £37 billion intervention announced earlier this year, including the non-repayable £400 Energy Bill Support Scheme and the £1,200 of targeted support for vulnerable households. Pensioners will also receive an extra £300 over the winter period.

Whilst it's not possible to step in and fix everything or avoid rises that have already taken place, this proactive intervention will ensure that there is no continued and unaffordable rise for the foreseeable future. It should be a huge relief to many across the constituency.

Further details on the rising cost of living, my work in the constituency and Parliament will be available in my next e-newsletter which you can sign up to at [www.kemibadenoch.org.uk](http://www.kemibadenoch.org.uk)

*Kemi Badenoch, MP*  
*[kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk)*



## EASTON LODGE

After a wet and warm October the Gardens have recovered a bit from the dry summer but it is now very difficult to guess how any month is going to pan out. What we do know is that Christmas falls in December and so our volunteers will get a welcome break from gardening and Gary, our volunteer who provides talks about the Gardens, will let his laptop cool down! We will all get right back into action in January. The talks programme is filling up but still has spaces. If you think one of your local groups would welcome a talk, contact Gary through the form on our website or by emailing [groupvisits@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:groupvisits@eastonlodge.co.uk).

Last December, after we had tidied up all the leaves and trimmed a few trees, we had lots of new trees to plant that had been donated to us. After such a difficult summer, this year our winter focus is more likely to be on care and maintenance: lots of mulching to look after the plants and new trees that have made it through the year and work on our infrastructure too.



By the end of December, we will be starting to think about snowdrops! We have set the dates for two Snowdrop Sunday Open Days, on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February and two Snowdrop Thursdays, on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February. As for 2022, our Open Sundays should be bigger affairs with access to the Gardens of Warwick House as well as *our* part of the Gardens and a full catering offer, including savoury rolls. Snowdrop Thursdays are restricted

to *our* side and we will provide drinks and homemade cakes. This year we only managed two of the four days, so we hope to improve on that record in 2023! Details will go onto our website in due course but why not save the dates?

So, wishing you all the best for a happy festive season. And, if you are beginning to think about your new year's resolutions, maybe you might like to consider joining us as a volunteer gardener, baker or front of house person? Or perhaps as a Trustee? We are always happy to add to our happy team!

*Jill Goldsmith*

## The Final Choice

**It's the FA Cup Final between Manchester City and Liverpool and a man makes his way to his seat right on the halfway line. He sits down, noticing that the seat next to him is empty.**



**As it is close to kick-off, he leans over and asks his neighbour if someone will be sitting there.**

**"No," says the neighbour. "The seat is empty"**

**"This is incredible", said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Cup Final and not use it?"**

**The neighbour says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Cup Final we haven't been to together since we got married in 1976"**

**"Oh ... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else, a friend or relative, or even a neighbour to take the seat?"**

**The man shakes his head. "No, they're all at the funeral."**



**Saturday,  
3rd  
December**



**Christmas Tree  
Lights Switch On  
7 pm**



**Christmas  
Quiz Night  
starting 7.30 pm**

**Great Hallingbury  
Village Hall**

£5 per person at the door - table of 6 or 8  
Reservation essential from Sally (01279 658751)

**Bring your own food and drink**

**GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE**

**Enjoy a convivial evening -  
Support the Village Hall**

**Hallingbury  
Panto Group**



**A  
Pantomime  
by  
Ben Crocker**

**Thursday 26th January 2023 –  
Saturday 28th January 2023**

By the time you are reading this, rehearsals for our 38th pantomime will be well under way. Directed by Sue Warren, performances will take place from Thursday 26th January to Saturday 28th January.

This year, tickets will be available via an online booking platform:

**[http://thelittleboxoffice.com/  
hallingburypanto](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/hallingburypanto)**

Evening performances on all three days at 7.30 pm plus a matinee on Saturday, 28th January, at 2 pm.

**Tickets £10 each (£7 concessions)**

(Concessions are available for children under 16 and senior citizens.)

**Tickets will be available from Monday, 7th November. Please book early to avoid disappointment.**

A limited number of tickets will also be available to purchase from Little Hallingbury Post Office/Community Shop, for those without online access.

Please continue to support your local pantomime, which raises funds for the Hallingbury Scout and Guide Supporters' Association. **We look forward to seeing you there....oh yes we do!**

THE FEDERATION OF LITTLE HALLINGBURY AND ST MARY'S HATFIELD BROAD OAK  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS



## Little Hallingbury C. of E. Primary School Primary School Admissions 2023

If your child is due to start school in September 2023, then you will need to apply for a school place by **15th January 2023**. For those living in Essex, you can do this via the Essex County Council website.



If you would like to visit our school before making your application, then please contact the school office on **01279 723382**, and we will be pleased to make an appointment to show you around and answer any questions you may have. You may also like to visit our school website for further information: [www.lhandsmhboschools.co.uk](http://www.lhandsmhboschools.co.uk)

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our school.

## District News

*Cllrs Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve*



The weather is on its way out and the nights are drawing in.

The new Kings coronation has been confirmed for May 2023.

A New Prime Minister in number 10 and second Chancellor in 34 days.

Max Verstappen wins F1 World Championship at Japanese Grand Prix.

Various headlines, good or bad depending on your outlook on life, but the main headline in Uttlesford is: **Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation has been delayed.**

### **Update on local plan**

This is no doubt the most important issue going forward so hopefully all is explained below.

The situation is that UDC started work on a new Local Plan in 2020. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the draft timetable for producing the Local Plan. The existing LDS included for a Reg.18 consultation from November to December 2022 with a Regulation 19 consultation (final public consultation) from November to December 2023. It proposed the submission of the Regulation 19 plan (our final draft) to Government in May 2024.

The publication of a Reg.18 Local Plan consultation document this November has been aborted as it had become apparent to senior officers that, despite strenuous efforts by the Local Plans team, the intended document could not be completed to an acceptable standard within the target timescales. To continue the established programme with a relatively short delay was explored but found to be unfeasible, not least due to the timetable constraints on consultation and governance leading up to and during next May's Council elections (for which the pre-election *purdah* period begins on 23 March). It is therefore

proposed to schedule a post local election Reg.18 consultation, in early summer 2023, probably mid-August for 6 weeks to allow all who may holiday with children over the school holidays to be able to participate. Key dates are being developed and will be available on the UDC website and published here in the next issue. If using the website, search Local Development Scheme for the new calendar.

Keep up to date with what is happening with the Local Plan by signing up to the UDC regular e-newsletters. See UDC website [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk)

### **Grant funding opportunities**

#### **Uttlesford District Council grants**

Uttlesford District Council distributes grants to local community projects, enabling clubs, local councils or organisations to build facilities, pay for training, carry out renovations or complete countless other projects. The council administers four different types of grant: · Community Project Grants · Leisure and Culture Grants · Sports Project Grants · Ward Members Initiative Grant. Check out UDC website [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk)

#### **Jack Petchey Foundation - Small Grant**

The Jack Petchey Foundation makes grants to programmes and projects that benefit young people aged between 11 and 25. Funding of up to £750 is now available under the small grants programme to organisations and schools running the Achievement Award scheme, to enhance their work with young people. Call 020 8252 8000 for details or visit the Jack Petchey Foundation website.

#### **Stansted Airport Passenger Community Fund**

This fund donates money (up to a maximum £1,000) to local causes within a 20-mile radius of Stansted Airport. The funds are donated by passengers who place spare coins and foreign currency in the money spinners placed around the airport. An application form for this grant is on the Stansted Airport Passenger Community Fund website.

### Stansted Airport Community Trust

This provides grants for capital projects which protect or enhance the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the community within a 10-mile radius of Stansted Airport, and often supports local sports clubs (up to a maximum of £2,000). For more details email [cldr.susan.barker@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.susan.barker@essex.gov.uk) or call 01245 231250. Find further information about this grant on the Stansted Airport Community Trust website.

### Fast Forward Your Uttlesford Business

#### New Enterprise Grants

There are a limited amount of 100% funded cash-back grants of £1,000 to £2,000 available for businesses under 12 months old. It would need to be shown that the items purchased using the grant will assist in growing the business.

#### Group2grow Peer Networking Programme

Group2Grow peer groups, delivered through Backing Essex Business, bring together cohorts of business professionals to learn, grow and solve common problems, using each other's knowledge and experience, with the support, guidance, and mentoring of a business coach.

#### Essex County Council

Essex County Council has produced a summary of support services which may be able to help local businesses during this difficult period.

#### North Essex Economic Board

The North Essex Economic Board (NEEB) is a partnership of local authorities in the area working together to drive economic growth across the region. Find out how you can join one of the supported courses or training sessions to help develop your business. Contact UDC, tel: 01799 510510, email: [business@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:business@uttlesford.gov.uk), Twitter: @UDCBusiness, Facebook: @UttlesfordDC

#### Bulky Household Waste

Fly tipping is on the up. Is this because house holders are paying unknown callers

to take goods away?

If you have a large item such as a piece of furniture or a fridge you wish to dispose of, UDC offers a chargeable bulky household waste collection service. They have two services for collecting large items from your home. Bulky household item collection - for items such as furniture, carpets, bicycles and doors - you can put these items out for a bulky waste collection after booking a collection time. Please don't put out bulky electrical items such as washing machines, computers and TVs as these have a separate collection service. For both sets of goods book through the UDC website [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk)

#### Social Media

Did you know the council has accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram? Why not check them out. Keep up to date on what is happening in Uttlesford.

#### Ward Surgeries

Ward surgeries are planned for the first Tuesday in the month in the Village Hall, Great Hallingbury, and on the third Friday in the month at the Dukes Head PH, Hatfield Broad Oak. Both surgeries will start at 2pm and will not finish before 4pm. All are welcome and appointments are not necessary.

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

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[cldrreeve@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cldrreeve@uttlesford.gov.uk)

### Puzzle Answers

(questions on page 15)

24 triangles

split pea soup

try to understand

2	3	4	1	5	8	6	9	7
9	5	6	4	7	3	1	8	2
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3	8	1	5	9	4	2	7	6
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## Easy Eating Christmas Specials

### Christmas Pear Chutney

*This is a very easy recipe and great to do if you have a lot of pears available! It will keep well so is not just for Christmas.*

#### Ingredients

- 200g demerara sugar
- 200ml cider vinegar
- 100ml perry [pear cider]
- 1 star anise
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 2 red onions, chopped
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 10 firm pears, peeled and chopped into small cubes
- 1 red chilli, halved and deseeded
- 50g sultanas

#### Method

1. Put the sugar, cider vinegar, perry, star anise, cumin, red onions and ginger into a large pan and bring to the boil.
2. Add pears and chillies and simmer for about an hour until the liquid is syrupy and the pears are soft.
3. Then add the sultanas.
4. Remove from the heat and cool slightly before spooning into clean sterilised jars. Cover with a wax disc if you have any before putting the lid on.



### Chocolate Christmas Stars

#### Ingredients

- 2 150g bars white chocolate
- 75ml double cream
- 50g shelled pistachio nuts, roughly chopped
- 50 g toasted flaked almonds
- 100g dried cranberries

#### Method

1. Line a 20 x 30 cm tin with baking parchment.
2. Place chocolate and cream in a large bowl over a pan of boiling water.
3. Stir the mixture until the chocolate has melted and the cream mixed in.
4. Add the other ingredients and stir well to coat.
5. Spread the mixture over the base of the prepared tin and cover with cling film.
6. Chill for about an hour until firm.
7. Remove from the tin and place on a board.
8. Use a metal cutter (approx. 5cm) to cut out 12 star shapes.
9. Keep in the fridge until ready to eat.

Any left over off-cuts can be roughly chopped and folded into a plain cake mix before baking.

*Rosemary Nugent*



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## Parish Council Chairman



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

I think the only place that I can start my message is to say how sad it was to lose Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She was for many of us a true constant, being the only monarch that several generations have known. We now have a new King, Charles III, and I wish him well in all the duties for which he will be called upon, being the figure head of our great nation.

Although as I write this we currently have a new Prime Minister in Liz Truss, it seems that she has proved to not be very popular and sadly resigned from her post after only six weeks. Some of her decisions were questionable so we hope that the new incoming Prime Minister, whoever that may be, will make the right decisions and ease the unnecessary worries for the people of the UK.

What a lovely weekend the Tudor Festival at St Giles' Church turned out to be. Thanks go to Kate Fuller and Russell Robinson for organising the event and to all those who gave their time to help out.

Once again Cllr Mark Bloomfield organised a litter pick in October. Many thanks to him and his wife Joanne. I would also like to thank all those who turned out to help. Yet again it was so sad to see just how much litter had been collected.

The Uttlesford District Plan has been delayed yet again. The publication of this keeps getting pushed back and, until the plan is verified and in place, developers appear to be applying to build wherever they choose.

Quite a lot of us have now been invited to get the latest Covid booster and also the Flu jab. It's important that you try to get these inoculations to protect yourselves and those around you, particularly if we

should have a harsh winter.

The energy crisis is still not resolved and the price cap needs to be carefully considered. If you are experiencing problems please speak to Uttlesford District Council who may be able to help with grants and/or advice.

The terrible war in Ukraine still continues and, while so much harm has been done, it is a nation that has not given up hope.

The Parish Council meetings are being held in the Village Hall again, so do come along if you can. The dates of meetings are published in this magazine.

I would like to give special thanks to Cllr Alan Pinnock for growing, and then planting, an Oak Tree next to the fallen Horse Chestnut Tree in the village hall field. This was planted on the day of Queen Elizabeth's funeral.

I would like to congratulate the editor of Highlights, Christine Coultrup, on a special birthday celebration in October.

My thanks go to all my fellow Councillors for all their hard work and, of course, to Urška, our Clerk, who keeps everything running smoothly.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*Alan Townsend*

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## The Poppy Appeal in the Hallingburys 2022



The first of the Hallingbury Coffee Mornings for this year's appeal was a great success with over £400 raised.

This was an excellent result and thanks go to everyone who supported the event.

*Gill Sewell, Appeal Co-ordinator  
for Great & Little Hallingbury*



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*Ryan Stacey*



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## Book Corner



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### *A Redbird Christmas*

by Fannie Flagg

Oswald Campbell is about to face another cold, damp winter in Chicago when his doctor tells him he has terminal emphysema and, unless he leaves Chicago, he'll be dead by Christmas. He hears of a small Alabama town called Lost River which would be a much warmer place during the winter and Oswald decides to go there.

Renting a room there, he finds himself warmly welcomed by Lost River's good-hearted - if somewhat eccentric - community. There's his landlady, Betty, a force to be reckoned with, the ladies of the town who do their good works through the Polka Dots Secret Society and the local store-keeper who nurses both his own broken heart and an injured Red Cardinal called Jack. Before long, Oswald has stopped smoking and drinking, taken up birdwatching and water-colour painting. By the time the summer comes, he realises he is still alive!

Then there is Patsy, a neglected and crippled little girl from the trailer park in the woods. She becomes fascinated by the redbird but, at first, won't speak to anyone. Gradually, Roy wins her over and she comes to the store every day to play with Jack. Soon she is befriended by the community and, by holding lots of pasta bakes, fish fries and rummage sales, enough money is raised for an operation to correct the problem with her leg so that she can walk properly.

This is quite a short book but there is so much that will make you laugh or give you a lump in the throat - and, with the requisite Christmas miracle at the end, it would be a lovely little present to find in your stocking this Christmas!



### *Not Without my Daughter*

by Betty Mahmoody (with William Hoffer)

In 1984, Betty Mahmoody accompanied her Iranian husband to his homeland for a two-week holiday. As they are about to land, Moody (her name for her husband) tells her to hand over her passport and that of her young daughter, Mahtob, and she fears that, once in Iran, he would try to keep them there forever.

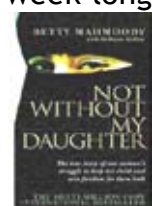
She already knew that she would have to cover her hair and wear long sleeves and dark socks when she went out but, on arrival in Tehran, she was also handed a long coat and a big scarf. Moody told her that she would be arrested if she did not wear them in the street.

The day before their flight home, she was told they would not be able to leave as *they should have taken their passports to the airport three days before*. When she asked Moody why he had not done this, her fears were realised. He told her that they would be staying in Iran permanently.

She and Mahtob were now virtual prisoners in an alien culture where women had few rights and were regarded as merely chattels.

Betty decided she and Mahtob had to get away and when she begins to plan an escape, she discovers that there are people opposed to the savage regime in Iran who are willing to help her. However, every scheme which was suggested meant leaving Mahtob behind which Betty was not prepared to consider. It was eighteen months before Betty and Mahtob could finally begin their week long escape from Iran involving a dangerous, very long drive and a perilous journey over snow-covered mountains to reach Turkey.

Jan Baldwin



## St Giles' Gardening Group



When I last wrote for *Great Hallingbury Highlights* - in July this year - we were sweltering in high heat and had just seen our first Humming Bird Hawk moths. The higher temperatures went on to have other effects, not as welcome. We have not seen hedgehogs in the churchyard since the project began and were saddened to find one dead of apparent dehydration just outside the boundary walls.

This led the volunteers to put out water on the ground in dishes from which they could drink. Whether or not any did is unclear but we were astonished to discover grass snakes taking advantage of the opportunity - another first for the churchyard.



Moreover we discovered a nest of young snakes, so they have clearly settled in well. These snakes are, of course, harmless to humans but it is a useful reminder that we should also be watchful for adders.

This discovery made mowing the grass at the end of the summer a somewhat delicate operation but I am pleased to report no snake casualties!

Regular visitors will note that the churchyard is back to its formal look and I must thank Julie Thwaites, Claire Layer and all the volunteers for their incredible work in advance of the Tudor Festival. The grounds looked stunning and the fêtes would have been quite impossible without them!

To end this note, a little post script about the chippings from the trees we were left with in the summer. Quite unexpectedly, these have been adopted by slow worms for nurseries and chippings we spread on an old path are abundant with fungi. Is there a fungi expert in the village? If so we would



love to hear from you because it is not an area we have yet studied. Attached are photos of two species we have not seen before in the churchyard, taken at the end of October. We would love to know more about them.



We are always looking for volunteers - if you would like any information do call me on 07756142890.

*Russell Robinson*

## St Giles' Church Happy New Year and Thank You!!!



As the year draws to a close it's nice to reflect on the highlights of the last twelve months.

It's been great enjoying a cuppa and piece of cake whilst getting to know new friends at our monthly coffee mornings. We really couldn't have done it without the support of our local community who have helped make these events a success. The coffee mornings will be on pause during January and February but they'll be returning from Saturday, 4th March, in time for the spring.

There's also been a steady increase in regular volunteers for our gardening group on a Saturday morning when our members get to meet up and care for the beautiful grounds of St Giles'. Please do pop along and see what we're doing - or even just for a chat.

We have some exciting plans for next year as we aim to make more events and facilities available to the local community. This includes workshops, activities, coffee mornings and drop in sessions. Watch this space !!!

*Kate Fuller*  
PCC Secretary

## News from St Giles'

Part of my role as Lay Ministry Adviser for Chelmsford Diocese is helping people to work out how God is calling them to minister to His people so that the Kingdom of God may be realised here on earth.

One method we use for this process of discernment is by looking at and reflecting on a variety of images, seeing how they *speak* to us, how our response to them may inform us about where we are now and where we might be going in terms of God's call on our lives. Recently one of these images really struck me. It shows the structure of a church made



from Jelly Babies and Jelly atrics. It says to me that the church is made up of people of different ages and different colours.

Church is about community, a coming together of all sorts of people held in an overall shape through a common bond of love. There is space and room for others to join in and we are all in it together. You cannot tell which one is the Priest in charge or which one is the musician, all are different but equal in the eyes of God and in the structure of His Church.

In the Six Villages - Little and Great Hallingbury, Hatfield Broad Oak, Hatfield Heath, Sheering and Bush End, we are coming together as six churches to form one United Benefice. This idea of being different but together is fundamental to that process. We must learn to put aside our individual desires and wants and come together in community to absolutely support each other, no longer as six individual parishes but as one Church family, together. Pulling away one of the Jellies in the structure above will



## 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](http://www.hallingburychurches.co.uk) to see where services are happening in each of the churches.

cause the rest to become less stable. Not having enough Jellies will also mean the structure will fail.

Our churches are at the very heart of our communities. We turn to them in times of grief, such as following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and in times of joy at weddings and baptisms. But churches are there throughout the year. The harsh reality is that if we don't engage with church in the ordinary times, it will not be there when we need it in extra-ordinary times.

We need to re-imagine church as gathered community and through that community we can spread the Gospel message throughout our six Villages and beyond; God's Kingdom can be realised here on earth.

I wonder how you would like to see the church reimagined. What vision do you have for community living in the six Villages? What role does the church have in that? And perhaps even how is God calling you to serve these communities?

I look forward to welcoming you into our churches very soon.

*Caroline Harding LLM*



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to all our readers,  
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**May you enjoy a happy  
and peaceful festive  
season**

**from  
Great Hallingbury Highlights**

## Calendar

### December 2022

- 3 St Giles' Church Coffee Morning 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
- 3 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 3 Christmas Tree Lights Switch On - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7 pm
- 3 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - *Quiz Night* - 7 for 7.30 pm
- 6 District Ward Surgery - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 2 - 4 pm
- 22 Christmas Bin collection ONE DAY **EARLY** - black + brown BINS
- 24 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 30 No bin collection

### January 2023

- 3 District Ward Surgery - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 2 - 4 pm
- 9 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 8 pm
- 11 History Society - *Vivian Woodward: Football's Gentleman and Essex's Greatest Sportsman* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 14 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm

- 25 Great Hallingbury WI - *Annual Dinner*
- 26 - 28 Hallingbury Panto - *Aladdin* - Little Hallingbury Village Hall - see page 25

### February 2023

- 4 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 7 District Ward Surgery - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 2 - 4 pm
- 8 History Society - *The Old Hundred of Uttlesford* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 12 Easton Lodge - *Snowdrop Sunday*
- 16 Easton Lodge - *Snowdrop Thursday*
- 19 Easton Lodge - *Snowdrop Sunday*
- 22 Great Hallingbury WI - *Returning to Reality by Anne Small* - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 23 Easton Lodge - *Snowdrop Thursday*
- 25 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm

**Come to the next Parish Council meetings  
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**Monday, 9th January 8 pm Village Hall  
Monday, 6th March 8 pm Village Hall**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
Monday, 20th March 8 pm Village Hall**