

Fyfield Focus



August/September 2017

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LIZ SCOOPS FIRST PRIZE



Liz & Ken Bird of 19 Walker Avenue were judged to have the top entry in the 2017 Fyfield Best Kept Front Garden contest. The runners up were:

Val & Peter Taylor of the Barn, Willingale Road and Brenda Baillie of The Oaks, Norwood End.

Liz receives the first prize of £50 of garden centre vouchers. Well done Liz.

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Please don't forget to use the shop and Post Office as much as you can. Without your patronage it may have to close making Fyfield another village on the list of rural areas without a live centre.

Mobile Mast Update

At long last Fyfield will benefit from a strong and reliable mobile phone signal.

Telefonica will be erecting a 25 metre mobile phone mast on White Chicks Farm in the near future enabling O2 and Vodafone customers a strong 3G and 4G signal and with potential for hosting future technological advances. There are also a number of MVNO (Mobile Virtual Network Operators) like Tesco, Sky, Giffgaff and TalkTalk who piggyback on these two national networks and will also provide the service to their customers.

Norwood End Misery

Residents of Norwood End are having to put up with trial bikes and 4x4 vehicles speeding down the By Ways that lead out of Norwood End. As the By Ways are classed as roads it is perfectly legal for them to be used by any vehicle but the residents are worried that the speed limits are not being observed and that there is potential for serious accidents to occur. Essex Highways Department can do nothing about the problem but advise residents to report any issues to the Police using the 101 telephone service.

See the Focus in Colour On-Line at www.fyfieldfocus.org.uk

Village Diary 2017



01-Aug	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
05-Aug	Poppets Day Nursery Open Day & BBQ	Poppets, 11.30am
06-Aug	Celebration Cream Teas At The Church	The Church, 2pm
16-Aug	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
01-Sep	St. Nicholas Church - Organ Recital	The Church, 7pm
05-Sep	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
07-Sep	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
11-Sep	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
13-Sep	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
20-Sep	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
27-Sep	WI Lunch - Just Desserts	Village Hall, 12 Noon
30-Sep	Village Hall Family Quiz	Village Hall, 7pm
03-Oct	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
05-Oct	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
09-Oct	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
11-Oct	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
18-Oct	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
02-Nov	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
08-Nov	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
13-Nov	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
15-Nov	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
Dec	Fyfield Christmas Lunch	Village Hall, TBA
07-Dec	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
11-Dec	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm

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Having the first word....*Having the first word*



Welcome to another 56 page edition of the Focus. Thankfully, we have not had the technical issues we encountered last month when the magazine was 98% complete and Ian's

computer crashed and we lost the lot! Our apologies again to the Bowls Club for not including their report, to Haskett for not including their advert and to Tony Boyce for including the wrong version of his article.

In August The Church are celebrating the completion of all the repairs to the Church and invite everyone to join them on 6th August at the Church to enjoy a Cream Tea (£5 per head) and raise funds for the Church. Marcus Dain has written a very informative article about all the work that has gone into making our Church a safe and sound place for us all to enjoy. He also provides a link to a video which Stephen Lamb (youngest son of Kate & Les Lamb) has produced using a drone to capture our Church from the air. Poppets Day Nursery are holding an Open Day and Barbeque on 5th August - see their advert for further details.

On 1st September the Church are holding an Organ Recital with refreshments - tickets £10 from Carol Cox - further details inside. The WI are holding a Just Desserts Lunch on 27th September - see the village diary and the WI Report for further details.

On the 30th September there is a Family Quiz at the Village Hall which will be a fun and relaxed affair and is being held

to raise money to help towards all the refurbishment works that are being carried out in the Club Room and other parts of the Village Hall facility. The Village Hall Committee are also looking for fund raising ideas and sponsorship to complete the refurbishment - please see the Village Hall News for further details.

I am very pleased to receive and publish a report from Dr. Walker's School and we would like to thank a Parent Governor (Julie Pailthorpe) for volunteering to do this; it is always a pleasure to publish news about our village school and its pupils. Rev. Christine Hawkins has provided a very thoughtful letter which reaches out to everyone and reflects her genuine care for us all. I have had enormous pleasure meeting Nathan Mack who is 12 years old and has just appeared in the Walt Disney film *Beauty and the Beast*; you can learn about him and his recent adventure in the *In Conversation With* article.

Again this month we have attracted some new advertisers Laura Thorogood (who grew up in Fyfield) from The Buckhurst Hill & Woodford School of Dancing who will be providing Dancing Classes at the Village Hall, Andy Long from Willingale who is providing Painting and Gardening services, Hatfield Heath Bridge Club are again offering Bridge lessons starting in September and a Fyfield based company who has a job vacancy on offer.

Enjoy the Summer recipes in the Cookery Column and enjoy the rest of your Summer.

Cheryl Hadley,
Editor

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education. Applicants for university and other further education are particularly encouraged.

Applications for assistance should be sent to the Clerk to the Governors: Mr P Gilbert, 11 Roxwell Road Chelmsford CM1 2LY, to arrive no later than the first full week in September. Details of the Foundation may be obtained from the Chairman or any of the Foundation Governors listed below:

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Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins



I wonder if you watched the BBC drama ‘Broken’ recently? It is a six-part drama, written by Jimmy McGovern and set in the north of England. Sean Bean stars as a Roman

Catholic Priest, Father Michael Kerrigan, who in every fibre of his being is a fantastically good priest. He believes in the power of prayer but also in the power of practical effort; turning up at the doors of his poverty-stricken parishioners not only to offer spiritual support, but also food vouchers.

Sean Bean portrays the life of a priest with honesty and accuracy. Fr. Kerrigan is sometimes just an ‘ordinary Joe’ – when he is in the pub with his brothers or in bed alongside his dying mother, holding her hand through the night; but at other times he is definitely the Parish Priest – someone who is meant to have all the answers; to come up with the goods every time in his parishioners’ hour of need; someone to whom his community looks for stability, hope, instruction and support, but who is never meant to ask for those things for himself. He is a man who seems to be known and respected as a priest; someone who is significant in the lives of his parishioners.

The series is causing me to reflect on my own priesthood, my own ministry here amongst the good folk of Bobbingworth, Fyfield, Moreton and Willingale. We live in a privileged part of our country, the polar opposite of Father Kerrigan’s parish, yet I know there are some people who are struggling, daily, in many different ways. Ours is not an area where poverty is obvious, yet I suspect there is hidden poverty in every one of our villages. My task, the task I accepted, joyfully, when I was appointed here is to hear the cry of your hearts and to serve you all.

The Church of England differs from the Roman Catholic Church because we are the national church of our country and Anglican priests are meant to minister to the whole community, whether people have a Christian faith or not. I am not saying here that RC priests do not minister to anyone other than their faithful parishioners, as many of them do, but the call to Anglican ministry is distinctive – it is to *everyone* in the parish.

How can I, effectively, be a priest to all of you and to the people of Lavers and Matching Benefice when they come under my care at the end of July? I am fortunate to have the Reverend Albert Watson and his wife Pam in my team – I don’t know how I would manage without them – and we hope to recruit a further team member, a priest who will live in the Lavers Rectory, later this year. Yet the question remains – how can we serve you? How can we be a ‘presence’ in each community so that each one of you

feels that you know your priest as someone who can accompany you in good times and in bad; someone who is knitted to the fabric of village life in a meaningful way and who also is the bearer of Christian hope for all of you?

I aspire to be the kind of priest that Father Kerrigan is, someone who is above everything else, faithful to God but who is also known and trusted in his community. I do not want to be a remote figure - one who can only be found via an answering machine in The Rectory, but I need to discover ways in which I can become more accessible to all of you. Please bear with me as I continue to develop links with you. I know – have heard – that some of you have commented that you do not see me and do not know me. It is my sincere hope that, in time, many of you will know me and the other members of my team and

will feel able to come to us to share your struggles as well as your joys, but also to seek to know more about God; the God who inspired me, Rev Albert and Fr. Kerrigan to answer a call to the ministry of a priest in God's church; the God who loves each one of us exactly as we are.

'Broken' is still available for catch up on BBC i-player – it's worth a watch!

Blessings, Chris

*Reverend Christine Hawkins
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Dear Dog Walkers of Fyfield,

This letter is a simple and polite request to ask dog walkers to show consideration for others whilst exercising their pets on the sports field.

I myself am a dog walker and walk my dogs every day, but I always keep them on the lead on the sports field. They are only allowed off the lead on the fields beyond and only if it safe to do so. I am mindful that not everyone shares my love of dogs and do not appreciate them running loose, jumping up and generally being a nuisance. The sports field is used by families with young children and elderly residents both of which could be seriously hurt if knocked over, even by the friendliest of dogs! Just this week an elderly neighbour was walking her dog on the sports field, on the lead, and was rushed at by a large loose dog which caused her dog to jolt her so violently she has seriously injured her neck and shoulder.

Another issue is the dogs mess! I have witnessed on numerous occasions, loose dogs going to the toilet on the field and the owners are paying so little attention to what their dog is doing that they don't know where they have been and, therefore, do not clear it up!

I personally, and I know other residents share my view, think that there should be a "dogs on leads only" on the sports field rule in place, and think that this is an issue that the parish council should look at. However, while this is not in place, please dog walkers, it's not hard, show a bit of respect and consideration for other residents and our village sports field.

From a dog loving, dog walking, long term Fyfield resident.

Paula Lewis.

(Paula, your letter has been brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Parish Council and is being put on the agenda for the September Council Meeting - Editor.)



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ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, September 1 at 7pm St Nicholas' Church

On Friday, September 1 at 7pm Organ Scholar, Oliver Neale will give an organ recital in Fyfield Church, which will be followed by refreshments. Oliver has recently been appointed organ scholar at Exeter Cathedral. From an early age, he discovered his love of the instrument through practising on the distinguished Eustace Ingram organ in Fyfield church. It gives great satisfaction to know that we played a part in encouraging the development of his considerable musical talents. Oliver will play a wide-ranging program of pieces by Bach, Karg-Egert and Messiaen designed to demonstrate the qualities of the organ in our village church.

Tickets for the event, which Oliver is performing to raise funds for the church in appreciation of the access he has always been given to our organ: £10 – may be obtained from:

Carol Cox, 01277 899245



Celebration Cream Teas

St. Nicholas' Church - Fyfield

Sunday 6th August - 2pm to 5pm

To celebrate the works being carried out on the Belfry and Tower of our village Church we are serving cream teas (£5 - Scone, Jam, Cream & Tea/Coffee) and providing our customers with an opportunity to take a look around the Belfry.

Please come along and join in the celebration.

All Funds being raised for Friends of St. Nicholas' Church

Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Priest in Charge: Reverend Christine Hawkins: telephone: 01277 286113
Churchwardens: Marcus Dain telephone: 01277 899590
David Bessell telephone: 07886 075889

During August, there will be just one service in the Benefice each Sunday, as follows:

Aug	6	11:00am Family Communion - Bobbingworth
	13	11:00am Family Communion - Fyfield
	20	9:30am Family Communion - Moreton
	27	9:30am Family Communion - Willingale
Sept	3	11:00am Morning Prayer
	10	11:00am Holy Communion
	24	11:00am Family Service

Church Spire and Roof



The last ridge tile being put on the Porch Roof

The repairs to the spire and roof of your village church are now complete; the scaffolding gone and the site (almost) cleared. Nobody passing the church can fail to spot the glorious golden shingles now covering the spire. Oh, yes; and the clock is back telling the correct time. Now is the time to say "Thank you" to the various people who have made this possible.

When I became churchwarden nearly three decades ago, one of my first challenges was to learn precisely where to place each of the many buckets which caught the water coming through the roof of this 900 years old building. The church was in an advanced state of dilapidation; water coming through the roof, broken windows and heating so dangerous we simply used portable gas heaters. The lighting was inadequate and was run through sixty-years-old cloth-covered wiring and the drainage system for water coming off the roof had given up years before, leaving the surrounding ground waterlogged. Daunting does not describe how I regarded the list of problems.

One day in 2002 I was invited to a meeting at Laurie King's home. I arrived to find a group of residents who made me an offer. If I would coordinate all the repairs necessary to restore our parish church, they would undertake to find the considerable funds the work would need. This was the inaugural meeting of the Friends of St

Nicholas' Church. So thanks, first, to Laurie King, finance expert, who took the problem of raising the money by the scruff of its neck and got funds moving our way. The other founder members owed thanks are Alan Cook, Annette King, Paul Gilbert, Mary Ellis, Peter and Carol Gabriel and Paul Green. If I have omitted anybody, I apologise.

Through the intervening years, we have repaired and insulated the nave roof, re-roofed the north aisle and the organ chamber and then the south aisle. We rebuilt the battlements, installed new soakaways, rebuilt guttering, rewired the entire building and fitted low-energy lighting. Next we installed up-to-date central heating and fitted security lighting. Once we were satisfied that the building was weathertight, we redecorated throughout. Problems along the way included thieves stealing the new lead from the roof of the north aisle. They came back for it night after night but by their third attempt, we had managed to install a roof alarm and that problem was resolved – until recently. Another emergency was the discovery of asbestos in the organ chamber. Once again, the Friends came up with the funds and within days we had removed the asbestos, with the added bonus that we gained a more powerful blower for the organ. Along the way, we repaired brickwork and buttresses and the timbers in the belfry – at the same time arranging for all our timbers to be dendrochronologically dated. Following a burglary and, later, some petty theft, we installed CCTV. Finally, we were left with just the spire, the chancel roof and the roof of the porch to repair and now even those jobs have been completed. Grateful thanks are due again to the Friends for the money they contributed and especially to Julie

Robinson for her unstinting work in securing the enormous grant we needed for this final push. It is appropriate also to thank the builder, Caters and the architect, David Fergusson, who did everything possible to make sure the job was completed on schedule and on budget. Thanks also to Alan Cook, who took the opportunity of the refurbishment of the louvred section of the spire to install Swift boxes.

During this last project, we have been plagued with thieves trying again to steal the lead from the roof. My thanks go to Chris Hayes (Small Works) who turned out for me one night at 2am to get me up on the roof to remove the tape they had put on the alarm sensors. My thanks also to the Bishop and Archdeacon for giving emergency permission for additional security measures without the bureaucracy of a faculty application.

Throughout all these jobs so many others have contributed to make the restoration possible. I cannot name everybody but must mention the members of the Parochial Church Council and, especially, the ever-dependable Carol Cox, who works tirelessly for the wellbeing of her church. Thanks also to Wendy Henshaw, who so kindly took on the church finances. Neither of them ever lets us down.

Finally, let me thank all the other villagers who quietly support their village church. You know who you are and I am grateful to you all beyond words. It is inevitable that a church of this age will need future maintenance and repairs but I am pleased to confirm that the project started all those years ago to address the long-term dilapidations is complete and your village

church has no major problems left to address.

Readers are invited to contact me if they would like to arrange a guided tour of its many interesting – and some secret – features. You can also see an excellent video of the church on YouTube. It was taken using a drone by Stephen Lamb, a newly-graduated student of Chelmsford college, who has kindly given permission to pass on the following link:
<https://youtube/PG6H-Nm6RDg>

Marcus Dain, Churchwarden

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everybody who continues to support this important charity. In addition to the box for food donations in the church, you can also leave food donations in a Food Bank collection box in Fyfield Stores.

Food Bank provides food to families and individuals in desperate need who have nowhere else to turn. Food Bank works in conjunction with organisations such as Citizens Advice who arrange for food to be provided to people who, without it, would have, literally, nothing with which to feed their families.

Partner charities, such as Citizens Advice use the limited time for which food aid is provided to help the recipient back on to their feet. Your kindness in donating to Food Bank is essential to helping people to become self-sufficient once again. Thank you again.

PROBLEMS? Nowhere to turn for advice?

For a start, there is lots of useful information about a wide range of issues on the advice website:

www.adviceguide.org.uk

If you have a problem and have no idea what to do about it, Citizens Advice is there to help you. They are friendly and welcoming and are not judgemental. They offer free, confidential advice on every problem: Debt, Housing, Relationships, Consumer, Employment, Benefits, Law – Rights & Responsibilities, Healthcare, Education and lots more. In addition, they provide support and representation in the County Court for people facing repossession of their homes.

There are Bureaux at Harlow and Epping. Harlow opening hours are:
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St Mary's Church, Moreton

Sept 3 9.30am Holy Communion
17 9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving

St Germain's Church, Bobbingworth

Sept 3 11.00am Family Service
17 11.00am Family Communion

St Christopher's Church, Willingale

Sept 10 9.30am Family Service
17 6.00pm Evening Prayer
24 9.30am Holy Communion

Helen Simpson

A Brief Appreciation

Helen Simpson lived in the centre of Fyfield Village for many years, having moved here from the Midlands with her husband, Brian, in the late 1980s. They soon became well-known and loved members of the local community. Sadly, after a long period of failing health, Helen died in Princess Alexandra Hospital on 13th June, in her 87th year. Helen's family are planning a Celebration of her life on Friday 13th October at St Nicholas' Church and at the Village Hall. On Wednesday 28th June, some of Helen's closest friends arranged an impromptu gathering at St Nicholas' Church at 9.0am, the time of her cremation.

The Rev. Christine Hawkins was asked for her help and she led the forty or so people present, providing them with the opportunity to say their Goodbyes to a dear friend and neighbour in a loving and peaceful atmosphere. Christine invited everyone to share their memories of Helen over the years and many did so, speaking of her friendship and her commitment to

village life. We are all grateful to Christine Hawkins for her swift and sympathetic response to a communal need to express our love and grief over the loss of a very good friend and neighbour.



Helen had herself experienced the grief of bereavement, losing her husband, Brian, to cancer in 1999 and just a few years earlier their two-year old granddaughter died from leukaemia.

Helen was an extremely capable and well-organised person; she had worked in local government and as a GP Practice Manager, and her energy and talents were put to good use in Fyfield. After joining the WI, Helen served as Secretary on the

Committee for 23 years, retiring only a year ago, and was always a loyal and enthusiastic member. In the wider community, Helen and her friend and neighbour, Rita Barnard, ran a weekly social club for senior citizens, based at Frank Bretton House in Ongar, for over 16 years. Helen also helped organise Village Hall fund-raising activities and was a very good neighbour. We will all miss her very much.

Patti Nicholson

New Service Launched to Help Maintain Loved One's Final Resting Place

A new service has been launched in the area caring for graves on behalf of relatives who are unable to do this themselves, either through distance or infirmity.

Judith Farr, who until the end of January worked for Ongar Town Council, will visit and tend graves for relatives and deliver fresh flowers.

Judith said "When I was working for the council relatives often used to ask me if staff could look after graves for them. Unfortunately this was not something the council was able to do and so I thought I would offer this service myself. The cemetery is always something I have felt passionately about. I enjoy working with people and have empathy with the relatives. It is one of those times when you need people to be helpful and sympathetic and having someone they can talk to makes a huge difference."

Services offered include maintenance around the headstone and edge of plots, the washing of memorials, memorial inspections, the delivery of freshly cut flowers as well as help with grave tracing and photographs for genealogists. Judith will visit cemeteries in Epping Forest District, Harlow, Chelmsford and Uttlesford.

She added "Summer is now here and this is the time of year when vegetation is growing fast. Regular care and attention can make a big difference when caring for graves and keep them in the best possible condition."

Her experience with cemetery records was highlighted in the BBC programme Family Finders where she reunited members of a family, where one lived in Hertfordshire and the other relative lived in Australia, who had a relative buried in Ongar Cemetery, Love Lane.

Working with her husband, Judith has set up D & J Cemetery Care which offers a bespoke service tailored to client's individual requirements.

For more information, write to Mrs Judith Farr, D & J Cemetery Care, 60 St Michael's Drive, Roxwell, Essex, CM1 4NU or call 07729 005295. More information can also be found at the D & J Cemetery Care website www.dandjcemeterycare.co.uk

Fyfield Art Group

We met for our last session on 17th July and are having a break and returning on 9th September. As always we would welcome some more members for a relaxing morning painting or drawing from 10.00a.m. till 12 noon, in the Monica Couling room, Fyfield Village Hall.

Wendy Henshaw



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Fyfield Neighbourhood Watch



Fyfield has officially joined the national NhW scheme and we now have good contacts with the organisation concerned with our region.

Being a member of the NhW family is already starting to provide benefits. We now receive and share crime updates which have included information on burglaries, antisocial behaviour and thefts that have occurred close to our parish. Along with advice on how to prevent and report crime, such as the incidents of dangerous and antisocial behaviour (see below for details).

Over the next few weeks we will be placing NhW signs on the routes into Fyfield and find ways to distribute the printed materials available to us.

There are two ways to receive NhW updates electronically.

- 1) Join the members' only Facebook group. You will firstly need a Facebook account which is free and easy to setup. Then search for FyfieldGrapevine and click the option to request membership. Updates will be posted onto the FyfieldGrapevine page which you will then see.
- 2) If you would prefer to receive updates via e-mail then send an e-mail message to fyfieldgrapevine@hotmail.com with your name. Your e-mail address will be added to a secure distribution list and you will receive the updates in an e-mail. Your address will not be shared or used for any other purpose other than NhW.

Without an active membership the scheme will fail. So please do join in, it will cost you nothing. The intention of NhW is to raise awareness, not to scare, and we are informed by successful NhW groups that it can bring a community closer together.

Antisocial Behaviour in Norwood End

Residents of Norwood End have reported that some motorcyclists are riding dangerously on the narrow byways that run from Blackcat down to the village. The advice received from regional NhW and Essex Highways is to report incidents to the police on their 101 non-emergency number. Please provide the police with as much information as possible to help with their investigations.

Our regional NhW coordinator will escalate the issue at Epping wide NhW meetings attended by the police, and we have placed NhW signs along the byway.

Your Fyfield NhW coordinators are Barbara Saward and Les Lamb. Please do contact us if you have any questions.

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St. Nicholas' Church

You will have read an article from Marcus Dain about the work that has been completed over the last 15 years in which he thanks the many people who have helped. But the PCC feels the person who deserves the most thanks is MARCUS who has been tenacious in his supervision of the works, his care of the fabric of the church and recently has been called out several times in the early hours of the morning to prevent the lead being stolen.

His devotion to the church is unparalleled and his knowledge of the fabric of the church is unlimited.

Wendy Henshaw – on behalf of the Church PCC

Fyfield Luncheon Club

We have enjoyed two excellent lunches provided by the Queen's Head enjoying in June Fish and Chips served by Katherine Perry, Lizzie Webster and Jan Hall who also made the delicious desserts.

Then in July we had a lovely quiche and salad from the Queen's Head just right for a hot day and many desserts to choose from all made and served by Julie Robinson, Jan Hall, Fran Homersham and Ann Jackson. Our thanks from the lunch club to the Queen's Head and all the lunch club teams. There isn't a lunch in August at Fyfield but we are going by coach to East Hanningfield W.I. for lunch on Monday August 14th and then on to Maldon for the afternoon. We are leaving Fyfield at 11.30.a.m. We have a few spare seats if anyone would like to join us cost £15. Please phone Wendy 899367 if you would like to come. The next lunch in Fyfield is on September 13th please book in with Wendy the weekend before.

Wendy Henshaw

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all the songs. They delivered the witty script to perfection and the acting was of a standard above and beyond their Primary years. Several children found such courage that they sang solo too. After each of the two performances, some pupils were invited back onto the stage to tell their fond and amusing memories of their rehearsals. It was a joy to see the confidence and sense of humour the children have.

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Fyfield Luncheon Club - Thank You

At the July Luncheon Club Wendy Henshaw and Mary Ellis were presented with a gift to thank them for leading a Luncheon Club team for many years. Both Wendy and Mary were part of the Sunshine Club which became at some point the Fyfield Luncheon Club. Their team retired in April and Jan Hall and Fran Homersham can be seen presenting them with their gifts. *Jan Hall*



Fyfield Village Hall



We have had a busy couple of months since our last news update. As you may well have seen, building work is currently underway at the Hall, and by the time you read this it should be nearing completion. We have refurbished the bar and clubroom, and have installed a new kitchenette in order to make the clubroom an independent space. This should benefit not only the sporting teams that use the clubroom, but also any other hirers that want a smaller space for their function. Our charges for this will be added to our website in the next few weeks. We now have the challenge of funding new furniture and equipment, so if anyone has any bright ideas of how we can raise some more money, please let us know! If you want to sponsor a chair or beer glasses please get in touch.

We have also been working with a football team who will be using the field during the winter months. They are an U18 team, and they are helping us with the refurbishment of the showers. They have been in a poor state for a few years and we are putting in more modern showers with push button timers. This should also be completed by the time this goes to

press. Again, this will be really good for all sports clubs that want to use the Sports Field and the Hall.

In addition to the building work and refurbishment we have some exciting new clubs using the Hall. On a Wednesday evening and a Friday morning a lovely lady called Jade has started a Springbok exercise class. This uses mini trampolines that you use and is good for all ages due to the low impact. The first lesson is free and I can assure you from personal experience it is a huge amount of fun. For more information contact Jade on 07756 575794 or look at her poster on the Village Hall Notice Board.

From September we will also be welcoming Laura Thorogood who will be running ballet classes for children on a Monday afternoon/evening. There are two ballet classes and also a more modern dance class, so if you have any children that want to give it a go, there is a poster on the Village Hall Notice Board with all the details. Laura is a local Fyfield girl, and a hugely talented and experienced dancer, and we wish her all the best.

Another local resident, Eleanor Spanton runs Art Classes at the Hall with each one having a different theme. Eleanor is holding one on 13th August and is focusing on botany. Any level of experience is welcome, and Eleanor is an inspirational teacher. There is a poster in the Village Hall Notice Board with all the details.

Remember we still have our regular clubs, Carpet Bowls on a Tuesday

evening, WD 50+ on a Friday afternoon, Pilates Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and Bridge Club who have always met on a Thursday evening but have now added a Monday afternoon too. Please do come along to any of these clubs, they are welcoming and always good value.

Finally, we are going to hold a Family Quiz night on 30th September at 7 for 7.30pm start. It will be a light-hearted quiz that promises to be good fun. Anyone from 12 to 112 is welcome to come along, and ideally we think a team of 8 is about right. However, if there are only a couple of you, then please still come along and make some new friends. The ticket price is £8 per adult and £4 for U16, and this includes a mini ploughman's. We are also going to be running our new refurbished bar! So come and have a good night out and see the improvements we have made. There is an advert in this edition too, but if you want to book your place call either Marie on 899386 or Elaine on 899306. We would like to know in advance the numbers in order to cater for everyone. Please do try and come and support this, we are working so hard to improve the Village Hall

for everyone and it would be good to see a full house.

We are hoping to plan other events from an intriguing evening of Magic in the New Year, to more informal evenings when families can come along, play some games and have a drink with us. Please watch the website and the Village Hall Notice Board for more information.

Finally, if anyone wants to come along and join our Committee we are always looking for new members with enthusiasm and a desire to see the Village Hall thrive. If you want to come and be part of a forward thinking and inclusive team, then call Marie on 899386. Or if you want to just come along and give a hand with one of our events or have an idea for something you would like to see at the hall, please do get in touch. The Hall is for everyone in Fyfield and the more it is used and enjoyed, the better.

*Marie Apperley,
Chair,
Fyfield Village Hall*

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100 Club

Winning Numbers

	1st	2nd	3rd
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Congratulations & Thank You

A huge thank you to the Village Hall Committee for making our Village Hall so attractive with this year's flower displays. It is such a pleasure to see when visiting the hall or walking past the hall.

Residents of Fyfield and Users of the Village Hall.

Barbara Sutton

2 March 1920 to 20 May 2017

*Service of Thanksgiving Oration
6th June, St. Nicholas' Church*

Good afternoon.

It's lovely to see so many family and friends of my mother in church. I know she would be touched. We are here to celebrate and give thanks for her long and full life.

Where should I start? My mother lived life to the full - for 97 years! Perhaps I should start with her early years. She was born in Northumberland, the youngest of six. She was a quick scholar and loved school. At the age of 18 she came to London, showing remarkable bravery as she knew nobody there. In a short while she joined the BBC as one of the first women engineers, contributing to vital war work on the transmitters. It was a job she loved, being a pioneer, and of which she was very proud all her life. Her story is to be found in the BBC Archives. She met my father Peter at the BBC whom some of you may remember and they had over 40 years of very happy married life.

After some years at the BBC my mother decided on a career change and trained to be a Junior School teacher. She and

my father moved to South Woodford. She worked in Walthamstow for a few years and as well as being a classroom teacher ran a highly successful netball team at Roger Ascham School. This team became known as the Acham's Bash - ems and my mother, with typical resourcefulness, transported the team (7 players) plus 2 reserves, in her Morris Traveller! I wouldn't think you could do exactly the same now!



In 1969 we came to Long Acres in Norwood End. It was ideal - a field for a horse for us to ride, a small orchard and a large garden. I have a vivid memory of my mother flying round on the sit-on mower, cutting the grass at top speed and ducking to avoid low branches of the apple trees. She was nearly always successful.....

Mum was always involved in the local community. She was a teacher at Ongar Junior School and many pupils remember the exciting trips she ran, including plane trips from Stansted. My mother seemed to know everyone in Ongar - a brief (we thought) shopping trip there could take, it seemed, forever, as there were frequent cries of "Barbara!" or "Mrs Sutton!" (from former pupils). Long conversations ensued.

My mother certainly knew everyone in Fyfield. The list of her interests and activities is impressive and I am sure I have left some out. She was Secretary of the PPC here at St Nicholas, a keen member of the WI, on the Parish Council, Chairman of the School Governors at Dr Walker's School and also ran a French conversation class for adults at Quinneys. My mother loved having the house full of people, particularly at Christmas. The Handbell Ringers used to come and we all enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine. Some of us even got the chance to try out the bells!

Now I would like to talk about the family, whom Mum/Grandma adored. Mike and I treasure the memory of her loving and caring for our twins, Katie and Chris, who arrived on Christmas Eve 1983! Quite a Christmas present! My mother of course took it all in her stride. Looking back, this must have been a particularly difficult time for her as my father had died only four months before. When Becca was born, nearly 3 years later, it was exactly the same - a new grandchild to love. Our children relished being with her and she with them. She was always fun to be with - laughing, telling them stories and playing with them. A highlight of the year when they were very young was staying with her for a week at the Eversley Hotel in Ventnor on the Isle of Wight. There were days on the beach, bus trips round the whole island, Blackgang Chine and of course a grown up dinner for all in the evening (no question of an early tea for children - they took all the courses!) They returned for several years. In 2009 there was some role reversal. Katie,

Chris and Becca took my mother to the same hotel and revisited their old haunts. Two years later they took Mum to the Savoy for tea where all enjoyed scones and cake!

I'm trying to show briefly how much my mother was loved as a wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was enthusiastic about everything, sociable and always interested in people. Her determination kept her going for 97 years. At times she didn't hesitate to speak her mind and was respected for it.

To finish, I would like to leave you with some words my mother spoke to me a while ago.

"When I'm gone," she said thoughtfully and paused. I waited, hoping for some wisdom I could impart to the family. Not so. "When I'm gone, make sure you all have a good party to remember me!" That's what we're going to do!

Ruth Jones

Photo on previous page:

Barbara in her 20's at the BBC Daventry (one of the first women engineers at the BBC.

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Fyfield & District W.I.

Fyfield W.I. are saddened by the loss of our former secretary for 23 years Helen Simpson who passed away on 13th June. Helen had suffered from pain for a long time and although we miss her very much at least she is now free from pain.

Several of us went to church on Wednesday 28th June when Helen was being cremated to say our goodbyes. Sadly in May a former W.I. member Barbara Sutton died, Barbara was our press secretary for many years and wrote excellent press reports for us.

At our June meeting our speaker Linda Ketteridge gave a fascinating history of Audley End House. It remained in the same family since Henry VIII gave it to Thomas Audley, a lawyer who was one of the signatories on Anne Boleyn's death warrant. Thomas had no sons so the house was left to his daughter who married the 4th Duke of Norfolk. Unfortunately she died at the early age of 24 and an Uncle brought up her sons as Protestants. He commanded 'The Golden lion' in the battle against the Spanish Armada and was knighted by Elizabeth I.

Thomas Howard was made 1st Earl of Suffolk for allegiance to James I. He was treasurer and was accused of embezzlement, in 1604 he had started to pull down part of the old house in order to build a more prestigious one; but because he was fined £9000 there was no money to complete it. So as it stands today is only a 3rd of the original building. He was disgraced, no friends and future generations left with no money to keep up the repairs. Then Charles II visited the house on his way to the races, this led to drastic measures and the owners sold anything they could to put the house ready to receive royalty.

The 10th Earl of Suffolk married a wealthy brewery heiress so they were able to

entertain again when he died his wife held a country house sale. The Countess of Portsmouth inherited; she was the Granddaughter of the Earl of Suffolk, her nephew Sir John Griffin then inherited. He employed Capability Brown to design the gardens, there is a beautiful specimen of a Cedar of Lebanon planted in 1787, Robert Adam – interior decorator of the day – just did the ground floor, which is painted green. 1st Lord Braybrook had no children so the house went to a cousin, 3rd Lord Braybrook had eight children.

But the house was left to English Heritage and finally bought in 1948 by the Government to manage.

At the July meeting Maggie Piper, a W.I. member for West Hanningfield, came and spoke to us about National Memorial Arboratum, which is in Staffordshire. She showed us pictures of some of the 300 memorials that are in the Arboratum, most of the wood carvings were done by the Essex Woodcarvers. Only one of our members had visited and she and Maggie both recommended it as a wonderful place to visit.

We were pleased to welcome Sandra Mead as a new member in May, and were pleased to welcome two visitors in July and hope they will come and join us.

No meeting in August but next meeting on 7th September when Georgette Vale will demonstrate how to make 3d fabric flowers. On Wednesday 27th September you are invited to come and have your "Just Desserts". We are having a just desserts lunch at £5.00 a dessert or £7.00 for two! Tea or coffee included. From 12.00 until 200.p.m. in Fyfield Village Hall, with a £1 stall and a raffle.

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Out of Focus *(It can't get any worse, or can it!)*

I see that the government are planning to phase out all petrol and diesel cars by 2040! That means that boy racers won't be able to rev up their electric cars at the traffic lights anymore. That is of course if we do end up driving electric vehicles instead of internal combustion engines driven by fossil fuel.

Funny, but it was only a few years ago that we were encouraged to buy diesel cars rather than petrol as it was better for the environment. How long has that piece of advice lasted? Now we are advised to go electric not forgetting to carry the spare batteries from all of our cordless devices just in case there is a nationwide power cut. There are, no doubt, some interesting ways of ensuring that you have sufficient power with you on long journeys - make the passengers drive a generator by pedalling, have a solar panel on the roof (a genuine sun roof) and for those in Northern Ireland, a method of plugging your car into the car next to you at traffic lights, they could call it power sharing! But all is not lost as I suspect the major oil companies are working on an alternative as we speak. Guaranteed to be non-fossil based, non-pollutant and costing about the same as current day fuel does. It is bound to work in existing petrol and diesel engines (after a small modification) and will result in consigning all electric vehicles to golf clubs and milk distribution centres.

They always say that people know exactly where they were when Kennedy was assassinated. That is probably true of my age group and there are no doubt other instances in history where this is

true. One instance for me was my first viewing of Star Wars in 1978 around the same time as Saturday Night Fever and Grease. It was this that made me watch the BBC Proms the other night when they featured the film music of John Williams which to date is around 100 films, including Jaws, ET, Schindler's list and, of course, Star Wars. The programme saved Star Wars opening theme until last and, as always, I particularly enjoyed the swelling of the string section that follows the main theme played by the brass section. I always class Star Wars along with 2nd World War films featuring the RAF especially as the music is interchangeable. For example 633 Squadron music could easily have been the Star Wars theme and vice versa. Well done John Williams, please have a word with Woody Allen.

Out in the universe somewhere is an object that does not appear like any other that scientists have observed. One expert has suggested that it is a star that is surrounded by solar panels to maximise the power of the object. Who knows, but apparently our own Sun produces enough power in one minute to provide the whole of the USA with enough energy for one year. Interesting stuff this. We know that our natural resources won't last forever and the obvious replacements are solar, wind and tidal power. Maybe it's time for Fyfield to volunteer for a solar panel experiment. I am suggesting that Fyfield is covered by a very large cluster of panels held up by mobile phone masts. The underside could have blue sky and

white clouds projected onto it a bit like the inside of the Caesars Palace shopping mall. Any rain could be collected by the panels and stored into giant silos until night time when it is released as rain until the morning. On the other hand, maybe we should not bother. Stephen Hawking has said that we should start to search the universe and look for another home like Earth. We know that we could get hit by an asteroid at any time or destroy ourselves with nuclear weapons plus we also know that failing these cataclysms, our Sun will die in a few billion years' time taking us with it. Rather than subject Fyfield to wind turbines, solar panels and water mills on the Roding I suggest we should concentrate on moving to Mars or the Moon or even Ongar.

Ian Hadley
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Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)



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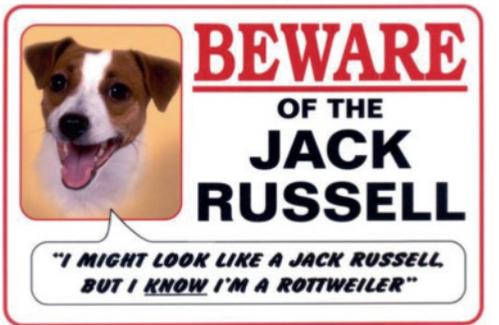
The other day I went to Norwood End and guess what - I didn't fall off the end of the earth or get

lost in the jungle. In fact, I met a nice whippet called Holly. I can run fast but not that fast. If I were a rabbit I would keep well away from Norwood End. The crops are growing high again and unless you are a tall dog it is hard to check what might be round the next corner or field lying in wait for me. That works both ways as I often come round a corner and surprise unsuspecting rabbits. When I was young I would have

chased them but now I'm 5 years old I prefer to eat at home especially Simpsons Kangaroo or Buffalo dog food from Bubbles. I usually eat them with Brexit for dogs which I have straight from the packet without any water. I much prefer hard Brexit as it helps me take back control of my indigestion.

Anyway, I'm off to test out Time Dilation. They say that clocks go slower the faster you run so I am going to run very fast for 5 minutes. Normal clocks will have gone for 5 hours while I have been running which means that when I stop it will be tea time! Hooray!!

*Bye for now.
Archie*



Letter from the Chairman



At the last Parish Council Meeting we discussed the proposal from Telefonica to build a mobile phone mast at White Chicks Farm, Willingale Road, under Permitted Development. Under the terms of

Permitted Development the only objections can be on the grounds of location or appearance. If no suitable private site can be found for the mast then a site can be imposed such as at the roadside as is the case in most towns. The meeting was attended by a group of residents from the Willingale Road area who objected to the selected location. The Parish Council did not support their objections as they felt that the need for a reliable mobile phone signal in Fyfield was long overdue and that the chosen site was acceptable. Essex County Councillor, Maggie McEwen agreed to raise the matter at the next EFDC Planning East Committee for discussion by the EFDC committee members. At the EFDC meeting a spokesman for the residents put their case and the committee discussed the issue and decided that the

application to build the mast should be passed.

The Webcast of the discussion at EFDC can be found on:

https://eppingforestdc.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/296428

Cllr. Les Lamb was voted Vice Chairman replacing Ken Webb who recently resigned from the council due to other commitments. Cllr. Sayward updated the members on the latest progress in establishing a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Fyfield and a report from Cllr. Lamb detailing the latest Public Rights of Way issues was circulated.

The new playing equipment is proving to be much appreciated and the Sports Field is being well maintained by Skippers Ground Maintenance.

The next meeting is on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm.

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Fyfield Parish Council

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy on Fyfield Parish Council for a new Councillor; The Parish Council gets involved in a wide range of issues including planning and development, open spaces and leisure, highways and local environmental matters. We will be filling vacancies by co-option at our meeting on the evening of 11th September.

If you are interested in joining the team and helping the local community, please do contact us by 30th August 2017 for more details or to express your interest.

To be considered for co-option, candidates must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Be registered as a Local Government Elector for the Parish on the current Electoral Register.
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In Conversation With

Nathan Mack

28 June 2017

Nathan Mack is 12 years old, lives in Dunmow and is a Scout with the 1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group.



He has belonged to the group for 5 years joining as a Beaver at the age of seven then moving up to Cubs and then to Scouts.

Nathan enjoys many aspects of being a Scout. He finds it fun, interesting, likes

being part of an organisation which gets involved with the community and has made lots of good friends. Nathan thinks the 1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group are very well managed and the leaders work very hard to provide a broad variety of activities. He enjoys learning new skills and particularly life and emergency skills which last year he was able to use when he saw that there was a leaking radiator in the house which he was able to efficiently and confidently deal with by getting towels and buckets unprompted; very impressive for someone who was only 11 years old!

In addition to his Scouting interests Nathan has been attending Stage School on a Saturday afternoon since he was 7 years old where he develops his acting, singing and dancing skills. It was soon after he joined the Stage School that his drama teacher approached Nathan's parents and advised them they should consider getting Nathan an agent. After some thought and discussion

with Nathan they started the process of finding and agreeing a contract with an agent. Within five days of the contract being signed Nathan got a call for an audition to appear in a TV drama directed by Danny Boyle which he was successful in securing and he has also appeared in a TV documentary.

Nathan's agent put his CV forward to Disney for a part in the latest film version of *Beauty and the Beast* and Nathan was called for an audition. In the first audition he was one of many but in his second audition he was one of eight and three days later his Mum was advised that Nathan had been successful and had got the role of Chip. Nathan's reaction on hearing the news was that his Mum was playing a joke on him!

Due to Disney's desire to keep the details of the film a surprise, Nathan and his parents



Nathan Mack as Chip in Walt Disney Film Beauty & The Beast

couldn't share any details of the film with anyone or the experience they were all about to live through until the film was about to be released. The cast started to be announced in April 2015 with the main photography taking place at Shepperton Studios starting in May and ending on 21 August 2015. As you would expect from a Disney film the cast is made up of many famous and talented actors such as Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans, Kevin Kline, Josh Gad, Ewan McGregor, Stanley Tucci, Ian McKellen, Emma Thompson, Audra McDonald etc. Chip (Nathan) is the son of Mrs. Potts' (Emma

Thompson) who is the Head Housekeeper at the Beast's Castle. The staff at the castle have been transformed into everyday items and Chip has been transformed into a china cup with a chip in it and Mrs. Potts a china teapot.

During the twelve weeks filming at Shepperton Studios Nathan worked three days a week (Wednesday to Saturday). He was picked up from home (along with his Mum) and was chauffeur driven in a Limousine to the Studios and stayed overnight in a hotel returning home Saturday evening; he was even chauffeur driven in a Limousine to travel a 100 yards on one occasion! Nathan expressed how amazing the experience of the filming, costume fitting, make-up, voice work and working with the crew and cast was. He added that all the cast without exception were really nice and fun to work with. They were very helpful and he was included in everything. Nathan's Mum mentioned that Emma Thompson kept giving him lots of cuddles! On the second day on set it was his 10th birthday and the cast made a big fuss of him. Emma Watson, Emma Thompson, Luke Evans and Nathan share the same birthday! Nathan also remembered that the food was 'brilliant' and there was also a sweet stall which you could help yourself to. On the day of the Premiere on 23rd February this year Nathan along with his Mum and Dad were picked up from home at 2pm and driven to Spencer House at St. James's Place, London for the press run which involved 40 camera crews and reporters. The Premiere was held that evening in Leicester Square and was followed by an After Party.

Nathan expressed what a magical experience it has all been and he feels very fortunate. He doesn't talk about the experience in his day to day life. He really enjoys doing interviews as he can re-live the experience and he also enjoys auditions. His advice to anyone his age who goes for auditions is to be very relaxed, have fun and enjoy the experience.

If you don't get the role it's not negative it's just not right for you.

Nathan thinks the Beauty and the Beast is a great film for everyone and the music is very powerful; he particularly likes 'Ever More' which is sung by The Beast. He also expressed that Disney have made this amazing experience even more amazing through their generosity and thoughtfulness throughout and in particular in providing a Private Screening of the film (with cake and balloons) for him and 140 family and friends on his 12th birthday.

Nathan has a very expressive face and is clearly talented and I can imagine most casting directors being impressed by him. What impressed me the most about Nathan is that he is considerate, caring and yet at the same time fun to be with and he has his feet firmly on the ground. I thanked Nathan for agreeing to do the interview and shook his hand and then decided I needed to give him a cuddle; well why not when Emma Thompson can give him lots of cuddles?! The film DVD was released on 17th July and I agree with Nathan it's a great film, wonderful photography and has something for everyone.

Cheryl Hadley



Nathan Mack and his Scouting Friends See Beauty & The Beast in Chelmsford



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Arts Section

Woody Allen and His New Orleans Jazz Band

*The Royal Albert Hall
Sunday, 2 July 2017*

I have never seen Woody Allen before other than on the screen and the results of his film directorship. I have to say that I am a great admirer so when I heard that the great man was appearing at the Royal Albert Hall with his band I had to book. For those who are not aware, Woody Allen is a lifelong fan of traditional jazz of the New Orleans variety. He plays clarinet and aspires to emulate the style of George Lewis and the like from the early days. His band plays regularly in New York for fun and he has said that he cannot see why anyone would want to pay to see them! As for the concert, the band members came onto the stage one at a time and started to play their instruments prior to the arrival of Mr Allen and an ear splitting ovation from the audience of all ages.



He opened the concert by standing with his arms gestured in the appropriate way, looked apologetically at the audience and said:

'I didn't vote for him!'

When I say that that was the best part of the evening I really mean it and the audience loved it.

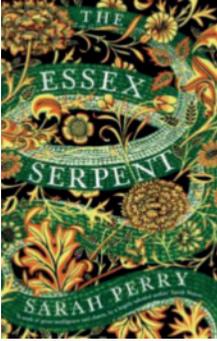
Now for the music.... I suppose that critics always look to pick holes in things but in this case it was very hard to find something good to say which means I am not picking holes but searching for the good points. One good point was the rest of his band who were competent but no more than the average band that appear at the Ongar Jazz Club. Now for Woody Allen as a musician and clarinettist. Regrettably, I have to say that he is by far the worst clarinet player that I have ever heard, bar myself of course. His tone ranges from the sound of an angry wasp caught in an empty biscuit tin, to a drunken Kazoo player and cat having a nightmare after being chased by a giant mouse with a red hot poker. His style is like no other and comprises a selection of notes seemingly plucked out of the air and spat out in random order with total disregard to the number being played or the activities of the rest of the band. As for the audience, they loved it, cheering and applauding and even giving him a standing ovation at the end. I must admit I cannot tell you how long it lasted or if he returned for an encore as I was hastily heading for the comfort of a Pizza Express and a Peroni to help me recover from the total shock to my musical senses.

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Page-turners

The Essex Serpent

Sarah Perry



This William Morris inspired cover encloses a gem of a book, the second novel written by Chelmsford born Sarah Perry. Sarah wanted to write about the Essex that she knew and loved,

the Essex of Maldon, the marshes of the Blackwater Estuary and to explore strange and ancient legends. Set in the late nineteenth century in a post Darwin world, the book sees a clash of science, religion and superstition. At the heart of the novel is Cora, who recently widowed leaves London to recuperate from what had been a suffocating marriage. A stereotypical Victorian female she is not - but a vibrant, intelligent woman who is interested in paleontology, politics and social affairs.

Fascinated by tales of strange happenings on the Essex coast, she moves to the village of Aldwinter and there meets local rector William Ransome who is disturbed by his parishioners growing obsession with all things 'mystic'. The book explores friendship in its many guises, not only between Cora and William, but also between the equally fascinating secondary characters.

Our group enjoyed this beautifully crafted book and it deserves the many accolades it has received including Waterstones Book of the Year 2016.

Margaret Dines

Chris & Kellie While

*St. Nicholas' Church, Fyfield
Sunday June 4th*

Mother and daughter Chris and Kellie While came together for a special



evening of folk music at St. Nicholas Church. Kellie is known for fronting two of the country's most successful folk/roots

bands, the Albion Band and e2K, as well as being a prolific writer and great guitarist. Chris is known for her work with Julie Matthews as well as performing with the Albion Band and St Agnes Fountain. St. Nicholas Church turned out to be a great venue for the performance as the acoustics are superb although the seats are a little hard! Both Chris and Kellie accompany themselves on guitar and produce the natural harmonies that members of the same family seem to excel in. Kellie reported that one critic had said of her that she sings like an angel and looks like your favourite bar maid. This evening proved very popular and hopefully will be the start of extending the use of the church to all sorts of musical performances in the future. Chris and Kelly would have been at home at the much missed Garrett Sessions. Could be that folk music will flourish again in Fyfield.

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Queen Anne

Theatre Royal Haymarket

26 July 2017



The RSC History Play by Helen Edmundson is about one of our lesser known monarchs Queen Anne (House of

Stuart) who came to the throne in 1702 and reigned for nearly 12 years. Queen Anne was the youngest sister of Mary II and in 1683 married Prince George of Denmark. At the time Anne ascended to the throne there was much political infighting, concerns about continental Europe and the 1707 union of Scotland and Wales. The play focuses on the relationship between Queen Anne (Emma Cunniffe) and Sarah Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough (Romola Garai). Queen Anne is shy, suffers with chronic gout and has had successive miscarriages and is dependent on Sarah's friendship and able council. Sarah is scheming and very ambitious and is not a genuine friend to the Queen and the relationship sours when Sarah overplays her hand and Queen Anne overcomes her shyness and becomes a resolute Queen. There are musical interludes which primarily poke fun at the Queen and which provide a change of pace. A very informative and enjoyable play with excellent performances, staging and period costumes and received a standing ovation. Worth seeing and is running until 30th September.

Cheryl Hadley



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Cookery Section



Two delicious recipes which are perfect for Summer; a lunch or dinner main course and a very impressive dessert. Both have been made by myself many times.

Griddled Salmon with Tomatoes

6tbsp olive oil
2 tbsp white wine vinegar
8 coriander seeds, lightly crushed
7 oz cherry toms, deseeded & roughly chopped
6 tbsp roughly torn basil leaves
10 oz new potatoes, thinly sliced
1 lb 7 oz salmon fillet, skinned
sunflower or olive oil, for brushing
Serves 6

Put the oil, vinegar & coriander seeds in a small pan and heat briefly to infuse. Toss in the tomatoes and basil, season with salt & pepper and set aside. Cook the sliced potatoes in a pan of boiling salted water for about 5-8 mins until just tender. Put the salmon on a chopping board and cut at an angle into ½ inch thick slices. Season with salt & pepper. Brush a griddle or large frying pan with oil and heat until very hot. Fry the salmon for about 20 seconds on each side until just cooked; keep warm. Drain the potatoes and arrange on 6 plates. Top

each serving with 2 salmon slices. Gently warm the sauce and drizzle it over and around the salmon and potatoes. Serve at once.

Lynne Evans

(Another winning recipe from my friend Lynne which makes a great light & fresh lunch or dinner main course; particularly good served in the Summer.)

A Terrine of Summer Fruits

15 fl oz sparkling rose wine
11g gelatine granules
2 oz caster sugar
1 tbsp fresh lime juice
12 oz small strawberries
8 oz raspberries
4 oz each of blackcurrants,
Blueberries, redcurrants (or any
other combination you like)
Serves 8

You will need 2 x 2 lb loaf tins (7 ½ x 4 ¾ inch x 3 ½ inch deep)

Preferably non-stick

Prepare the fruit: remove the stalks, & halve the strawberries if they are any larger than a quail's egg. Then mix the fruits together in a large bowl, being very gentle so as to avoid bruising them. In a small saucepan heat half the rose wine till it simmers, then whisk the sugar & gelatine into it. Make sure that everything has dissolved completely before adding the remaining wine and the lime juice. Then pour the liquid into a jug and allow it to cool. While that's happening, lay the mixed fruit in the

loaf tin – and it's worth arranging the bottom layer with the smallest prettiest-shaped fruit as this will be on top when the terrine is turned out. Next pour all but 5 fl oz of the liquid over the fruit. Lay a sheet of clingfilm over the tin, place the other tin directly on top, then put two unopened tins of tomatoes or something similar to act as weights into the top tin and put the whole lot into the fridge for about 1 hr or until it has set. Then warm up the remaining 5 fl oz of wine mixture and pour it over the surface of the terrine (it is necessary to add the extra mixture after weighting to save spillage with the weighting required to help with slicing the terrine when being served). Recover with cling film and return to the fridge overnight to set firm. When you are ready to serve, turn out the terrine by dipping the tin very briefly in hot water and inverting it on to a plate. Use a very sharp knife (also dipped first into hot water) to cut it into slices. Serve with chilled pouring cream, crème fraiche or Greek yoghurt.

Cheryl Hadley
(A very impressive looking dessert which is perfect for Summer.)

St. Nicholas' Church Applique Wall Art The Story Of St. Nicholas

We had a very good workshop on Saturday 8th July hosted by Cheryl Hadley, our thanks to Cheryl. We have nearly got to the next stage and have bought the material for the pillars to frame our pictures. Becky gave us a very informative demonstration on how to make the pillars. We must have all been looking rather worried at the enormity of the task when she suddenly said she would make them for us; great sighs of relief all round. The pictures are looking really good and we are now looking forward to the finished banner. We are not sure how much the final backing and waterproofing is going to cost and although we do have some funds we are more than happy to accept any donations towards the material. During the next few weeks we are hoping to get our pictures finished. Our next workshop is on September 9th at Joy Green's.

Wendy Henshaw

Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

Frothy Extracts From The Pale Ale Annual Of Allegations And Legends - Part Two

"What if?" a programme speculating on historical events has released an interview from the 1960's with Henry Kissinger who served as the United States Secretary of State. Having considered the scenario he stated "Well I know this", pausing thoughtfully, "If Mr. Khrushchev had been assassinated instead of President Kennedy, I don't think that Aristotle Onassis would have married Mrs. Khrushchev!"

Early pole vaulting athletes were advised to grease the handles of their poles to prevent blisters on their hands. This practice was abandoned after Martin Pugwick, whilst attempting a first British record, was unhurt but wildly applauded as he slid gracefully down his pole and managed no height at all after running and leaping skywards towards the inviting bar.

It is alleged that the TV programme "I'm a celebrity get me out of here!" developed its title after a researcher had just read "The man in the Iron Mask".

The great CANNONBALLINI was one of the first human cannon balls to perform in a travelling circus. His wife, Hilda, cooked all sorts of pies which he consumed with relish. Over time his lifestyle took its toll on his now fatter frame and fitting into the barrel of the cannon became more and more of a battle. He may have been the source of the saying "who ate all the pies?".

Finally wedged tight at one



performance he now holds the record for firing a crash helmet, a wig, false teeth, a stick-on moustache and a leopard skin costume the furthest

through the roof of a circus tent. Wild Bill Hickok was a famous lawman and gunfighter from the old Wild West of America. His name derived from Wild Bill "Hiccup" which he developed as a nervous reaction whilst confronting robbers and gunmen on the wrong side of the law. He changed travel significantly on stagecoaches as he was the first to suggest that all passengers, instead of keeping the driver company, sit inside the stagecoach. The Luggage should be stored on the roof and not the other way round as Red Indians were peppering travellers with arrows. Michelangelo painted the magnificent ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican which was commissioned by Pope Julius II and a contract was signed on 10TH May 1508. Reluctant at first, as he was primarily a sculptor, Michelangelo considered a long pole with a brush on it for the ceiling plus the latest pastel colours -job lot from Chapel paints. Following insistence from the Pope he started painting the ceiling by assembling

scaffolding through holes in the walls above the windows to save the cost of timber. Painting in a standing position adopting an extremely uncomfortable stance he may have coined the phrase "a pain in the neck!"

Very difficult to substantiate, but believed by many NASA followers, secret audio recordings from the first Moon landing have been broadcast to a select few scientists . The first



transmission goes "Huston the milometer reads that we have flown 238,900 miles". Followed by "And one giant leap for mankind. Hey where did those two deckchairs with towels on them come from? What the?.... There's a large notice board over here with a sign on it! It says BUILDING PLOTS FOR SALE - CONTACT ICARUS DEVELOPMENTS".

Barry Betteridge

FYFIELD ONGAR & DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB

We started a Monday afternoon session in June as a three-month trial but it has already proved to be very popular and so we intend to continue it for the immediate future. We originally started play at 1.30pm but due to demand we have now put this back and the session now starts at 2 pm sharp. The session has been well attended to date and we are hopeful that it will go from strength to strength and be especially popular during the winter months.

The Club recently held its summer social, a light-hearted evening where the usual partnerships were split up, this combined with plenty of wine and refreshments made for some interesting scores but fortunately, nothing has been recorded for posterity.

Bridge is both a fascinating and absorbing game enjoyed throughout the world by players of all ages and all standards. No two games are alike and there can be the same satisfaction in either the making or defeating of a contract. It may take a little more time to learn the basics but once learnt it provides a very sociable pastime that will last a lifetime.

All players of whatever standard are welcome to either our Monday afternoon session or to the Thursday Club night at 7pm at Fyfield Village Hall off Houchin Drive. In the first instance please contact either Barbara 07751 485514 for Mondays or John 01 277 362276 for Thursdays sessions.

Ron Ruff

Fyfield Carpet Bowls Club



Well, two months have passed so quickly and we are nearly into summer! Fyfield C.B.C. are continuing

to meet and we have welcomed Howard back into the fold. Nice to have him back!! Fyfield haven't done much since my last report, so this will be quite short! One thing I must mention (not about Fyfield I might add). When Fyfield had to drop out of the league, Beryl Shuttleworth and I joined High Easter C.B.C. They have had quite a lot of success over the years, but the 2016/2017 season has been great! Firstly, we won the Chelmsford West League. We then went on to win the West and East Chelmsford Trophy. On Sunday 23rd of April, we went to Braintree for the League finals, where each league winners play each other for the championship. Well, High Easter won that as well and are now League Champions!! We were also in the final of the Ferris Cup, which was a home and away leg against the Colchester club of Highwoods Red. We went to Highwoods for the first of these legs and came away with a draw. They came to High Easter on Monday 15th May and were hoping for a better result. However, we were on home turf and beat Highwoods 5-3, so the Ferris Cup was ours!! So it was a clean sweep for High Easter, with four trophies to grace our Captain's mantlepiece (if it is big enough that is)!

On the County Squad front, we played our last match on Sunday 19th March, which was away to Cambridgeshire at Ramsey.

The day did not go well and Essex were thoroughly beaten 7 points to Cambridgeshire's 29! This dropped us down to 4th place in the Eastern Counties League – not a good ending to a reasonably good season. Essex have a break now, and don't play competitively again until 24th September, when we will travel to Littleport in Cambridgeshire to play in the Six Counties Team Bowl.

That is all I can report on this time. Enjoy the warmer weather and catch you again in two months time.

Jacky Brown

(This report should have appeared in the June/July publication but due to an error it was not included. Many apologies again to the Bowls Club for this mistake. Editor)

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1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

The Beaver Scout Colony - 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8 years old- Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

Beavers have had a very exciting few weeks. In June, the Beavers all invited their fathers or uncles or grandfathers to Beaver Scouts to enjoy a Father's Day celebration with them. Everyone had someone with them and all the Dads helped build a kite with their Beaver. They then took these onto the sports field and had a race to see whose was the best kite. When they came back in the Beavers served the Dads with a drink and a cake. This was a lovely evening and the Dads and Beavers had a lovely time. The following week the Beavers met at Pets at Home in Harlow as this was the week they started their Animal carers badge. They had the opportunity to handle a guinea pig and learnt how to look after pets and what and how much to feed them etc. They then had a quiz which they could find out all the answers in the shop. They took home with them a little book for them to work on over the next few months until they have finished their badge. Everyone enjoyed this visit. The next week the Beavers finished part of the photography badge. They brought in 7 photographs that they

had taken at home and displayed them in a scrapbook. They chose their favourite picture and wrote about this in the scrapbook. On Tuesday 4th July, the Beavers learnt about America and painted flags and played an American game. They also came along in fancy dress. Another fun evening. The last meeting of term the Beavers had a party and they played team games and the Hulks Green Lodge won end of term prizes for the lodge with the most points. The last event of the term will be to join the rest of the Scout Group at Rope Runners on 17th July.

Cub Scouts - 8 to 10 and a half years - Thursday 7.00pm to 8.30pm

The Cub Scouts have had a very varied couple of months. After District camp, the cubs have planted the flower tubs outside the Head Quarters, learnt how to light fires and cooked on BBQ's. One week they hiked from High Ongar Church to Greensted Church and took part in a quiz on the way. The week before Wimbledon they had a taste of playing tennis and of course had strawberries and cream. They all enjoyed this week very much. On the 6th July, the Cubs

in their sixes planned how they were going to build their bivouac that weekend. They practised building



them and then dismantled them to take to the Adventure Camp that weekend.

On Saturday 8th July at 9.30am Blue Six, and at 10.15am Yellow Six and at 11.00am Green Six gathered at the Head Quarters. At each allotted time, the six's left the HQ with a map and a descriptive route to follow. Each six with a leader and a parent helper had to follow the map and descriptive route from Fyfield HQ to Skreens Park Scout Activity Centre in Roxwell. On the way, the six's all stopped for lunch at David's house(Akela) in Willingale. Once they had completed the hike which was over 5 miles they arrived at Skreens Park at the back of the site. Each six arrived tired, hot but happy as they had achieved their goal of reaching the campsite. They all went to site Q and started to unload the minibus which had all the equipment needed for the weekend.

Each six had tarpaulin's and bamboo canes and various methods of joining the two items together. Once they had built the bivouac the next task was to collect firewood to light a fire so they could cook their Sausages and Beans and baked potatoes for their dinner. All the Cubs loved this and everyone was very helpful. After their dinner, the cubs played a wide game called jailbreak. After supper, they went to sleep in their Bivouac's. All of them enjoyed the experience of sleeping in their shelters. After breakfast, the Cubs then went to the activity which had been booked for them. Half of them went Abseiling and the other half went climbing. Then



after an hour they changed activity so everyone had a go on both activities. Then it was back to the campsite to clear up and be ready for the parents to pick them up at 12.00. The final week of term was spent doing a litter pick in the Scout HQ the Sports field and the footpaths around. Most of the

Cubs will be going to Rope Runners with the rest of the group.

Scouts - 10 to 14 years of age - Friday 7.30pm to 9.30pm

The Scouts continue to have a very varied programme. Dennis the Assistant Scout leader has been training half the troop to gain their Air Activities Badge stage 4. They have visited North Weald airfield control tower, having also been Gliding or micro lighting. They had two more training sessions and have now completed this badge. Some of the Scouts going on summer camp have been helping to get all the equipment ready with the Scout leader Rolf. At the end of June all the troop went to Thriftwood Scout Activity Centre in Brentwood. They all went on the pedal Carts and the Cresta Run. Dennis had organised an F1 type of event and the winner from out of the 27 scouts there was Sky Tew. All the scouts had a fantastic evening and really enjoyed themselves. The last meeting of term was a Hawaiian night. Everyone managed fancy dress and there were some silly games and prizes for the best dressed girl Grace Woollard and boy Thomas Benton. The great egg throwing annual competition was held and Jack Quinlan and Joseph Devereaux won the shield for this year. Most of the Scouts will be

joining the group at Rope Runners on 17th July.

Five girl Scouts took part in an Expedition Challenge to the South Downs, this was from Beachy Head to Birling Gap and from there they started again at the Seven Sisters visitors centre and hiked to Seaford. There is a report on this by Chloe Bellsham one of our patrol leaders.

Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years old - Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm

The explorer Scouts this term have been planning their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition. They carried out the practice in June walking around the local area and camping at our HQ overnight before finishing the next day.

Then on the first weekend in June they completed their final expedition which took place around the area of St Albans and they camped overnight at Phasels Wood Scout campsite near Kings Langley. All our team passed the expedition with the assessor and they now need to finalise their log books to get their badge awarded.

Three of the explorer Scouts went on Gilwell 24 in July. This is an activity weekend of nonstop activities for the 24 hours. They were all very tired and really enjoyed the experience. Both the Explorers and the Scouts are now

looking forward to Summer camp in Snowdonia in mid-August.

23rd June 2017 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group Annual General Meeting

We had over 130 parent's friends and children attend the AGM. We had a game of rounders first and then the business meeting took place with presentations and investitures of young people and then the second half of the rounders match took place which was followed with a BBQ. We managed to gain an additional 6 members on to our executive committee and some members who will serve on a fundraising committee. So, a very successful night.

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South Downs Expedition written by Chloe Bellsham

Before we could begin our 2-day expedition we had to have a few meetings to discuss our plan of action, the first thing we had to do was decide on a date we could all do, then we looked up the Seahaven Scouts Community Hall

website to book our campsite, write a list of all the belongings that we would need to have on us, work out our route and mark it down on the map. Then all that was left for us to do was pack up and start our journey to the South Downs.

So, on the 1st and 2nd of July Shannon, Emma, Grace, Sky, and myself arrived at the South Downs to begin our Expedition Challenge and hopefully work towards our Gold Award. On the first day, we walked across the cliff edge of Beachy Head for approximately 6 miles and got to see some amazing views, it was hard work as this was our first walk where we had to carry our own backpacks with everything in but we made it and finally reached the Seahaven Scouts Community Hall. Before we could relax we had to go to the shop to buy our food for dinner and breakfast for the following morning, once we'd finished our shopping we returned to sit, cook, and eat our dinner, we played a good old card game and then we decided to sleep in the hall instead of putting up our tents which was great because we were all so tired from the first day, well some more tired than others!

On the second day we got up and had breakfast before setting off, we then started the day playing in the sea as it was lovely and sunny and a bit of a

treat, we had planned to walk the Seven Sisters but it would of taken us too long to complete so sadly had to leave this for another visit, after playing in the sea we continued our beautiful walk to a light house which stood in the distance, we all thought it would be a piece of cake, but I guess we thought wrong and ended up going off track and had to be picked up because we had gone too far in the wrong direction.



This was a tough and challenging experience but fun at the same time, none of us had been to the South Downs before and we really look forward to returning someday, maybe next time we can walk the Seven Sisters.

We would not have been able to do this walk without the help of our leaders, Mick, Mary, and Victoria so we would all like to say a BIG thank you for making this happen.



1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group



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