

# GREAT HALLINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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## Great Hallingbury Residents



As many of you may be aware, Wren Kitchens has withdrawn its Appeal for a Public Inquiry with regard to their planned logistics facility at Tile Kiln Green. However, Wren still owns the land at Start Hill so we can assume that this matter has not been closed.

Right now there are other planning applications already in motion and in the future there will be others.

Before Wren withdrew, it had been suggested that the village may benefit from forming a Residents Association and a meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall saw a strong general consensus to form such a group. The objective of a **Residents' Association** would be to protect our village life and the safety of its residents. A **Residents' Association** would get to know what is going on and seek to understand the full implications of proposals allowing them to support or oppose major applications, as needed, for the benefit of villagers.

One substantial benefit of such an Association would be that, at any future Inquiry (should it happen), we would be able to apply for Rule 6 status which, in a nutshell, would mean that we could become a party to proceedings and then benefit from having advance sight of all documentation which was to be tabled at any hearing, as well as being able to cross examine any parties should we see fit. We would be in a position to put together a coherent plan for any hearing that would allow us to voice the concerns of residents. This is in addition to individuals who may wish to speak at a hearing.

Hopefully we could make this a *social association* as well and organise social and fund raising events.



We have arranged a further meeting at the Village Hall on Monday, 17th January, 2022, at 7.30 pm.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Val Waring on 07979 450871 or simply turn up at the meeting so we can organise a committee to take this forward.

Please, join us. Let's be a strong voice moving forward in 2022.

Val Waring

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## Editorial

### *A Few Changes*

You may have noticed one or two changes to this issue of *Great Hallingbury Highlights*.

The choice of green for the banner colour is not specifically to join any bandwagon but rather that I thought it would make a change.

The letter on the front cover is there because it was important that everyone sees it. Photographs will usually continue to appear on the front page but please do all send me pictures showing the village or something related, such as our flora and fauna. These would be very much appreciated.

### *Great Hallingbury Under Attack*

We know that the Village cannot forever remain unchanged - life moves on relentlessly and the traffic - but we can, at least, try to retain some vestiges of control.

The formation of a Residents' Association may help to do this so it would be good if as many people as possible can attend the meeting on 17th January to discuss this further. Such a group would be able to work with the Parish Council and other local groups and be mutually supportive.

### *Tradition*

I am a firm believer in traditions as they are a source of continuity in our lives, often going back over centuries. Many are great fun, too. In the Hallingburys we have the Flower Show which has been going for over 80 years and long may it continue. (Next year on 24th July)

With Christmas approaching it is good to see plans for a Carol Service in St Giles' again - it was sorely missed last year due to Covid19 - and I really hope that schools and clubs will be able to enjoy their usual Christmas festivities this year. We don't want this virus to have banished things that have always given pleasure.

*Editor*

**Wishing all  
our readers,  
contributors and  
advertisers a very  
happy Festive  
Season and a good  
and healthy  
New Year**

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THE  
FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF

# EASTON LODGE

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The days are drawing in now. Outside there is still joy to be had from being in the peaceful Gardens but it is also a time to be indoors and enjoy the Gardens in pictures and learn about their fascinating history from Gary, one of the Trust's volunteers, who provides talks to community groups.

The Gardens remain open to visitors on Thursdays till the end of November from 11am to 3pm, last entry 2pm. In November most of the leaves come down from the trees so the views open up (and there's fun to be had kicking through the leaves!) and we sometimes get beautiful early frosts.



Visitors will see the volunteers starting their autumn jobs in the Gardens - planting bulbs and trees, pruning perennials and roses and tidying up the pond, flower and vegetable beds for the winter. Visitor information can be found on our website: [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk).

### **History Talk**

Gary's talk, entitled *A History of Easton Lodge - the Countess and her Gardens*, tells the story of the estate from the late 1500s to the present day, focusing primarily on the period since 1865 when three year old Frances Evelyn Maynard inherited the mansion and lands and the vast fortunes that came with them. Little Frances, known as *Daisy*, went on to become the Countess of Warwick. The talk outlines Daisy's life at Easton Lodge and in the wider community,

including her intimate friendship with King Edward VII, and then becoming a fully paid up Socialist. Gary also speaks about the work being done today by volunteers to maintain, restore and renovate these Grade II registered historic Gardens. If you are interested in arranging a talk for your community group, contact Gary on 01279 718979.

*Jill Goldsmith*

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## **Thinkers**

### ***The Bicycle is the Slow Death of the Planet***

*General Director of Euro Exim Bank Ltd. got economists thinking when he said:*



**"Cyclists are a disaster for the country's economy: they do not buy cars and do not borrow money to buy. They do not pay for insurance policies. They do not buy fuel, do not pay for the necessary maintenance and repairs. They do not use paid parking. They do not cause serious accidents. They do not require multi-lane highways. They do not get fat.**

**Healthy people are neither needed nor useful for the economy. They don't buy medicine. They do not go to hospitals or doctors. Nothing is added to the country's GDP (gross domestic product).**

**On the contrary, every new McDonald's restaurant creates at least 30 jobs: 10 cardiologists, 10 dentists, 10 dietary experts and nutritionists plus, obviously, people who work at the restaurant itself."**

*Choose carefully: cyclist or McDonald's? It is worth considering.*

**P.S. Walking is even worse. Pedestrians don't even buy bicycles.**

## Kemi Badenoch MP for Saffron Walden



Last month I welcomed the Government's Autumn Budget which set out how we are going to continue to build back better and level up across our constituency and the country.

The last eighteen months have certainly reminded us all of the crucial importance of our public services, in particular our local health service. An additional £5.9 billion was announced for NHS England to help tackle the backlog as a result of the pandemic, benefitting the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow. The NHS's day-to-day budget is set to grow by 3.8 percent on average by 2024/25 which will help deliver its Long Term plan.

School funding is a matter I regularly discuss with local headteachers and I know they will join me in welcoming the additional £4.7 billion of funding for schools as part of the Budget. This is alongside the £14 billion announced in 2019 and means a cash increase for every pupil in our constituency, including those at Little Hallingbury Primary

School.

The Chancellor also made it clear that Green investment and tackling climate change are at the heart of our recovery and I know how important our environment is to residents. In the context of the COP26 conference, it was particularly welcome that £416 million of funding will be made available for research and development to help commercialise low and zero emission transport across the UK. I know residents will have been following the strong and continuing commitments the Government is taking to tackle climate change and COP26 was a great opportunity to promote and encourage international cooperation.

I also recently welcomed the additional 235 police officers for Essex Police as part of the Government's target of 20,000 additional police officers by 2023. These new recruits mean there are now 3,551 police officers in Essex, helping to tackle rural crime like hare coursing, car theft in our constituency as well as supporting much more of the behind the scenes work that is required in our local violence reduction units and domestic abuse prevention teams.

*Kemi Badenoch, MP*



## Tight budget

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

13 September, 2021

**Present:** Cllr A Townsend (Chairman), Cllrs J Baldwin, D Barlow, M Bloomfield, A Noble and A Pinnock, Mrs U Sydee (Clerk), two members of the public

## ***Residents' Association***

A representative from the Residents Association informed the Council of their intent to apply for Rule 6 status to be able to formally appear at Wren Kitchen's planning appeal enquiry.

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

Cllr A Townsend reported that he had participated in:

- EALC Committee meeting
- PC Workshop covering topics related to housing and planning
- Chaired meeting of UALC
- Zoom meeting re development of the land at Tilekiln Green to create an open logistics facility
- Working group of four Parish Councils re UDC Local Plan call for sites

## ***Property Name Change***

*Forest View* has changed name to *Blossom View*

## ***Uttlesford Local Plan - Hatfield Community Village***

Councillors attended a meeting of the *Unsustainable Sites Action Group* (USAG) where it was agreed to appoint a consultant to address UDC's Call for sites. A financial contribution will be needed from the involved Parish Councils. UDC says nothing has yet been decided.

Representatives for the Hatfield Community Village Working Party will be Cllrs A Townsend, N Jackson and J Baldwin. The representatives must report to the next Parish Council meeting and any decisions

needed will be made by a majority vote. It was agreed to contribute £500 as a one-off payment.

## ***Playground on Field Adjacent to Village Hall Car Park***

Creative Play has offered to take on the playground as a project and to provide a detailed budget. Grants are being sought from Essex CIF and the National Lottery. A letter from Village Hall Chairman had been received and all the concerns raised were noted. Two other potential locations were discussed. A lack of parking space was pointed out for one and Cllr A Noble will inform the Council of the outcome of talking to the owner of the second location. It was agreed to earmark £2,000 from the general reserve for potential Play areas.

## ***The Queen's Platinum Jubilee***

The Council agreed not to organise a celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

## ***Stansted Airport Watch (SAW)***

It was agreed to donate £250 to SAW (formerly SSE)

## ***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 sufficient parking spaces to accommodate increasing numbers of cars per household.)

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

narrow)

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

UTT/21/1846/FUL // The Old Forge, Woodside Green // Demolition of outbuilding and erection of one detached dwelling // Refused (No objections, however, it should be brought into a building line and 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 // Approved (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 // Awaiting decision (No objections but must be in keeping with aesthetics of original building and neighbouring properties)

#### Applications Dealt with at Meeting

UTT/21/2209/DFO // Land Adjoining 2 White Cottages, Start Hill // Details following outline application UTT/18/0999/OP for two dwellings - details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale Comments:

1. Although several outline applications for this plot have been approved in the past, none has considered the raised kerb in situ for the bus stop. The proposed access to this project will encroach on this. The reporting officer's report from 2014 under *Sustainable transport and road safety* claims that the bus stop is 200 meters from the proposed site entrance but this is incorrect; it is in the immediate vicinity.

2. A tree survey appears to have been done in 2014, seven years ago when there were trees of interest. This is not addressed in this application. Although the reporting officer's report states there are no TPO's this

needs to be reviewed considering the time frame that has elapsed from the original report.

3. If the application is approved, the properties must be connected to mains drainage and sewage.

4. The proposed two properties do not sit in the adjacent building line but will sit too far back and would be in danger of potential flooding from the brook. The siting needs to be re-addressed and pulled in line with the other properties to the left and right of the site.

5. The archaeological trial trenching needs to be enforced before any works can start.

6. All site traffic must be kept to the site and not encroach the B1256 for highway safety.

We object to the siting of the houses but won't object if they are pulled forward on the plot (moving the parking facility to the rear)

UTT/21/2326/HHF // 9 Start Hill, Stane Street // Excavation to form basement and rear patio area, new terrace and staircase to rear, amendments to rear fenestration (No objections)

UTT/21/2337/FUL // Barnmead, Start Hill // Conversion of garages from plots 2-5 into living accommodation and adding a room in the roof of plots 2 and 3 (amendment to previously approved application No. UTT/18/1982/FUL) (No objections)

UTT/21/2448/HHF // 90 Woodside Green // Proposed removal of existing shed in rear garden and erection of a proposed single storey building to be used as gym/shed (No objections)





# Great Hallingbury History Society



## Programme Early 2022



### The Great Plague in Essex

Wednesday  
12th January



### The History of Panama

Wednesday, 9th February

### Three Men Without a Boat



Tony Tuckwell walking the towpath and finding history

Wednesday, 9th March

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### Battle of Waterloo

I have never seen our members so absorbed and listening so intently to the story of a battle. Julian Whybra was describing the layout of the battlefield and the strategies employed by the commanders, their successes and their mistakes. And this was not just any battle, but the Battle of Waterloo which has been so widely documented and the subject of so many books, films and television programmes that we all sort of feel that we know all about it.

This was at the October meeting of the Great Hallingbury History Society and people so enjoyed the evening they have been discussing it since. Shortly after our meeting, an article in the Daily Telegraph highlighted a project in which a new model of the battle is being constructed by veterans and historians, shedding yet new light on some aspects of the conflict.

### Transport History

The topic of our September meeting was closer to home and covered the history of stations on the Cambridge to London railway line. There is evidence reflecting operations since the start of rail transport in our region, some of it still in use.

The transport theme recurs in our November meeting which will cover the history of the London Bus.

### Future Programme

As you can see from our programme, in the first part of 2022 we have very varied talks and we would be delighted to welcome you to all or just one of our meetings so we hope you will come along. And we do have very good refreshments.

Christine Coultrup  
Chairman

## Neighbourhood Watch



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.

As the nights start to draw in, take steps to keep your home protected. Using devices such as light timers or leaving a radio on in the rooms you use the most will make it look like you're in and deter would-be burglars. You can find out more information about steps you can take to keep your home protected by visiting <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

### ***Being the neighbourly neighbour***

Don't forget to keep an eye out for your neighbours, especially the elderly, frail and vulnerable. As the daylight becomes shorter, people are less likely to be out and about. If you have concerns for the health and wellbeing of your vulnerable neighbours, contact 101.

### ***2021 Neighbour of the Year Awards***

NHW is thrilled to announce that Hannah Ingram-Moore, daughter of Captain Sir Tom Moore and Co-founder of The Captain Tom Foundation, is working with Neighbourhood Watch and Co-op Insurance to find the nation's most remarkable neighbours in the 2021 Neighbour of the Year Awards.



Above: Hannah Ingram-Moore with her father Captain Sir Tom Moore

The national search is on to find the country's hero neighbours and community. Hannah

is excited to uncover all those special stories about how people have been going the extra mile to help people in their neighbourhoods.

Alongside a new category of *Community Of The Year 2021*, this year there are more opportunities for young people to be recognised by introducing regional winners of the *Young Neighbour Of The Year (21 and under)* category. Last year, 9-year-old Taylor from Edinburgh was nominated for selflessly supporting her neighbour while she went through cancer treatment during lockdown. This year we want to find more incredible young people like Taylor. In a survey of young people (24 and under) who have joined Neighbourhood Watch in the past year, 56% cited their concern about community safety as their top reason for joining and 39% want to actively help make their community a better place to live. We want to recognise the actions young people are taking to improve their communities and care for those who are vulnerable or isolated. (Unfortunately, nominations closed before the distribution of this edition.)

### ***Hare Coursing has Started!***

It's that time of the year again when the illegal activity of hare coursing really begins to take off. So, what can you do about it? Have you noticed anything unusual or suspicious? Report all suspicious activity. Call it in: 999 if it's a crime in progress or 101 if not. Alert us to their presence before they commit crime, let us have the type of car and the registration. We'll get to the area and begin our patrols.

### ***Uttlesford District***

The Community Policing Team has been out conducting rural patrols in response to recent reports of hare coursing. Also, several areas have been targeted for speeding after numerous calls from residents.



*Jules Baldwin  
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator*

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You may also like to visit our school website for further  
information: [www.lhandsmhboschools.co.uk](http://www.lhandsmhboschools.co.uk)

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

## Keep Warm this Winter



Rising fuel bills and other household expenses are putting pressure on many families' finances. But there are still ways in which you can cut costs and maximise your income this winter.

If you rely on heating oil to heat your home it is more important than ever to shop around. If you have internet access, use a price comparison website such as [www.boilerjuice.co.uk](http://www.boilerjuice.co.uk) before placing your order so you have a good idea of the going rate. Alternatively ring a few suppliers and ask for their *best price* - don't assume they will automatically offer you their most competitive tariff and don't be afraid to haggle! Joining your local heating oil club can be another great way of finding savings. Speak to your Parish Council or neighbourhood group or go to [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk) and search for *oil clubs*.

The power market is changing rapidly at the moment. Many energy companies are struggling, so you won't find as many tariffs as normal. If you are coming to the end of a fixed price deal and can't find a better tariff than the one you're on, it's probably better to roll onto the standard variable rate and wait, as you will currently be protected by energy regulator Ofgem's price cap.

If your energy supplier goes out of business, you'll still have gas and electricity. Don't switch tariff or supplier until your account is automatically moved to the new supplier as you might find it harder to get any money you're owed if you switch before this happens. In the meantime, take regular meter readings (keeping dated photos, if you can). If you have an online account, log into it, check your balance and download any bills or keep paper bills instead.

You can find more advice about your energy supply, including where to find help if you are struggling to pay your bill, at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk). For a wealth

of information to help you get the best deals on your household bills go to [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com)

If you can't access the information you need online or you need more specialist support, the energy specialists at Uttlesford Citizens Advice can offer advice on a range of areas, including winter benefits and cold weather payments, the warm home discount scheme, energy efficiency measures, home improvement grants, switching energy suppliers and the priority services register. They can also help people to manage fuel related debt and access emergency support if needed. Call 01799 618858 or email [warmhomes@uttlesfordca.org.uk](mailto:warmhomes@uttlesfordca.org.uk)

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## Easy Eating

### Curried Butternut Squash Soup



#### Ingredients

- 2tbs coconut oil (or olive oil)
- 1 large onion (about 200g)
- 1 butternut squash, approx 600g when peeled deseeded and chopped into 1cm cubes
- 1 large clove of garlic
- 1 400ml tin of coconut milk
- 1 tbs curry powder
- 450ml vegetable or chicken stock
- Pumpkin seeds or sunflower seeds and a few sea salt flakes to garnish

#### Method

1. Put oil in a saucepan over a medium heat and add onion, squash and garlic
2. Season and stir to mix.
3. Turn the heat down and cover the vegetables with a piece of parchment paper and the lid.
4. Cook slowly for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Put coconut oil into a bowl and whisk to remove any lumps.
6. Remove paper and lid from saucepan and stir in curry powder.
7. Turn heat up, cook for a minute then add coconut milk and stock.
8. Bring to a rolling boil and the blend until smooth.
9. Sprinkle with seeds and a few sea salt flakes before serving.

Try using pumpkin or sweet potato as an option. Freezes well.

### Marbled Blackcurrant and Almond Cake

#### Ingredients

- 150g self raising flour
- 100g ground almonds
- 175g butter, softened
- 150g caster sugar
- 2 medium eggs
- 150g blackcurrant jam
- 4 tbsps milk
- A few drops almond essence
- 25g flaked almonds

#### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 160°C or gas mark 3
2. Line a 900g loaf tin
3. Tip the ground almonds and flour into a bowl and then add the softened butter, sugar, eggs, almond essence and the milk
4. Beat with an electric hand held whisk for 2-3 minutes until light and fluffy
5. Spoon half the mixture into tin and spread over the jam.
6. Swirl slightly with a skewer and then cover with the the other half of the mixture.
7. Scatter the flaked almonds over the top.
8. Bake for approximately 1 hour.
9. Test with a skewer and it should also be firm to touch.
10. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes then turn out onto a wire rack.



Serve as a cake or as a dessert with creme fraiche.

*Rosemary Nugent*

*I was given a sample and it's delicious!*

## Winter Quiz

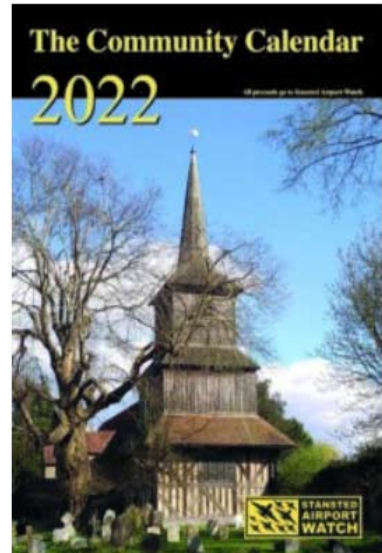


1. What is the record coldest temperature in the United Kingdom in degrees C?  
*-35.6 or -27.2 or -19.3*
2. How much money can a policeman fine a driver for driving a car with snow on the roof in the United Kingdom?  
*£30 or £60 or £90*
3. What do we call the condition characterized by an extreme fear of snow?  
*Chinophobia or Coulrophobia or Pogonophobia*
4. Which type of bird turns its brown features into white in the winter?  
*Chickadees or Blackbirds or Ptarmigans*
5. What is the necessary weather condition for a blizzard to happen?  
*Blowing snow with winds greater than 55 kilometres per hour or Greater than 30 centimetres of snowfall or Minus temperature*
6. "Winter Is Coming" is the motto of which family in "Game of Thrones"?  
*House Stark or House Baratheon or House Tully*
7. "Winter banana" is a variety of which fruit?  
*Pear or Avocado or Apple*
8. Which winter sport is also known as "the roaring game"?  
*Curling or Ice hockey or Skating*
9. "Burning the Clocks" is an annual winter solstice festival taking place in which British city?  
*Brighton or Newcastle or Blackpool*
10. The Winter War took place between 1939 and 1940 between Russia and which country?  
*Latvia or Estonia or Finland*
11. What does a chinook mean?  
*A type of winter wind or A type of blizzard or A type of polar bear*

Answers on page 28

## Stansted Airport Watch

The 20th edition of the much-loved community calendar is now available to purchase. Full of superb photos taken by volunteers, the 2022 calendar is now available.



It is still only £8 if bought direct from a shop - Little Hallingbury Post Office is selling them - or collected from the campaign office.



## That'll Come Back To Haunt You



I tried having my mother's phone disconnected but customer service told me that, since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway the rep.

Then a solution hit me, *If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?*

*Well, yes, she said reluctantly. But that would ruin his credit.*

## Parish Council Chairman November 2021



Hello to you all. I trust this finds you all keeping well.

With Covid Boosters coming up, I hope you will take up the opportunity to keep your cover up to date. Many of you will have already had your flu jab but, if not, do have this also.

Your Parish Council is now holding all meetings in the Village Hall, taking the necessary precautions.

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.

Another litter-pick took place in October, for which I thank Cllr Mark Bloomfield who organised it. It still makes me very sad to see the amount of rubbish collected.

As you may have heard, Wren Kitchens has withdrawn their appeal. This is excellent news but we must be aware that they may well come back with a further application.

### **Local Plan**

Uttlesford District Council is working on its Local Plan and have put out a *Call for Sites*. This is where they ask landowners or developers to put forward sites to be considered for development. The Government says that UDC has to provide 14,000+ homes between 2020 and 2040, plus a buffer of 15 to 20%. The call for sites has resulted in 299 proposals being put forward which could provide over 70,000 homes, five times the number required. Many of these sites will be rejected after consideration and assessment. No decision has been taken at this stage on which sites will be included in the Local Plan.

Great Hallingbury has two very small sites proposed but a real threat lies in a very

large proposed site called *Hatfield Garden Village* which would border Hatfield Forest, covering the north part of Woodside Green, stretching along to Hatfield Broad Oak and round to Hatfield Heath and Little Hallingbury. This proposal consists of 6,500 houses.

If this should be given planning permission, although not directly affecting Great Hallingbury we would have the knock on effect of much heavy traffic passing through the Village. This would add to the current problem of heavy and speeding traffic that we endure. There will be a public consultation (Regulation 18) in March 2022 and an opportunity for interested parties to comment. As yet no sites have been chosen but we need to be aware of what could be waiting on our doorstep. Councillors from each of the affected parishes have formed an action group and have been attending meetings in order to obtain as much information as possible to agree a way forward.

If you wish to follow the progress of the Local Plan and see which sites have been put forward, visit the UDC website <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan>

I would like to thank my fellow councillors, and of course our Clerk, Urška, for all their efforts over the 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. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Please take care and stay safe.

*Alan Townsend*





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## Great Hallingbury WI



### *Return to In Person Meetings*

After 18 months of no meetings or Zoom meetings we finally met in person in August. This was a social meeting as we knew everyone would have a lot of talking to do!

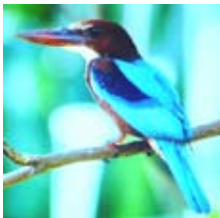
We should have been celebrating Ruth Homan's 90th birthday from January but sadly she died during the Summer so we all raised a glass to her! Ruth was attending meetings right up to lockdown, being one of our longest serving members. She was on the Committee for a great many years and was also President for a time.



Jan Baldwin gave a very interesting short talk about how she started coming to WI in 1976 and told some amusing stories of the earliest meetings.

### *Wildlife of Sri Lanka*

In September, Jonathan Forgham gave a colourful and interesting presentation entitled *Wildlife of Sri Lanka*. Jonathan had visited Sri Lanka many times watching and photographing the stunning wildlife of this beautiful island.



Jonathan also spoke about his work with MindGarden Sri Lanka Society, a learning Centre that he helped establish in 2017. Here, children from poor areas around Galle in the South West of the island are offered free education to enhance their English language skills, giving them

a far better opportunity to begin a career. English is such a vital language for good jobs in banking, management, tourism, hotel reception work etc.

### *Woolly Hats*

Back in 2020 for the Roothings Group meeting organised by Hatfield Broad Oak WI, members were asked if they would be able to knit woolly hats for the Special Care Baby Unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow.

The meeting was not held due to Covid but our members kept themselves busy knitting during lockdown. A total of 83 hats were presented to the hospital's special unit.



Hospitals across the country have introduced a traffic light, colour-coded system of green, amber and red woolly hats to help ensure that babies receive the correct level of care they need.

Babies will still receive the traditional midwifery care but this is an extra visual aid. Red indicates a baby will have regular observations by a nurse or midwife, for example if mum is a diabetic. Amber indicates a baby needs a little more help with feeding and keeping warm. A green hat means a baby is term, warm and feeding well.

### *Back to Regular Meetings*

Our meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Village Hall, Church Road, Great Hallingbury, CM22 7TY. They run from 7.30pm to approximately 10.00pm.

Follow us on Instagram, find us on Facebook or checkout our website <http://www.greathallingburywi@weebly.com>

*Beverly Moore*

## 90 Years in Great Hallingbury

*Doreen Milton*

Doreen grew up in School Cottage in Great Hallingbury and when she married she moved to Copthall Close where she still lives. She has, therefore, spent all her life in the Village and is probably the last such person today.

Her parents came from Great Yeldham in 1930 to live in School Cottage in Great Hallingbury when the Revd. Knocker was installed at St. Giles'. Doreen's father, Stanley Argent, was the Sexton-Verger at the church and also worked as a gardener at the Rectory (now Glebe House). For christenings, he would bring home the christening jug to fill with water from the well (the water had to be pumped) and he would add some warm water so that it wasn't too cold for the babies. There is a splendid chair at the back of St Giles' which has been dedicated in memory of Stanley.

As a young girl, Doreen spent time with her father in the churchyard which he kept immaculately. She attended Great Hallingbury Village School which she recalls as always being cold because the only heating was from coke fires.

At that time the Village was very quiet with few cars. Horses were used for much of the farm work. Then came the second world war and evacuees arrived and American forces moved onto Stansted Airport. Many bombs fell around the village but only one scored a hit - on Pantiles.

Leaving school at 14, Doreen worked in Bishop's Stortford in the shop of a seed merchant, Philip Church.

Doreen married in 1953 and with her husband moved into a house in Copthall Close which was then newly built. She remembers when a policeman lived in the Village and cycled through each day; the postman came on a bike and there were deliveries of meat from Mr. Simons; the baker called three days a week, the greengrocer came once a week, you could get groceries from the weekly mobile Co-op as well as fizzy drinks each week and milk (which you don't get at all any more unless you order on line!). All this and in addition the Village had a shop, post office, three pubs and a school, whilst a well patronised bus ran to Stortford on Thursdays and Saturdays.



Then came the motorway taking away a Bluebell wood which Doreen had often visited as a child and when her own children were young (and, as it happened, taking the house at Start Hill of her former seed merchant employer).

*Doreen with Friends from the WI and the Village*



In the 1970's there were concerts, fêtes and garden parties in the Village in which Doreen participated and the school built a swimming pool which was open for the children during the summer holidays.

She worked for twelve years as a Dinner Lady at the school and then, when it closed, continued as a cook at the Hop Poles.

Although sadly her husband Alf died nearly three years ago, Doreen still lives in Copthall Close and has four children, six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, making a big, happy family.

She has seen many changes in the Village, especially with more aeroplanes, cars and lorries.

Always liking to help at events, Doreen can no longer do as many things as she would like but, most of all, she misses looking after her garden herself.

And Doreen's comment: *I had a lovely 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends. And my life in Great Hallingbury - no regrets!*

## The Hundred Parishes Society Seasonal Celebrations



As 2021 enters its final month, we anticipate seasonal celebrations to brighten the shortest days of the year. The ancient tradition of decking our houses with garlands of fresh green holly branches reminds us of the continuity of life, bringing us cheer when the days are short.



On reaching the age of 20, female holly trees bear red berries on branches covered with prickly shiny

green leaves which can be cut to make decorative wreaths. Such wreaths featured in midwinter Celtic and Roman celebrations as symbols of good fortune, a tradition that continues thanks to the intervention of a local man, William Winstanley (1628 - 1698).

During the Commonwealth, which lasted from 1649 to 1660, the Puritans under Oliver Cromwell proclaimed that it was illegal to celebrate Christmas, banning frivolities and feasting on mince pies. Winstanley, who lived in Quendon, believed in celebrating Christmas as a time for sharing joy, fun and good fortune with others. After the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, using his influence as a writer, he encouraged a return to the seasonal merrymaking which we still enjoy today.

Yew is another evergreen with red coloured fruits (loved by birds and squirrels) but, as its leaves are poisonous, it is less suitable for indoor decorations.



Tricia Moxey  
Trustee

## You May Groan!

Did you know that Cinderella owned a Box Brownie? She even took some pics at the ball.

And then sat at home, head in hands, moaning *some day my prints will come.*

My local petrol station started charging money just to put air in your tyres.

When I commented that this had been free for decades, the attendant just looked at me and said, *That's inflation for you.*

My landlord said to me today that my heating bill is through the roof and he's going to have to come over soon to discuss. I told him my door is always open.

It started to rain and Noah said, *Now I herd everything!*

I attended a really emotional wedding - even the cake was in tiers.

I'd like to get a job cleaning mirrors - it's something I can really see myself doing.

A Zen master once said to me, *Do the opposite of whatever I tell you. So I didn't.*

My doctor tells me I suffer from extreme hypochondria. He prescribed a strong placebo, but I don't think it's working.

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

A tax collector went to a tannery. *Why haven't you paid your taxes?* the collector asked the owner of the tannery. *Business has been very bad,* answered the tanner. *Do you mind if I check around the place?* asked the tax man. *Go ahead,* invited the owner. *You'll see I have nothing to hide.*

What do you call a knight who is afraid to fight? Sir Render!

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine!

## District News

***Cllrs Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve***

Before we start the newsletter both Neil and I would like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of Sir David Amess.

### ***Distribution site at Start Hill / Tile Kiln Green***

The owners/developers of this site have withdrawn their appeal which was due to be heard in January 2022. It is my opinion (Geof Driscoll) that this action was taken because of the pressure put upon them by the residents. However, I do not believe that this will be the end of the matter as there are other actions the owners can take, primarily reviewing the failure points of their application and addressing them before putting in a second application. This would be a cheaper option rather than risk losing the appeal. Please keep your eyes open and feel free to contact me if you see something that does not look right.

### ***Ward Surgeries***

The Ward surgeries held after the Covid outbreak in the Dukes Head PH in Hatfield Broad Oak and Great Hallingbury Village Hall have been interesting and convivial, bringing both Neil and myself back in personal contact with residents in the Ward. The dates for the rest of this year are 19th November and 17th December (HBO) and in Great Hallingbury Village Hall on 2nd November and 7th December. As usual the timing will be between 14:00 and 16:00 hours (2 until 4pm). Please see village notice boards, Facebook pages and Parish websites for the dates. Also please remember that you can contact us on our email addresses listed at the end of this article.

### ***Welcome Peter!***

UDC has a new chief executive, Peter Holt. He officially started in his new role on 1st October, 2021.



### ***Your Queries Answered In An Instant***

Customers have a new way to contact Uttlesford District Council following the launch of a new instant messaging service on the council's website. Live Chat is a text-based service that you can use to speak directly to the Customer Services team. This service is only available when the offices are open and when advisors are not busy responding to other chats.

### ***Late Opening at UDC***

Please note that the *late opening* day at UDC has changed from the last Thursday each month to the last Wednesday.

The main 01799 510510 phone line will open on these days at 10am rather than 8.30am. The purpose of the late opening day is to allow for essential staff training and team building. In effect, only phone lines and Live Chat will be available as the front doors remain closed on a Wednesday as the car park is used as an NHS drive through and walk-in PCR test centre.

### ***Have Your Say on Culture, Creativity, and the Arts***

Uttlesford District Council is working to develop a comprehensive baseline assessment of culture, creativity and the arts in the district. This work will help inform the draft Local Plan process. A digital survey is being run by Essex-based social enterprise The Cultural Engine. If you work or take part in the cultural, creative or arts sectors as an amateur or professional, the council would like to hear from you on [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FJZYTS?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FJZYTS?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### ***Test Your Smoke Alarm Regularly***

Smoke alarms need regular testing to keep you and your home safe.

To keep your alarms in working order:

- Make sure there is at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home
- Test your smoke alarms every month by pushing the button

- Check that your smoke alarms are less than 10 years old
- Change the batteries every year. Never remove them
- Fit smoke alarms in the right place - on landings and hallways and near bedrooms.
- Also consider fitting them in rooms that have electrical appliances e.g. a heater or charger
- Take a moment to check on your loved ones who may need help to ensure they're fully protected
- If you hear someone else's alarm, don't ignore it

Find out more about home fire safety or book a home fire safety visit by visiting [https://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/Home\\_Fire\\_Safety?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/Home_Fire_Safety?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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

The full Council meeting held on 5th October, 2021, was suspended until the following evening after running out of time. UDC's application for permission to apply for a statutory planning review had been refused with notification received on Friday, 1st October, giving the Council seven days to renew its application. The full Council discussed the situation which ended with a cross party vote not to proceed any further.

### ***UDC Councillors***

The Council voted to lobby the Government on the stopping of the £20 increase in Universal Credit. The cross-party vote also saw Councillors donating all or part of their November allowance to Uttlesford Food Bank.

### ***NHS 111***

For urgent mental health support, you don't need to go to A&E. Call NHS 111 and choose option 2. It's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### ***Debt Counselling***

Uttlesford/East Herts Citizens' Advice can

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

### ***Keep Covid in check***

Covid is still with us. Figures are rising in some areas and there is still a risk of a serious upturn in cases as we all begin to mix more indoors.

We're all relying on each other to stay safe and continuing to take these simple actions can make that happen:

- Meet up outside or if you're indoors open windows or doors if you have visitors
- Get tested regularly
- If you think you might have Covid-19 symptoms, take a PCR test and stay home
- Wear face coverings in crowded places to help protect others
- Check in with the NHS Covid-19 app when you're out
- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds with soap
- Get vaccinated when you are invited to do so

Get information and support at Essex County Council's Coronavirus Hub <https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

### ***Lastly ...***

but not any less important, arrange for your Flu jab

Take Care

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## Book Corner



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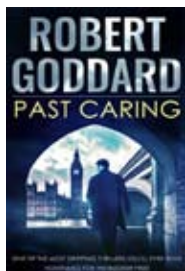
### **PAST CARING**

by Robert Goddard

It is 1977 and unemployed, *down on his luck*, historian, Martin Redford, has been set the task of solving an old mystery. His own life has been ruined by a scandal but now he has been offered a job to investigate the rise and fall of Edwin Strafford, who was Home Secretary in Asquith's government during 1910. Why, on a single day in that year, was Strafford kicked out of office and also rejected by Elizabeth, his fiancée? Martin is shown Strafford's journal which makes it clear that he was mystified and utterly devastated by both rejections so Martin has very little to go on as he begins his search. In the course of his enquiries he encounters a number of people, some helpful, others definitely uncooperative, and comes up against several dead-ends. Progress is slow but he does, eventually, discover what motivated Asquith and Elizabeth to treat Strafford as they did. Soon, though, he realises that they were acting on false information and further research will be needed for its source to be revealed.

As he digs deeper, he realises that there are still people who want to keep the truth of what happened buried alongside Strafford. His investigations trigger a violent series of events which throw him straight into the path of those who believed that they had escaped punishment for crimes long past but never paid for - and Martin himself may find that he must risk his life to discover

the truth!



*I found these books in the old telephone box and have enjoyed reading both of them. I shall return them to the box so, if you feel you'd like to give them a go, you know where to look!*

Jan Baldwin

### **THE WEDDING GIRL**

by Madeleine Wickham

Milly can't believe her luck. She's engaged to be married to Simon, a wonderful man who is perfect for her despite the fact that he thinks she's slightly more serious than she actually is. Her mother is particularly thrilled as Simon's father is a prominent and wealthy member of society and she can brag about this to all her friends. The wedding is less than a week away and everything is in place - except for one small problem. Milly has *forgotten* to share a tiny detail with her mother and her fiancé. She's already married!

Ten years ago, when she was eighteen and carefree - and perhaps a little thoughtless - Milly met and befriended Rupert and his American lover, Allan. The two seemed so in love that, when it was suggested that Milly could get married to Allan so that he could remain in the UK, she didn't hesitate. To make it seem real, she dressed up in *bridal gear* and posed on the steps of the Registry office for photographs. Three weeks later she said goodbye and, in the intervening years, has never had any contact with either of them.

But with her *second* wedding getting closer by the day, Milly has a problem. Somehow, she could almost persuade herself that her first marriage hadn't happened. However, the truth will out! Millie is horrified to discover that someone else knows her secret. It looks as though her past is about to catch up with her. Read on!



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## Pottery in Great Hallingbury

I fell in love with salt glazing six months into a full-time ceramic course at Harrow in London - *Studio Pottery: How to set up and run a pottery workshop and make a living at it*. This was the sort of course that doesn't exist anymore. When people ask me if you can really do that I look at them and say, *Well, I must be earning enough. I'm hardly thin am I?*

However, salt glazing (to be explained later) had its challenges. I couldn't live near other houses because of the vapours I would produce from my kiln. How things change. Maybe I am one of a dying breed of salt glazers because can we really do this now? Should we have done it then? I decided two years ago to have my last full-time apprentice and would turn my energies towards environmental issues.

### ***Meanwhile, back at the kiln....***

Salt glazing was discovered in the 14th century. Most pots are dipped into a solution of glass (silica) and heated in an oven (a kiln) until the solution melts and covers the surface (a glaze). Salt and soda firing are different.

All clays have silica inside them to differing quantities. If salt is introduced into the



kiln at top temperatures (12 - 1300 degrees C) the salt reacts with the silica and draws it out to the surface, coating the outside of the pot with an orange peel effect.

When a second year

student at Harrow asked me to help her fire a salt kiln - *What's that?* I said - I had no idea that I was looking at the rest of my life!

### ***Glebe House***

My husband, Peter Lemer, wanted a music studio and I wanted a pottery workshop. We gathered together a group of friends who all wanted different aspects of house sharing and found Glebe House, our home in Great Hallingbury, which offered four potential homes with studio space in the basement.

For me, it's a perfect place to fire my kilns in the old orchard, with just fields behind. The vapours I produce have been proved to be not harmful to humans, animals or produce but potential clouds of vapour should not be created in a built up area.

For the first twenty years, Glebe House had two music studios, a photography workshop, a pottery and an office space as well as giving ample living accommodation for four families. Technically, Glebe is a condominium, not flats and not a commune! We share three acres of grounds, a tennis court, a walled kitchen garden, a medieval moat and insurance for the communal roof and entrance hall.

### ***A World of Ceramic Shows***

After having two wonderful sons, in 2002 I went back to full time ceramics (it's not called pottery anymore apparently!) During the time I had been away from the pottery world, Ceramic Shows had started up. This was a whole new realm of experience that I readily took to, buying my first scary caravan and learning to reverse it so I could go to *Potfest in the Park* in Cumbria, *Earth and Fire* in Rufford Abbey and *Art in Clay* at Hatfield. There was a whole world of potters out there, travelling round selling their wares. I loved it!

### ***And Then the Teaching***

In 2010, I received an email from a young German potter on a journey. I put it straight into junk. Then fished it out again.

She was offering to come and work to gain experience and learn different styles. I had last heard of Journeymen reading Chaucer at school. I didn't realise there was a current breed. I have now met many lovely young Germans, all wonderfully trained in ceramic apprenticeships, then travelling Europe to earn their living with their skills and gain experience. It has been a very rewarding time for me and them. So, my life for the last 10 years has been a series of young (and not so young - a 50 year old from Sweden) people who want to learn what I know.

### **Vapour Glazing**

I specialise in porcelain and vapour glazing. *Vapour glazing? What's that? You talked about salt firing not vapour glazing?* Well, salt firing is vapour glazing but it's not usually called that. Potters glaze with either salt or soda so call themselves salt firers or soda firers. I use both together.

And THEN, to top it off, I fume with stannous chloride to create a random iridescence on the pot. I introduce crystals of metal (tin, stannous chloride) and it vaporises and fumes around the kiln, landing where it will on its way out. It makes a rainbow effect. I love it. If there is too much and they are really lustrous I call them my Wilkinson pots (no offence meant). I like the subtle, now you see it now you don't.

The colour of the pot depends on the clay being used and I am currently working with the equivalent of white paper : porcelain.



To get the feel of what a salt firing is like, I invite you to look at the video on the homepage of my website: [www.maggygardiner.com](http://www.maggygardiner.com) I still find the first few minutes really exciting; after that I can't watch because it's me speaking.....

As I'm writing this, I am in the middle of making pots for my last big production firing. I am currently doing all the shows that were booked in for last year. There have been three very successful outside ones - warm weather, so excellent ventilation - but coming up are four indoor ones which are more worrying. In December, I always show at the wonderful *Blackthorpe Barn British Crafts*.

I am not booking any shows for next year as I am running my production right down in order to focus on what else I can do. I call it *living in the question*. How can my skills best be used in the 5/10/15 years I've got left on this planet? What contribution can I make?

I will continue teaching as I love passing on my love of ceramics. My Saturday group started back in September after over a year's absence. There are a lot of local creative people. I also offer one to one sessions for a taster experience.

### **Seconds Sale**

In the first two weeks of December, I am going to gather all my *seconds* together. I have lots of pots with something that stops them from being good enough to sell to Galleries or to take to shows but are perfectly serviceable so I will offer them for sale at half price. I think it's wise to spread this event over two weeks so that there is no need for crowds. Starting on Monday 6th December, I will be open from 1 - 6pm each day until Friday, 17th.

As everything will be set up, if someone particularly wants to come at another time, please email me at [info@maggygardiner.com](mailto:info@maggygardiner.com) and we can arrange it.

*Maggie Gardiner*

# Essex County Council

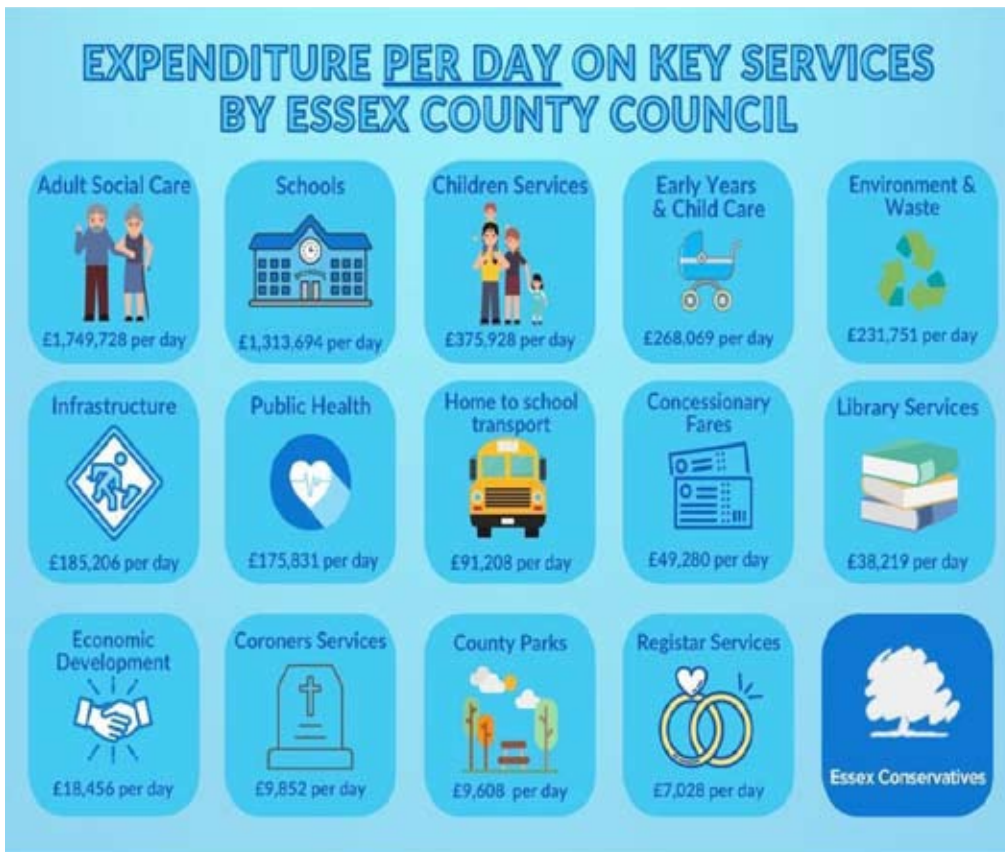
County Councillor Susan Barker



I am writing this in early November with Remembrance Sunday almost on us and then looking further ahead to a more normal Christmas than in 2020.

At Essex, Budget setting is in full swing. Although the settlement figure from Central Government is never known until late December or early January, assumptions have to be made at an early stage. Essex' budget is huge with a large amount of that being sent directly on to schools by an agreed per capita formula, although Essex County Council retain an amount to allocate for *special needs* pupils.

This diagram shows the **DAILY** spend on services across the whole of Essex. In Uttlesford we spend a higher than average amount on home to school transport which has a budget of £28m annually. Concessionary fares too, although free at point of use for the Pass Holder, have to be reimbursed to the Bus companies to the tune of around £50,000 a day.



During my time at the County Council there has been a lot of change in the field of Public Health where responsibility for preventative work around issues such as obesity, smoking, alcohol and drug addiction as well as mental wellbeing now sit with County Councils as well as the NHS. In the field of Adult Care there has been a considerable shift too, with many more working age adults

with complex needs requiring support to live independent lives.

I very much enjoyed meeting some members of the Great Hallingbury WI in late October and talking to them about the County Council and areas where I am involved, such as the Lee Valley and the Essex Pension Fund.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a restful and peaceful Christmas.

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

## Essex Police

### Twelve Tips for Christmas and After



With Christmas rapidly approaching here are a few seasonal tips to help keep you safe at home, shopping, visiting, and after Christmas too:

1. If you need to store Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies within garages and outbuildings, ensure what you are storing is out of sight and that the building is securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm.
2. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window. Having parcels delivered, may be when you are out, make sure that you make suitable secure delivery arrangements to reduce the risk of theft.
3. Whenever leaving the house always ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked (remember your face covering). Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on timers, perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too.
4. Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.
5. When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.
6. Park safely; look for a Parkmark accredited car park [www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder](http://www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder). Check that your car is locked and don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.
7. Whether an evening out or Christmas shopping, keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobile phones safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief, so be alert at all times.
8. A Christmas get together - make sure that you have considered in advance how you are getting home and avoid using unlicensed taxis. Ensure you

drink responsibly, social distance and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe. [www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety](http://www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety)

9. Watch what you put on social media; check your settings to ensure that you are not broadcasting when you are away from home and the lovely gifts you may have received.
10. After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting the empty boxes out for collection. Disguise them; fold them up inside out or put them inside another nondescript box.
11. Record your new property free on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) ; install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products.
12. Have a Great Christmas and New Year!!

For further crime prevention advice see: [www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/) or <https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice>  
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## Answers to Winter Quiz on page 14



1. 27.2 degrees C
2. £90
3. Chinophobia
4. Ptarmigans
5. Blowing snow with winds greater than 55 kilometres per hour
6. House Stark
7. Apple
8. Curling
9. Brighton
10. Finland
11. A type of winter wind

## World War II Casualty

*Two men who are commemorated on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial for laying down their lives in World War Two are buried in the churchyard of St. Mary's, Little Hallingbury. In the Spring Edition of **Great Hallingbury Highlights** an article was published about Benjamin Waller. This article is about the second casualty.*

## Thomas Henry Jocelyn Royal Navy First Class Stoker

Thomas Henry Jocelyn was born in Harlow on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1911, and baptised in St Mary's, Little Hallingbury, on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1912. His father was also Thomas Henry Jocelyn who had been born in Barnet on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1890, and baptised in St Mary's Church on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1890. He married Alice Minnie Halls in 1911. Alice had been born on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1886, in Radwinter. Thomas and Alice had three children: Thomas (born in 1911), Ruby (1914-1986) and Nora Louisa (1916-2005). Thomas senior died as a young father in 1924, aged 34 years. Alice Minnie died in 1974 aged 88 years.

In 1939 Thomas junior was employed as a gardener / chauffeur at Hayhill House, Bishop's Stortford, in the household of George Francis Ignatius Schwerdt (1891-1975), a stockbroker, and Sylvia Frances Julia Higgins (1892-1973). Thomas' mother was also living in the household and was employed as a domestic servant. In addition, four medical practitioners were living in the house, together with three servants. Hayhill House was situated near to the Herts and Essex Hospital.



*Typical East Coast  
Minesweeper*

During World War II Thomas Jocelyn served in the Royal Navy on HMS Minos as a First Class Stoker. HMS Minos was a mine-sweeper based at Lowestoft, Suffolk. Lowestoft was the most easterly point of Great Britain and the closest British military establishment to the enemy. HMS Minos was employed around the coast of Great Britain, keeping the war channels clear of mines.

According to Royal Navy Casualty Lists, Thomas Henry Jocelyn died from a coronary thrombosis on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1945, in the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham. Thomas was buried in the churchyard of St. Mary's, Little Hallingbury. He was known to his family as *Timmie*.

Robert Jocelyn, an uncle of Thomas, died during the Great War on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, aged 22 years. On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1916, the British Army suffered the worst one-day losses in its history and for terribly few territorial gains, most of which were short-lived. Robert Jocelyn was one of the 19,420 men killed on that day. In addition 35,944 men were wounded, 2,152 were missing and 585 were made prisoners-of-war. Robert had been born in 1894 and was four years younger than his elder brother, Thomas Henry, the father of Thomas Henry Jocelyn.

*Philip Hays*

**HALLINGBURY  
FLOWER  
SHOW**

**Returns in 2022**

**SUNDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Great Hallingbury  
Village Hall**

# Hallingbury Christmas Trees

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Where a tree isn't just for Christmas.

## Great Hallingbury Village Hall

### *New Heating System Unveiled by MP*

Air source heat pumps have been installed at Great Hallingbury Village Hall to provide a new heating system. This was inaugurated by our MP, Kemi Badenoch, at an open coffee morning, also attended by County Councillor Susan Barker. The units look sleek and, most importantly, the temperature starts to rise within ten or fifteen minutes which is so important for a community facility used intermittently. An additional benefit of the system is the integral provision of air conditioning.



*Kemi Badenoch  
MP inaugurating  
New Heating*

The kitchen is heated by through flow from the main hall but we have added an overdoor heater at the hall entrance to provide a buffer between the outside and the main hall. The Village Hall Committee was thankful to receive several grants to assist us with this work.

### *Our Clubs Are Back*

Several table tennis clubs, yoga group, WI, History Society and Parish Council are all back regularly at the Village Hall and the Brownies will be restarting in January. In addition we now have a Crafts group meeting on a Friday evening and a Bridge Club twice a month on Sunday evenings. (It may be possible to arrange some teaching if there are sufficient numbers who would like to learn the game. Please contact 01279 655144 if you are interested.)

### *Quiz Nights*

Following a successful Quiz Night in

September, there will be another on Saturday, 4th December. You do need to reserve a table so please contact Sally on 01279 658751.

### *Ton Club*

Thank you to everyone who has bought a Ton Club ticket for the year 2021/22. Results of the draws for the last few months are below. If you would like to buy a ticket (£12 a year for participation in a monthly draw) this is still possible. Please contact Lee on 07500 805281 or cox\_L3@sky.com

### *Parties and Private Events*

The Village Hall is a great venue for your family and private parties (no teenage parties) and is available for hire. Children's parties for the under 11's are very popular. The hall is also very suitable for business conferences and training sessions with free wifi installed.

*Lee Cox, Chairman*

## Ton Club

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

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

### Results August to October 2021

#### August 2021

1st prize	no 15	Toby Juggurnauth
2nd prize	no 6	Jenni Williams
3rd prize	no 59	Jan Baldwin

#### September 2021

1st	no 95	Jay & Nikki Griffin
2nd	no 89	Karen & Dave Barlow
3rd	no 43	Mark Bloomfield

#### October 2021

1st	no 86	Mike & Sathie Wilson
2nd	no 35	Sue Jagers
3rd	no 17	Alan Rowett

**Thank you for your Support**

## St Giles' Church

### Harvest Cream Teas

Owing to the Covid Restrictions, instead of a Harvest Fayre and Flower Festival held over two days, we held a *Cream Teas Afternoon* on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. This provided an excellent opportunity to meet up with friends and parishioners and to catch up with people's news over a cup of tea and a cream scone. People were able to sit outside the church and enjoy the sunshine or sit inside and admire beautiful flower arrangements placed on the chancel steps.



In the morning our Harvest Festival Service had been led by the Revd. Canon David Herrick. The choirs from our United Benefice sang a Harvest Anthem, the first anthem performed in church for over a year.

A total of £330 was raised from the sale of cream teas and from the proceeds of a Harvest Hamper Raffle, kindly donated by Jan Baldwin. This money will be used towards the general upkeep of our beautiful and historic village church. A very sincere thank you to the ladies who served the teas and sold the raffle tickets and to everyone who visited the church and supported us in any way to make the afternoon such a successful and happy occasion.

Heather Hays  
Churchwarden



## The Diary

### Her Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting strangely. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long so I thought he was upset by the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it.



Conversation wasn't flowing so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed but he didn't say much. I asked him what was wrong. He said, Nothing. I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it.

On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly and kept driving. I can't explain his behaviour. I don't know why he didn't say I love you too.

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep. I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.



### His Diary:

Motorcycle won't start...can't figure out why.





## St Giles' Nature Reserve

Summer, and the churchyard was alive with activity. Butterflies and moths were very numerous and frequently seen in groups chasing each other in circles above the grasses and wild-flowers and in our beds around the church walls the flowers were filled with the happy buzzings of bees and hover flies. We again took part in the Butterfly Conservation *Big Butterfly Count* and the greatest number we saw of a single species were ten Ringlet butterflies. Whilst our numbers



*Ringlet*

are thriving sadly, across the country, butterflies remain in decline. Why not check their website for tips on how you can help?

On long summer nights we put up a trail camera in the hopes of observing nocturnal visitors. Whilst the results were not stunning, we did regularly film a cat, a squirrel and a single solitary deer - this last very pleasing as the favourite of St Giles himself!

Due to the stalwart efforts of our band of volunteers, we have been able to not only stay on top of the mowing of the formal area of more recent graves but have been able to make a start recovering sections of graves which have been allowed to get overgrown.

This has been made all the more satisfying as we have had many fascinating conversations with people looking for lost graves. Many have agreed with us that it would be nice to develop a project to record a little bit of the history of the people buried in the church yard for posterity.

Inclement weather caused problems for us with our big mow - when we cut the long grass and flowers back for the winter. Normally it is a day's work but we had to spread this over three Saturdays. On the

summer days when we have had to stand having our coffee in the porch looking out at the rain, it is difficult not to think of the environmental challenges facing the whole world....

Now the work begins tidying everything up before winter. The brief moment when the lawns are all cut back and everything is neat and tidy has gone and the leaves have started to fall with a vengeance. St Giles' is blessed with a number of magnificent specimen trees and, if you haven't seen the autumn display as the leaves turn, it is well worth a visit. We have had our first bonfire and everything is starting to take on that autumnal glow!

We have seen a gradual increase in membership this year. If you think you might like to get involved feel free to pop down on a dry Saturday morning for a look round and a coffee or call Russell on 07756 142890.

*Russell Robinson*

## The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys Time to Close



Due to the falling numbers of our membership it is with much regret that the decision has been taken not to re-open in the New Year.

*The Olive Branch* took over from *The Mothers' Union* when that closed, so we have been going for quite a few years. It is always sad to have to close a club but unfortunately circumstances can sometimes change.

We have decided that the money we have in the Bank will go to SENSE which is a charity for deaf and blind children. We have supported this charity in the past.

*Pauline Beaumont & Sheila Davies*

## News from St. Giles' *The Procession of the Seasons*



As I look out of my window, the signs of autumn are on display. Leaves turning yellow, gold, red and brown signal change, cooler temperatures, shorter days. Shortly, we will have changed the clocks and summer will have officially ended. Winter is ahead and beyond that, the hope of Spring. Soon the COP26 conference will have convened in Glasgow and many will be hoping for action from the world's leaders that will secure this procession of the seasons for future generations.

In church, the period covered by this issue of Hallingbury Highlights sees a procession of seasons. November is filled with remembering as we pass through All Saints' Day, bringing to mind our connection to Christians down the ages and across the world. Services of Memory and Hope in November and December invite us to commemorate those who have died recently and commend them to God's keeping once again. Remembrance Sunday this year will be 14<sup>th</sup> November and there will be services to recall those who have died in war time in the service of their country.

At the end of November, we begin the season of Advent. This short and distinctive season risks being swallowed up in preparations for Christmas, but the focus of Advent is hope, looking forward to the return of Jesus Christ, making all things new. Traditionally, this is a time to reflect and consider how we live now, in the light of eternity.

Christmas comes next with Carol Services in St Giles' and other local churches on 19<sup>th</sup> December. Crib Services and Communion Services will take place on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrating the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Details of services in the Hallingburys can be found in the list of services in this magazine.

Epiphany, which focusses on the visit of the Wise Men and which is the high point of Christmas celebrations in many countries, comes in January. For Christians, Epiphany sees a change of emphasis from the very human story of the Holy Family, finding refuge in a stable where Mary gave birth to her first child, to the wider global significance of Jesus.

Epiphany runs from 6<sup>th</sup> January to Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. There is an old custom that, rather than taking down the Christmas decorations on the twelfth night, they should be left until Candlemas; though by that time the Christmas tree may be no more than a skeleton, having dropped all its needles. The point here is that the celebration of Jesus coming to live as one of us continues from Christmas Eve right through to 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Candlemas is a turning point. It is the start of the period of preparation for Lent which is itself a season of preparation for Easter. Attention moves from the celebration of Jesus' birth to his work and ministry and especially to his death and resurrection. But that lies ahead and is beyond the scope of this issue. We invite you to join us for some or all of the procession of seasons that lies ahead.

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

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## Malcolm Walter Clarke



Malcolm Clarke, *Nobby*, of Bedlars Green sadly passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. His funeral was at St Giles' on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Many people will recall that Nobby was a long time member of the Great Hallingbury Carpet Bowls Club and also, for a time, the caretaker of the Village Hall. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

## St. Giles' Church 100 Club



August - October 2021

### August Winners

<b>No. 72</b>	<b>Kate Fuller</b>	<b>£30</b>
<b>No. 41</b>	<b>Chris Harding</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>No. 64</b>	<b>Enid Russell</b>	<b>£10</b>

### September Winners

<b>No. 108</b>	<b>Elaine Sheppard</b>	<b>£30</b>
<b>No. 65</b>	<b>Marion King</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>No. 17</b>	<b>Doreen Milton</b>	<b>£10</b>

### October Winners

<b>No. 96</b>	<b>Karen Milton</b>	<b>£30</b>
<b>No. 67</b>	<b>Brian Beaumont</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>No. 120</b>	<b>Roger Beeching</b>	<b>£10</b>

The prize money is 50% of the membership fees taken each month.

The remaining 50% will be used to help maintain the fabric of our beautiful and historic village church.

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

Tel: 01279651851

E-Mail: philipandheatherhays@  
googlemail.com

## United Benefice Services December 2021 - March 2022

G = St Giles' M = St Mary's

M	Dec 5	10 am	Morning Worship
G	Dec 12	10 am	Holy Communion
M	Dec 19	10 am	Holy Communion
G	Dec 19	6 pm	<b>Carol Service</b>
M	Dec 24	3 pm	<b>Crib Service</b>
M	Dec 24	11.30 pm	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
G	Dec 25	10 am	Holy Communion <b>Christmas Day</b>
*	Dec 26	10.30 am	Six Villages Holy Communion
M	Jan 2	10 am	Morning Worship <b>Epiphany</b>
G	Jan 9	10 am	Holy Communion
M	Jan 16	10 am	Holy Communion
G	Jan 23	10 am	Morning Worship
M	Jan 31	10 am	Holy Communion <b>Candlemas</b>
M	Feb 6	10 am	Morning Worship
G	Feb 13	10 am	Holy Communion
M	Feb 20	10 am	Holy Communion
G	Feb 27	10 am	Morning Worship

\* St Stephen, Hatfield Broad Oak

In addition to the Sunday services listed above there will be an on-line service of Morning Worship held at 11.30am each Sunday. For Zoom codes for these services send an email to 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: [www.hallingburychurches.co.uk](http://www.hallingburychurches.co.uk)



Great Hallingbury Village Hall

# CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

*Raising funds to improve the Village Hall*

**Saturday, 4th December, 2021**

**Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7 pm for 7.30 pm**

£5 per person - table of 6 or 8 or join another group.

Reservation essential. Please phone Sally on 01279 658751

**GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE**

**Bring your own food and drink**

**Have another convivial evening Support the Village Hall**

**Happy Christmas**

## Calendar

### December 2021

- 4 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - *Quiz Night* - 7 for 7.30 pm
- 7 District Councillors' Ward Surgery - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 2 - 4 pm
- 10/11 St Mary's, Little Hallingbury - Christmas Tree Festival - 10 am - 4.30 pm
- 11 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 12 St Mary's, Little Hallingbury - Christmas Tree Festival - 12 pm - 4.30 pm

### January 2022

- 10 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 7 pm
- 12 History Society - *The Great Plague in Essex* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 17 Great Hallingbury Residents Meeting - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 22 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm

### February 2022

- 9 History Society - *The History of Panama* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 12 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 23 Great Hallingbury WI - Village Hall 7.30 pm

### March 2022

- 5 Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 - 3.30 pm  
Woodside Green 3.40 - 4.10 pm
- 7 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 7 pm
- 9 History Society - *Three Men Without a Boat* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 20 Great Hallingbury Village Litter Pick
- 21 Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall 8 pm
- 23 Great Hallingbury WI - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 26 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - *Quiz Night* - 7 for 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, 10th January 7 pm Village Hall

Monday, 7th March 7 pm Village Hall

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
Monday, 21st March at 8 pm