

Fyfield Focus

August/September 2018



Special Summer Edition

Dr. Walkers School Summer Fair



Pre-school Sports Day



During July a duck nested in Beryl's garden in Walker Avenue and hatched 8 ducklings.

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Phew! Travellers What A Come & Go Scorcher



It had to be said! If it's good enough for the Sun newspaper then it's OK for us. As for the weather, it happens every day and is set fine for a long time to come. Whether you stay in or out of the sun, Have a good day.

At Last Mobile Mast Goes Live

July 31st - Mobile Mast turn on day!

For over 13 years Fyfield has not had a decent mobile phone signal or in some places, any signal at all. Now we have a strong 4G signal for Vodafone and O2 users from the mast at White Chicks Farm. Much to residents surprise, a powerful signal bar appeared on mobile phones all over Fyfield on Tuesday 31st July. No more excuses for being out of range! You are being tracked.

On Monday evening, July 2nd, Travellers decided to encamp on the Sports Field with about eleven caravans plus vehicles.

Early Thursday evening July 5th they left after being served a Section 61 Notice by the Police. Fortunately for Fyfield, their stay was short; being much less than stops at other areas in the country. However, there legacy was a truck load of rubbish and un-hygienic gifts left on the ground and in the hedgerows. On the Friday and Saturday, volunteers were out in force to clean up and leave the sports field in a useable condition so much so that a wedding reception that had been booked at the Village hall was able to be held successfully on Saturday.

Well done to everyone who assisted over this traumatic period.

For more details & comment see inside.



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

Village Diary 2018

07-Aug	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
12-Aug	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 1pm
13-Aug	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
29-Aug	Fyfield Litter Pick	Village Shop, 9.30am
03-Sep	St. Nicholas' Church - Wall Art Workshop	Becky's Studio, 10am
04-Sep	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
06-Sep	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
07-Sep	Village Hall - Summer Beer & BBQ	Sports Field & Village Hall, 6pm
09-Sep	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 1pm
10-Sep	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
12-Sep	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
16-Sep	Scouts 5K Fund Raiser	Village Hall, 10am
21-Sep	Coffee With Cops	Village Hall, 10am
25-Sep	Fyfield Film Club	The Zinc, 12.30pm
02-Oct	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
04-Oct	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
08-Oct	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
10-Oct	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
14-Oct	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 1pm
01-Nov	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
11-Nov	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 1pm
12-Nov	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
13-Nov	Fyfield Film Club	The Zinc, 12.30pm
14-Nov	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
06-Dec	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
09-Dec	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 1pm
10-Dec	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm

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



A huge thank you to Nicola and Tony Walker at The Black Bull for sponsoring this Summer Special colour edition which illustrates some of the events the village has enjoyed over the

Spring and Summer months.

The last Village Hall Beer and BBQ was a great success so another one is booked to celebrate the end of Summer on Friday 7th September which will be another great family event.

On the 16th September the Scouts are holding a fund raising Fyfield Footpath 5K Walk, Jog , Run (dogs welcome). It starts at 10am from the Village Hall and at 11am there will be a free family fun run on the field. There will be music, BBQ food, Village Hall bar, tea and coffee. If the event is a success this may become an annual event combined with the Fyfield Festival. If you don't want to do the 5k walk you can still be involved and volunteer to be a marshall or tell people about the event and invite them along just to enjoy the atmosphere. See the advert for the website to get further details and book a place on the run or to volunteer.

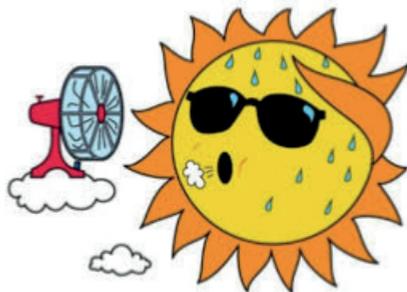
The Fyfield Bridge Club's Monday afternoon duplicate session celebrated their first anniversary and along with its Thursday evening duplicate sessions it continues to be a very friendly and sociable Bridge Club which is on our

doorstep. Well done Barbara Wells for setting-up the Monday afternoon sessions and making it such a success. If you want to learn to play bridge Hatfield Heath Bridge Club are again running bridge courses starting in September - see their advert for details.

Sadly Star Fishmongers is leaving Ongar High Street after 13 years and moving to Calcott Farm - which isn't a million miles away so you will still be able to get top quality fresh fish. I wish David Chakley lots of success and would like to thank him for all his tips on cooking fish and extending the variety of fish I cook and for advertising in the Focus for many years.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

Cheryl



Many Thanks For Helping Me

I cannot thank everyone enough for all the help and care you gave me when I tripped and fell outside the Church on Sunday, 22nd July at around 8.30am.

Firstly, how fortunate I was that when I hit the ground and either screamed or yelled Marcus was opening up the Church and immediately responded 'Cheryl I am on my way'. I cannot thank you enough Marcus for being with me, trying to get me comfortable, taking control of Archie, calling for an ambulance and alerting Ian. You were an absolute hero – particularly as Archie was not that keen at first at you taking him away but according to Ian Archie was very happy sitting by your side when he opened the door.

A huge thank you to Sylvie and your sister, Gill and Michael and to Hazel a cyclist who stopped and was a first aider whose knowledge was very helpful. Don't forget Hazel if you are cycling through Fyfield do knock on our door to say hello and pop in for a drink – we would love to see you again.

There were a lot of cycling groups passing through the village and their leaders were calling back to the cyclists to slow down and offering help which was really appreciated.

Then, my luck was really in for a second time as a Dr Berg (another cyclist) stopped, examined my injury, moved me into a better position and put a sling on my arm and advised Ian to cancel the ambulance and go straight to Broomfield A&E – which we could not have contemplated if it hadn't been for his medical expertise. So a huge thank you Dr. Berg for this roadside medical service.

Finally, thank you to everyone for all your get well messages and offers of help and to Fiona Baxter and Heather Porter for walking Archie and to Jan Hall and Julie Robinson for your nursing help and help in general.

What a wonderful place we live with so many caring residents, friends and neighbours – we are very blessed.

Cheryl Hadley

Henry Hart

After a long battle with cancer sadly Henry Hart passed away on 4th February 2018.

Henry's funeral service and burial took place at the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium on 15th February followed by a celebration of his life at The Hallmark Prince Regent Hotel, Chigwell.

Henry was a gentleman and led a very happy and successful life with his wife Jackie and their family.

In the next publication I will be providing some details about Henry's life.

Cheryl Hadley

Letters to the Editor

Dear Cheryl,

Now that the dust is settling over the intrusion by 'travellers' onto our village sports field late on Monday, 3 July and their subsequent departure three days later, I would like to record my thanks to all those people who acted immediately and kept their minds focussed on the best way to resolve the situation lawfully and reached a successful conclusion within seventy-two hours. I mention particularly Marie Apperley, Chairman of Fyfield Village Hall Committee, Ian Hadley, Chairman of Fyfield Parish Council and Simon Dear, Community Police Co-Ordinator.

There are many others, who should be named and thanked for their hard work, but they know who they are and we all owe them our thanks. However, their work was **not** helped by countless rumours, misleading comments, and veiled accusations, that were spread around the village via social media and through gossip and tittle-tattle. Indeed, if those taking action had stopped their important and time-consuming work of getting the travellers evicted legally (and with minimum damage) in order to deal with unfair and inaccurate criticism of 'lack of action', their efforts would have been seriously hindered. Suffice it to say our village hall and sports field escaped unscathed. *Yes, we were lucky, this time.* Lessons have been learned and better security for the sports field is being organised as a matter of urgency.

As the travellers departed I heard that some people were demanding a Public Meeting. I feel this would have served no useful purpose as a Parish Council Meeting was already fixed for the following Monday 9th July, just four days after the travellers left. This offered an opportunity for any Fyfield residents to make their views known. **All** Fyfield Parish Council meetings are open to residents as are the AGMs of Fyfield Village Hall Committee.

Fyfield residents should be thankful that we have good people prepared to give up their time and energy and who work tirelessly to preserve and improve our lovely village hall and the sports field. We are fortunate to have such excellent facilities on a lovely site that we can enjoy with our families and friends.

When something happens to disrupt the peace, remember that as well as the hard-working members of the Fyfield Parish Council and the Fyfield Village Hall Committee, other local residents came forward to help with the collection and removal of the disgusting rubbish left behind, making the field safe again. People like the two ladies who arrived with their disinfectant sprays and Marigolds and cleaned all the play equipment so that children could use it again safely. Good Work Fyfield!

*Howard Nicholson,
Resident, Queen Street.
13 July 2018*

A Thank You

To Fyfield Residents,

We need to say a huge thank you to our Parish Council, particularly to Chairman Ian Hadley and Clerk Derek Farr, for their prompt action issuing a notice of eviction within 24 hours to our uninvited visitors on our lovely sports field and their continued work over the next two days.

A great big thank you to Chair of Fyfield Village Hall Trustees, Marie Apperley, for her unstinting valuable input and to negotiate with the Police to get them to agree to issue an injunction. Congratulations are in order to have achieved this problem within the limits of the law. Measures are in hand to make the field more secure.

We were all pleased to see the travellers go on Thursday evening. Thank you to all who helped clear up the mess left behind. I'm not sure who they all were but I guess members and families of Village Hall trustees, Parish Council and residents of Fyfield & surrounding areas.

Wendy Henshaw.



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Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins



Dear friends,

I have had several conversations recently with people who are disaffected with the Church, citing that worship is no longer “relevant” in 21st century western society.

Our public worship is seen as a ‘shop window’ of the Church, and that is why ministers and worship leaders aim to make our services attractive and welcoming. However, having an immediately satisfying experience is not the most important reason for us gathering in worship. That would make worship little better than a performance, an entertainment, a product for people to experience and consume. It would miss the point.

At a recent Study Day, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, talked passionately about the value of simply “turning up patiently” whether this be turning up in a marriage or relationship or turning up for worship. He went on to say, “it’s interesting that in modern society, we use the word ‘experience’ as if it’s only the high-point stuff; whoever said ‘routine’ is not experience?” Routine does not have to be dull and dreary; it can be suffused with endless promise and possibility. “A successful marriage” he said, “does not

consist of breathless excitement and passion most of the time; it is really made through routinely turning up for each other; in acts of humble service like ‘putting the bins out!’”

Last year, a visitor to one of our churches commented that he was sorry the regular congregation was, numerically, so small. He thought I would be disheartened because I did not have hundreds of people coming to worship every Sunday! Nothing could be further from the truth, for something beautiful happens when those few people ‘turn up’ routinely, Sunday by Sunday, patiently waiting for and praying for transformation in their own lives and for the transformation of our community and our world.

The service might not give us a ‘mountain-top’ illuminating and transforming experience on every occasion, nevertheless, there is a huge value in just being part of a worshipping community, hoping and longing for transformation and learning to be disciples of Jesus.

Being a disciple involves ‘taking the long view’, being thoughtful and consistently hospitable. Disciples worship to come before God, offering ourselves as we are (warts and all) to hear the scriptures; to open our hearts in prayer and open ourselves to the transformative power of God, who is at work in both our successes and failures; in the high points and low points of our lives – in the whole of our human experience.

Of course, this view of life has never been 'relevant'; it is, I believe, rather counter-cultural in this world where instant thrills and constant gratification constitute 'experience'. That is the real reason why our churches are not full on a Sunday – because the way of the disciple is not particularly exciting or 'sexy'. It involves patience and abiding. We will continue to try to make our services attractive and welcoming. We invite you to just 'turn up' and become part of the 'experience'.

Chris

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The meetings are held on Mondays in Moreton Village Hall (unless otherwise stated) 7pm for 7.30pm - Feb-Dec. If you wish to become a member or just enjoy gardening why not give it a go. Yearly membership is £10 for a single or £18 for a double. Guests/taster visits £3. Parking is available in Moreton school car park.

Dates for your diary:

August 6th 'Flower arranging with blooms from your garden' Sue Skegg

September 3rd Mini Show - Judge: Alan Adcock
-flowers, fruit and vegetables
(Members will be exhibiting the produce they have grown this season so we look forward to seeing how our gardeners have fared in this very dry weather.)

St. Nicholas' Church - Applique Wall Art.

We are all excited as our needlework is nearing completion. The nine pictures are ready for us to begin quilting and Becky will be showing us all how to do the quilting at our next workshop on Monday 23rd July. We have a further workshop day booked for Monday 3rd September and we are now aiming to have it all finished by St. Nicholas Day on 6th December.

Wendy Henshaw

Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Priest in Charge:	Reverend Christine Hawkins	01277 286113
Churchwardens:	Carol Cox	01277 899245
	Marcus Dain	01277 899590

Aug	5	9:30am	No service - Holy Communion at Moreton
	12	6:00pm	Holy Communion at Fyfield
	19	11:00am	No service - Holy Communion at Bobbingworth
	26	9:30am	No service - Holy Communion at Willingale
Sept	2	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	9	6:00pm	Holy Communion
	16		Services at Bobbingworth, Moreton & Willingale
	23	11:00am	Family Service
	30	10:00am	United Service at Willingale, followed by meeting with the Archdeacon of Harlow

St Mary's Church, Moreton

Aug	5	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sept	2	5.00pm	Eucharist and renewal of vows to celebrate the Golden Wedding of Pam and Albert Watson
	16	9.30am	Family Service

St Germain's Church, Bobbingworth

Aug	19	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sept	2	11.00am	Family Service and Baptism
	16	11.00am	Family Communion

St Christopher's Church, Willingale

Aug	26	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sept	9	9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving
	16	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	23	9.30am	Holy Communion
	30	10.00am	Family Communion followed at 11am by a meeting with Archdeacon Vanessa Herrick to share views about the life, health and future of the benefices.



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Commonwealth War Grave Plaque at St Nicholas' Church

Dear Friends:

Following our application to be included in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission scheme to mark the location of all war graves, I am delighted to tell you that the Fyfield plaque was installed today (31 July 2018).

Best wishes,

Marcus Dain
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Fyfield Litter Pickers

We were delighted to welcome a new member to our gang in July and look forward to seeing Peter again.

Next litter pick will be Wednesday 29th August. Meet at the village shop at 9.30am. Come if you can and leave when you must – all volunteers welcome.

Fiona Baxter





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‘Coffee with Cops’ – 27 July 2018

This is an informal meeting with our own Cop, PC Paul Harrison, where you can have a chat and raise any issues/concerns over a cup of coffee.

The first of these ‘Coffee with Cops’ sessions was held at the Fyfield Village Hall on 27th July. It was a very successful get together with approximately 10 residents attending with an active flow of information and also one to one chats.

These sessions are being planned as a monthly event and all residents of Fyfield, Willingale, Moreton and The

Lavers are invited. They will normally be held on the last Friday of the month and the next one is being planned (although yet to be confirmed) for Friday, 21 September, 2018 at 10.00am to 12 noon in the Fyfield Village Hall. It was decided by the attendees not to hold one in August due to the August Bank Holiday.

Do come along and raise your issues/concerns or just listen to the flow of information over a cup of coffee and cake.

For further information contact Cllr Barbara Seward, Neighbour Hood Watch Co-ordinator on eMail:

barbara128@ymail.com or Tel: 07747803829

‘Coffee with Cops’ 21 Sept 2018 10.00 am – 12.00 noon Fyfield Village Hall

All residents of Fyfield, Willingale, Moreton & The Lavers are invited to join us at this informal meeting.

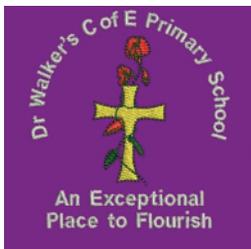
This is your opportunity to come and chat and raise any issues/concerns with our own cop PC Paul Harrison over a cup of coffee and cake.

If you can't be there, don't despair – this is the start of a monthly event!

For further details contact Fyfield Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:

Cllr Barbara Seward – eMail: barbara128@ymail.com or Tel 07747803829

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School



School Uniform

As of September 2018, we will be introducing our new uniform, which includes a new school logo featuring the unique Fyfield pea.

We cannot wait to see our children looking smart in purple.

Summer Fair

Everyone had a wonderful time at the school's Summer Fair and it was lovely to meet so many people from the community. We raised nearly £1,000 for the school, but more importantly, we all had a really enjoyable afternoon with our family, friends and community neighbours.

The children enjoyed making flower arrangements in school to sell at the fair and we all worked together to make it a fantastic day!

Summer Activities

This term at Dr Walker's we have been very busy as usual! Reception enjoyed a Mad Hatter's tea party with their families. They prepared for this by writing their own invitations and making wonderful hats to wear.

Our house captains have done a fantastic job motivating their teams in our inter-house events, the fun run, sports day and recycled flower art! Our houses are Vikings, Romans, Normans and Saxons. You are welcome to visit us to see our school. If you would like a tour, please ring the office.

Have a wonderful summer.

Mrs N. Larkin - Head Teacher



Fyfield *Spring Festival*

Last year it was very cold, this year it was very wet! We really can't seem to get it right! However, despite the weather, about 250 people turned out to support us. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we made over £2,200 towards the running of our beautiful church. As usual a lot of people worked incredibly hard, both before and during the day to ensure the success of the event. Signs and posters appeared; raffle prizes and sponsorship obtained and stalls organised; the church grounds were prepared; the marquees went up (*almost without a hitch*); tables and chairs arrived; car parks were provided and stalls were erected. The gates were manned, the refreshments were delicious and the dog show was great fun. The flowers in the church were stunning – this year's theme was 'Wedding Bouquets' and the Fyfield Handbell Ringers played a selection of music with a

floral or wedding and romantic theme. The Young Peoples' Concert made a welcome return and was well supported. Finally, the marquees were taken down and the last table and chair returned to the Scout Hut

So, thank you **everyone** for your help and support. You are too numerous to mention (*and we would be bound to leave someone out!*) **THANK YOU!**

Carol Cox and Wendy Henshaw

ANOTHER THANK YOU!

You will see from Carol and Wendy's article and the photos, what a success the Spring Festival was. I know they have taken great care to thank everyone personally, but I would just like to thank them, on behalf of us all, for the hard work they have put in to organising the festival and for their dedication to St Nicholas Church.

Sally Wallden



Fyfield *Festival Dog Show* 2018

Once again it was appalling weather, but those who attend dog shows are made of strong mettle! We had over 30 entries and I hope everyone still enjoyed the afternoon.

Our Winners

Best Puppy – Andrew with *Oscar*, an 8 month old Cocker Spaniel.

Golden Oldie – Amanda with *Bracken*, an 11 year old collie/cross.

Best Condition – Claire with *Niven*, a Border Collie

Waggiest Tail – Veronica with *Oscar*, a Parsons Jack Russell.

Best Crossbreed – Les with *George* a Belgian Malinois/cross

The Judge commented on the history of our **Best Rescue** and thanked all those who take in rescue dogs. Our winner was Tracey with *Dot*, a Norfolk Terrier.

Ellis won our **Not Been Placed** rosette – well done.

Our Winner of **Junior Handler** and subsequently **Best in Show** was a Labrador called *Ron Weasley*, handled by a young man from the Mayo family from Harlow.

My thanks begin with our judge Ann and steward Pauline from The Brentwood and District Training Club who ran an excellent show in very difficult circumstances.

My thanks also to Roy for constructing the ring and the Perrys for the hay bales.

Ann Stockman again provided the beautiful rosettes.

Nick from the Fyfield Stores donated sweets for the Junior Handler class.

Jan & Laura did a grand job of registration and kept things ticking over.

Grateful thanks to Mrs Jan Witham for the loan of the gazebo – hope it dried out ok!

Another essential element were our Sponsors:-

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Thanks to everyone; we made £95 towards the upkeep of our beautiful Church.

Now, how do we appease the weather gods for next year??!!

Joy Davis



Ongar Health Centre Launches a Patient Participation Group - and you can get involved too

The Ongar Health Centre practice now has a Patient Participation Group which is a "voice of patient opinion" and will help highlight primary care in the local area.

A committee has been formed, chaired by Jenny Juttner, and the first edition of the PPG e-newsletter has been sent out to some 200-plus patients who have registered to receive the e-newsletter by email. A similar number of patients have also registered to join the 'virtual PPG'. Hard copies of the newsletter are available from the surgery.

Jenny said: "I first became involved with the PPG when I received an email from the Practice asking for greater public involvement with the Ongar Patient Forum. Having just had two children and benefiting from fantastic NHS care with both, I felt I wanted to give something back and decided to get involved. "It quickly became clear that times have changed in terms of what patient involvement with GP surgeries involves, with the existence of a Patient Participation Group now being a contractual requirement. "It is also crucial for a PPG to be representative of the wider patient community within the practice." And so to that end, myself and several other patients have formed the

Ongar Health Centre PPG and we are on a mission to engage with patients and the local community."

The purpose of a PPG is to be a critical friend of the surgery, to be a voice of patient opinion, and to help educate patients on the provision of primary health care.

The success of the PPG rests on patient involvement. This can be as small as signing up to our e-newsletter, becoming a member of our virtual PPG or getting in touch to give us ideas on ways you feel we could benefit the practice. If you are able to give more time then why not consider joining the PPG committee or volunteering at events?

Jenny said: "We are welcome to all ideas, suggestions and feedback, and we hope to work hard to establish a meaningful and sustainable PPG for the benefit of the surgery and patients both now and in the future. We hope we can rely on your involvement and support."

To express an interest in joining the PPG committee, volunteering at events or to sign up for the e-newsletter (which can also be done online by using the link included in a recent email sent out by the practice) please email ongarppgnews@gmail.com or complete a contact form which is available from the surgery.

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Assistance is available towards an education exhibition approved by the Governors, the cost of clothing, tools, instruments or books required to assist their entry into a profession, trade or calling, or otherwise promote their 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. These are: Mrs C. Cox, Mr M Dain (Vice Chairman), Mrs M Ellis (Chairman), Rev C Hawkins, Mrs H Gingell, Mrs D Spanton, Mr R Wallden and Mr T Wallden.

Fyfield *Pre-School*

The children of Fyfield Pre-School took part in their sports day on the village playing field.

Races included collecting the bean bags, sack race, running race, egg and spoon, galloping with a toy horse and a pairs race where each child got to drive a push along car, helped by a friend, before they swapped roles.

Family and friends came out to watch the fun in the sunshine and afterwards a presentation was held with each child receiving a medal and certificate from the pre-school's PE teacher.

The pre-school children are now looking forward to finishing the summer term with a fun day on the field with their families and a special graduation ceremony for the children moving on to local primary schools.

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Best Kept Front Garden Competition

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24 Walker Avenue

3rd Prize – Tony & Tina Zerafa –
Ward House, Norwood End

We saw many wonderful front gardens and it was a very tight competition. In the next Focus we will be publishing the top 20 gardens which will highlight how close many of you came to being a winner. We have expanded the judging



Howard & Patti Nicholson with LesLamb

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*Cheryl Hadley, Ann Jackson, Kate Lamb
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Well, it has been an eventful time since the last update. I am sure everyone knows about our

'visitors' so I won't go into too much detail here. Just a quick thank you to the Parish Council and to those villagers who came out on Friday and Saturday to help with the clear up. The wedding that we had booked went ahead, and the bride and groom were incredibly grateful. It just shows why we love this village so much when everyone pulls together.

So looking forward we are investing in a new gate and lock system and are looking into CCTV that would at least alert us and also gather evidence of any illegal activity. Obviously this all costs money, and so part of the 100 Club this year will go towards funding this.

Apologies for the delay in getting the 100 Club application forms out, events rather overtook us, and there just wasn't time to get everything done. Hopefully you will all get an application form in

August, ready for the 100 Club to start again in September.

We held a couple of family fun evenings, or beer and BBQ evenings, and the second one in particular was very successful. Thank you again to everyone who came up and showed their support for us all, it was lovely to see some new faces too. Thank you to Toby who was a master at the BBQ and so we have decided to hold another one to round off the summer on 7th September. Do come along, have a drink, a bite to eat and meet people in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. The village hall should be a meeting place and one of the focal points in the village. For those who have never been up to the Village Hall, come and say hello, we think you will be pleasantly surprised.

We are hoping to hold another quiz evening in the Autumn, more details in the next Focus.

Have a wonderful summer, enjoy the weather, and thank you again for all the support we were shown over the last couple of months.

Marie Apperley
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Fyfield Parish Council have organised an event for our lovely Fyfield community (and the surrounding villages) to get out of their homes and we hope do something a bit different. Perhaps to meet or make some new friends, or just enjoy an old film on a big screen in the very comfortable surroundings of the Zinc Arts Centre in their wonderful theatre space.

Please RSVP by Friday 21 September to Liselle on 01277 899 262 to confirm numbers for catering purposes and any allergy requirements. Please do ask Liselle what the film is (if you don't already know) as we can't advertise it! Any payments not received beforehand can be paid on the day.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and please tell anyone who you think may also enjoy or benefit from an outing to our Fyfield Film Club.

*Lunch will be served at 12.45pm and we aim to start the movie for 2pm

**Lunch on this day will be cottage pie and vegetables and peach crumble. The lunch is kindly catered for by the Zinc Arts chef team.

***Car parking is available at Zinc Arts Centre.

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.



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Fyfield *Luncheon Club*



We have had two lovely meals from The Queen's Head in June and July, salmon and gammon, many thanks.

Delicious sweets from volunteers Helen Webb, Ann Jackson, Trish Jones and Jan Hall in June,

and Jan Hall, Julie Robinson, Linda Seels and Fran Homersham in July. During August volunteers are taking a well-earned rest.

The Luncheon Club are going on their annual outing on the **8th August**. We are visiting the Museum of Power at Langford which is 1 mile from Maldon. The museum, apart from having steam

engines, is a museum of social history standing in seven acres of grounds. We have the option of just lunch and exploring the grounds or lunch and a guided tour. After lunch, we will go to Maldon for the afternoon.

We have spaces on the coach so if you are interested in a day out please contact Wendy on 899367.

Cost: Lunch and coach £14.50: Lunch, guided tour and coach £21.50. Leaving Fyfield at 10.30am and leaving Maldon at 4.30pm.

Our next lunch will be on September 12th and you need to book your lunch in advance by phoning Wendy on 899367.

Wendy Henshaw



Fyfield *Art Group*

The group are having a break during August and will start back in September, with meetings on the 10th and 24th. We are a very small group and could do with some more members to help pay the hall rent, so if you would enjoy having a relaxing morning either painting or drawing we will be pleased to welcome you. Contact 01277 899367.

Wendy Henshaw



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At our June meeting we heard about 'skeletons in the cupboard' that were scandalous goings on of famous authors, one of

whom was Wilkie Collins. I am told it was interesting but I wasn't present as I had travelled with our delegate, Mary Ellis, to the W.I. National Annual Meeting in Cardiff. It was quite inspiring to hear around 10,000 ladies singing 'Jerusalem' and 'Land of my Fathers' in Welsh. The resolution this year was that mental health matters as much as physical health. It was passed with an overwhelming majority of 98%. Our two speakers were interesting in different ways, we heard about MI5 from Dame Stella Rimmington, an amusing and accomplished speaker. In the afternoon we were entertained by Huw Edwards, who told us of his Welsh roots and praised the W.I. for its powerful input

on many resolutions over the years. We also had a presentation video advocating that we should join up and take part in walking netball....

Our July meeting was held in the church as we had travellers on the field. We had Sheila Gunson, the Essex W.I. Treasurer, talking and showing us her handmade bags. These were beautifully machine embroidered but we did wonder what she was going to do with them as she had so many. We have been pleased to welcome two new members, Carol Charge from Ongar and Penny Ovel from Fyfield.

Our next meeting will be on September 6th when Lorraine Ely returns to entertain with "Mostly Musicals and Me". We welcome visitors to our meetings that start at 2.p.m. in the Village Hall.

Wendy Henshaw

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Out of Focus

(It can't get any worse, or can it!)

My dog cannot deal with this weather and I am not much better. It really gets to me when a smiley faced TV weather presenter informs us that the weather is going to be lovely with a high of 33c and no rain forecast for this century. What about the high humidity that saps your strength, the unbearable heat on the underground if you have the misfortune of having to commute into London, the problems you have in sleeping at night, being dehydrated more than normal, the high pollen count and hay fever, getting stuck in a traffic jam on the motorway when you need to keep the engine running to provide air con but have to turn off because you are low on fuel, the problem in drying yourself after a shower or bath. All of this plus the damaging effects of the sun on your skin that can age you and shorten your life. My ideal climate would be one where it rained at night, had a blue sky with fluffy white clouds during the day and a temperature of no more than 28c. If anyone knows of such a place please let me know!

The last few weeks have highlighted that the world is changing: Nadal, Federer and Serena Williams did not win at Wimbledon, Andy Murray didn't even start. Lewis Hamilton did not win the British Grand Prix, Chris Froome did not win the Tour de France, England did not lose a penalty shoot-out in the World

Cup, Donald Trump did not start World War 3, Theresa May did not resign and the UK did not tell the EU where to go! Is all of this something to do with the heat? So what did happen? Well, a convoy of Travellers stopped for a few days in Fyfield and obviously didn't like it as they left after three days leaving loads of rubbish for us to clear up before they settle in some other lucky location.



Funny how events can influence your dreams. The other night I dreamt that I was serving eviction notices to a group of rabbits

who were occupying the Sports Field. The rabbits were human size and were not impressed, although they didn't turn aggressive. I clearly didn't threaten to confiscate their carrots!

Ian Hadley
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Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)



Hi, Archie here,

I've got a real problem with all of this hot weather. It's all right for humans, they can take some of

their clothes off to keep cool but I can't do that. I am stuck with an all season coat on all of the time and worse, the only way I can sweat is through my mouth by panting. That's OK but when you are panting you cannot eat at the same time. This is a design fault and a big disadvantage if you are a dog. Of course, I could dive into the river but I can't swim so that option is out. No, the only sensible answer is an air-conditioned kennel, failing that I will settle for a wet towel to lie on. Now for some important stuff.

I am getting fed up with some dog owners not clearing up after us. Let's not forget what dogs do for humans, we comfort them, play with them, guard them, are loyal and never make any unnecessary noise. All we ask in return is to be fed, housed and our poo picked up after us, the one thing that a dog cannot do (apart from play a trombone).

This year there are a lot of ducklings about on the river but, as usual, their numbers decrease as the crows, eels and minks target them for a snack. I'd like to help them out as they can't fight back but all I can do is bark. Now, if a crow lands in my garden then that's a different matter. That's why they don't come near me. The same applies to rabbits and squirrels. Small birds are OK, I allow them in.

Anyway, I'm off to my swimming lessons. It's about time that I gave those ducklings a bit of protection. Crows, eels and minks are no match for a Jack Russell. Eagles? Well, I might be wary of them.

Bye for now,
Archie.





Local Plan ready for Inspection

As you may know, the revised Local plan was delayed from being presented to the Secretary of

State for Independent Examination due to the legal challenge raised by a property development company based in Theydon Bois. At a judicial hearing, the Court rejected all four grounds of challenge endorsing the lawfulness of the Council decision to approve the Local Plan for 11,400 new homes over the Plan period up to 2033.

Community Safety Hub based at the Civic Offices in Epping

A new joint District Community Safety Hub bringing Epping Forest District Council and Essex Police closer together in the fight against local crime was officially launched on 20 July 2018. The Council and Essex Police joined forces, together with other agencies, to create the Hub, at the Civic Offices in Epping.

The Council's Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Councillor Sam Kane, hosted the Launch and said:

“Over recent years there has been a sustained demand for councils to increase the use of their powers to deal with anti-social behaviour, disorder and environmental crime. At the same time, the Gov-

ernment has introduced significant new legislation giving police and councils effective new powers to deal with these issues. Epping Forest District Council is already making use of the new powers but enforcement is often the main responsibility of the Police, which can lead to a disjointed approach. Better co-ordination through the creation of this unique Community Safety Hub will prove to be revolutionary for the District.”

Broadband

Up to 96% of residents in the Epping District now have access to a high speed broadband service with fibre to the door. This places our area in the top 4% of the population who have the fastest broadband service in the UK. The aim now is to increase this to 98% although there will always be a few locations where alternative methods of delivering a high speed broadband may be required.

*Cllr. Ian Hadley
Epping Forest District Council, Moreton & Fyfield Ward.*

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Letter from the Chairman



I am sure that you will all know that we had some un-invited visitors on the Sports Field earlier this month. Fortunately, the Travellers moved off within three days of them arriving.

This was not by luck but by a concentrated effort from the Parish Council, the Police, Epping Forest District Council and the Fyfield Village Hall. As this has never happened in Fyfield before it took a few hours on the morning of Tuesday 3rd July to contact and co-ordinate the authorities that have to be involved in eviction. Whilst the Sports Field is owned by the residents of Fyfield with the land registered to the Parish Council, it is still classed as private land as far as the police are concerned. The travellers' encampment on the Sports Field is classed as 'trespass' which is not a criminal offence and therefore has to be dealt with at a civil level. If there is any criminal activity then the police will step in. Once informed the police attended and assessed the encampment using a criterion that includes health and safety, human rights etc. After assessment, the police decided that they should leave the matter to the Parish Council to take action. Upon advice from EFDC's Environment & Neighbourhood Team, a notice requesting that they vacate the Sports Field within 24 hours was delivered by hand to the occupants of each of the eleven caravans. Once this was completed the police were informed so that they could consider evoking section 61 of the Crimi-

nal Justice and Public Order Act. On Wednesday 4th July, at 5pm when the notice to vacate had expired police were informed that the travellers had not vacated the Sports Field. There are a number of items that can trigger the issuing of the Section 61 Notice but at this time nothing was obvious until Marie Apperley, Chair of the Village Hall Trustees, pointed out that the encampment would cause a loss of income to the Village Hall. This is one of the triggers for Section 61 and on the morning of Thursday 5th July, the police contacted the FPC to say that a PC would be attending the Sports Field at 12.30pm to issue Section 61 Notices giving the travellers until 11am on Friday 6th to vacate. The PC advised us that it was normal for travellers to pack up and leave on the same evening as the notice was delivered and this turned out to be the case. The next issue was the clean-up of the Sports Field, surrounding hedgerows and dole path. This was accomplished by the EFDC's Environmental Health team and a group of volunteers on Friday and Saturday that enabled a wedding to take place on Saturday afternoon. The total cost to the FPC of the clean-up operation was £300 for a truck to remove the rubbish.

How do we prevent this occurring again? Section 61 prevents the same group of travellers returning within 3 months. A new gate with better security is being fitted and any trespassers would have to commit criminal damage to encamp on the Sports Field. This, plus the precedent of loss of income by the Village Hall

should be sufficient for the police to issue another Section 61 Notice without delay.

During the process of discovery we found out that, being private land, we could employ bailiffs to assist the travellers on their way within 24 hours of instruction. However, EFDC advised that this approach could lead to civil action being taken against the FPC with the consequential financial risk.

We also realised that if we had a written procedure in place we could have saved a few hours of telephone conversations, finding out what to do and who we should speak to. This is clearly something we need to put in place.

So, in summary, arguably the worst three days experienced by the residents and FPC alike for a very long time. Let's hope that we have all learnt lessons from the experience in many differing ways. Many thanks to all those residents who have supported and appreciated the effort put in by your council members and es-

pecially those of you who have contacted us to express their feelings.

Communication of progress was made on a regular basis on our official media, i.e. the Notice Board and the Parish Council Website. Other sources of information were used by individuals but may not have transmitted correct and/or complete information. The FPC will be reviewing the method of communicating valid and correct news updates to the residents at the next council meeting.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council as Toby Wallden has resigned and is due to move out of the area. Many thanks to Toby for his contributions to the Council especially his major involvement with the Speedwatch initiative.

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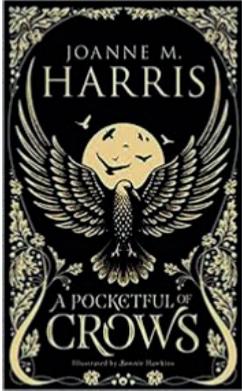
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A Pocketful of Crows

Joanne Harris



This book is not what many would associate with Joanne Harris, being more familiar with her French novels (especially *Chocolat*).

A Pocketful of Crows is a short story inspired by the Child Ballads,

a collection of 300 plus traditional ballads collected by Francis Childs in the latter part of the 19th Century.

Through the years the ballads have been passed down, altered slightly and many adapted by folk revivalists and songwriters. One example is Scarborough Fair which was modernised

by Simon and Garfunkel from lyrics from a ballad from 1670.

Written at breakneck speed in only three weeks, Harris describes it as 'an illustrated book for adults, in the tradition of old-style fairy tales'. Based on 'The Brown Girl' ballad number 295, it follows the seasons and is a lyrical, beautiful tale of love, loss and revenge narrated by a nameless wild brown girl, one of the travelling folk, who lives alone in the forest amongst the woodland animals and birds of the air. Her powers allow her to fly with the eagles, run with deer, hunt with wolves and Harris' descriptions of these journeys are beautifully crafted. It all goes wrong when the girl falls in love with the son of the local Lord and he gives her a name, because 'a named thing is a tamed thing' and she realises that she has lost more than she has gained as she sets about trying to return to her old life.

Debbie Spanton



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Fyfield *Ongar & District Bridge Club*

I am sitting here writing this article with a satisfied smile on my face, having spent a very pleasant afternoon celebrating the first anniversary of our Monday afternoon bridge sessions.

Cheryl Hadley, ably assisted by her husband Ian, opened the first bridge club in Fyfield in 2008 and it ran very successfully on Thursday evenings for seven years. When Cheryl announced its impending closure in October 2015, it galvanised the then members into setting up their own private members club taking over both the assets and same village hall time slot.

It was then just over a year ago when I made the suggestion the club trial an additional afternoon session and offered to organise it with the help of Janet Brindley and Allan Collins.

I had never run a bridge session before and had visions of me sitting in an empty

hall looking at the door and wishing I had kept my bright ideas to myself. In my mind's eye I could see me having to pay for the hall hire out of my pension, when through the door came two ladies, then a few more. At least I was not on my own anymore.

The Monday sessions have become increasingly popular and we now regularly have six or seven tables, which I am told is good after only a year, hence another reason for the celebrations today.

I think the bridge club is not only a brilliant social outlet, it is something you can pursue when physical activity is no longer possible and it keeps those brain cells busy.

Details of both our sessions and contact details can be found on our website www.bridgewebs.com/fyfield

Barbara Wells



Barbara Wells being thanked by Martin Collier. 4 June 2018

Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

Frothy extracts from the Pale Ale Annual of Allegations and Legends, Part 4

Photos recently produced from digital signals sent back from a Martian probe show an advertising board on the surface of the planet illustrating a MARS chocolate bar. Text under the picture explains that Forest Mars, the son of American- Frank C. Mars, created this



confectionery in 1932 at a factory in Slough. On

another board is a picture depicting a MILKY WAY bar. This massive form of Space advertising is included in the Pale Ale Annual as the furthest advert from Earth and recognised internationally as protected from Bill Stickers. He was unavailable for comment. Footnote: The SUN, The MERCURY PRESS and PLUTO-DISNEY WORLD are considering similar projects.

Harvey Wallbanger, an acknowledged mountaineer albeit a comparative novice, tried to explore regions on a shoe string. One notable excursion proved a strong challenge and to sum up he became lost. The Red Cross mountain rescue team searched the area where he was thought to have strayed. Shouting "Harvey! It's the Red Cross!!" between the peaks. They listened for a

response. After several tries a muffled response was detected - "I gave a donation at the office!"

Cheers has widened from "Good Health" to an everyday expression of goodbye. Who started this trend?

Simone, Gerado and Pisano are three builders involved over two centuries, beginning in the eleventh, on the construction of the Tower of Pisa. Figures released show that they were all going through a lean period.

Alfred Ina Steign was a famous lecturer who taught rationalised thinking about relatives.

Bibendum translated from French means Michelin Man –one of the world's oldest recognised trademarks for tyres since 1894. A suggested theory as to the design's origin is that it was copied from a man's distorted shape who had tried to tame Boa constrictors by hugging them. His "spare tyre" shape has had plenty of mileage over the years.



Barry Betteridge

1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Explorer Unit

Family Camp June 8th to June 10th

For the first time the Scout group held a family camp at Thriftwood Scout Activity Centre in Brentwood.

We'd had Group Camps with a few parents attending but this camp was to be different. We only had parents and their children including other siblings that were not in Scouting. We had 44 adults and 36 young people ranging from a 12-week baby to a seventeen-year-old.

The families that attended this camp were mainly from the Beaver and Cub sections with a few from Scouts and Explorer Scouts. All parents attending had to go through the DBS check before attending camp. This all took a couple of months to complete.

There was the option to camp or to stay in a pack holiday centre. Most of the families camped either bringing their own tent or using Scout Group tents. There were four families that decided to sleep in the pack holiday centre.

Once everyone was settled Len Skinner the Group Scout Leader explained what would be happening for the weekend. The families when they had decided to attend the camp had given Len information on the activities they would like to do over the weekend.

Len had then done a schedule so that everyone was busy over the next two days. The activities were kept as families all doing the same thing which the parents really loved as they could see their children taking part in activities and join in with them as well. Activities that they took part in were: Canoeing, Kayaking, Climbing, Abseiling, Raft Building, Zip Wire, Pond Dipping, Cresta Run, Axe Throwing, Archery, 3Dmaze, High Ropes, Orienteering, Beaver trail, Assault Course.

All these activities kept everyone busy for the whole two days.

We took the opportunity to hold our Annual General Meeting on the Saturday evening as we had a captive audience. This was followed by a BBQ and a campfire.

The catering was done by Darren Bacon and Nick Bruce who provided great meals for the happy campers. On Sunday lunch time there was a full Roast Turkey lunch for them all.

All the families seem to form happy friendship groups and are keeping in touch with each other. We hoped to make some more leaders through this event and certainly we have gained parent help on meeting nights. So, a very successful family camp and next year's camp is already booked.

The Beaver Scout Colony - 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8 years - Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm
Busy Beavers in Fyfield this half term. They have helped light fires, and cook marshmallows over the fire. They have started on their Cooks badge and made a pizza each and a fresh fruit salad. Before they went on family camp they learnt what to take in their rucksacks and what they didn't need either. For Father's day we invited the Dads, Granddads or Uncles to come in and build a kite with their Beavers. They all enjoyed spending time with their Beavers and then they had tea and cakes served by the Beavers. Another evening the Beavers also played a game called what do we take on a picnic. They all loved this and then knew what to take when they went to Hatfield Forest on the 1st July for a Teddy Bears Picnic. They all went in the new minibus. This was a really great day out with 10 of the Beavers and some of their Mummy's and Daddy's. All the Beavers had to build shelters in the forest to have their picnic lunch in. Mums and Dads helped the leaders as well and everyone enjoyed the day. They all took part in the National Trust 50 things to do before you are 11 $\frac{3}{4}$. They all have the booklets now and are collecting stickers. In Hatfield forest they were able to build a shelter, have a picnic, climb a tree and go on a rope swing and of course go on a hike as well.

We should have been taking part in a litter sweep with Les Lamb after the School fete on the 30th June but the programme had to change as the travellers were on the sports field. Les Lamb still came in and talked to the Beavers about the footpaths and how to look after them and I expect they will do a litter pick in the Autumn. The Beavers have also visited the Discovery Wood to look for insects and bugs. Lots of creatures found and logged for part of the Beaver Outdoor challenge. The last week of term is party time and finding out who the winning lodge will be this term.

Cub Scouts - 8 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years - Thursday 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Well busy Cub Scouts this term. The first camp was District Camp at Tolmers Activity Scout Centre in Cuffley Hertfordshire. 12 Cubs went on this camp and David had Len Skinner come along during the day and Sam Bird overnight. This year there was quite a lot of rain which is always a testing time for the younger Cubs. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and gained some badges at camp as well including Artists, Science, Entertainer, Backwoods Cooking. They all enjoyed sleeping in tents which was a new experience for some of them. Thank you to David for taking the Cubs to camp.

For Father's Day we asked the Dads, Uncles & Granddads to come in and build Ballista's with their Cub Scout. Everyone had a great time and this ended up on the sports field seeing which one could fire the furthest. Then they were all served tea and cakes by the Cub Scouts. Les Lamb came in to the pack meeting and talked to the Cubs about his work with the local footpaths. They then all went around the sports field and the Dole path and collected five bags of rubbish.

Another happy night. In June, David and Sonia set the Cubs a problem to carry as much water as possible around an obstacle course in the car park and sports field. There were some wet cubs as they struggled around the course. All the Cubs really enjoyed this challenge. We had to transfer the Cub meeting to Willingale on Thursday 5th July as we were going to play baseball but we could not use the sports field due to the travellers being on the field. The following week the Cubs all went to Hylands Park where they played lots of team games and Diamond cricket and then Akela took everyone to the One World Garden to invest the three new Cubs. Max Fisher, Jacob Littler and Zack Milbank. The One World Garden was made after the Scout Association World Jamboree in 2007 that took place in Hylands Park.

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

The last week before half term the Scouts went to Hylands Park to play rounders. This was a great night and they all enjoyed themselves. On the 8th June the Scouts were given a talk about the local footpaths by Les Lamb. They all then went out armed with equipment to cut and prune and clear the hedgerows. They all really enjoyed the evening. Jack Riggs one of our Scout leaders showed the Scouts a video about the Lake District where the troop summer camp is being held. This went down really well and a couple more have decided to go making 16 scouts in total. On the 29th June the Scouts spent the evening making and cooking Jam tarts and Scones this was for an event on the Sunday the 1st July. The troop were running a garden party for the elderly residents and their families in Wensley House in Epping. Chloe Bellsham one of the Jamboree Scouts also took a keyboard in and played to the residents. One of the residents asked if she could play with Chloe which she did. A lovely day for the Scouts and the leaders as well as a change for the residents and their families. On the 6th July 21 scouts were cooking outside whilst 5 scouts were on their way to Seaford to walk the South Downs Way from Beachy Head to Seaford a total of 17KM. Rolf

and Jack the two leaders that went with them got them up at 5.00am on Saturday to be starting the walk at 6.00am. They finished at 1.00pm before the football and before it was too hot. They went on the beech afterwards and then on Sunday visited Pevensey Castle. Before driving home after a happy but tiring weekend. July 13th was spent in Archery training for the Scouts. One group played on the field various team games whilst the other half were taking part in Archery. They then swapped the groups over. Other things that the troop have done this term is a Gliding day at Cambridgeshire Gliding Centre. Ten Scouts took part and gained their Air activities staged badge. Anne Mountney set up a session of Bag Packing for the Scouts on the 14th July. This is where the Scouts can work at packing bags for customers and the public donate money to them and each Scout has a percentage of the money raised put into their account. They can use this money towards activities and Camps. Their next big trip will be summer camp to Lake Windermere in the Lake District.

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

The Explorer Unit is now up and running again after the exam period. The younger ones have been meeting

whilst the older ones were taking their exams. They all attended a camp called GILWELL24 which is an activity camp which runs for 24 hours non-stop. Seven of the Explorers went on this with Vicki Wood and Peter Wick they are looking after the unit until September and hopefully longer. They are hoping to have a local summer camp and go up to London and to the Seaside and all sorts of plans. Also they want to go on Scarfest at Gilwell in October.

World Scout Jamboree 2019 & the Australian Scout Jamboree 2019

The team raising funds have been concentrating on village fetes and bag packing and walking events. They hope to have a successful event with their 5K run in September in the village. Rolf Bassnett has also walked the 87 miles of the Norfolk coastal path to raise money for the Jamboree four.

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