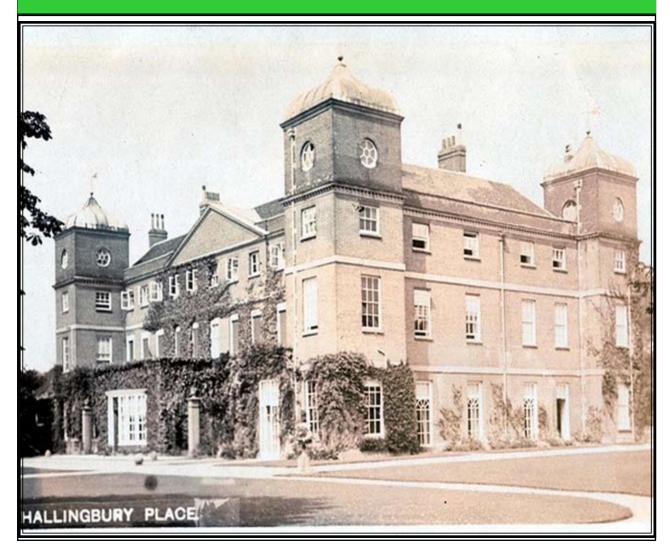
# Great Hallingbury Highlights

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# **Hallingbury Place**

The House in the early 20th Century before it was demolished and sold by auction, along with all the estate, in 1923 (see page 27)

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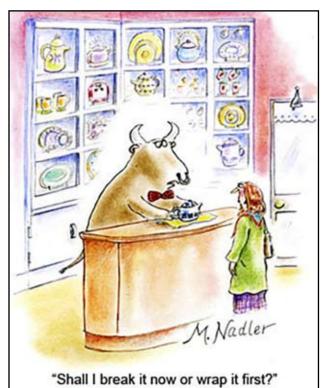
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# **Editorial**

There is a real mix of anticipation and apprehension in the village at present.

Before the hearing of Wren Kitchens' planning application for a new logistics facility at Start Hill on 8th February there was considerable apprehension as to the Planning Committee's final decision. Happily that has proved unfounded for the moment. (See STOP PRESS on page 33)

The Home Office has installed asylum seekers in Great Hallingbury Manor which is worrying many people and the Parish Council has been in correspondence with our MP on the subject. However, one or two of the potential immigrants have interacted positively with our community.

At the beginning of May we will have local elections. These will be for Uttlesford District Council and for Great Hallingbury Parish Council. Elections for the Parish Council are uncommon - but have been known. It depends if there are more candidates than positions on the council so

now is the time to step forward if you would like to be involved. Most importantly, please, please, please **use your vote!** It has been a hard won right historically.



Right now we have a real archaeological dig in the village. Behind the homes on the south side of Stane Street (B1256) approval has been given for fifteen new houses but the archaeological survey comes first. The team working on the dig believe that they have uncovered the medieval tile kiln which gave its name to that part of Great Hallingbury. This is preliminary information but the History Society will follow through to bring the assessment to people in due course.

Pages 34-36 in this issue contain information on forthcoming events in Great Hallingbury. In particular, on 20th March the Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall. Every resident has a right to attend. You will hear about the activities of the various organistions within Great Hallingbury - the Village Hall, the History Society, the WI and St Giles' Church - as well as information on what the Parish Council has been doing and have a chance to mix socially with fellow residents and councillors.

The biggest anticipated event is, of course, the coronation of King Charles III Some of us remember Queen on 6th May. Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953 which boosted the sales of televisions (boosted is an under-statment, sales were next to nothing before then). Comparisons between those two coronations would be invidious - this country and the world are so different now. The Village Hall is already prepared with bunting and plans to plant a commemorative tree. I hope you all enjoy the occasion.

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# Parish Council Chairman

Albeit belatedly, may I wish you a very Happy New Year.

Well, we eventually got a new Prime Minister in Rishi Sunak and he seems to be adjusting quite well to life at Number 10. Hopefully he can sort out the mess left by his predecessor in her short term.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November I was interviewed by Anglia News at 6 with reference to the clearing of the Manston migrant centre and the fact that up to 100 of the migrants had been housed at Great Hallingbury Manor. Neither the Parish Council nor the District Council had been informed of this and the first I knew of it was when I was called for the interview. It is accepted that these people need somewhere to go, and we do not have a problem with them being at The Manor, but the total lack of respect for our community by the government in doing this behind our backs is intolerable. I then discovered that people who had booked to stay or hold a wedding reception had their reservations cancelled. The Parish Council decided to write to our MP asking for an explanation and were further dismayed that it took Kemi Badenoch over a month to reply to our enquiry. For someone who holds the important positions of Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade, you would think her constituents should matter to her.

On a happier note it was a joy to be at the Village Hall for the turning on of the Christmas Tree lights. Thank you to the Village Hall Committee for organising this. It would be nice if we could make this an annual village event, perhaps with mulled wine and mince pies!

I have met with County Councillor Susan Barker and a Highways representative to try, yet again, to sort out the flooding at the bridge by Captains.

The government has announced a scheme

to help those who use heating oil. Go to gov.uk/helpforhouseholds and follow the links.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, at 8pm, also at the Village Hall. This is the meeting where we get to hear from local organisations to let us know what is going on in the Village and what they have done over the last year. We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker Jane Gardner, Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex. Please come along and hear what she has to say and ask questions. After the meeting you are invited to partake of cheese and wine and have an informal chat to councillors and leaders of the various organisations.

This cold spell has certainly been causing problems with water pipes. If you do see a leak on verges and roads please report it to Affinity Water as soon as possible so that we do not get more ice and slush on the roads.

The Coronation of King Charles III will be taking place in May and the Parish Council would like your opinions on what we could do to mark this event. Please send your ideas to myself or the Clerk, details inside the front page of this magazine. Let's try and make it a memorable day for Great Hallingbury.

Just before the King's Coronation the local elections will be taking place. If you feel you would like to stand as a councillor please make sure you register to do so. When you go to vote please be aware that a photo ID must now be shown.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors and, of course, Urška, my Clerk, for all that they do on behalf of the residents of the village.

Finally, by the time you read this, Freda and I will have celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary; 50 years of marriage, for 30 of which we have lived happily in this village.

> Alan Townsend, Chairman Great Hallingbury Parish Council





# Mead Field Drive

The consequences of the invasion of Ukraine have reached every corner of the globe and our Village is no exception. All seeking refuge from conflict are welcome here in the Village, in Bishop's Stortford and our area, I think, is enhanced by their presence.

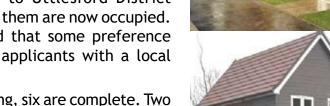
The Mead Field Drive housing development is also affected in a somewhat different direction. Material shortages and inflation have impeded progress but, despite this, work is progressing well.

Aesthetically the development is blending in with the Tile Kiln Green vista and many have forgotten what the area looked like before work started in early 2021.

Currently all eleven of the Social Units have been handed over to Uttlesford District Council and most of them are now occupied. I am really pleased that some preference has been given to applicants with a local connection.

Of the market housing, six are complete. Two five bedroom properties will be completed in April and three three bedroomed houses in June. The remaining thirteen units are currently under various stages of construction and progress is somewhat dependent on weather and material supply.

Andrew Noble



Five bedroomed house under construction

# The Ever Considerate Husband

Yes, I know this is awful, but....

I asked old Maud how she lost her husband. She told me her sad story.

"Well, he needed a blood transfusion, but his blood type was not on record, so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was, as in order to save my Norman's life they urgently needed to know. Tragically, I've never known his blood type, so I only had time to sit and say goodbye.

I'll never forget how supportive my Norman was. Even as he was fading away, he kept on whispering to me, "Be positive, be positive!"

That was my Norman! Always thinking of others."





Above and below - some of the social units handed over to Uttlesford

# FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

March can be such a lovely month for being outdoors. At the Gardens, the daffodils come out through March, some early, some late, and they are usually still in bloom in early April. Group Visits for ten or more visitors can be booked in for a Thursday if you wish to visit in March. The Gardens then open on Thursdays for all visitors on 6 April.

There is a huge number of species and varieties of daffodil and many of those in the Gardens were planted in Victorian times and have naturalised in the Bosquet and the Lime Wood. In March other wildflowers are out too, fresh leaves are opening on shrubs and trees and there is the first blossom on the fruit trees - beautiful pink on the peaches and nectarines that are espaliered on the kitchen garden walls. There is often real warmth, when the sun shines, in the Italian Garden and the Walled Kitchen Garden so the bees and some butterflies are starting to get out and about. And for gardeners, it is a lovely time for getting borders back into shape; moving and planting perennials; prepping vegetable beds and sowing the first seeds.

As the Gardens renew themselves, we also like to welcome new volunteers. We are holding two New Volunteers' Days this year on Saturday, 11th March, and on Thursday, 16 March, so there's a weekend and a weekday option! We will show potential new volunteers around the Gardens and, for those that wish, there can be a little light work! For more information go to our website www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on *Jill Goldsmith* 



#### Quiz

1. Which mythological creature is found on the Vauxhall Motors logo?



- 2. Of which chemical element does a diamond consist?
- 3. What was the registration plate on Lady Penelope's pink car in `Thunderbirds`?
- 4. Who scored a single goal for England in the 1966 World Cup Final?
- 5. Who picked a peck of pickled peppers?
- 6. February is the shortest month in the year, but which is the longest?
- 7. How many different scoring areas are there on a dartboard?
- 8. Which part of the human body has the thinnest skin?
- 9. Dom Perignon was the first person to put what in a bottle?
- 10. "The Emperor's New Clothes" and "The Little Mermaid" were written at the 'hans' of which prolific author?
- 11. Which Nobel Prize winner discovered that radium could cure cancer?
- 12. Who named his daughter Olympia Lightning?
- 13. Aptly, where is the one place in Great Britain that the Queen cannot visit?
- 14. What comes next? Charlie, Mike, Oscar, Romeo,....?
- 15. Which ubiquitous household object gets its name from the Latin word meaning 'admire' or 'to wonder at'?
- 16. What is notable about the word 'almost'?
- 17. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
- 18. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?

Answers on page 15



#### An Ocean Apart by Sarah Lee

This is a book inspired by the *Windrush Generation* and the real-life story of what happened to the author's own mother who arrived in the UK in 1960.

It starts in Barbados in 1954 when Ruth spots an advertisement for young women to train as nurses in the fledging NHS in Great Britain. Her sister, Connie, takes some persuading but soon the two of them are on their way to a new country - and a whole new world of experiences.

They begin their training at a hospital in Hertfordshire and are thrilled to discover that it was possible to get to London in their meagre off-duty time for some social life. They become friendly with Billy from Jamaica and the three girls have to explain to their fellow students that their Caribbean homes are not in the same place, the two islands being separated by 1,200 miles of ocean!

On the whole they are treated with warmth and affection but they also have to cope with cases of outright racism, ignorance and intolerance. Apart from their new world in the hospital and all the hard work necessary to become qualified nurses, they also have to cope with life outside the hospital. It took some time to understand local customs, the etiquette of going to the pub, trying fish and chips and getting to grips with the weather.

For all their difficulties, the three women soon become engrossed in their new career



and the close bond between them helps them to cope with most of the problems they encounter while training. Their personal lives, though, are sometimes a different matter!

# Started Early, Took My Dog

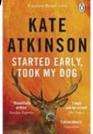
by Kate Atkinson

The 4th book in the Jackson Brodie series is another intriguing crime mystery. But, be warned, if you have yet to read the previous three, you will find that, like the others, this one is not a straightforward *who-dun-it*. In West Yorkshire, across the same towns and cities that the Yorkshire Ripper terrorised, Jackson, a private investigator, is searching for two people: his ex-wife who fleeced him of most of his money and the birth mother, who originally lived in the UK, of an adopted woman brought up in New Zealand.

His investigations lead him to chance encounters with Tracy Waterhouse, a retired police detective now working in security in a shopping mall, Courtney, a small child who likes to sing *Twinkle*, *Twinkle Little Star* with starfish hand moves, Tilly Squires, an elderly actress beginning to suffer from dementia, a motley crew of retired coppers - and an abused dog!

The child has just been *bought* by Tracy from a drug addict/prostitute - difficult to accept perhaps but somehow it works! She soon learns that her parental inexperience is actually the least of her problems as much larger ones loom for the two of them. Meanwhile, in his search for information regarding the early years of the woman in New Zealand, Jackson has got a lead which has brought him to an adoption counsellor in Leeds. And, just to complicate matters further, another Jackson appears on the scene. (Keep up at the back!)

As the narrative unfolds, moving between 1975 and the present, an unsolved murder which occurred in 1975 reveals a story of police corruption and child abduction.



Jan Baldwin



# More Groans ....

Why has the Norwegian navy painted barcodes on the side of all their ships?



Because when they return to port, they can Scandinavian...

I had to resign from my job as an ice cream taste tester. I couldn't do sundaes.



A Roman walks into a bar, raises two fingers and says "Five beers please!!...... (think about it!)

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#### Cllrs Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve



Both Neil and I hope that you have enjoyed your festive break.

# Bulky waste collection service update

For those of you that may have some large items you wish to dispose of and were thinking of



having them collected by UDC: Environment Agency research in 2020 identified brominate flame retardants - one of the persistent organic pollutants (POPs) - at levels of concern in waste upholstered domestic seating, suggesting that there could be 1,200 to 1,600 tonnes of these waste items collected by councils every year.

New rules will be enforced from 1 January, effectively banning such items in landfill sites. As a result, UDC will need to immediately change their procedures for collecting bulky or fly-tipped items to comply with the new rules. As a temporary measure, they have paused bookings for items containing POPs and It is anticipated that a new system will be in place to restart collections by the end of January 2023. Residents can still take waste upholstered seating to the Essex County Council operated recycling centre in Saffron Walden.

#### Help with the Cost of Living

The cost of living is going up as we are all aware so here are just a few examples of the help you can find on the UDC website: www.uttlesford.gov.uk

#### No mains gas supply

Customers not connected to a mains gas grid and using oil can obtain a £100 credit for electricity bills. Full details of the qualifying benefits and the payment timetable can be found at www.gov.uk

#### Help for Households

You may also find it useful to look up benefits

that you might be entitled to, either as an individual or as an organisation, by visiting www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk or www.entitledto.co.uk

#### Warm Homes Discount

The Warm Home Discount Scheme has undergone some changes and will now be used to help even more people. You could get £150 off your electricity bill for winter 2022 to 2023 under this Scheme.

The money is not paid to you - it is a one-off discount on your electricity bill - between October 2022 and March 2023.

You may be able to get the discount on your gas bill instead if your supplier provides you with both gas and electricity and you are eligible. Contact your supplier to find out. The discount will not affect your Cold Weather Payment or Winter Fuel Payment.

#### Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Fund

The Exceptional Hardship Fund (EHF) offers short-term help with your Council Tax bill if you are struggling to pay the monthly instalments.

#### Other Schemes

People on low incomes may be eligible for Housing Benefit, Discretionary Housing Payments and Local Council Tax Support (LCTS). All schemes will depend on your current circumstances. Use UDC's online benefits calculator to find out what you're entitled to.

#### Elections and voting

There will be full district and parish elections in Uttlesford on Thursday 4 May 2023.

#### Voter photo ID at elections

From 4 May 2023 onwards, all voters are required to show photographic identification (photo ID) at polling stations before they are given a ballot paper. You will not be required to provide photo ID if you vote by post.

Accepted forms of photographic ID are:

• Passport issued by the UK, any Channel Island, the Isle of Man, A British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

- Driving licence issued by the UK, any Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- Biometric immigration document
- Identity card bearing Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- Blue Badge
- National Identity Card issued by an EEA state
- Older Person's Bus Pass / Disabled Person's Bus Pass / Oyster 60+ Card
- Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) or a temporary VAC

If your photographic identity has expired, it will still be accepted if the photograph is still a good likeness of you.

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is a discrepancy between your name shown on the form of identity and the name you claim to be.

#### Apply for free photo ID for voting

If you do not have any of the accepted forms of photo ID, you will be able to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) in person, by post or online from January 2023.

#### 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.

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

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# **Comfort in Hell**

An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates.

Saint Peter checks his dossier and, not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell.

It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell. He soon begins to design and build improvements.

Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.



One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?"

Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. And there's no telling

what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims. "You've got an engineer?

That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies. "I like having an engineer on the staff and I'm keeping him!"

God insists. "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers. "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"







# **Easy Eating**

## Food for St Patrick's Day on 17th March

#### Beef & Guiness Stew with Carrots

Preparation: 30 mins Cook: 3 hrs Serves 4

#### Ingredients

2 tbsp vegetable oil

1 kg stewing beef, cut into large chunks 1 onion roughly chopped

10 carrots, cut into large chunks

2 tbsp plain flour

500 ml can of guiness

1 stock cube

Pinch of sugar

3 bay leaves

Big thyme sprig

Serve with Irish Colcannon (see recipe below)

#### Method

- 1. Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3.
- 2. Heat the oil in large lidded casserole dish, brown the meat really well in

## Traditional Irish Colcannon

Preparation: 10 mins Cook: 25 mins Serves 4 to 6

#### Ingredients

- 1 dash salt, plus more to taste
- 2 (1½ lbs) russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 4 oz curly kale, chopped and stems removed (about 1/2 bunch) or shredded dark green cabbage
- 2 spring onions, roughly chopped (4 oz)
- 4 oz unsalted butter

1 spring onion, finely chopped (2 oz ) Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 oz unsalted butter, optional

#### Method

1. Lightly salt a pot of hot water and simmer the potatoes until soft in the middle when pierced with a sharp knife.



batches, then set aside.

- 3. Add the onion and carrots to the dish, give them a good browning, then scatter over the flour and stir.
- 4. Tip the meat and any juices back into the dish and give it all a good stir.
- 5. Pour over the stout and crumble in the stock cube. Season the stew with salt, pepper and a pinch of sugar. Tuck in the herbs and bring everything to a simmer.
- Cover with a lid and place in the oven for about 2½ hrs until the meat is really tender.
- The stew can now be chilled and frozen for up to 3 months - defrost completely before reheating until piping hot.
- 8. Leave the stew to settle a little, then serve with Irish Colcannon Mash
- 2. In a different pot, blanch the curly kale in boiling water for 1 minute.
- 3. Drain the kale and reserve.
- 4. Place the roughly chopped spring onions and the blanched kale into a blender and pulse for 10 seconds until roughly mixed. (You want the vegetables to have some texture.)
- 5. Drain the potatoes and add 4 oz of butter.
- 6. Mash the potatoes and butter until smooth and creamy.
- 7. Add the kale and spring onion mixture and stir well.
- 8. Add the finely chopped spring onions and season with salt and pepper to taste.



9. Top the mash with the optional 2 oz of butter, if desired. Serve and enjoy

## Little Hallingbury Cricket Club Indoors in the Winter



The village Cricket Club has been very busy this winter playing indoor cricket at the Herts and Essex Cricket Centre.

We have had both the under 11 and under 13 Colts teams playing in the indoor league. The games have been very competitive and we have seen many good performances by our Colts. Brother and sister Danny (under 13) and Darcy Hunt (under 11) have done well with both bat and ball.

We also have two Colts, Hugo Juggernauth and Carter Rowe, selected for winter coaching for West Essex District Cricket Association.

For the first time we have also entered a team, captained by Stewart Dobson, in the indoor club competition at HECC. The team took a little while to get use to playing indoors but have now started winning games against strong opposition.

The club's indoor practice sessions this winter will be held at Leventhorpe School starting on Sunday, 29th January, at 4pm. This will be for all the club, seniors and Colts. Please contact the club website if you are interested in attending.

> Keith Behagg Little Hallingbury Cricket Club



# It's Broke!

A man went to the doctor. He said "Doc, you gotta check my leg. Something's



wrong. Just put your ear up to my thigh, you'll hear it!"

The doctor cautiously placed his ear to the man's thigh only to hear, "Gimme 20 quid, I really need 20 quid". "I've never seen or heard anything like this before. How long has this been going on?" the doctor asked.

"That's nothing Doc. Put your ear to my knee".

The doctor put his ear to the man's knee and heard it say, "I really need 10 quid, just lend me 10 quid!!". So the doctor said, "I really don't know what to tell you. I've never seen anything like this".

The man then said, "Wait Doc, that's not it. There's more. Just put your ear up to my ankle".

The doctor did as the man said and was astonished to hear his ankle plead, "Please, I just need 5 quid. Lend me 5 quid please if you can".

"I have no idea what to tell you," the doctor said. "There's nothing about it in any of my books", he said as he frantically searched all his medical reference books.

"I can make a well-educated guess though. Based on life and all my previous experience I can tell you that your leg appears to be broke in three places".

# Essex County Council

#### Cllr Susan Barker

Dear Great Hallingbury

Residents. Happy New Year to you all.

#### **County Budget**

As we move into February Essex County Council is setting its budget. The Cabinet has proposed a rise of 3.5% split between 2% on Social Care and 1.5% Council Tax. This is lower than many Councils and below the Government Cap of 5%. This will be debated on February 9th.

At District level the last information I had was that the increase would be  $\pounds4.97$  per band D property which is just below the 3% allowable.

#### **District Elections**

2023 also sees District Elections where, for the first time, voters who vote in person will need to present some form of Voter ID card at the Polling Station. Details of the requirements may be found elsewhere in this publication.

It is also an opportunity for you to put your name forward at Parish or District level for election. If you want to know more then please call me or contact the elections officer at UDC - phardy@uttlesford.gov.uk

#### Highways

**POTHOLES:** The recent wet weather has highlighted drainage issues and also caused

# **Quiz Answers**

to questions on page 8

- 1. Griffin
- 2. Carbon
- 3. FAB 1
- 4. Martin Peters
- 5. Peter Piper
- 6. October, because the clocks go back
- 7. **82**
- 8. The eyelids
- 9. A cork
- 10. Hans Christian Andersen

considerable damage to road surfaces, creating some sudden fast growing potholes. Please, if you spot any, report them on the Essex County Council *report it* page at https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us.

If it is urgent then 0345 603 7631 is the number.

**MEASURES IN GREAT HALLINGBURY:** The Highways panel has two schemes in the Village. One is signage at the Flitch Way Bridge in Tile Kiln Green and the other is consideration of speeding measures adjacent to Howe Green School. These are both progressing through the system.

**FLOODING IN CHURCH LANE:** In January I met with your Parish Chairman and my Highways buddy to take another look at the flooding in Church Lane. Highways will be reattending to take another look.

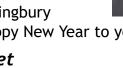
#### Do You Use Heating Oil?

Finally, anyone who uses heating oil should be receiving a £200 payment in early February through their electricity account. I have no idea how they know who is not on mains gas! The link for information is: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ vital-help-with-energy-bills-on-the-way-formillions-more-homes-across-great-britainand-northern-ireland

If there are any issues where I can help please do get in touch.

Susan Barker 01245 231250 Cllr.susan.barker@essex.gov.uk

- 11. Marie Curie
- 12. Usain Bolt
- 13. House of Commons
- 14. Victor (boys' names in the NATO phonetic alphabet)
- 15. Mirror
- 16. It is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.
- 17. Netherlands
- 18. Marathon





# Rural Cost of Living



Whilst Uttlesford is a beautiful place to live, our location can present a challenge. The cost of living in a rural area is higher because we have to travel further to shops and services - this is particularly hard for anyone trying to find work, access education or navigate the benefits system. A quarter of the houses in Uttlesford are *off-grid* and many are old and poorly insulated which means that fuel poverty is more prevalent. We also have to contend with patchy connectivity, no job centre and poor public transport links.

A survey commissioned by the Rural Services Network (RSN) last year shows rural areas are also suffering more acutely from the rise in the cost of living compared to urban areas. So, to understand more about rural household budgets, they have launched a Rural Cost of Living Household Survey. If you can spare a few minutes, your input will help the RSN to engage more effectively with Government Departments, MPs and other policy makers. You can access the survey here until 31st March 2023: https://www. surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural\_Households\_ Cost-of-Living

As a local charity, we work hard to help everyone in the community overcome, or at least mitigate, these challenges. You can read more about how we make a difference in our Insight Report 2022, available on our website https://www.uttlesfordca.org.uk/

#### about-us/

If you are worried about rising costs and struggling financially, our friendly advisers are here to help. We offer free advice and support and can help you to access warm homes advice, help with fuel debts and energy efficiency measures as well as:

- Benefits applications and entitlements
- Information about council tax support
- Budgeting & debt advice
- Support with housing and homelessness issues
- Emergency funds for fuel, food, prescriptions and essential travel
- Local food banks and children's clothes banks
- Support for carers
- Employment advice and access to support for job seekers

Our advice is available to everyone and is always free, confidential and impartial.

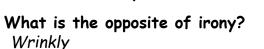
- For online advice go to www. citizensadvice.org.uk
- Call us on 01799 618840
- Email help@uttlesfordca.org.uk
- Or visit our one-touch video access points in Great Dunmow and Stansted libraries and at the Old School House, Takeley
- To access over 150 local health, wellbeing and community groups go to www. uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk

Uttlesford Citizens Advice Barnards Yard, Saffron Walden CB11 4EB 01799 618840 help@uttlesfordca.org.uk www.uttlesfordca.org.uk

# You May Groan

Archaeologists have uncovered a cache of pencils belonging to William Shakespeare.

A spokesman says they are so badly chewed at the ends, they cannot tell whether they are 2B or not 2B.



"I don't believe in child labour, but sometimes they are the only ones who can figure out what is wrong with my computer"!

How much does a rainbow weigh?

Not a lot. It's pretty light.



# **Reality Check**

Rules Young People Need to Know

Rule 1 : Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2 : The world doesn't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3 : You will NOT make £60,000 a year right out of school. You won't be a company director with a company car until you earn both.

Rule 4 : If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss

Rule 5 : Working at MacDonalds is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for it: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6 : If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7 : Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were.

Rule 8 : Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9 : Life is not divided into terms. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10 : Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

If you can read this - Thank a teacher!

With acknowledgement to Bill Gates



### We are back!

The annual Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show is back once again for its 85<sup>th</sup> year. We had a brilliant first year back last year after a couple of years' break due to covid. We tried a new venue at Great Hallingbury Village Hall and it worked amazingly. Even though we didn't make much of a profit it was wonderful to see so many people turn up, old and new, to support the show.

This year I have taken on the role of chairperson from Cormac. I would never be able to fill his shoes but hopefully I will put my own stamp on it.

The Flower Show will be returning on Sunday, July 16<sup>th,</sup> at the usual time of 12 till 4. It will be held at the beautiful Gaston House in Little Hallingbury.

But we do have a problem. We desperately need volunteers. Anything anyone can offer we will take. Whether it be helping set up the show ground, a few hours on the day or even tidying up after the show. We will take what ever we can get.

I'm going to be completely honest and say if we don't have more volunteers we can't keep going. We are a very small committee

of only 5 people and I think we have managed to do an amazing job considering. So basically, please don't let this year be the last one. Its such a brilliant day that really brings the Village community together.

Please if you can offer any help contact myself Natasha on 07896981209 or send us a message on the Flower Show Facebook page.

I will wait for the offers to come flooding in!

Natasha Hale and the rest of the Flower Show Committee.

## Charles - a



#### Charles I

Son of James 1 of England and VI of Scotland Born 1600 Accession 1625

Married Henrietta Maria, a catholic and sister of Louis XIII of France

Patron of the Arts bringing Van Dyke and Rubens to England

Believed in the *Divine Right of Kings* Conflict with Parliament led to civil war in 1642

A prisoner of the parliamentarians from 1647 in various locations including Carrisbrooke Castle on the Isle of Wight Beheaded in 1649

#### Charles Darwin

British Naturalist Born 1809 Died 1882 Joined a scientific survey expedition to South America and the South Seas



Developed theory of evolution

After 20 years' study, published his controversial book *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* in 1859

#### **Charles Laughton**

Versatile British Actor Born 1899 Died 1962 Son of Yorkshire hotel keeper Trained at RADA



First London stage performance in 1926 First New York appearance 1932 Signed up by Paramount Pictures the following year

Over 20 years played wide range of stage and screencharacters

Academy award for The Private Lives of Henry VIII

Became American citizen in 1950

#### Charles III

King of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and 14 other commonwealth realms Born 1948. Accession 2022. Coronation 2023 Husband of Diana and Camilla



Father of William and Harry Longest serving Prince of Wales Dedicated gardener

Oldest person to accede to English Throne Early champion for protection of the environment

Passionate advocate of sustainability Critic of modern architecture

#### Charlemagne or Charles I or Charles the Great

Born around 747/748 Died 814 King of the Franks in 768 whose empire included France, most of the Netherlands and parts of Germany

Also King of the Lombards (Northern Italy) from 774

United into one state nearly all the Christian lands of mainland Europe



except Southern Italy and part of Spain Crowned Roman Emperor by

Pope Leo III on Christmas Day, 800 (This was the forerunner of the Holy Roman Empire)

Promoted a religious and cultural revival known as the Carolingian renaissance. Codifed laws and increased the use of writing in government and society.

#### Charlie 'Bird' Parker

American jazz saxophonist, band leader and composer. Influential soloist and leading figure in the development



of bebop, a form of jazz characterized by fast tempos, virtuosic technique, and advanced harmonies

# **Renowned Name**

#### Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor and Archduke of Austria and Charles I of Spain

Born 1500 Died 1558

Succeeded as King of Spain in 1516 and as Holy Roman Emperor on his grandfather's death in 1519

Martin Luther defended his theses at Diet of Worms in 1521 but Charles rejected his doctrine and effectively declared war on protestanism



Struggled to hold together such a huge empire and fought wars against France and Turkey.

Henry VIII's first wife, Catherine of Aragon, sought Charles' assistance to

prevent her divorce from Henry

In 1555-1556 abdicated claims to the Netherlands and Spain in favour of his son, Philip II who married Mary Tudor

Abdicated title of Emperor to his brother in 1557 and retired to a monastery in Spain.

#### **Charles Dickens**

A great Victorian novelist Born 1812 Died 1870 Aged 12, his father in debtors'



prison, his education was interrupted and he was obliged to do manual work in a factory

*Pickwick Papers*, his first novel, was published in serial form as were a number of his books

After dinner speaker, amateur actor, dramatic recitalist, later editor, genial, strong minded

His books provided some commentary on the social mores and problems of his time but the benevolent spirit apparent in his writings often found practical expression in his public speeches, fund-raising activities, and private acts of charity.

#### Charles II - The Merry Monarch

Son of Charles I Born 1630 Restored to monarchy 1660 Died 1685 Fought in Civil War but became a fugitive and escaped to France in 1651 Reached agreement with



parliament and returned to England in 1660

Great Plague of London in 1665 was last major bubonic plague outbreak

Great Fire of London raged in September 1666

Married Catherine of Braganza of Portugal

Puritan rules relaxed

Had many mistresses and 14 illegitimate children but no legitimate heir

#### Charles Aznavour



French-Armenian singer, lyricist, actor and diplomat 1998 voted *Entertainer of the Century*, ahead of Elvis Presley and Bob Dylan

### Charles de Gaulle

Born 1890 Died 1970 French soldier and statesman Fought with distinction in first world war

When France fell to the Germans in WW2, came to England and started *Free* movement



French

After liberation, returned to France and headed provisional government but then retired from public life

With insurrection in Algeria threatening civil war in France, elected President.

Ended Algerian War and France's African territories became independed states. Following civil unrest by students and

workers in 1968, defeated in referendum on constitutional amendments and resigned in 1969.



# **NO "CALL OUT" CHARGE** JUST TAKING A LOOK

Often problems are left because of that underlying fear of expense, let's face it, times are tough. We do not charge our clients to come and take a look, assess and discuss the cost before starting work, rest assured.

# HEATING, PLUMBING AND AIR SOURCE SPECIALISTS

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

7 November, 2022 & 9 January, 2023

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

#### Chairman's Communications

Cllr A Townsend reported on his activities:

- Attended Tudor Event organised by St Giles' Church
- Litter pick
- UALC AGM
- Affinty Water regarding water leak outside the old dairy
- Interviewed by ITV regarding migrants being placed in the Manor hotel
- Zoom meetings with Clerk
- Checking defibrillator weekly.
- Road safety meeting
- EALC Executive Committee
- Attended Christmas lights switch on at the Village Hall

#### Migrants at Hallingbury Manor

The Council agreed to send a letter to our MP, Mrs Kemi Badenoch, and to Home Secretary, Mrs Suella Braverman. The Council appreciated the response but were unhappy at the delay in receiving it.

#### Water Leak Ouside Old Dairy

A repair had been scheduled. There will be no closure of Church Road but traffic lights would be needed

#### Essex County Council

Cllr Susan Barker reported:

- Broadband those on Universal Credit are elegible for a special tariff; ECC can help anyone unable to obtain fast internet service by contacting a provider
- Ride London Essex will host this event

next year and therefore grants to get people active are available - any activity would count, not just riding a bicycle

- Investment ECC is investing in forestry
- Boundary Review an additional councillor is scheduled
- The Parish Council's request for bridge warning signs at entrances to the Village is in validation
- Flooding near Captains in Church Road still being pursued

#### Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Cllr N Jackson reported that every council needs to complete the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (a government survey) periodically. A report from the NHS has been received.

#### Great Hallingbury Highlights

It was agreed unanimously to increase the contribution for Great Hallingbury Highlights magazine to £750 per edition due to new houses being completed in the village.

#### Budget 2023/2024

The budget for 2023/2024 was agreed. It was also agreed that the precept will not be raised and this was set at £15,480.00 for 2023/2024.

#### 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 but there should be provision for electric car charging and there should be enough parking spaces due to increasing numbers of cars to each household.)

UTT/22/0434/OP // Land North of Stansted Airport // Outline application for demolition of existing structures and redevelopment of 61.86Ha to provide 195,100sqm commercial / employment development 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 but access on north side needs improvement)

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 Council strongly objects to the above planning application for the numerous reasons enumerated in previous issues)

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) // Approved (No objections)

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

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

UTT/22/1900/FUL // Little Beldams, Beldams Lane // Erection of agricultural storage and tractor shed // Approved (No objections but it must remain as a store and not to 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 // Approved (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 // Approved (No objections as long as it is not a dwelling accommodation.)

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

UTT/22/2430/FUL // Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green // Application to remove condition 2 (windows) attached to UTT/20/3280/FUL // Approved (No objections.) UTT/22/2829/OP // 10 Start Hill, Stane Street // Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of two dwellings with new access // Awaiting decision (Objections: It is overbearing and not in keeping with host property next door.)

UTT/22/2786/HHF // The Hall, Church Road // Removal of existing gates and erection of newly designed gates // Refused (No objections.)

UTT/22/2837/DFO // Land South of Greenways, Woodside Green // Details following outline application UTT/20/2754/ OP for development Comprising 1 Residential Unit with Associated Amenity Space and Parking - details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Reconsultation) // Approved (No objections apart from that there is no driveway in situ.)

Applications Dealt with at Meeting

UTT/22/3096/FUL // 1 and 2 Greenways, Woodside Green // Demolition of two existing dwellings and proposed construction of one replacement dwelling and cartlodge - amendments to that approved under UTT/20/2753/FUL // No objection but must plant native species to act as screening for curtilage to the southern aspect. Concerns were raised about additional contractors' traffic during demolition and re-erection, the mud on the road and erosion of the road due to heavy vehicles.

UTT/22/2964/FUL // 2 Howe Green Moat Barns, Howe Green // Change of use from a stable to a home gym.// No objections other than it must only be used as a gym and not later turned into a dwelling.

UTT/22/3184/FUL // Land Southeast of Great Hallingbury Manor, Tilekiln Green // Application to vary condition (approved plans) of planning application UTT/20/0336/ DFO (added by UTT/22/1567/NMA) // No objections.

UTT/22/2813/FUL // Hockerill Sports Club, Beldams Lane // Replacing container used for changing with a 10 x 5m timber building with 2 changing rooms and storeroom // No objections.

UTT/22/3332/FUL // Latchings, Latchmore Bank, // Conversion of residential outbuilding to self-contained dwelling, with associated curtilage, car parking and landscaping // Objections: over development of the plot with insufficient amenity space for family use. The track is an unadopted road therefore no services will be able to access the site.

UTT/22/3472/HHF // Shoemakers, Woodside Green // Proposed two storey side extension and internal alterations // No objections.

UTT/22/3495/FUL // Great Jenkins, Jenkins Lane // Change of use of existing stables to one dwelling // Objections: it is a change of use from the stable to dwelling. It should remain a stable.

UTT/22/3530/CLE // Lodge Farm, Woodside Green // The building operations permitted by planning permission UTT/19/0388/FUL and Listed Buildings Consent UTT/19/0389/ LB // No objections.

66 Woodside Green - following concerns raised by residents, the Council discussed the undergoing development at 66 Woodside Green. It was concluded that the initial planning application should be looked into and the site should be visited to see if there are discrepancies.

#### Uttlesford District Council

Cllr Geof Driscoll reported:

- Blossom View (formerly Forest View) action will be taken according to findings and the Council will get report from Enforcement department
- Local Councils' Liaison Forum meeting
   the new timeline for Local Plan was discussed and explained
- Road Safety meeting Essex Highways will not attend
- House Count at Howe Green loops should be put in place soon
- Devolution Essex County Council intends to apply to be included in devolution plans. UDC is to have meeting regarding this
- A special Planning Committee meeting will be held re planning application UTT/22/0267/FUL (Wren Kitchens). It is still possible to send in additional comments despite the expired deadline

Cllr A Townsend declared that Parish Council is very concerned about the UDC treatment of our parishioner who applied for affordable house and was refused. The Parish Council supported this development particularly because it wanted to assure that people with a connection to the village will have priority in occupying affordable houses which proved not to be the case. He thanked Cllrs N Reeve and G Driscoll for their help trying to resolve this.

#### Village Hall Car Park Lighting

Cllr A Pinnock reported that lighting for the car park is in progress and a quotation awaited

#### **Bedlars Green**

Cllr M Bloomfield reported there is a lot of debris near the Bedlars Green pond. The clerk was asked to write to the owner asking for debris to be cleared and area next to the *Hop Poles* to be tidied up.

Pond clearance is planned to be done after March.

#### Hallingburys' Speedwatch Group

Cllr A Townsend spoke to an officer at the Road safety meeting following which a PCSO visited the village and carried out speed checks.

#### Assets Of Community Value

The Council agreed to nominate The Hop Poles public house as an asset of community value.

#### Refugees

It had been noticed that refugees were wandering into private gardens and that the boat at the pond near Lewismead had gone missing, which was reported to the Police.

#### Litter Pick

This will take place in March probably with tea and coffee afterwards.

# How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?

500 Show would be tracting the next subtracting 10 from 90.

# The Hundred Parishes Society



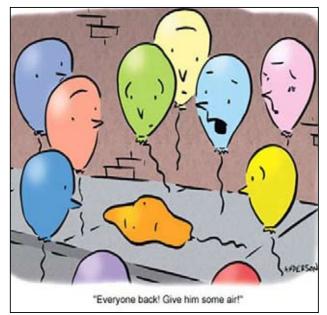
The Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently published analysis of the 2021 Census. Nationally, this showed that the population of England grew by 6% in the last 10 years and 14% over the last 20 years. Locally, the increase has been much faster. The population of The Hundred Parishes in 2021 was around 156,000, up 12% since 2011 and 24% since 2001. If roads seem busier, these extra 30,000 people are a major factor.

Half of the increase is accounted for by six parishes close to Stansted Airport. Elsenham, Flitch Green, Great Dunmow, Little Canfield, Stansted Mountfitchet and Takeley have each expanded by more than 50% in the last 20 years. Another big growth was seen in Buntingford: from 4,300 in 2001 to 7,900 in 2021.



The Census is the modern equivalent of the Domesday Book produced in 1086 AD when the national population was less than 2 million, compared to 60 million now.

Today, 8% of the Hundred Parishes population was born outside the UK (compared to 17% in the whole of England and Wales); 10% of



homes are flats (v 22%); 36% of houses have 4 or more bedrooms (v 21%); 27% of homes are rented (v 37%); 40% of adults work at home (v 31%); 55% are in professional or managerial jobs (v 46%); 56% of households have 2 or more vehicles (v 35%). We have a different age mix to the UK average, with a shortfall of around 5,000 people in their 20s and 30s offset by around 5,000 extra people aged over 40.

Whilst the previous paragraph highlights contrasts, some statistics are closely aligned with the national picture: 99% of households have central heating; 5% of households have a second home; 51% of the population is female and 49% male.

Each parish introduction on our website www.hundredparishes.org.uk has been updated to include the 2021 population. For more information, please go to https:// www.ons.gov.uk/census

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



# Great Hallingbury



#### **Christmas Surprise**

At our *end-of-year* meeting, each of our members went home with an individual, hand-made Christmas decoration. Two of our very talented ladies - who had obviously



spent hours preparing what was needed! - demonstrated how to make a little carolsinger from fir-cones and other bits and pieces. The latter included a hat, scarf and mittens, already knitted or

cut out from felt, and even a miniature song-sheet.

Next on the agenda was making a Christmas tree using small *twiglets* of fir which were set into a wooden base with a readydrilled hole. An array of



tiny decorations for the tree came next -



with the finishing touch being a cluster of small, batteryoperated Christmas lights to be wound around it.

For a while, the hall bore a distinct resemblance to

a primary-school classroom with everyone concentrating on their craft-work and sometimes asking the two *misses* for help! At the end of the evening, all the trees - each with their *carol-singer* placed underneath - were grouped together for a photo-shoot. There was all-round agreement that it



had been a most enjoyable and satisfying evening.

Claire and Julie were thanked for all their hard work - with many of us already wondering what they will be demonstrating next year!

#### **Evening of Fun**

The first meeting of our year was a celebratory New Year Meal held at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club. As we do not have a meeting in December, we extend the season's celebrations with a fun meeting in January.

Twenty-four members met at the Golf Club on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30.



The room was prepared with four tables decorated with flowers, sweets and crackers. The President welcomed

everyone and our first course was served. Our main course followed before we took a break to cover the business of the evening. We voted on the NFWI resolutions for the year and were reminded



the year and were reminded Flowers by Anne of the Federation Quiz in June where we are entering a team.



After the desserts the main fun of the evening commenced with our Secret Santa to which many members had contributed. This was followed by the hilarious *Left Right* game led by Carole. It was the

Arrival of Secret

*santa* first time some of our members had played the game and there was some nervousness that they would not know what to do. As Carole read the story of the Right family and how they never left anything behind they soon got the idea and the packages passed around the table at speed: not always in the right direction!

Finally the raffle prizes were read out and our charity for the proceeds



was announced which will be the Dementia Café where Carole helps out. The event ended after a fun filled happy evening.

Jan Baldwin

## Archaeological Dig in Great Hallingbury Substantial Medieval Find

I have just been down to look at the very exciting excavations going on opposite the petrol station on Stane Street. This is taking place on land for which planning approval has been granted before the housing construction can begin.



The Colchester Archaeological Trust has uncovered what is believed to be the kiln that lends its name to Tile Kiln Green, one of the hamlets incorporated in Great Hallingbury.

The dig is in its early stages but they have already uncovered channels at what would be the floor of the kiln which show evidence of intense heat as well as a firing pit, tunnels and chambers. There is also a



large amount of chalk which would have been used to seal the fire and increase the heat in the kiln.

An early theory is that the kiln dates to the late medieval period but probably remained in use up until the early Tudor period. They are hoping to use archaeomagnetic dating to establish a more accurate date.

Work should continue for another couple of weeks and it is well worth a visit if you have the time.

The History Society will continue to follow developments.

Claire Layer, Secretary Great Hallingbury History Society





Looking after the Village Hall takes money but we would like to share some with you.

# Renew your TON CLUB membership

New Subscription Year starting 1st January

A monthly draw with cash prizes for just £12 per year

Half of each month's membership fees will be paid out as first, second and third prizes The draw will take place on or near the first day of the month and prizewinners will be notified by the 10th of the month.

#### To renew your membership - or to join the Ton Club, please contact Lee Cox 07500 805281 or cox\_L3@sky.com

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

Support the Village Hall to help us maintain it in good condition with competitive hire rates

# Great Hallingbury History Society



Essex Footballer Captains England and Still Holds Goal Scoring Record

I doubt many people will know of Vivian Woodward. He grew up in Clacton where his sporting prowess developed rapidly whilst still at school.

He played for Clacton Town FC's first eleven at the age of 16 and was soon playing for the Essex County side. Tottenham Hotspur, who were then in the Southern League, spotted him and he made his debut for them in 1901, aged 23.



Two years later, Vivian Woodward was chosen to play a full international match for England against Ireland in which he scored two goals. He was then regularly included in the England team until 1911, captaining the side on twelve occasions.

When Tottenham Hotspur was promoted to the second division of the Football League for the 1908/9 season, Woodward marked the event by scoring Spur's first ever goal in the Football League. He later moved to Chelsea for whom he played until the outbreak of the first World War when he volunteered for the army.

Vivian Woodward played 23 full international matches for England, scoring 29 goals. Wayne Rooney scored his 29th goal in his 74th international so Woodward still holds the record for the number of goals scored per game.

He was an amateur player all his life and also played another 44 amateur internationals. He captained the Great Britain gold medal winning football team at the 1908 Olympic Games in London and again in 1912 in Stockholm, the last time Great Britain won any fotballing medal at the Olympic Games.

There is no doubt that he ranks among the very best footballers ever produced by this country and, indeed, the World.

This was the fascinating story presented to the History Society by one of our excellent speakers, Norman Jacobs.

We meet most months and enjoy talks on a wide variety of topics so we would be delighted if you would join us. Membership is just £10 per year and members entry is £3 a meeting. This will also entitle you to attend meetings at Little Hallingbury History Society at the members rate.

> Christine Coultrup Chairman

## Auction at Hallingbury Place

#### Was your house one of those sold?

In 1923, Hallingbury Place and the whole estate was put up for sale.

The History Society has a copy of the sale catalogue which included photographs of some of the properties on offer. To mark the anniversary of such a significant event in Great Hallingbury, the History Society would like to establish a record of the houses that were sold then with photographs of how they now look.

If this includes your house, then please do contact us and allow us to take some

photographs of the outside of property. your email An to gthallhistory@ gmail.com is all that is needed with your own contact details and we will be in touch. Christine Coultrup Chairman



# for a life less ordinary...



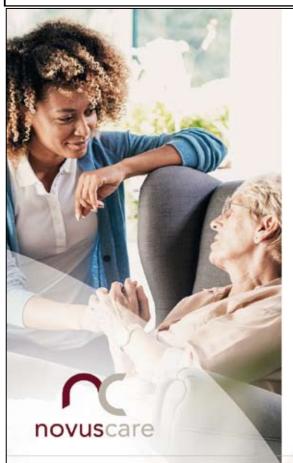
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# Care in the heart of your own home

Are you or an elderly loved one looking for extra care and support at home in **Great Hallingbury or the surrounding areas?** Then our local carers are here to help.

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# Kemi Badenoch MP for Saffron Walden Asylum Seekers

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The Parish Council wrote to our MP regarding the use of Great Hallingbury Manor to house asylum seekers. This is her response.

Dear Great Hallingbury Parish Council

Thank you for your letter regarding Great Hallingbury Manor.

After being notified by the Home Office that Great Hallingbury Manor had been identified to accommodate asylum seekers and despite raising concerns regarding the suitability of the site, particularly the lack of public transport, being near the A120/M11 junction etc, the Home Office advised that due to immense pressure to find accommodation for Asylum Seekers - unprecendented volume of arrivals and the recent events at Manston - have required them to utlise all compliant and available accommodation.

I appreciate the distress and apprehension this is causing residents in the community. I can assure you that I will continue to raise concerns regarding the site suitability with the Home Office, the Minister for Immigration and local stakeholders who are managing the site. I am also in

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN OWL THAT DOES MAGIC TRICKS? contact with our local authorities to assist where I can.

The Home Office is responsible for both the accommodation and financial support of asylum seekers and has a statutory obligation under law to provide asylum seekers, who would otherwise be destitute, with suitable accommodation. In order to make the asylum system fairer and more effective, under the proposed Nationality and Borders Act the Government will introduce asylum reception centres to replace hotels.

The Act will also help deter illegal entry into the UK. In doing so, it will help break the business model of the criminal smuggling gangs, protect the lives of those they endanger, ensure continued support for the truly vulnerable and enhance our ability to remove those with no right to be in the UK.

My colleague, Suella Braverman, the Home Secretary, is doing all she can to tackle this ongoing challenging situation that is both complex and difficult to solve.

I would be grateful if the council could continue to keep me up to date with any concerns you have regarding Great Hallingbury Manor.

Kind regards

Kemi Badenoch Member of Parliament for Saffron Walden kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

# Man and Clone

After a lot of experimentation the scientist managed to clone himself. However, his clone was very obnoxious and lewd, while the scientist was well received and respected.

Finally, fed up with his experiment gone wrong, he threw his clone off the roof of the laboratory, killing the clone. He was arrested soon after for... making an obscene clone fall.

# Ten Top Tips to Look After Your Body

#### by Julie Herbert, Chartered Physiotherapist

Many of us take up new sports or start visiting the gym at this time of year, so here are some tips for safe, healthy exercising.

Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity, or 75 minutes of vigorous intensity, per week, as recommended by the UK Chief Medical Officers. Pick a fun activity that you enjoy - you're far more likely to continue long term if you enjoy it.

1. There's a huge variety of exercise you can choose from including organised team games and individual sports such as swimming, cycling, running or even brisk walking in the beautiful countryside.



 Make sure you warm up and warm down before and after activity. This helps prevent injury and optimises your performance as well as reducing the likelihood of sore muscles afterwards.



- 3. Be realistic about your goals and take things at your own pace. Realistic, achievable goals make us feel we're making progress and motivate us to continue. Start off slowly and build up gradually.
- 4. Footwear is important. Inappropriate

or worn footwear can increase the risk of lower limb injuries, especially in the foot and ankle.

 Listen to your body to help prevent injuries. If something doesn't feel right, stop. If you're hurting, follow *RICE* principles:

**Rest** the injured part Ice with an ice pack or bag of frozen peas wrapped in a towel for 5-6 minutes, until numb

**Compress** using a support or tape to reduce swelling

**Elevate**, again to help reduce swelling.

- 6. Make daily active choices. Use the stairs rather than the escalator, walk to the shops or park a bit further away. Perhaps you can arrange a walking meeting or use a standing desk.
- 7. Exercising with others improves mental wellbeing, helps with motivation and brings out that competitive streak!
- 8. Strengthening exercises are very important, especially as we get older. Yoga, going to the gym or daily chores like carrying heavy bags all help to develop strength.



 Contact your GP or Chartered Physiotherapist if you need advice about starting any new sport or exercise. If you do injure yourself, try to get your injuries assessed and treated quickly.

Julie Herbert and Natalie Hilliard are Physiotherapists at The Street Barn Clinic, The Street, Great Hallingbury CM22 7TR. Find out more at www.thephysiotherapist.net or email enquiries@thephysiotherapist.net.

# Voter Photo ID

**Changes at Elections** 

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Following the implementation of the Elections Act 2022, there will be

At the full district and parish elections in Uttlesford on Thursday, 4 May, 2023, all voters will be required to show photo ID at polling stations before they are given a ballot paper. However, you won't need to show photo ID if you vote by post.

There are several acceptable forms of photo ID, be it a passport, driver's license, blue badge, bus pass and many others. Even if the ID has expired, provided it shows a true likeness of you, then you will be able to vote.

Those without photo ID can request a Voter Authority Certificate. You can apply for a VAC online or by post. All you need is a passport style photo, your date of birth and your National Insurance Number.

The Electoral Commission will be conducting a wide advertising campaign but further information can be found at www.uttlesford. gov.uk/elections.

Charlotte Salomon

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

Surprise! Surprise!

It was an Apple.

But with extremely limited memory.

Just 1 byte.

Then everything crashed.

# St Giles' Gardening Group



Looking back at the piece in

Highlights written in July, it appears I was complaining about the 37 degree heat. It has been a very strange winter with some really unpleasant weather. How we look forward to the summer now!

Between the wind, the rain, the snow and the ice, work in the churchyard has been limited. We have been blessed with a number of new volunteers though who have made short work of leaf clearing and now we wait for the first signs of spring.



Keep an eye out for the early snow-drops and then the masses of cowslips behind the church.

Come spring the mowing will stop and we will be

watching for early signs of the churchyard orchids. The numbers of pyramidal orchids reached one hundred last year - an extraordinary increase from the five we had in the first year of the project!



You will recall that last summer some heritage fruit trees were put in. Whilst the five trees are much too young to fruit,



h too young to fruit, they should give us an idea of how they will blossom.

There is much work to be done as the new year begins. As ever we are always looking for volunteers - if you would like any information do call me on 07756142890.

Russell Robinson





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# Poppy Appeal 2022



There was great support for the Poppy Appeal last

year in both Great and Little Hallingbury. We still have three house to house collections but with two schools and several businesses twelve boxes are delivered for the campaign each year.

For the second year there was a Poppy Coffee Morning in Great Hallingbury and I wish to thank Christine Coultrup for holding it at her house again last year. Despite the weather and the new date (changed because of Covid) so many people turned up it was difficult to find somewhere to sit down and enjoy the coffee and cakes. We were well supplied with these and my thanks go to all who came and contributed. When the donations were counted the final sum raised was £525.50.

The annual coffee morning was also held at Howe Green House School on November 11<sup>th</sup>. This is always an enjoyable event and last year, as usual, there was a short service of remembrance led by the children as well as a performance by the parents choir.

Once all the boxes were counted I was happy to announce that the total amount collected in the villages, including both coffee mornings, was £1,878.80. That's 50% more than the previous year which was a splendid result.

Thanks to all who donated and collected during this campaign.

Gill Sewell Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator.



# **STOP PRESS**

# Great Hallingbury Residents' Association

Almost three years after the first application, lodged during COVID, we finally had a date for Wren Kitchens' Application to be heard by the Planning Committee. The meeting took place on 8th February and, as well as representations from the Parish Council and Local Councillors, some members of the GHNA spoke against the application.

I think it is fair to say that we, the David's to their Goliath, entered the den thinking if we succeeded in getting a deferment it would be a victory. How wrong we were! When the vote came, the refusal to grant the application was unanimous.

This is, of course, only one step along what could still be a long road. The Applicant may decide to appeal (they did last time); that is yet to be seen.

What is clear, for me at least, is that when I made the decision to contact others in the Village back in 2019 to set up a group to fight the proposal, it was without doubt the right thing to do. Without the input of the rest of the committee of the Neighbours Group we may well already have been faced with the prospect of a logistics centre in our village.

It has been a tremendous team effort from the committee and some other members of the group. One thing has surfaced from this - it has helped enormously to bring together a whole group of people, all of us neighbours but people we had never interacted with before even though many of us have lived side by side for years.

At the time of publication, no Appeal has been lodged. We will give an update in the next issue but for anyone interested you can keep abreast of any further developments by visiting UDC website and going on the planning section. Just to remind you, the application number to use for searching is UTT/22/0267/FUL. Val Waring, Secretary Great Hallingbury Neighbours Association

# **Events in Great Hallingbury**



Love Your Village? Join the Litter Pickers



#### We all enjoy living here in Great Hallingbury

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

So let's all get together with Mark and Joanne Bloomfield on

#### Sunday, 26th March, 2023

and smarten up the village by clearing away the litter (and don't forget the area around your own property)

Start at the Village Hall or the Hop Poles at 10am Finish at the Village Hall about noon for refreshments

Bags, grabbers and high vis jackets will be provided as required or may be collected from us if you would like to collect litter around your house and leave the bag outside your property on the day



Working together makes light work of a chore

Everyone can help Mark Bloomfield 0775387020

Programme Early 2023

Great Hallingbury

History Society



### The White Ship Disaster

By Julian Whybra Wednesday 8th March

#### The Battle of Britain

By Russell Robinson Wednesday 12th April



#### De Havillard Aircraft Company

By Alistair Hodgson Wednesday 10th May

Meetings are held in Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8pm

Everyone is Welcome, so please join us!

# Great Hallingbury WI Programme

## Cookery Demonstration

by Rosemary Nugent

March 22<sup>n</sup>

#### Retired Greyhounds by Elaine Sheppard

April 26th

#### Annual Meeting Social Evening May 24th<sup>th</sup>



Meetings in Village Hall at 7.30 pm

# **Events in Great Hallingbury**



# The Vital Village Amenity

Two recent major projects in the hall - new heating and a new floor hear about our progress

The Annual General Meeting of the Great Hallingbury Village Hall Committee and Trustees will be held on

Monday, 3rd April, 2023 at 7 pm at the Village Hall

All villagers on the Electoral Register may vote at the meeting and all villagers are invited to attend.



Then please join the Committee for a glass of wine and nibbles

# United Benefice Services

#### Services in the Six Villages

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

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



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# Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting

will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 8 p.m.

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

Guest speaker - Mrs Jane Gardner Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner



Then join us for *Cheese* & *Wine* and socialise with councillors and residents

# Calendar

#### March 2023

- 4 St Giles' Church Coffee Morning 10.30 am 12.30 pm
- Great Hallingbury Parish Council Village Hall 8 pm
   Little Hallingbury History Society *History of Matching Airfield* - 7.45 for 8 pm Little Hallingbury Village Hall
- 7 District Ward Surgery Great Hallingbury Village Hall 2 -4 pm
- 8 History Society *The White Ship Disaster* Village Hall 8 pm
- 18 Library Van Bedlars Green 3 3.30 pm Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 20 Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting Village Hall 8 pm
- 22 Great Hallingbury WI Cookery Demonstration by Rosemary Nugent - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 25 Village Hall Quiz Night Village Hall 7 for 7.30 pm
- 26 Great Hallingbury Litter Pick

### April 2023

- 1 St Giles' Church *Coffee Morning* 10.30am 12.30 pm
- Little Hallingbury History Society *History of Sworders Auctioneers* - 7.45 for 8 pm Little Hallingbury Village Hall
   Great Hallingbury Village Hall *AGM and social evening* -
- Village Hall at 7 pm 6 Charity Coffee Morning - London Marathon Fundraising for CHIPS - Village Hall 10am - 12.45 pm
- 8 Library Van Bedlars Green 3 3.30 pm
  - Woodside Green 3.40 4.10 pm

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#### May 2023

- 4 Election Day
- 6 Coronation Day
- 6 St Giles' Church *Coffee Morning* 10.30am 12.30 pm
- 10 History Society *de Havilland Aircraft Company* Village Hall 8 pm
- Great Hallingbury Parish Council Village Hall 8 pm
   Library Van Bedlars Green 3 3.30 pm
- Woodside Green 3.40 4.10 pm
- 24 Great Hallingbury WI Annual Meeting & Social Evening - Village Hall 7.30 pm

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

> Monday, 6th March 8pm Village Hall Monday, 15th May 8pm Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting Monday, 20th March 8pm Village Hall

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