

# Great Hallingbury Highlights

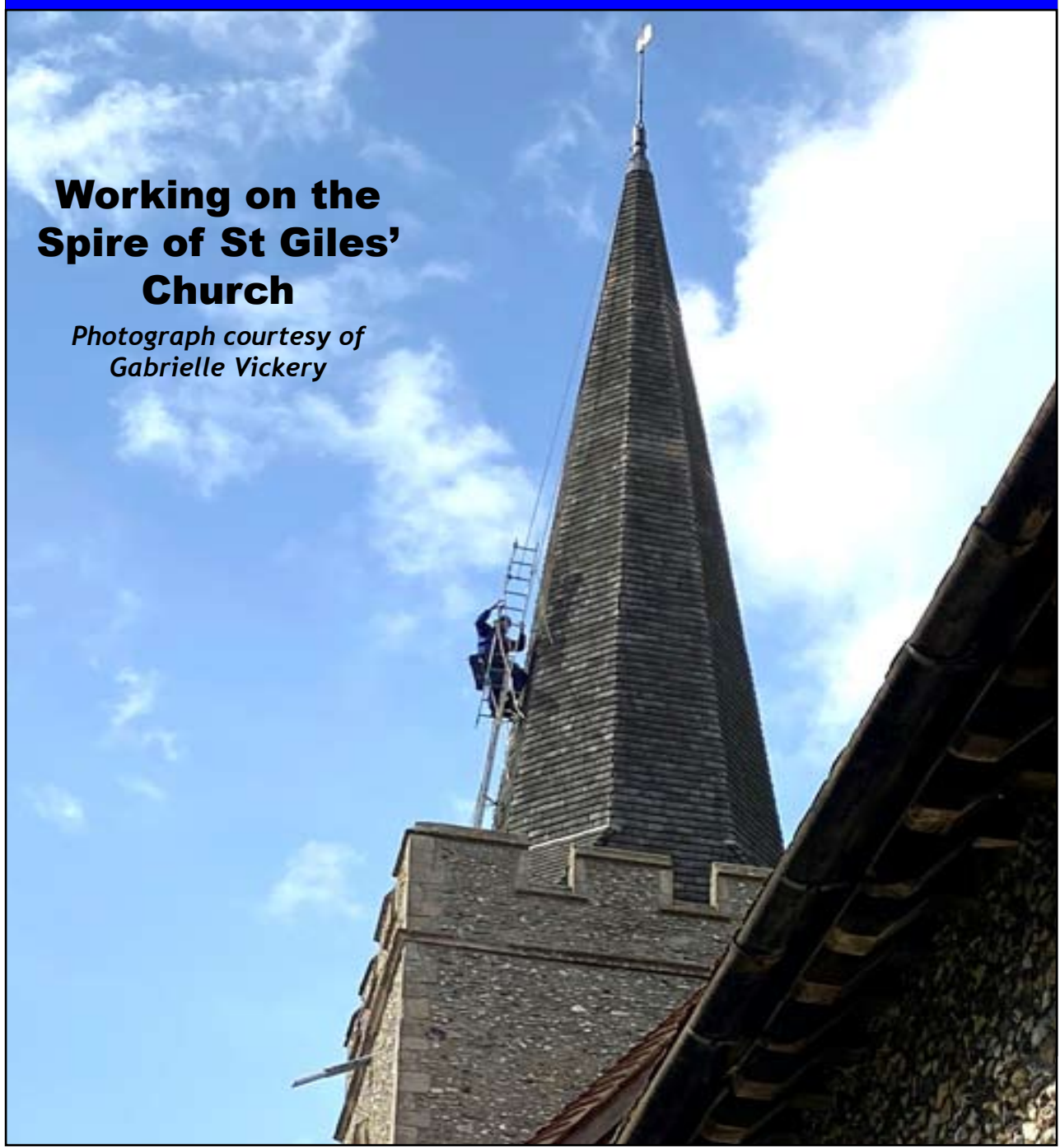
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## **Working on the Spire of St Giles' Church**

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Gabrielle Vickery*



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## The Lie Detector

Father buys a lie detector that makes a loud beep whenever somebody tells a lie.

The son comes home in the afternoon. Father asks him, "So, you were at school today, right?"

Son: "Yeah."

Detector: "Beep."

Son: "OK, OK, I was at the movies."

Detector: "Beep."

Son: "Alright, I went for a beer with my friends."

Father: "What?! At your age, I wouldn't touch alcohol!"

Detector: "Beep."

Mother laughs: "Ha! He really is your son!"

Detector: "Beep."

## Editorial

### *Temperature Movements*

The hot topic of the moment is *Climate Change* with the recent UN report in advance of the COP 26 conference in Glasgow later this year.

Scientists have determined the earth's temperature over the last 800,000 years from paleoclimatological evidence which indicates that the temperature variation between ice ages and warm periods has been 4/5°C, with the temperature changing over a period of 5,000 years or so.

However, since the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century we have instrument measurements and these show that the temperature has increased 1.09°C over the last 10 years, compared to the 50 years 1850 - 1900, which is a rate of warming unprecedented in at least the last 2,000 years. And since this period has also seen human activity impinging on our atmosphere, this fast rate of increase is being attributed to man.

There are a number of questions presented by this hypothesis. Firstly, had there been instrument measurement at earlier times in the earth's history would we also have seen many more intermediate peaks on the graph than can be detected from paleoclimatological evidence; I don't know. Secondly, projections of what temperatures might be reached in the next 100 years or so put us into the realm of computer modelling which does not have an unblemished record, especially after published projections during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition, could this be man's sheer hubris to think that we might be able to affect the atmosphere of a planet whose temperature changes are largely dictated by its relative position to the sun? And if it is man that has triggered a more rapid change, is it from industrialisation or perhaps just the large increase in the planet's population?

I do not doubt the evidence produced but feel less confident about the conclusions

drawn. That's not to say we should not try to ameliorate the problems we have detected: but how?

The action being demanded is for all people and countries to drastically reduce their carbon emissions. But countries are naturally competitive and defensive and they are being asked altruistically to take expensive measures which could, perhaps, disadvantage them if others do not follow suit. Will that happen? We can only wait to see.

We live in a complicated world.

*Editor*

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# EASTON LODGE

Hasn't the summer been up and down? Heat wave, thunderstorms and cool weather in between. Visitors have taken their chance and enjoyed the Gardens, sunshine or cloud: the sun has brought out the butterflies and there is always shade under the trees to provide relief, but on darker days the colours of the flowers really shine out and lift the spirits.



We are now very much hoping for an Indian Summer for our *Apple and Bees* day on 19th September and our final Sunday Open Day on 17th October.

We have been picking fruit and jamming, ready for our *Apple Day*. It was a good year for currants but, as ever, we were not the only ones wanting the fruit ... the birds and squirrels took their pick too, despite the netting! It should be a big raspberry and mulberry year too.

On the *Apple and Bees* day on 19 September we will be joined by local beekeepers, the East of England Apples and Orchards Project and the Friends of Cressing Temple. A local woodturner will be demonstrating his craft and local coppicers will explain the importance of their work in our native woodlands. Bishop's Stortford Ukelele Society will tonk out their toons again at the Gardens for the first time since 2019! We very much hope we will be able to return to the full range of activities we could provide before the pandemic - with crafts for children, apple, honey and produce tastings,

as well as apple juicing. But we will, of course, keep this under review in the lead up to the event. What is certain, is that we will provide excellent bacon, cheese or hummus rolls, homemade cakes and hot and cold drinks.

Tickets will be available for the Open Day, obtainable through the Gardens website: [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk) or our Facebook page or direct from Trybooking.com and after 1.00pm visitors may arrive and pay on the gate.

Advance tickets are not required for the more limited offer on *Open Thursdays* - 11.00-3.00 pm - for details see our website.

Jill Goldsmith

## Chicken's for Dinner



**"Doctor, I think my wife is getting hard of hearing."**

**"There's a simple test you can run to see how bad the problem is: Start out 40 feet away from her and in a normal conversational speaking tone say something and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet and so on until you get a response."**

**That evening, the man's wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner and he's in the living room. In a normal tone he asks, "Darling, what's for supper?"**

**No response.**

**So he moves to the other end of the room and repeats, "Darling, what's for supper?" Still no response. Next, he moves into the dining room. "Darling, what's for supper?" No response, so he walks up to the kitchen door. "Darling, what's for supper?" Again, there is no response so he walks right up behind her. "Darling, what's for supper?"**

**"For the fifth time, Harry, CHICKEN!"**

## District News

*Cllrs Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve*



By the time you get to read this we will be into *Freedom* time, but please remember to be safe. COVID has not gone; we only have the upper hand now due to vaccines and still require everyone to do their bit. The more of us that do the right things, the better chance we have of keeping COVID-19 away for good. So, when you're socializing with friends, neighbours or family, give them a little space. If you're heading into town, sanitise as you shop. When you're mixing this summer, think about face coverings. Hands, face, space – just in case.

Neil and I have missed getting to know you at our surgery and are looking forward to meeting you again. The surgeries will be starting in August. However, we are still looking for locations across the Ward to have a meeting place near you so if you have any ideas please let us know.

### ***Stansted Airport Appeal***

Documents have now been filed with the Office of the Administrative Court (a division of the High Court in London). Formal acknowledgement has been received and the proceedings have been issued. The Defendant (the Secretary of State) has now been served and we are in the process of serving Interested Parties (including MAG and Stansted Airport Watch), some of whom must be served by post.

The council is seeking to challenge the decision of the Inspectors to grant planning permission following the public inquiry on two grounds (summarised):

- The Panel's approach to relevant climate change/carbon policies was flawed, both for having excluded from consideration everything other than *national aviation policy* and also having treated that policy as both unassailable and untouched by

other material policy statements. This was a serious failure to understand and apply all relevant policy.

- The Panel made five errors or omissions in its assessment of the planning condition sought by the council in order to ensure that, if and as the planning permission was implemented, the noise, air quality and carbon emissions resulting would comply with legislation, international instruments and policies in force at each assessment point. It failed to properly explain why it had rejected that condition.

The costs decision ordering the council to pay all of Stansted Airport Ltd's costs is also being challenged on eleven additional grounds, each of which makes the Inspectors' costs decision unsafe. See more on <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/airport-appeal>

### ***Walden Castle Reopens To Public***

Walden Castle is now open to visitors for the first time in decades following the completion of a 10 year programme of repair and consolidation works. You can read more about the work that has taken place, as well as get information about the castle's history and its opening times, on the Walden Castle page on the UDC website.

The castle will also be available to hire out as an events space. Further details will be made available in the coming months.

### ***Additional Restrictions Grant***

A new round of the Additional Restrictions Grant has opened. This is a discretionary grant scheme used to support the following:

- businesses that have been severely impacted by the coronavirus restrictions
- businesses from sectors that remain closed or severely impacted by the extended restrictions, even if those businesses have already been in receipt of Restart Grants.

In order to qualify you must demonstrate that your business is and continues to be severely

impacted by the extended restrictions. The additional restrictions grant cannot be used as a wage support mechanism.

For information about what grants are available to local businesses, including full eligibility criteria and how to make an application, go to the business support grants page on the Uttlesford District Council website.

### ***Defence Employer Recognition Scheme***

We are pleased to confirm that Uttlesford District Council has recently received the bronze award from the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. The scheme recognises the council's commitment and support for those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces and their families.

### ***Supporting The Farming Community Campaign***

A new campaign has been launched to help provide wellbeing, crime prevention and fire safety advice for the farming community in Uttlesford. The Community Safety Partnership led initiative got underway in Debden and Wimbish with the various agencies carrying out visits to land/farm owners.

The aim is to visit all farms in the district over the next twelve months to identify working farms and build on existing relationships. Find more information about the campaign on the UDC website.

### ***Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023***

As you may be aware, the independent Boundary Commission for England is redrawing the map of parliamentary constituencies. The changes, which will make the number of electors in each constituency more equal, will take effect from 2023.

Whilst there is no plan to change the name of the Saffron Walden constituency, the proposals would mean the constituency has additional electors from the Epping

Forest council area instead of Chelmsford. Considerably less voters would be included from Epping (around 3,600) than currently from Chelmsford (17,900).

You can find out more about the proposed changes on the UDC website

### ***Citizens Advice***

Uttlesford Citizens Advice can provide debt counselling, help with universal credit applications or with a referral to the foodbank.

Take Care

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## **Hallingbury Choir**

### ***We're Back Singing Again***



We know there are several budding singers out there who have shown an interest in joining us, so now would be the very best time to come along and see what you think. You will not be alone. Any age and experience (even none!) - the only requirement is a love of singing.

This is a call to ***all members - past, present and possible*** - of the **Hallingbury Choir** to join us on Wednesday evenings, beginning on 15th September, in St Mary's, Little Hallingbury at 8pm. No musical expertise needed, just a love of singing!

***Love Singing!***

***Then see you there!***



## Book Corner



## Book Corner

### **THE GIVER OF STARS**

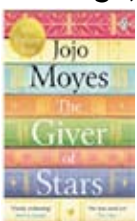
by Jojo Moyes

This is an historical fiction novel based on true events that took place in Kentucky in the late 1930's and 40's when a group of young women are employed by a US government scheme to go up into the mountains on horses or mules to take books to the isolated families who might not otherwise get a chance to read.

Alice marries a handsome American, Bennett Van Cleve, hoping to escape her stifling life in England. When she arrives in a small mining community in rural Kentucky in the middle of the Depression, however, she soon realises that her life there is unlikely to be any more exciting. She and Bennett have to live with his domineering father who has firm ideas about *a woman's place*. Everything, including her marriage - for very good reasons - is working out to be a huge disappointment.

When volunteers are sought to deliver books on horseback to people living far up in the surrounding mountains, Alice signs up. Her life from then on changes dramatically, going from unhappiness to friendship and adventure. The library's leader, Margery O'Hare, is an independent, self-sufficient woman who would never let a man tell her what to do! She, Alice and two other volunteers, Izzy and Beth, become one of the teams, later joined by Sophia who, as a black woman in a mainly white community, has her own problems.

Although, at first, the library seems a good idea to much of the community, the *librarians*, however, have many obstacles to overcome, most of which are far more dangerous than the wearing of breeches.



### **THE SECRET GUESTS**

by B.W. Black

As London endures nightly German bombings, Britain's secret service whisks the young princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret, from England to Ireland, seeking safety for the young royals on a rundown estate belonging to a distant relative. It seems an odd place for an evacuation but has the advantage of being in the middle of nowhere - or so it seems. They are given aliases of Ellen and Mary and are accompanied by Celia Nashe, a MI5 agent posing as their governess. The title does suggest that most of the plot will involve the princesses but, if you are expecting to learn some *new* facts about them, you may be disappointed! Also charged with the protection of the two princesses is Detective Garda Strafford, an Anglo-Irish police officer.

However, it does not take long for the real identities of the two girls to be uncovered. The formidable housekeeper, the housemaid, the stable hand and even the Duke himself, talk amongst themselves and the local villagers find out who the *visitors* are. Amongst them are those with anti-Royal sentiments and, before long, a kidnapping is being planned. What began as a dull and uneventful stay for the princesses soon becomes one of chaos and peril.

The narration shifts between a number of the characters but the different perspectives, especially those of Princess Margaret and Detective Strafford, add an interesting slant to the plot. The author says that he has proof that the princesses were sent to Ireland at some point during the war - but, whether you believe him or not, the idea that it might have happened makes for a fascinating story.



Jan Baldwin

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# Great Hallingbury History Society

*Autumn 2021*



We plan to hold our meetings again in Great Hallingbury Village Hall starting in September. I do hope that all our members are well and have weathered the frustrations and difficulties brought about by the Covid-19 virus and will be ready to come back to our gatherings.

The speakers that we had to cancel during the pandemic have all agreed to postponement so we have quite a programme lined up.

Many of you will have been regular passengers on the train service between Cambridge and London - possibly a love/hate relationship that so many of us experience as daily travellers - but how much do you know about the history of the line and its stations. This will be the topic of our first talk on Wednesday, 8th September.

Then, on 13th October, we turn to one of the most famous battles in our history - the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. There have been so many films and books on this subject, with varying degrees of accuracy, but this time we will have a true account from Julian Whybra, visiting us yet again.

In November we return to a transport topic and the history of the London Bus - an iconic vehicle with quite a history.

In the New Year, we have a programme of speakers each month from January to June so we have much to which we can look forward.

We will be able to serve refreshments again so our meetings will finish in a familiar manner with tea or coffee and (if Judy will favour us) cake.

Best of all we will be able to meet up, hear about an interesting subject and chat with friends. Meetings are open to members and non-members so please, do join us.

*Christine Coultrup  
Chairman*

# Great Hallingbury History Society

*Autumn Programme*



*Bishop's  
Stortford  
Station*

**Station to Station:  
Cambridge to London**  
*Wednesday, 8th September*



**Battle of Waterloo**  
*Wednesday, 13th October*



**History of the London Bus**  
*Wednesday, 10th November*

Meetings held in  
Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8pm

Entrance Fee Including Refreshments:  
£2.00 for Members      Membership £10 pa  
£3.00 for Non-members

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME,  
SO DO JOIN US**

## Easy Eating

### *Easy Beef Pastitsio*

*An easy version of lasagne*

#### Ingredients

400g lean minced beef  
340g jar tomato and garlic pasta sauce  
250g penne pasta  
25g butter  
25g plain flour  
300ml semi skimmed milk  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
50g Parmigiano Reggiano (or parmesan)

#### Method

Preheat oven to 180C, gas 4  
Fry mince for 4/5 mins until brown  
Pour in sauce and bring to simmer. Cook for 2/3 mins  
Cook pasta in boiling salted water for 10/12 mins  
Meanwhile, in separate saucepan, melt butter and stir in flour to make a smooth paste  
Cook for 1 min and remove from heat  
Gradually stir in milk, carefully making sure there are no lumps  
Return to the heat and cook for 2 mins  
Place half the pasta in an ovenproof dish, spoon over the meat sauce and then add the remaining pasta  
Sprinkle with grated cheese and bake for 25/30 mins  
Good with a green salad



*Bakewell Flapjacks*



*Beef Pastitsio*

### *Bakewell Flapjacks*

*An easy tray bake*

#### Ingredients

225g butter  
6 tbsp golden syrup  
110g soft brown sugar  
375g porridge oats  
3 tbsp ground almonds  
½ tsp almond essence  
4 heaped tbsp jam (raspberry or cherry)  
Few almond flakes (optional)

#### Method

Heat oven to 170C, gas 3  
Line a 20 x 20 cm tin with parchment paper  
Melt the butter, sugar and syrup gently in a pan  
Remove from the heat and add oats, ground almonds and essence and then mix  
Spread half the mixture over the base of the pan  
Spread over the jam and then the remaining mixture  
Sprinkle with the flaked almonds  
Bake for 25/30 minutes  
Mark into squares and leave to set in fridge  
Cut with a sharp knife when cold

*Rosemary Nugent*

## Neighbourhood Watch



### Crime

Crime figures for our area remain low but continue to be vigilant and report anything out of the ordinary or suspicious. The Great and Little Hallingbury Villages Facebook page continues to be a good source for people to post local goings on in both villages, not just crime related but social items too.

### Crime And Fraud Prevention And Safety Advice

There have been a few ATM scams again, presumably due to the relaxation in Covid rules prompting increasing footfall in and around shopping centres and more people using cash again.

Also the pickpockets seem to be back with a vengeance in shopping areas and many are women.

1. Keep your purse/wallet safe and bags zipped shut. If it hasn't got a zip or other good closing mechanism, ask yourself whether it is the right bag to take shopping with you. Equally beware if you keep your bag in/on a pushchair, wheelchair or Motability scooter.
2. An *accidental* bump or distraction in a busy location (even when putting your shopping into your car) and your bag has gone before you can see who may have taken it. Often pickpockets work in pairs, immediately and deftly passing stolen items on to someone else so that even if you realise who has taken it, chances are that they may not still have it!
3. Make sure mobile phones are not on display, especially in your back pocket, as these are lifted as often as purses, using similar means. Also be careful when you are in a café; you are more relaxed there and even if you keep your phone on the table in front of you, it only takes a moment's distraction for a thief to take it. (Take note, too, those of you who

may also work at a shop counter or till!)



### Uttlesford District

The Community Policing Team has been out in our communities over the last week of July, engaging with residents regarding National Antisocial Behaviour week. Although we have a low number of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour, the effects of this on individuals and communities can be extremely detrimental. It is important we understand where and what type of ASB is taking place so we can work with our partners to resolve these issues collectively. As part of the Community Safety Partnership, we want to continue to work with our communities to resolve any ASB issues. Please report any antisocial behaviour to Essex Police as we want our residents to continue to remain safe over the summer period whilst out and about enjoying activities that have been unavailable for the last eighteen months. Please ensure you take care of your personal safety and follow the available advice we are providing to keep you safe.

**Join our supporters to help stop Rural Crime**



Rural Crime is repetitive and organised. Criminal gangs exploit our local wildlife, environment and communities, putting those who live and work in the countryside under threat.



### New Rural Crime Campaign Launching on Wednesday, 4 August

CrimeStoppers has been working with its partners, Mitie and Neighbourhood Watch, and supporters to gather prevention tips to help protect rural residents, their livestock and possessions as well as awareness raising signs to help them stay vigilant to potential criminal activity.

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From Wednesday, 4 August, they will be delivering a comprehensive social media campaign to raise awareness of their service and speak to rural residents who may feel unsafe in their own homes, farm owners who have to foot the bill for criminal damage, business owners who want to help deter crime and visitors who can be their eyes and ears to report what they see.



### **We Can All Help**

We all know tackling crime often takes a multi-agency approach - that's why CrimeStoppers need your help to raise awareness of the anonymous service in rural communities. Lasting four weeks, the campaign will focus on crimes which adversely affect rural communities including Wildlife Crime, Environmental Crime and Theft.

Week by week they will investigate each rural crime. Starting off with wildlife crime, they will explore sub-crimes including hare coursing and badger baiting, learn the signs to spot, share prevention advice and hear from organisations who work with the police and other partners to prevent and solve these crimes.

They hope you can join them and other supporters including NFU Mutual, RSPCA, Countryside Alliance, NFU, Fire stoppers, Link, National Wildlife Crime Unit, Environment Agency and the Angling Trust to help promote the campaign to rural audiences and networks.

### **Essex Watch**

This is the collective name for specialist Essex Police Watch including Allotment, Business, Dog, Farm & Rural, Heritage and Marine Watch schemes. For more information about any of these schemes contact [essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.police.uk](mailto:essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.police.uk) or via your Neighbourhood Watch organiser.



### **Reporting Crimes**

**For Crimes and suspicious activity NOW phone 999**

For other non-urgent contact and reporting a crime that has already happened dial 101 or report non-urgent incidents or suspicious activity and crimes online at <https://www.essex.police.uk/> and click on the appropriate button

**Action Fraud** is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber-crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

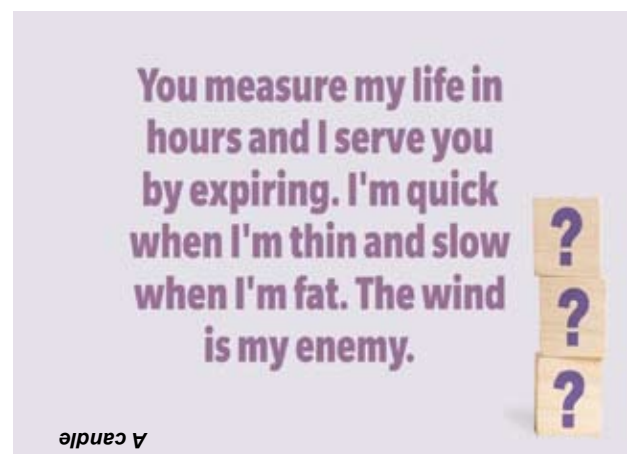
If you have been defrauded i.e. lost money phone 0300 123 2040 or report online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime>

If someone has tried to defraud you but you have not lost money, phone 0300 123 2040 or report online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing>

**CrimeStoppers:** To give information anonymously phone 0800 555 111 or report it online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

***The information you provide is very important to us, so please make sure that we can use it effectively, by reporting it correctly through the proper channels. Thank you***

*Jules Baldwin  
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator*



## Essex County Council

County Cllr Susan Barker



Dear Residents

It has been a busy time since the May elections and I am delighted that I have retained the position of Chairman of the Essex Pension Fund.

I have also joined the executive of the Lee Valley Authority which is a massive organisation managing many acres of land along the River Lee, from Ware in the North to East India Dock Basin in the South. The Authority has farms, meadows and gardens as well as the Royal Gunpowder Mills, a velodrome at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, hockey and tennis courts and the White Water Rafting Centre at Waltham Cross that hosted the rafting events of the Olympics in 2012. It was here that we held our AGM in July and where I sampled the joys of White Water rafting.

Closer to home I have a new highways *Buddy* and have given him the task of resolving many of the localised flooding issues that I have, including the one at the bottom of Church Road close to Captains. I will keep the Parish Clerk and Chairman up to speed on developments.

Susan Barker  
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## Mead Field Drive Update

The Mead Field Drive Development is progressing quite rapidly now, with the benefit of good weather, and nobody can drive past, I suspect, without a quick glance up the access road.

Such a glance will show the first bungalow and two 4 bedroom detached houses underway. It is worth drawing attention to the high standard of basic specification. There is no light weight timber structure.



The outer walls consist of brickwork or blockwork with cladding, substantial cavity insulation and 100 blockwork, all aimed at high standards of thermal and sound insulation.

The road construction of the first half of the circuit will be complete by the end of the month giving access for more units ahead of the winter.

A problem being encountered nationally is a serious shortage of basic building commodities such as bricks, timber and even cement. We too are affected by this. However, the affordable and social units will start next year and the whole estate is planned to be completed in 2023.

We have the details of many local residents who are interested in the development and they will be given the opportunity to purchase ahead of properties being placed on the general market. Anybody interested in the social and affordable units must be on the housing list of Uttlesford District Council.

Andrew Noble





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## Great Hallingbury Village Hall Update



I trust this message will find you, your family and friends well and in good spirit. An unprecedented year and a half but hopefully now some light at the end of this long tunnel awaits us all.

As a Village Hall, we have, like many other community venues, businesses and services, experienced our fair share of problems. These have ranged from structural issues that have come to light as well as the obvious loss of revenue. This, however, falls into insignificance given the plight of other people's situations and the sorrow this virus has sadly brought with it.

### **Village Hall Re-Opening**

I am pleased to announce that on Monday, 26 July, 2021, Great Hallingbury Village Hall re-opened for hire and use.

The hall has opened without restrictions as it would be impractical for committee members and volunteers to enforce any limitations. So we are appealing to hirers to remember their duty of care to others and encouraging certain practices to be remembered. These include washing hands, covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, sanitising your hands regularly, cleaning surfaces that people touch, using outdoor space where practical and ensuring a supply of fresh air by leaving windows and/or doors open if possible.

Although no longer a legal requirement, the hall will continue to display the NHS Track and Trace system QR code for scanning and a register for those who don't have the NHS Covid-19 app on their mobile devices.

We just hope that people will be sensible and responsible whilst having a good time.

### **Quiz Nights Are Coming Back**

The committee will run two fundraising events this year - hopefully! Both are Quiz Nights on 18th September and 4th

December. Further details are elsewhere in this publication. We are reducing the capacity for each event by a third so I must stress that you need to book a table rather than just turning up as hitherto.

### **Welcome Coffee Morning**

On Saturday, 11th September, we are holding a Re-opening Coffee Morning between 10.30 am and 12 pm. Please feel free to drop in and join us for a tea or coffee without charge. It would be great to hear your views on the Village Hall and ideas for community events that we are planning for 2022. A brief Annual General Meeting will be taking place during the morning which all residents are entitled and welcome to attend.

### **Ton Club**

Our fundraising monthly prize draw, the Ton Club, continues to grow. It was late summer 2019 that I last undertook my annual search within the village for residents to support our monthly *Ton Club* prize draw in which all funds collected are split equally between prize money and a contribution towards maintenance of the hall. Last year most of you were good enough to renew your subscription and I am extremely grateful for the continued support in raising funds.

Each annual period starts in October so please feel free to contact me and support us. It is £12 for the year and full details can be found at the end of this article.

### **New Village Hall Activities**

Many residents have commented on the lack of a central point for the community. Over the years we have lost the school, village shop and our pub. The Village Hall is really our last community building standing!

The committee and I are very interested to hear what you, the residents of Great Hallingbury, would like to see happening. With this edition of *Great Hallingbury Highlights* there is a short questionnaire asking you to indicate which activities might interest you. If you cannot make the Coffee

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Morning on Saturday, 11th September, then you can post your response through the Village Hall letterbox.

Some of our clubs unfortunately no longer operate so if you have an idea for a group we will try to support you. There are also local businesses or trades people within our village with whom we may be able to work. We are open to suggestions.

Thank you for your time in reading this and I wish you, your family and friends good health. Stay safe and continue to look after each other in whatever form that may be.

I look forward to seeing you at our Coffee Morning and at our Quiz Nights.

*Lee Cox, Chair Person*

*Great Hallingbury Village Hall Committee*



## Great Hallingbury Village Hall



# Ton Club



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:

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

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**Ton Club Results  
May to July 2021**

**May 2021**

1st prize    no 76 Mr Alan Pinnock  
2nd prize    no 87 Mrs Christine Coultrup  
3rd prize    no 75 Mr Noel Wheatley

**June 2021**

1st            no 11 Mr. Geoff Morris  
2nd            no 12 Mrs. Sarah Cox  
3rd            no 28 Julie/ Rod Baldwin

**July 2021**

1st            no 30 Mr. Carl Waring  
2nd            no 96 Miss Lucy Walker  
3rd            no 82 Mr Tom Banister

**Thank you for your Support**



## Little Hallingbury Cricket Colts

### *Strong Performance by Great Hallingbury Boys*

July has been a busy month for the Colts starting with an under 13 match at Hockerill. Fine bowling by Luke Cromie, Beau McCardle and Shaurya Singh restricted Hockerill to 113. We then passed this score and only lost 3 wickets. There were solid innings by Shaurya, 39, and Hugo Juggurnauth, 32 not out.

Our next match was at Dunmow where, despite a good batting and bowling performance from Brooke Fletcher-Thompson, we lost by just 7 runs. A strong Stapleford team were the next opponents who, batting first, scored an impressive 113. Despite a fine innings from Joshua Evans we finished 29 runs short. The Colts tend to go for big shots and getting out rather than building an innings. Too much watching T20 cricket let alone the Hundred!

On 7th July, we held our Colts' summer BBQ. The sun shone and there were over 60 parents and Colts enjoying a great evening on the lovely Gaston ground. On this occasion we presented much deserved Jack Petchey\* Achievement Awards to Hugo Juggurnauth, Charlie Mugele and Luke Cromie.

Our final games of the season were against neighbours Hatfield Heath. Our under 11's bowled and fielded well to restrict Hatfield to a score of 50. Once again extravagant shots cost us dearly and after constantly losing wickets we were all out for 34, losing by 19 runs.

The inexperienced under 9's put in a fine performance with Thomas Hutley being man of the match with 32 runs and 3 wickets in an over. Brother James also bowled well. The 3 girls, Alina Clayton, Darcy Hunt and Betty Latham all put in good performances, good bowling, fielding and batting. Hallingbury scored 62 and, by bowling Hatfield Heath out for just 12 runs, ended up winning by 50.

A good finish to the season. All we have to do now is start planning for indoor winter nets, hopefully.

*Keith Behagg*

#### NOTE \*

*The Colts club receives support from the Jack Petchey Foundation. Jack Petchey, now aged 95, was an east end boy who became a multimillionaire. The charity supports clubs and associations in Essex that look after boys and girls. The Colts Club awards achievement certificates to deserving players in the name of Jack Petchey.*



## Running in Great Hallingbury

How many times in your life have you followed through with a New Year's resolution? If you are like me, the answer will probably range from *not many* to *zero*. The number of times I was going to drink less, stop smoking, learn a new language and so on. The first two pledges would have ended within a week and the last never started.

So, when I resolved this year to run every day, the bookies' odds on me not getting past week one, seemed pretty generous!

### ***Oh, Ye of Little Faith!***

Fast forward almost seven months and, whilst it is not yet by any means a fait accompli, I may just be on my way to achieving something that I have not been able to do in all of my previous 61 years - stick to a New Year's resolution.

So far, I have run every day of 2021. As I write this article, my *run streak* stands at 200 days of running every day, covering a total of 844 miles in the process.

### ***Dr Ron Hill and the Birth of the 'Streak Runner'***

My inspiration for attempting the feat came from reading an article during the Christmas holidays of 2020 about fellow Lancastrian, the legendary runner, Dr Ron Hill. I remember watching Hill when I was a young lad. I was proud of the fact that this renowned international runner still turned out for the nearby Bolton Harriers Athletic Club.

Hill was a lovable eccentric. When he went for a run, on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1964, little would he have realised that he was setting out on what would prove to be the first of 19,032 consecutive daily runs. Yes, you read that right. Hill's *run streak* spanned a period of 52 years and 39 days.

To count as a run, Hill decided that he had to cover a minimum of one mile per day. Rarely did he settle for a mile though. According to *Runner's World* magazine, during his lifetime Hill ran an astonishing 162,442.5 miles. Reluctantly Ron Hill decided to call a halt to his phenomenal achievement on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the age of 79. He started to develop heart problems and, on what would prove to be his last run, he felt sharp pains in his chest. After that scare Hill felt he owed it to his family to stop running.

Dr Hill sadly passed away this year on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at the age of 82.

### ***No excuses***

If the inspiration for my still fledgling streak was Ron Hill, the motivation was trying to avoid getting the post-Christmas blues, particularly during this seemingly endless pandemic, and also to have a challenge to rise to each day.

I write for a living from my home study. It is so easy in the autumn and winter months, when the days are short and the nights long, to get into hibernation mode. I need something to get me outside every day. Yes, I have dogs that need walking but, if the weather is truly awful, even the Alsatians are not that keen on moving from in front of the fire!

No, I needed a challenge that would not accept excuses under any circumstances. Committing to running every day has given me that. It is also true that once you get on a roll - 7 days, two weeks, a month - the resolve becomes greater and the prospect of not going for a run on any given day, gets ever more remote.

During January, I ran 145 miles. Then I joined a club called *Streak Runners International (SRI)*. *SRI* was founded in the USA but has members all over the world. As the name suggests, it is a club for those whose hobby or obsession is to run every day. The group's

Facebook page quickly became my voice of reason. It was suggested by those wiser and with longer run streaks than I have that to exercise moderation in my running might be a good idea if I was serious about the longevity of my streak. The members are ultra-supportive of each other and to see pictures of fellow streakers running within sight of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco or along the beaches of the Gold Coast in Australia is a real boost on a cold winter's day here on the Essex/Hertfordshire border.

I am glad I started this journey in the depths of winter. A pretty miserable winter it was too. For one, the wind seemed to be never ending. Every which way you ran, the wind seemed to be a head wind and a strong one at that. We had plenty of rain as well with days when it never stopped.

No matter, the run had to be done and the later it was left, the harder it became. It is easy to forget in the height of summer that in January it is going dark at 3.30pm. Many was the time I had to don a head torch and run along the stretch of pavement that runs from the red telephone box near Great Hallingbury Parish Church to its endpoint, half a mile up the road in the direction of The Street. There and back along the pavement covers a mile. That stretch is a streak saver at 10pm when the day is almost done and the obligatory run has yet to be completed!

### ***Have I nearly missed a run yet?***

A couple of months ago, I had a really nasty ENT virus. My doctor was worried enough to arrange for me to see a consultant as a matter of urgency. Thankfully, it was nothing too serious but it was extremely debilitating and took around ten days to get over. During that spell I became grateful for the backstop of the one-mile minimum run. It is just over that distance to run round the field at the back of the house. That one mile run round the field felt like doing a marathon for those few days, with a pounding head and high temperature.

Recently I have had a sore lower back caused by nothing more than a pulled muscle. On the first day I felt the problem, I could hardly get out of a chair. I even tried one abortive run down the lane. Later, in the evening, I decided it had to be now or never. Aided by some freezing spray on the back I tried again and miraculously managed to run two miles without feeling any pain. I managed to do some longer distances over the next few days. It still hurt to get out of a chair but, once on the road, I was fine. I am convinced that my default setting is now set to *run!* My legs are stronger than they have ever been and my overall fitness has been boosted no end.



Wherever I run, unless it is in the field which is not my favourite terrain, I have to at least start the daily run on the road that runs from Start Hill through to Latchmore Bank. We have lived in Great Hallingbury for 25 years but never before have I got to know the village road and its byways so well as I have in the last seven months. From my starting point at the phone box-come-library up to Start Hill is about 1.7 miles. From the same starting point to Latchmore Bank is 1.2 miles and with diversions off to Woodside Green, Hatfield Forest, Flich Way and back round the path past the farm, the area is pretty idyllic for runners - with one exception. The speed of traffic on the main road through the village.

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### ***Slow down, you move too fast!***

Never in all my time of living in Great Hallingbury have I seen vehicles flying through our village at the speeds they are doing now. When vehicles are hitting speeds of sixty miles per hour plus, it is hard to believe that most of the road has a 30-mph speed limit, increasing only to a 40 mph stretch up near the road to Harp's farm.



With so little pavement in Great Hallingbury, pedestrians, including runners, are extremely vulnerable to speeding motor vehicles. I have had several near misses, as has my son Ben who is also a keen runner. I sincerely hope

that the police stick to their promise to set up more speed traps in the village. Sorry if that sounds harsh but speed limits and flashing 30mph signs are not doing the job. Better that a few speeders get fined, have penalty points added to their licence and learn a lesson, than a family lose a loved one due to the actions of a reckless driver! Having lost both parents together in a road traffic accident, I would not wish the pain of that happening on anyone else.

Why am I so hell bent on running every day? Well, I have a very generous client who has agreed to give £1,000 to a charity of my choice if I run every day of 2021, but that is not the main reason, albeit reason enough. No, I am doing this because I refuse to give in to age. I may be 62 later this year but I simply will not accept that it has any bearing on what I can do or aim for.

I am lucky - I am fit and able to do this. I realise that not everyone is so fortunate. Even more reason, if we are able, to do it or to do something else similarly challenging. Why shouldn't sextagenarians reach for the sky too!

Carl Waring



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**Thursday, 11th November**

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## World War II Casualty

The ten men commemorated on the War Memorials in Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury for *laying down their lives* in the Second World War are not just names that we recall on Remembrance Sunday. They were real people who once lived in or had family links with our community. Articles have already been published in *Great Hallingbury Highlights* relating to six men named on either the Great or Little Hallingbury War Memorials. This one remembers Maurice Quick who took part in the Allied landings at Salerno in Italy and died in July 1944. He is commemorated on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial.

### Maurice Quick (1916-1944)

#### *Private, Royal Hampshire Regiment*

Maurice Quick was born on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1916, in Cuckfield, Sussex, the eldest child of Reginald Charles Quick and Jessie Lena Irish. Reginald Quick had been born on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1888, in Barton Regis, Gloucestershire. In 1911 he was living in *The Bothy*, Little Bredy, Dorchester, and his occupation was recorded as a gardener.

He married Jessie Lena Irish on 16th October, 1915, in St Barnabas' Church, Wandsworth, Surrey. Jessie Irish had been born on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1890, in Chichester. Reginald and Jessie had four children during their marriage. Maurice was their eldest child.

In 1939 Maurice Quick was living in Gilmour House, Refrew Road, Lambeth, and his occupation was a Metropolitan Police Constable. In July 1941 he married Elise Lillian Bateson (1904-1994) in Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

#### *The Family in Gaston Green*

The question must be asked why should Maurice Quick, born in Sussex and living in Lambeth in 1939, when the war started, be commemorated on the War Memorial in Little Hallingbury? The answer can be found in the 1939 England and Wales Register which records that in 1939 his parents, Reginald and Jessie Quick, were living in Gaston Cottage, Little Hallingbury. Reginald's occupation was *Head Gardener*. Reginald Quick died on 27 December, 1981, in Little Hallingbury, Essex, at the age of 93. His residence was recorded in the National Probate Calendar as Gaston Hill Cottage, Little Hallingbury. Jessie Quick had died ten years earlier in December 1971. Her death, at the age of 81 years, was registered in Epping. The 1939 Register also records that Elise Lillian Bateson, the future wife of Maurice Quick, was also residing at Gaston Cottage. Her occupation was recorded as a clerk.

Reginald Quick was employed as a gardener at Gaston House by Robert Leatham Barclay and his wife Dorothy Rhoda Barclay. Robert was a director of Barclays Bank and had purchased Gaston House in 1906. He died in 1939 and his widow sold the house in 1949. Revd David Buxton Barclay, a younger brother of Robert, was Rector of Great Hallingbury between 1934 and 1940.

#### *Landing at Salerno, Italy 1943*

In the Second World War, Maurice



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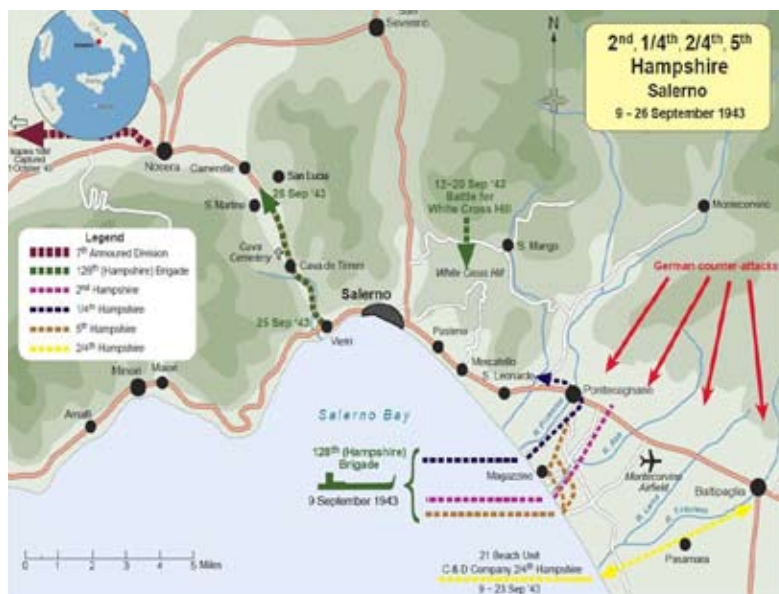
Quick served as an Infantryman with the Royal Hampshire Regiment. The regiment was involved in the Allied invasion of the Italian Mainland, landing at Salerno in September 1943 and suffering heavy casualties.

The invasion opened a second front in Europe and helped take some pressure off Soviet forces in the east. Progress through southern Italy was rapid, despite stiff resistance, but the advance was checked for some months at the German winter defensive position known as the Gustav Line. The line eventually fell in May 1944 and, as the Germans fell back, Rome was taken by the Allies on 3rd June. This prompted US President Franklin D Roosevelt to comment: *The first Axis capital is in our hands. One down and two to go!* The Allies then advanced north of Rome.

Maurice Quick died a month later on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1944 at the age of 27 years. He was buried in Bolsena Cemetery, Viterbo, Italy, which is situated between Rome and Siena.

Bolsena Cemetery contains 597 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War. The inscription on Maurice Quick's grave is: *In The Shadow and Sunshine of Our Lives We Shall Always Remember.*

Philip Hays



*The Path taken by the Hampshire Brigade landing at Salerno. Salerno Bay is just south of the beautiful Amalfi coast*

## Quiz Questions

- Which Balkan nation joined World War I in 1915 on the side of the Central Powers by declaring war on Serbia?
- What is the meaning of the word 'Beijing'?
- Who composed the symphonic poem 'Les Preludes'?
- In the Bible, what book comes immediately after Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?
- Which company was founded, in 1943, by Ingvar Kamprad?
- What is a 'Quahog'?
- Which car manufacturer produced the Sedici model?



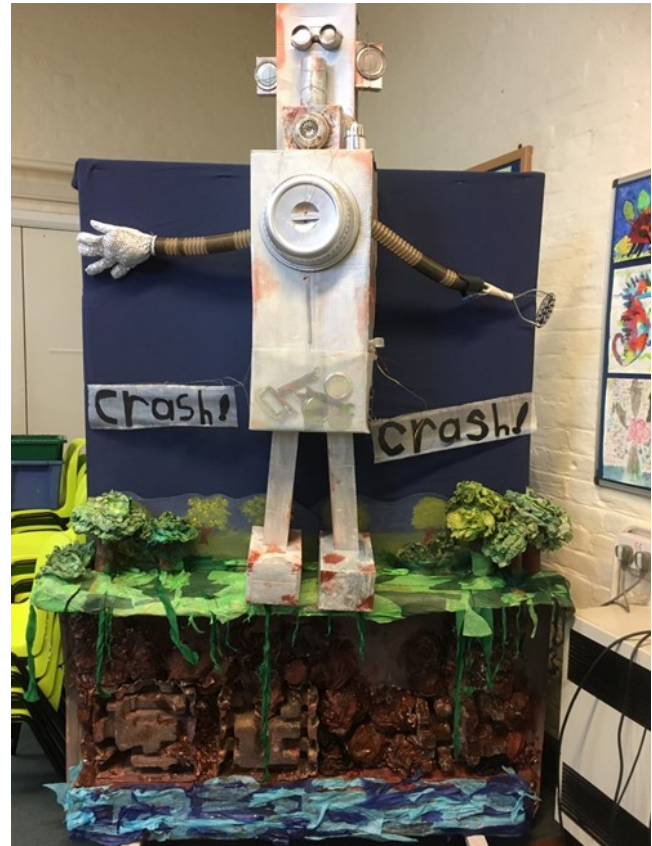
- The traditional Christmas treat 'King Cake' takes its name from what?
- The stone 'Lapis Lazuli' is used to make which shade of blue pigment for artists?
- Who was the English monarch from 1727-1760?
- What was the nickname of footballer David Beckham?
- Bagpipes were originally made from the whole skin of which animal?
- Name the US novelist and playwright, born in England, who wrote Shogun, King Rat and Noble House
- Name the tennis player often called 'Superbrat'

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At the end of the summer term, pupils in Sycamore class were involved in an exciting art project, led by Mrs Wheatley, based on their class book– The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. The children collectively explored a range of sculptural materials including cardboard, Modroc, wires and mesh to build their own giant Iron Man.

The children began by sketching their initial ideas based on the description in Chapter One. They sorted old boxes to decide how to make the cliffs, and added trees and the sea below. Then they began to create the Iron Man. He even had metal objects in his tummy!



*"The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff. How far had he walked? Nobody knows. Where did he come from? Nobody knows. How was he made? Nobody knows.*

*Taller than a house, the Iron Man stood at the top of the cliff, on the very brink, in the darkness."- Ted Hughes*

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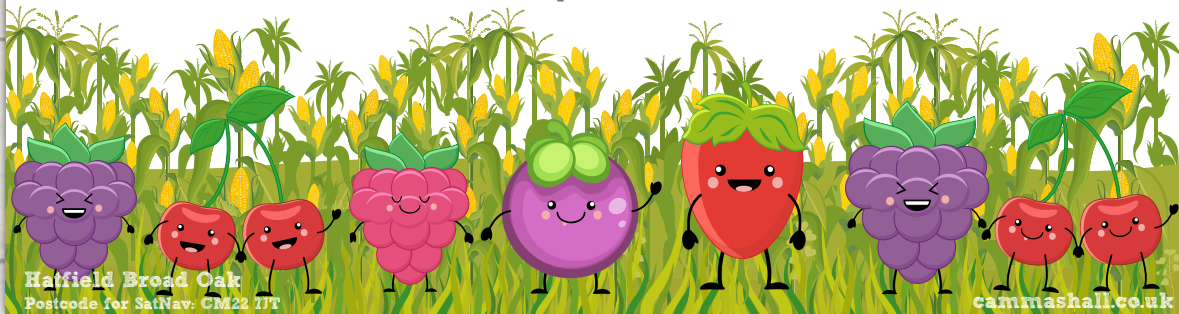
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# Highlights from the Minutes of Meetings of Great Hallingbury Parish Council

5 May and 5 July 2021

Present at one or both meetings: Cllr A Townsend (Chairman), Cllrs J Baldwin, D Barlow, M Bloomfield, N. Jackson, A Noble and A Pinnock, Mrs U Sydee (Clerk), District Cllr G Driscoll, members of public

## **PARISH COUNCIL AGM**

### ***Election of Chairman of Council 2021/2022***

Cllr A Townsend, having been duly proposed and seconded, was elected unanimously.

### ***Election of Vice-Chairman For 2021/2022***

Cllr A Noble, having been duly proposed and seconded, was elected unanimously.

### ***Co-Option Of Councillor***

The Council took a vote for a new Councillor and Professor Neil Jackson was subsequently co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

### ***Planning Committee 2021/2022***

Members will be Cllrs M Bloomfield, A Noble, A Pinnock and A Townsend (Chairman)

### **Terms of Reference**

It was agreed unanimously that the Powers and Duties of the Planning Committee are to make comments on planning applications where a Council Meeting does not occur within the consultation period allowed and to which the Committee consider objections should be made. Applications which are considered to be controversial by the Chairman of the Planning Committee, or in his/her absence the Vice Chairman, are to be referred to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.

### ***Working Groups 2021/2022***

The following working groups were appointed for the year 2021/2022:

**Airport:** Cllrs D Barlow, M Bloomfield, N Jackson, K Juggurnauth, A Noble and A Townsend.

**Police & Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllrs D Barlow, K Juggurnauth and A Townsend

**Parish Plan:** Cllrs D Barlow, N Jackson, A Pinnock and A Townsend.

**Housing:** Cllrs M Bloomfield, K Juggurnauth and A Noble.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr J Baldwin

**Playground:** Cllrs J Baldwin and M Bloomfield.

## ***Representatives to Other Organisations***

**Road Safety:** Cllr A Townsend

**Transport:** Cllr A Noble

**Health:** Cllr N Jackson

**Footpaths:** Cllr A Pinnock

**Tree Warden:** Cllr A Townsend

## ***Financial Report***

A report of the receipts and payments over the financial year 2020/2021 had been provided for examination and had been approved. The Council unanimously agreed the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement for 2020/2021

## ***Calendar Of Meetings 2021/2022***

Meetings of the Parish Council will be held on:

05 July 2021 at 8 p. m.

13 September 2021 at 8 p. m.

01 November 2021 at 7 p. m.

10 January 2022 at 7 p.m.

07 March 2022 at 7 p.m.

09 May 2022 at 8 p.m.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 21 March 2022 at 8 p.m.

## **PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETINGS**

### ***M11 Traffic***

A member of the public raised concerns about the possible impact on Great Hallingbury after the completion of the M11 Sheering junction. The traffic along Church Road is likely to increase to avoid the Birchanger roundabout. This may be exacerbated by

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the approval of the increase in passenger numbers at Stansted airport and if the hospital is built near the junction. It was proposed to join with other affected Councils to speak with a united voice to start mitigation of the potential traffic problems.

### ***Chairman's Activities***

Cllr A Townsend reported that he had participated in:

- Extraordinary meeting of Parish Council re planning application for logistic facility at Start Hill
- Meeting of EALC executive committee,
- Litter pick
- Zoom meeting in reference to planning application for logistic facility at Start Hill
- Speedwatch session in Little and Great Hallingbury
- Spoke to resident regarding fly tipping at Start Hill
- Met with County Cllr Susan Barker and walked the path from The Grove to St. Giles' church
- UALC meetings
- Zoom meeting with Clerk once a week
- Checking defibrillator each week
- NWEHHPA meeting

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

Cllr G Driscoll reported:

- Covid -19: UDC plan in place, but people still need to be careful
- Re the planning application for a logistics facility at Start Hill, Essex County Council is critical of the proposed new road layout. Badgers, moles and adders are on the site so building such a facility is against wildlife protection. The application has subsequently been refused but an appeal has been submitted so the process still continues. The Chairman thanked Cllr Driscoll for his work regarding this planning application
- UDC has requested a judicial review regarding a disagreement on the consideration given to emissions relating

to the approval of increased passenger movements at Stansted Airport.

### ***Tilekiln Green Railway Bridge***

The Council agreed to apply for a *Low Bridge Ahead* sign by the Harps Farm entrance.

### ***Hallingburys' Speedwatch Group***

Speedwatch is now allowed again. The group conducts speed checks when enough members are available to form the crew. They try to do it at least once a month.

### ***Field Adjacent to the Village Hall Car Park***

The tree surgeon has removed branches from the Horse Chestnut tree but the trunk has been left for wildlife. The Village Hall Committee has asked if they might move the trunk to the side of the field.

### ***Playground***

A Working group has been established to deal with the playground issues. A meeting has been held with a company who supply playground equipment and the estimated cost is £25 / £30,000. At least two further quotations are needed. Soft flooring is needed as well as fencing for which quotations have yet to be obtained. Councillors were authorised to seek grant funding.

### ***Footpaths***

The Council had been contacted regarding footpath No. 15 which was blocked where it continues at the eastern end of Leapers Lane due to an overflowing field ditch after heavy rain. The Footpath representative advised that this has been ongoing for the last two years and to resolve it badgers would have to be removed.

A letter had also been received stating that the two footpaths across the bridge, when walking from Little Hallingbury to Woodside Green, are not visible and the path alongside the motorway was not marked or maintained. It is not clear who is responsible for maintenance as Highways changed the footpath. The clerk was asked

to contact POW officer Robin Wurbank at Essex County Council asking them to clear the overgrown footpaths.

### ***Flich Way***

The Flich Way is now officially designated a Local Nature Reserve (LNR).

### ***Planning***

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

#### **Application Decisions**

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

UTT/20/1098/FUL // Land to the East Of Tilekiln Green // Construction of 15 new dwellings, including six 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 to allow for 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 eight 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 very narrow.)

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

UTT/20/2758/AV // Dunmow Road // Erection of one non-illuminated advertising sign for new development // Withdrawn (No objections)

UTT/20/2739/FUL // Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green // Construction of two maneges on pasture within farm // Withdrawn (No objections)

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

UTT/20/2739/FUL // Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green // Construction of two maneges on pasture within farm // Withdrawn Re-consultation (No objections but the lighting for the manege should be restricted.)

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

UTT/21/0077/FUL // 1 The Gatehouse, The Street // Removal of condition 2 (agricultural occupancy) attached to UTT/0169/88 // Approved (No objections.)

UTT/21/0246/FUL // The Gatehouse, The Street // Section 73A Retrospective application for a surfaced horse exercising area (manege) with associated engineering operations to create level land, and retaining walls around the perimeter // Approved (No objections as such but we strongly feel it shouldn't be built before permission is sought and granted (rather than seeking permission afterwards).)

UTT/21/0332/FUL // Land At Tilekiln Green, Start Hill // Development of the site to create an open logistics facility with associated new access, parking areas and ancillary office and amenity facilities // Refused (The Council strongly object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

The current infrastructure could not support the increased traffic this development would bring. The junction at Start Hill with the B1256 and its close proximity to the M11 roundabout (Junction 8) already sees much traffic build up from the roundabout and

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back along Stane Street. This means drivers often divert through the village. The speed and weight of traffic means our roads and verges suffer much erosion and an increase in traffic would exacerbate the situation.

It will also have a huge impact at the other end of the village with the junction of Church Road and the A1060 and, as travellers deviate their journeys, it will inevitably send more traffic past Howe Green House School (currently under concern because of speeding traffic issues), across Woodside Green and down New Barn Lane, again in an attempt to circumvent the traffic build up that would transpire should this application go ahead.

Such an increase in traffic would be disastrous for all Great Hallingbury residents who currently risk their lives when out walking because of speeding traffic.

NOTE: UTT/1148/01/FUL Rivendell was refused due to possibly creating too much traffic through the village.

The huge impact this proposal would have on residents local to the site would be unbearable. This would result in a dramatic increase in noise levels, especially noticeable at night with vehicles reversing alarms going, vehicle doors banging, plus engine noise. Light pollution would be a further unwelcome intrusion in the area.

This new application by Wren Kitchens would create, by their own figures given, upwards of 500 vehicle movements per day.

The plans show a great deal of hardstanding/parking areas on the site. Has sufficient drainage also been planned, and where will surface water run to?

It appears there would be no new employment created as it is only a change of location.

If this preposterous proposal is allowed to go ahead, a condition must be that all vehicles from the site, without exception, must not be allowed to turn right to go through the village. Sadly this road is already a 'rat-run' for commuters for the M11, A120 and Stansted Airport.

Should this application be approved it will irreversibly change the whole dynamic of Great Hallingbury as a village.)

UTT/21/0477/FUL // Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green // Proposed change of use of land and Construction of manege // Approved (No objections.)

UTT/21/0692/FUL // Marstons, Start Hill, Stane Street // Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of eight dwellings, along with other associated development including access, car parking and landscaping // Approved (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.)

UTT/21/0739/FUL // Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green // Proposed change of use of land including the construction of a manege // approved (No objections.)

UTT/21/0477/FUL // Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green // Proposed change of use of land and construction of manege // Re-consultation // Approved (No additional comments.)

UTT/21/0777/HHF // Porthmorran, Church Road // Proposed garage conversion to create annex including first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, large rear dormer and internal alterations // Approved (No objections.)

UTT/21/0779/HHF // Porthmorran, Church Road // Construction of detached double garage and new vehicular entrance with entrance gates // Refused (No objections.)

UTT/21/0982/HHF // Rosebery House, Hallingbury Place // Erection of deer proof fencing and hedging to rear of property // Approved (No objections.)

UTT/21/1134/HHF // Woodlands, Anvil Cross, Church Road // Proposed new double garage // Approved (No objections.)

UTT/21/1106/HHF // The Hall, Church Road // 73a Retrospective application for the retention of drive access gates // Refused (Objections: From an aesthetic perspective,

the gates and fencing are not in keeping with the village feel. The application cites another gated property as an example which we believe is of a far better fit as they have retained hedging and borders to create a boundary.

The Council rejects the retrospective application and suggests they replace the actual fence panels with something of a more rural design not of urban design and paint to match the electronic gate.)

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

UTT/21/1558/HHF // Woolcott House, Anvil Cross, Church Road // Erection of domestic garage - amendment to that approved under UTT/19/0172/HHF. (No objections.)

UTT/21/1846/FUL // The Old Forge, Woodside Green // Demolition of outbuilding and erection of one detached dwelling (No objections; however, it should be brought into a building line and it should fit in the same size footprint. There is a concern that a one storey building will be developed into a two storey building)

UTT/21/1986/HHF // 2 Moat Farm Cottage, Howe Green // Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, front roof dormers and porch (No objections.)

#### **Late Planning Matters**

UTT/21/1420/HHF // Leistbury, Bedlars Green // Two storey side extension and related alterations. (Objections: it is a modern glass / metal extension and is not in keeping with the character of the village.)

UTT/21/1443/HHF // The Old Forge, Woodside Green // Proposed pavilion for existing swimming pool (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/17/0775/HHF) (No objections.)

UTT/21/1459/HHF // Cherry Trees, Bedlars Green // Proposed rear extension on two floors with extended roof from the existing property. Proposed roof valley alteration with hipped ends and a flat roof between existing roof ridges (No objections.)

UTT/21/2150/FUL // Coppins, Woodside Green // Erection of two two-storey semi-

detached dwellings, with new vehicle access to public highway, and associated private garden, car parking, and landscaping (No objections but must be in keeping with aesthetics of original building and neighbouring properties.)

#### **Pothole**

Cllr A Pinnock reported a big pothole at the bottom of Captains, on the opposite side.

#### **Stane Street Cleaning**

A resident had asked if Stane Street, B1256, could be swept and vegetation cut around a 40mph urban clearway sign to the left-hand side of the entrance of Stansted Distribution Centre. District Cllr G Driscoll agreed to arrange road sweeping. The Chairman advised that Essex Highways Rangers had been asked several times to clear the vegetation and the clerk was to re-send the request to Rangers.

#### **Howe Green House School Speeding**

The Council applied for loops to measure speed near Howe Green House school. This could take place after pupils return to school.

#### **Flagpole**

The Council considered a request from the Village Hall Committee to erect a flagpole near the Great Hallingbury Village sign. No objections were raised and permission was given.

## **Condemned man**

A man is on trial for armed robbery. The jury comes back with the verdict. The foreman stands, clears his throat and announces, "Not guilty."

The defendant leaps to his feet.

"Awesome!" he shouts. "Does that mean I get to keep the money?"





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## Parish Council Chairman February 2021



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

Having advertised the vacancy on the Parish Council, we had three candidates. We were only able to co-opt one person so a vote was taken. Professor Neil Jackson was the successful candidate and it is with great pleasure that we welcome him to the Parish Council. I would like to express my thanks to the other two candidates for putting themselves forward.

I would like again to thank all the front line workers for all their efforts in keeping the country on track.

By now I hope most of you have had both Covid jabs. If not, please do go when you are called. Since the relaxation of restrictions it seems that the numbers of infections were going up but have now started to fall again, so let's hope that continues.

It is a shame that the Flower Show cannot go ahead but, if like me you have been growing your own fruit and veg, you should now be starting to reap those rewards. I hope many of you are enjoying picking your own!

It has been a joy to sit in the garden too, just to listen to the birds singing. Sadly, the number of flights is now increasing and, as more countries are put on the Green List, it will only get worse.

I do need to repeat my warning about phone scams. The fraudsters are getting more and more convincing when they call. Just remember, if you did not contact them it is probably a scam and you need to hang up.

We had a litter-pick in the village in March, for which I thank Cllr Mark Bloomfield who organised this. It still makes me very sad on seeing the amount that is collected but it seems some people who buy food from a

fast food outlet do not know how to dispose of the wrapping in the correct way. The next litter pick is in October - please see page 20.

Your Parish Council has continued to hold meetings by Zoom but our July meeting took place in the Village Hall, within strict guidelines.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors and, of course, our Clerk, Urška, for all their efforts over this last few months. We have made comments on many issues such as planning, pot holes, flooding and speeding through the village and will continue to do so on your behalf.

Goodbye for now. Please take care and stay safe.

*Alan Townsend, Chairman  
Great Hallingbury Parish Council*

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

**Great Hallingbury  
Village Hall**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

*Raising funds to improve the Village Hall*

**Saturday, 18th September, 2021**

**Great Hallingbury Village Hall**

7 pm for 7.30 pm start

**GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE**

£5 per person at the door  
tables of 6 or 8 or join another group

**RESERVATION ESSENTIAL** contact Val (07979 450871)

Bring your own food and drink but tea and coffee will be served at the end

*For this event the number of tables will be limited*

## The Hundred Parishes Society Postcards



On a recent visit to Thaxted's Tourist Information Centre, I could not resist buying their new set of postcards, featuring some of the town's well-known views. Nowadays, it is quite unusual to see postcards for sale - and even rarer to receive one in the post. How times have changed.

Picture postcards became extremely popular in the UK after the introduction in 1902 of the format with a picture on the front and a divided back - half for the address and the other half for a message. Pictures were generally black and white but sometimes coloured. Popularity waned after the First World War but it remained customary to send postcards to family and friends from somewhere visited on holiday or a day out. That custom has now almost died out, no doubt due in part to the availability - albeit only in this century - of more immediate means of exchanging messages and photos electronically.

Many people used picture postcards for sending short messages. Until 1918 it cost only an old halfpenny to send a card - that's 480 cards for £1 (today's price is 66 pence per card). In those early days, there could be as many as five postal deliveries in a day, at least in towns, so it was not unreasonable to expect a reply the same day.

It wasn't just seaside towns that sold postcards; almost every town and village had its own postcard or set of postcards. Within the Hundred Parishes, it seems that only one parish has never had a postcard - Flitch Green, which became a parish only in 2008. Many of those old cards have survived. They often provide a revealing insight into our past and into an earlier way of life, for example buildings, roads, transport and dress.

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

## Making room for nature

UDC has launched a new biodiversity mapping tool so that residents can tell them about local sites with important biodiversity or that have the potential to be havens for plants, animals and insects.

The webpage invites people to drop a pin on a map of Uttlesford indicating the location and then answering five simple questions. It can be any type of site and as small as a road verge or corner of a churchyard. If you believe a site has the potential to improve or restore biodiversity or needs to be nurtured the council wants to hear from you.

The completed map will be considered alongside the evidence base for the local plan and will also indicate candidates for a district council-led programme of assisting biodiversity through expertise and funding

Access the biodiversity map at <https://uttlesfordbiodiversitymap.commonplace>

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## Farewell to Jean Pallett

Family and Friends gave a fond farewell to Jean Pallett on 29<sup>th</sup> June, when her ashes were interred in the Garden of Remembrance in St. Giles' Churchyard in a service led by Caroline Harding, our Licensed Lay Minister.

Jean was a popular and much loved resident of Great Hallingbury whom I always enjoyed visiting. She loved feeding the birds in her garden as they thronged the various bird-feeders outside her kitchen window. It was a privilege to watch them and to listen to Jean sharing her interest in nature.

After the service, refreshments were served to those attending which included two daughters of Nora and Ernie Field and friends from the Friendship Club, of which Jean was a regular member. Jean will be sorely missed in our village.

May Jean rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Heather Hays, Churchwarden*



## St Giles' Nature Reserve Project

Spring and Summer are perhaps the most rewarding times at the church yard as all our hard work over the year comes to fruition.

This year we have begun the process of putting flower beds against the walls of the church with a view to creating a mix of cottage garden style flowering plants and herbs. The East wall in particular is on its way to becoming a mass of lavender. (You have to look at it with the eye of faith at the moment, but we are getting there!) This should end up being stunning, and be particularly good for the bees!



We are now in our second full year of the project. In our first year we were surprised by the bio-diversity in the church yard. Having for decades been carefully mown and manicured, the site was largely sterile. No one had any idea that we would start to see Pyramidal Orchids, Bee Orchids, Lady's Bed Straw - the list of plants is endless - nor that these would entice so many insects.

But what has been a real surprise is the huge increase in numbers of species of all kinds in just one year. In particular we have now

documented 16 different butterfly species and at the time of writing, mid-July, they are abundant. It is well worth finding a sunny spot overlooking the long grass and just standing still for a few moments - there is life everywhere!

On top of this there are many more Pyramidal Orchids than last year and Bee Orchids have begun appearing in new places. Happily we are seeing the first signs of other wild flowers, sown from seed last year. And, as promised by Essex Wildlife Trust project, some very photogenic Slow Worms have arrived!



Now that the church can be opened with the easing of lock-down, we have returned to having tea, coffee and cake for the volunteers on a Saturday morning. We are extending this to anyone who would like to come down and visit us for a tour - we are always happy to receive guests and explain what we are doing. Why not pop down and see what we are doing for yourself? We are there between 10 and 1 every Saturday unless the weather is particularly poor!

*Russell Robinson*

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## Answers to Quiz

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bulgaria             | 8. Magi           |
| 2. Northern Capital     | 9. Ultramarine    |
| 3. Franz Liszt          | 10. George II     |
| 4. Acts of the Apostles | 11. Golden-Balls  |
| 5. Ikea                 | 12. Sheep         |
| 6. Type Of Clam         | 13. James Clavell |
| 7. Fiat                 | 14. John McEnroe  |

## Halloween in the Church Yard! Saturday 30th October 2021

Join us for our alternative Halloween extravaganza:

Talk in the Church by moth expert Jonathan Forgham followed by moth catching chaos and identification fun outside!

Bat Talk by John Spencer of Essex Wildlife followed by a try on his bat detector - listen to them echo-locate and talk!

Graveyard Tour - the history of notable people buried in the church yard - by lantern light!

Warming soups and mulled wine - and inevitably sweets and chocolate for children

Tickets £10 for adults, children go free

## The De Merc Choir in Concert Saturday the 20th November 2021

We are delighted to welcome back the De Merc Chamber Choir following their magnificent performance in 2019. The choir sing a variety of popular and classical music and are always fantastic.

Exact details of the programme will be settled over the Summer. Demand for tickets is likely to be high, so if you are interested you can reserve tickets now.

Prices are £12.50 for adults and £5 for children and include interval refreshments.

## St. Giles' Church 100 Club

May - July 2021



### May Winners

<b>No. 105</b>	<b>Neve &amp; Hugh Guest</b>	<b>£30</b>
<b>No. 21</b>	<b>Amanda Trim</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>No. 112</b>	<b>Jo Peacock</b>	<b>£10</b>

### June Winners

<b>No. 46</b>	<b>Pat Larby</b>	<b>£30</b>
<b>No. 87</b>	<b>Carole Morris</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>No. 109</b>	<b>Doreen Morgan</b>	<b>£10</b>

### July Winners

<b>No. 85</b>	<b>Val Mugele</b>	<b>£30</b>
<b>No. 1</b>	<b>Alan Townsend</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>No. 108</b>	<b>Elaine Sheppard</b>	<b>£10</b>

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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

## News from St. Giles' Coping with Covid



The move on 19<sup>th</sup> July into Stage 4 of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown meant most of the corona virus legislation was removed. The guidance that has been issued for this period emphasises the personal and corporate responsibility of individuals and organisations to protect themselves and others. At St Giles' we have decided to adopt a cautious approach in the light of concerns expressed nationally and the needs of those in our community who are especially vulnerable. For the time being we are asking worshippers and those who attend meetings to:

- Use hand sanitiser when arriving and leaving church
- Wear masks.
- Be aware of the needs of others in terms of social distancing. (Our pews continue to be set at two-metre spacing.)
- Either wear masks when singing or, if singing without a mask, to be especially attentive to the direction in which we are breathing.
- Continue to receive Holy Communion only in one form - communion bread.
- To be alert to the concerns and anxieties of other members of the congregation.

We will keep this local guidance for St Giles' under review as we move into the autumn and hope to be able to adopt a more relaxed approach in due course. We will, of course, be attentive to any guidance issued either by the Government or by the Diocese of Chelmsford.

We are grateful to everyone for all their efforts so far to keep our community safe and well.

*David Herrick*  
*Priest-in-Charge of the Hallingburys*  
[www.hallingburychurches.co.uk](http://www.hallingburychurches.co.uk)

## United Benefice Services September - December 2021

*G = St Giles' M = St Mary's*

M	Sep 5	10 am	Morning Worship
G	Sep 12	10 am	Holy Communion
M	Sep 19	10 am	Holy Communion
G	Sep 26	10 am	Holy Communion <b>Harvest Festival</b>
M	Oct 3	10 am	Morning Worship <b>Harvest Festival</b>
G	Oct 10	10 am	Holy Communion
M	Oct 17	10 am	Holy Communion
G	Oct 24	10 am	Morning Worship
Tba	Oct 31	10.30 am	Six Villages Joint Service
M	Nov 7	10 am	Morning Worship
G	Nov 14	10.50 am	Morning Worship <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
M	Nov 21	10 am	Holy Communion
G	Nov 28	10 am	Morning Worship
M	Dec 5	10 am	Morning Worship
G	Dec 12	10 am	Holy Communion
M	Dec 19	10 am	Holy Communion
Christmas Services will be announced nearer to the date			

In addition to the Sunday services listed above there will also be an on-line service of Morning Worship held at 11.15pm each Sunday. For Zoom codes for these services send an email to [sixvillageszoomcodes@gmail.com](mailto:sixvillageszoomcodes@gmail.com) and you will receive an automated reply.

A service of Holy Communion (BCP) is held on Wednesdays at 10.00am at Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays and at St Mary's, Little Hallingbury on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month.

For more information go to the Hallingbury Churches website:

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## Calendar

### September 2021

- 5 St Clare Hospice 10k Run 10.30 am - 1 pm
- 8 Great Hallingbury History Society - *Station to Station: Cambridge to London* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 11 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - *Welcome Coffee Morning* - 10.30 am - 12 noon
- 13 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 8 pm
- 18 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 18 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - *Quiz Night - 7 for 7.30 pm*  
*see page 31*
- 19 Easton Lodge - *Apple and Bees Day*
- 19 St Clare Hospice *Walking in Memory* 10 am - 2 pm

### October 2021

- 9 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 13 Great Hallingbury History Society - *Battle of Waterloo* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 17 Great Hallingbury Litter Pick *see page 20*
- 17 Easton Lodge - *Open Day*
- 28 Poppy Appeal 2021 - *Coffee Morning* - Pantiles, Bedlars Green 11 am - 12.30 pm
- 30 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 30 St Giles' - *Halloween in the Church Yard* *see page 34*

### November 2021

- 1 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 7 pm
- 10 Great Hallingbury History Society - *History of the London Bus* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 11 Poppy Appeal 2021 - *Coffee Morning* - Howe Green House School 9.15 am - 11.15 am
- 20 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 20 De Merc Choir in Concert - St Giles' Church  
*see page 34*

### December 2021

- 4 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - *Quiz Night - 7 for 7.30pm*
- 11 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm

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

Monday, 13th September 8 pm Village Hall

Monday, 1st November 7 pm Village Hall