

# Fyfield Focus

February/March 2019

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## Wendy Henshaw Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for the late Wendy Henshaw will be held at 3pm on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Nicholas' Church followed by refreshments at the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome.



## Shop Reports Improved Trading Figures

Nikhil Patel has reported that our Village Shop & Post Office has experienced an increase in trade over the previous financial year (2017).

This is good news for us all but still reinforces the need for the shop and Post Office to be used regularly if it is to remain a success. Don't forget that you can use the Post Office to deposit and draw out cash. This is especially valuable now as we no longer have a Bank in Ongar.

## Time for Change

The December 2019 edition of the Focus will be the final publication under the current Editor.

For more information please see Editor's column inside.



### Don't Forget

Clocks go Forward one Hour  
on

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

*which is also*

**Mother's Day**

# Village Diary 2019

02-Feb	Fyfield Village Hall - Fun Quiz Evening	Village Hall 7.00pm
04-Feb	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
05-Feb	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
07-Feb	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
09-Feb	Scouts' Family Race Night	Scout Hut, 5.30pm
10-Feb	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
13-Feb	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
20-Feb	Fyfield Litter Pick	Village Shop, 9.30am
22-Feb	Coffee with Cops	Village Hall, 3.30pm
04-Mar	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
05-Mar	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
07-Mar	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
10-Mar	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
13-Mar	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
27-Mar	Coffee with Cops	Village Hall, 10am
26-Mar	Fyfield Village Hall - AGM	Village Hall 7.30pm
01-Apr	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
02-Apr	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
04-Apr	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
10-Apr	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
14-Apr	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
02-May	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
08-May	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
12-May	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
13-May	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
02-Jun	Fyfield Festival	Church, 12 noon

## Many Thanks

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

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I am finding it very difficult and very sad that in the last edition of the Focus it was full of joyous news and photographs of Wendy Henshaw celebrating her retirement from the Village Hall Committee after 48 years' service and yet in this edition we are reading about Wendy in the past tense. The special retirement celebration was an extremely happy occasion for Wendy and how wonderful it was that we got the opportunity to tell her how special she was and how much we appreciated her. With kind permission from the family we have published the In Conversation Interview with Wendy which was written in the Summer of 2017 and first published in the December 2017 Focus. The article includes details of how much Wendy achieved and how broad and diverse her involvement was in village life. Despite this I was surprised to learn during the interview what a shy person Wendy was and I hadn't picked up on this during the 13 years I had known her.

Wendy's funeral has taken place but there is a Memorial Service on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 3pm at St. Nicholas' Church Fyfield, followed by refreshments at the Village Hall; everyone is welcome. Inside, Patti Nicholson has written a short piece about her funeral and Marie Apperley's Village Hall News is all about Wendy and her words are very moving. In the April/May edition of the Focus there will be an article containing the special memories of Wendy.

Nikhil Patel has sent us the results of the Christmas Raffle he held at the Village Store and Post Office along with photographs of the lucky 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> winners and how much was raised.

Nikhil is also sponsoring the next Special Colour Easter edition of the Focus and I think we are very lucky not only to have a village store and post office but to have Nikhil in our village who does so much for our community and he is always so pleasant and has a smile on his face – thank you we do appreciate you and Gita and all the staff.

The first of the Jamboree Four, Daniel Woppard, is now in Australia on the Australian Scout Jamboree and I am sure the Focus will be receiving news of his January trip when he gets back.

Matthew, Caitlin and Chloe are still busy fundraising for their big Jamboree trip in July and we continue to wish them success with their fund raising. The Scout group are holding a general fund raiser on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – a Family Race Night – see their article for details.

This year the Fyfield Festival takes place a little later on 2<sup>nd</sup> June – fingers crossed the weather is better for us this year. The festival team have already started work and are looking for more resources to help and any new ideas or suggestions – see their advert.

The Pre -School is under new management and has been re-named Fyfield Village Pre-school and we wish them continued success. You can read about the changes in their article.

Cleaning with Meaning is a new venture for Kristie Baxter who was raised in Fyfield and who is a very caring young woman having spent many years caring for Dementia Patients. We wish her success with her new company – see Cleaning with Meaning advert.

We have received a letter of help from Canada from a lady writing a book about the Elmbridge Site – please see her very interesting letter and photograph and see if you can provide her with information.

As we approach the magazine's financial year end I would like to thank all our advertisers who have supported us this year and for all the donations and sponsorships we have received. Without this support we would not be able to deliver a copy of the Focus (free of charge) to every home in Fyfield and to a number of community and retail outlets in Fyfield and surrounding areas.

I would also like to thank all the members of the Fyfield Focus team for all they contribute - Steve, Sally, Margaret, Jenny and everyone on the delivery team who deliver the Focus in all weather conditions; I know some of you have done so for many years. Also, a huge thank you to Ian for his very creative design, technical and writing skills.

Finally, Ian and I have now completed our 6th year working on the Fyfield Focus and we have decided that this 7<sup>th</sup> year will be our final year. So the December/January Focus will be our

final publication. I have found it a privilege to be the Editor of our village magazine and we have both thoroughly enjoyed our time working and developing the Focus and working with so many nice and interesting people.

If you want a community magazine to continue in our village please come forward and volunteer yourselves – it is a valuable community asset which we must ensure continues. Please do get in touch.

*Cheryl Hadley,  
Editor.*



# **Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins**

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Dear Friends

The announcement coming from the TV tonight proclaims that the government has suffered a huge defeat after MP's voted against the Prime Minister's Brexit deal. We can only imagine what will happen now.



I officiated at a couple of funerals recently. One of them – a funeral for an old friend – took place in Harlow, the town where I grew up. There were about a 150 mourners present, many of whom I knew but had not seen for years and I was struck by the number of connections that my deceased friend had in common with me.

Some of the relationships were forged in my youth and brought back precious memories. Others were less memorable and some I would have preferred to forget! Yet all of these relationships were woven into the tapestry of my life and were part of the warp and weft of my experience. Each person, in a unique way, had helped to make me who I am, either because of them or despite them.

The other funeral took place in Fyfield just after Christmas, when about 200 people turned out to bid farewell to Wendy Henshaw, a treasured member of the community. It was clear to see that Wendy's life had touched so many other lives and that she was stitched to the

hearts of people in the village and beyond. We will miss her for sure, particularly from our small congregation at St Nicholas Church.

Both funerals showed me how indispensable we all are to each other and exposed the myth that we can make it through life under our own steam and live in splendid isolation.

Our PCC's in both benefices are facing some serious questions about the sustainability of the church in this area and the changing aspects of belonging. Over the next few months, we will be thinking about, praying about and discussing the prospect of amalgamating some of our church councils and uniting with each other in order to continue being a vibrant church, not only for the current community, but also for the generations that will follow us.

I believe that we are indispensable to each other and that we are stronger together, but these decisions are not mine to take as Priest-in-Charge, but for the church councils to decide.

St Paul, in his letters, uses the image of the body to describe the community of faith, but the model can be applied to any human organisation. Some members are arms, others legs, eyes, hands and feet. We need every part of the body to complete the whole and to function properly, for without them, life is a lot harder.

I fear that, after Brexit, we may miss the other parts of the body which made up

our European Community, just as much as I miss my friend and Fyfield misses Wendy. But I pray that even through our loss, God will lead us on to something new, exciting and glorious.

Happy New Year!

*Chris*

*Reverend Christine Hawkins  
Priest In Charge  
The United Benefice of Bobbingworth,  
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The Rector  
6 Forest Drive  
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## **Special Dates for February & March**

<b>Valentines Day</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>St. David's Day</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>6<sup>h</sup> March</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Brexit Day</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>British Summer Time</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>

# **Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield**

Priest in Charge: Reverend Christine Hawkins 01277 286113  
Churchwarden: Carol Cox 01277 899245

## **ST NICHOLAS', FYFIELD**

February 10	18:00	Holy Communion
February 24	11:00	Family Service
March 10	18:00	Holy Communion
March 24	11:00	Family Service
March* 31		<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE – Time &amp; Venue to be confirmed</b>

## **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MORETON**

February 3	09.30	Family Communion
February 17	09.30	Family Service
March 3	09.30	Family Communion
March 17	09.30	Family Service
March* 31		<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE – Time &amp; Venue to be confirmed</b>

## **ST GERMAIN, BOBBINGWORTH**

February 3	11.00	Family Service
February 17	11.00	Family Communion

## **ST CHRISTOPHER, WILLINGALE**

February 10	09:30	Family Service
February 17	18:00	Evening Prayer
February 24	09:30	Holy Communion
March 6	19:00	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes (Ash Wednesday)
March 10	09:30	Family Service
March 17	18:00	Evening Prayer
March 24	09:30	Holy Communion
*March 31		<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE – Time and venue to be confirmed</b>

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone who provided gifts to the food bank during the many services which took place at the Church during December.

*Carol Cox  
Church Warden*

**Lent Course – 2019**  
**The Long Road to Heaven:**  
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We will meet for five Thursdays during Lent:

**Thurs 7 March, 14 March, 28 March & Thurs 4 April & 11 April**

**Please note – there will be no meeting on Thursday 21 March**

**Venue: The Rectory, 6 Forest Drive, Fyfield**

**Time: 19.00 -21.00**

**All welcome.**

For further information, please contact Rev Chris – 01227 286113

[revcah56@gmail.com](mailto:revcah56@gmail.com)

**Quiet Morning for Lent**

Following on from the popular Advent Quiet Mornings, there will be another 5 Quiet Mornings during Lent 2019:

**Monday 11, 18 March. Monday 1, 8 & 15 April**

**Please note – there will be no Quiet Morning on Monday 25 March**

**Venue: The Rectory, 6 Forest Drive, Fyfield**

**Time: 09.30 – 12 Noon**

The mornings will focus on Malcolm Guite's book 'Word in the Wilderness' which features a poem for every day of Lent.

**All welcome.**

For further information, please contact Rev Chris – 01227 286113

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Comments from previous participants:

"we should start every day like this" "I cannot focus at home – it's so good to come to share the silence with others and to really think and pray" "In the quiet, things have re-surfaced that I really need to contemplate and pray about" "It's been like taking a long, soothing bath." "We must do this again"

# Fyfield Village Store & Post Office

## Christmas Raffle

Through your support we managed to raise £400 for St. Nicholas' Church, Fyfield. A special thank you goes to David, Ann and Chris Jackson for their kind donation towards the raffle prizes.

Thank you all very much.

*Nikhil Patel*



## **Thank You - Village Store Christmas Raffle**

I would like to say a huge thank you to Nikhil Patel for his generosity for providing and organising the Christmas Raffle held in his Village Shop and Post Office. This raised the amazing amount of £400 in support of St. Nicholas' Church in our lovely village. Nikhil has kindly organised a Christmas Raffle for a number of years and the prizes have always been very generous and the funds raised continue to be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Gita Patel, Lynne and other staff for clearly doing a great job at selling the raffle tickets, to anyone else who donated prizes and finally to everyone who bought tickets.

Thank you very much.

*Carol Cox  
Church Warden*

## **Fyfield Village Store & Post Office Opening Times**

### **Village Store**

Monday, Weds & Friday	7.00am to 6.00pm
Tuesday & Thursdays	7.00am to 5.00pm
Saturday	8.00am to 2.00 pm
Sunday	8.00am to 12.30pm

### **Post Office**

Monday to Friday	9.00am to 5.00pm
Saturday	9.00am to 12.30pm
Sunday	Closed



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# **Wendy Henshaw**

## **21st March 1934 to**

## **16 December 2018**



On 16th December, 2018 Wendy Henshaw passed away in Princess Alexandra Hospital after a short illness. Wendy will be greatly missed and was mourned by her family and her many friends and acquaintances who packed St Nicholas' Church on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> December to say their farewells to a much-loved and respected friend and neighbour. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Christine Hawkins and was very moving. Wendy's son, Michael, played the organ and her grandchildren Thomas and Stephanie took part in Readings and the Eulogy. The Order of Service booklet was beautifully designed by granddaughter Megan Nurhan. Wendy was always very proud of all her children and

grandchildren. The collection went to the Friends of St Nicholas' Church, an organisation close to Wendy's heart.

Although in her 85<sup>th</sup> year, Wendy was still very involved with Fyfield life. I think it unlikely that there is a committee or club that she was not part of ever since she moved to Walker Avenue over 50 years ago. Wendy retired from the Village Hall Committee in late October 2018 after 48 years of serving on the committee and the committee organised a special afternoon tea celebration on 18<sup>th</sup> November which was attended by the committee, her family and many friends from other Fyfield organisations. Her final project was her involvement in the creation of a Fabric Wall Art depicting the life of St. Nicholas the patron saint of our village church. This project was initiated by Mary Ellis and Wendy in 2016 and the art work got its first public airing at the Carol Service on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2018. It is a magnificent piece of work with Wendy being part of creating 3 of the 9 panels and it has been a very enjoyable community project for all involved. Encouraged by Tutor Becky, there are plans to enter it into the quilting exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham in August – something which Wendy was surprised and delighted about.

There will be a *Celebration of Wendy's life on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.00pm at St Nicholas Church* to which all are invited, with refreshments at the Village Hall afterwards. The April/May *Fyfield Focus* will carry an article about Wendy based on the special memories people have of her.

*Patti Nicholson*

# Can anyone guess who these Fyfield atheletes are?

*Answers and more in the next edition.*



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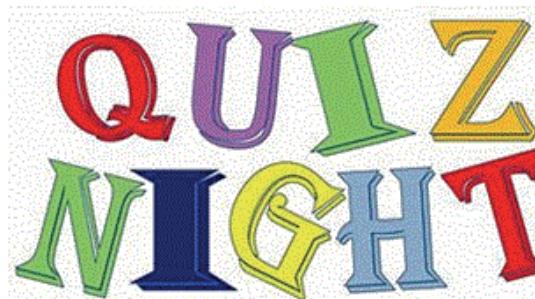
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## **Carols At The Black Bull 14th December 2018**

Oh what a night and oh what an atmosphere! People arriving by foot, by taxi or in their own cars but clearly ready to have a good night. Most people wearing their Christmas Jumpers, Christmas Head Gear, Christmas Earrings, Christmas Pyjamas or in full Christmas Costume; be it animal, vegetable, Pixies or Fairies. The pub was packed and there was definitely no more room at the inn!

Nikki, Tony and staff were full of festive spirit and as usual gave everyone a very warm welcome. Rev. Christine Hawkins was finalising the programme and the music equipment but clearly ready to make it a good night. John Hawkins was supporting Christine and hosting a couple of tables of family and friends.

Well we were off and the carol signing began and due to Rev. Christine's superb management of the crowd the competitiveness across all the tables, across the different genders between customers and Pub Management and staff just grew as the evening went along coupled with the increase in volume of the singing! We even got to hear Rev. Christine singing a special Christmas Carol which she had written for and about Tony and Nikki and the Black Bull.

Rev. Christine did a superb job of not only conducting the singing but entertaining us all with her witty commentary, Christmas Cracker jokes

whilst we were queuing for the buffet or enjoying the delicious food, and was on her feet moving from one end of the pub to the other all evening! I really don't know how she did it but she did and everyone left the pub having had a great evening with friends and family.

The raffle and the auction raised £750 for our lovely village Church of St. Nicholas.

Thank you to Rev. Christine and Nikki and Tony and all staff at the Black Bull for making it such a special evening for us all.

*Cheryl Hadley*



*Tony Walker & Eric Orros Having Just Kissed To Raise Money For The Auction*

# Fyfield Village Pre-School



A new year brings about new changes and this is true at Fyfield Pre-School.

Current manager Lisa Carey and deputy manager Charlotte Kearney have bought out the long-established charity run pre-school. The new setting for two to five-year-olds has changed its name to Fyfield Village Pre-School and has a new logo.

Everything else remains the same - the same high standards of care and education provision, all its staff and its location in the Scout Hut.

Lisa Carey



Lisa, who has been at the pre-school for seven years and manager for three, said: "We are delighted that after six months of preparation we have passed our Ofsted registration and

Charlotte and I are now the new owners of Fyfield Village Pre-School. We are looking forward to the successful journey of the pre-school with a great team of teachers and the continued support of parents."

Last term the pre-school had a memorable Christmas party with a special visit from Father Christmas and character appearances and party games with Frozen's Anna and Elsa and Paw Patrol friends.

To find out more: email [fyfield\\_manager@hotmail.com](mailto:fyfield_manager@hotmail.com) or call 01277 899678.

*Michelle Breavington*



Charlotte Kearney



Chrismas Party - 2018

# Fyfield Litter Pickers



Today (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January) the Litter Pickers took advantage of the Moreton Road

being closed with Fiona and Heather covering Moreton Road from the Gypsy Mead end to Pennyfeathers Farm and Cheryl waited outside the Shop for a new Litter Picker to join the group, Jenny Stone, and also Peter was able to join us so we covered the layby on Ongar Road opposite the private road to Bundish Hall.

We collected 6 full black bags of rubbish from the layby which consisted of food wrappers and empty plastic and glass bottles. I think this was worse than the last time the layby was cleared. The fly tipping in the ditch at the back of the layby is worse than ever and this will be reported again by Cheryl.

In the ditch on the Moreton Road between Pennyfeathers Cottages and Gypsy Mead we removed 116 empty wine bottles; mostly Mateus Rose! Nearby the dumped bottles we found a huge amount of bread wrappers which filled 2 large black bags. I would say someone catering for a function has dumped their post party rubbish in Fyfield! Moreton Road was cleared last summer but, on this Litter Pick we removed in total 8 full black bags and 116 empty wine bottles.

It is probably worth mentioning that pedestrians in Moreton Road need to be extremely careful on the grass verge which is heavy with dog poo.

So in total on this litter pick we collected 14 full black bags of rubbish and 116 empty wine bottles.

Our new litter bin is now installed at the bus stop and we are still trying to identify a litter bin that doesn't get used to see if this could be moved to the layby. We have identified two bins but one bin we have discounted as it clearly does get used.

It was really encouraging to have Jenny join the group and to see Peter again – both of whom regularly pick litter when enjoying a leisurely walk around the village.

If you would like to come along to the next litter pick on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, we meet outside the village Store and Post Office at 9.30am; bring rubber gloves and black bags.

*Fiona Baxter*



*116 Empty Wine Bottles found on Morton Road between cottages and Gypsy Mead*



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# Fyfield Festival 2019

The date for this event is

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 12noon – 4pm

The Theme for the Flowers in the Church is  
**'A Good Read'**



If you would like to have a stall contact Cheryl on 899840

If you would like to do a flower arrangement contact Jenny on 899727

If you can offer a Raffle Prize or help in anyway contact Jan on 899808

Thank you, we really welcome new ideas and suggestions

*Carol Cox*

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[lavershorticultural@gmail.com](mailto:lavershorticultural@gmail.com)

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February 4th - Helpful Hints & Tips for every gardener - Ian Keast

March 4th - AGM

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The next dates are as follows:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 15.30-16.30

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 10.00-11.00

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## **Letter To The Fyfield Focus**

### **Information Wanted Fyfield Boarding School**

I'm hoping one of your readers can help me with historical information about the Elmbridge Hall site. I was one of the original students at Fyfield Boarding School and left in 1962. I am currently writing a book on the history of Elmbridge Hall going back to the days of the Truant School and the Open Air School. I live in Canada so am not able to pop across the pond on a regular basis!

I have a copy of the Fyfield Focus article by Margaret Butler written in the July/August 1994 issue. I am wondering if any of your readers have memories of any villagers who worked at the school, or have access to other articles and photographs that may have included any of the schools. For instance, there was a Carnival Queen crowned in July 8, 1961 when one of our girls won the competition. There was also a parade and fancy dress competition on the same day. We also learned that our headmaster, Mr. J.J.P. Underwood, served on the parish council from the inception of the school in 1958 to facilitate the relationship between the school and the village.

I've also received an inquiry from a school friend about Albert Lovejoy who was a Fyfield resident. At the time the school closed he married one of the kitchen staff. Both were working at the school at the time and he was a relatively young man then. We just don't know the

name of the lady he married. I understand that she passed away in the early 2000's. I believe he remained in the village and we are wondering if he is still living in Fyfield. He was an institution at Fyfield School and we all loved him, as we did Jack and Dora Bretton.

I realise that this may be a tall order! If anyone has any articles and memories to do with the schools, particularly Fyfield, I would appreciate receiving copies by email! The magazines on your website are very recent so do not contain any historical information.

You may be interested to know that the Fyfield spirit lives on and we hold a large reunion about every three years and class reunions in the interim. The latter reunions and site visits are always followed by a lunch at The Black Bull which was owned by the parents of one of our classmates in the early 1960's. The originals are now in their early 70's! Many of us have visited the site since we left and we are so grateful that the original building was not destroyed. Elmbridge Hall is a credit to its history.

Thank you,

*Anne van Dyk  
Alumni Secretary, Fyfield Boarding School  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
Email: granne@cogeco.ca*

**Later:** Since writing this letter to you I have received the photograph below and some of my school friends have identified some of the people in the kitchen staff photo. Again, we don't know full names or identity of the others! Many were related and I know Mrs. Horsenail also

worked in the kitchen but don't know which one she is. There was a Mrs. Prudence who we can't identify. Can anyone identify the staff - they were pretty much all Fyfield residents?  
Marjorie Cant used to live in Ongar when

her husband was a police sergeant there - they moved to Fyfield after she retired; sadly they are both deceased.



**Kitchen Staff Photo – From the early days (around 1959)**

**Front Row:**

Seated From Right to Left is second right Mrs. Ricketts, Marjorie Cant, Mr. Underwood (Head Master), Head Cook (we think her name was Bessie and don't know her surname).

**Back Row:**

Standing on extreme left is Albert Lovejoy  
Standing extreme right from right to left is Percy Horsenail, Jack Bretton, Mrs. Violet Shelley, unidentified, June ?

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# In Conversation With:

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## Wendy Henshaw

23rd August 2017

Wendy Henshaw is a very well-known and respected resident in the Village. If you haven't met Wendy you will have heard of her or seen her name appear many times in **every** publication of the Fyfield Focus!



Wendy at the opening of the  
Monica Couling Room - 2009

Wendy Henshaw (nee Fairweather) was born in Ilford in 1934, attended Gearies Primary School then went to Ilford County High. After leaving school Wendy went to work at Shell Petroleum in the City and was based in the Library of the Advertising Department. In 1958, whilst working at Shell Petroleum, Wendy got married and after nine years she left Shell Petroleum to start her family. Wendy and her husband David moved to Fyfield in October 1965 to a new house in Walker Avenue where Wendy continues to live today. All the houses in Walker Avenue were new back in 1965 and there were many young families living in the road. Wendy and David have three grown-up children – Michael who was born in Buckhurst Hill,

Teresa in Barkingside and Timothy in Fyfield.

Wendy went to her first Fyfield Social event at the Old Village Hall which was situated on Dunmow Road and met a number of new faces and also went to the coffee mornings held by Joan Worley (who was married to a local Estate Agent) at her home in Clatterford End. In 1966 Wendy joined the Tennis Club which had a grass court on the Sports Field where the Basket Ball Net is today. (Note: The Old Village Hall was an old Nissan Hut with a corrugated tin roof and Wendy thinks it was in use from around 1922 and consisted of a British Legion Room (known as the Legion Room), Main Hall (which had a stage), Kitchen and Storage Room. You can see the site where the Old Village Hall used to be; it is a small piece of land next to York House on Dunmow Road.)

In 1966 or 1967 Wendy joined the Fyfield & District W.I. which met in the Legion Room at the Old Village Hall; she and Pat Turnpenny were invited to join the W.I. by one of its' members Mrs. Harwood. The Fyfield & District W.I. continues to meet but in the new Village Hall and Wendy has held the position of President during 1980-1982, 1984-1986 and is the current President and has been since 1995!

Wendy started a Brownie unit in Fyfield in September 1970; the unit was registered in December 1970 and Wendy obtained her warrant in May 1971. The unit attracted 36 young girls from Fyfield and Willingale and Wendy was helped by

Jean Dwyer and Carol Bailey. Wendy was fundamental in a Guide unit being set-up in Fyfield in 1971 by Vera Wright and Liz Read. The Brownie and Guide units had to move out of the Old Hall in late 1976 or early 1977 as the electrics were condemned so they spent approximately 6 months meeting in various locations (one being the old school site situated in Queen Street where I now live) before moving to the newly built Village Hall in September 1977 situated on the Sports Field and which we all enjoy today.

Wendy's previous guiding experience as a Guide Guider during 1952-1960 and getting



a Camp permit in 1957 made Wendy an ideal candidate to be a unit leader and she was a warrant holder until she was forced to retire from active Guiding in March 1999 as she had now reached the Guiding retirement age of 65 . However, during the time she was a unit leader (Brown Owl) and since she retired from active Guiding Wendy's achievements in the Guiding Association are many and extensive. In 1984 Ann Russell persuaded her to undertake the necessary training to become a Pack Holiday License Holder which she did and every year until she retired from active Guiding they had a one week pack holiday in Suffolk and Norfolk.

Wendy's other Guiding Association roles and achievements are:

Ongar North District Commissioner 1977-1986

Quartermaster certificate 1983

Essex West County Young Leader Adviser 1986-1988

Epping Forest North Division Commissioner 1988-1995

Division Pack Holiday Adviser 1995-1998

District Secretary – a position Wendy took on when she retired from active guiding in March 1999

In autumn 1999, along with four other retiring Guide Leaders, formed the Ongar & District Trefoil Guild which started in 2000 and Wendy took on the role as Chairman

Appointed County Vice-President 2008

Presented with a Good Service Award from the County Guiding Association 2015

Gained the Bronze Voyage Award from the Trefoil Guild 2016

In 2001 was invited to the Queen's Garden Party for her Services to the Community and was accompanied by Mary Ellis.

Wendy became a Fyfield Parish Councillor in the 1994 by-election and was a councillor until 2008 having also been Chairman of the Parish Council possibly during 2000-2006. During her time as a Councillor Wendy considers her most satisfying achievements were being involved with the creation and implementation of a Village Appraisal and obtaining a £17,000 grant to purchase and install the Teenage Basket Ball equipment

on the Sports Field. The Fyfield Village Appraisal was published in 2008 and Wendy feels it was a very good community project and it resulted in a lot of value and benefits to the village.

Wendy has been involved with the Fyfield Village Hall Committee since 1970. She was the Brownies Representative during 1970-1971 and has held the positions of Chairman and Secretary. She cites her main achievements on the Committee as obtaining various grants to: refurbish the Ladies Cloak Room, the building and furnishing of the Monica Couling Room, the conversion of a storage cupboard in the Monica Couling Room into a Disabled Toilet and Utility Room, refurbishment and furnishing of the Club Room, conversion of a store cupboard into a kitchenette off the Club Room and installation of a shower in the disabled toilet and refurbishment of the Gents Toilets. Currently Wendy is working on a grant application for the movement and refurbishment of the Kitchen and new Village Hall entrance.

Wendy is a regular member of the congregation at St. Nicholas' Church and is on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and is the PCC Book Keeper and was the PCC School Governor for fourteen years. Wendy has helped with two Fyfield Festivals; the first lasted a week and the second a long weekend. For thirteen years acted as Secretary and Co-ordinator for Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail

(currently known as the Fyfield Festival). Helped with the Millennium Hanging in the Church and at present is working on the St. Nicholas Fabric Wall Art Banner.

For a short time, before her youngest son was born, Wendy was employed by Dr. Walker's School as a mid-day assistant based in the old school and has also been a volunteer at the School and read stories to the infant class. Wendy was employed in 1970 as a teacher's assistant in the morning's to help Mrs. Ellis (Mary) with the children who were taught in the Old

Village Hall during the morning and the Old School in the afternoon. When all the school (except the infant class) moved to the new school in October 1970 Wendy's hours were increased. Due to the increase in numbers in the infant class they remained at the

Old School until a large enough classroom was obtained. When Mrs. Monk, the School Secretary, retired Wendy was offered the position and remained until she retired in March 1999. Wendy received a Long Service Award from Essex County Council. For a number of years Wendy was the Parish Council representative for Dr. Walker's Trust.

Wendy is involved with the Fyfield Christmas Lunch which in the early days was funded by some of the money raised in the Harvest Fêtes. Wendy took over the organisation of the Luncheon Club Cooking Teams from Jan Francis and was part of one of the Cooking Teams. Wendy has passed on the organisation to Jan Hall and this year retired from one of the



cooking teams but still takes the bookings and organises the annual Luncheon Club Outing.

Despite continuing to be heavily involved in the community Wendy still finds time to pursue her own personal hobbies and has been a member of the Fyfield Hand Bell Ringers which she thinks she joined in the early 1980's. As a result of The Village Appraisal, Wendy went to Bridge Classes and joined the Fyfield Bridge Club (which was set-up by Cheryl and Ian Hadley), with Carol Bailey started the Fyfield Art Group and acts as Treasurer and Secretary and is a member of the Fyfield Gardening Club and WD50 Exercise Classes.

Wendy's closest friends are Pat Turnpenny and Mary Ellis. Pat and Brian Turnpenny moved to Fyfield three months after Wendy and David (moving into the house opposite them in Walker Avenue) and Pat has remained a very good friend ever since. Wendy and Mary became friends soon after Mary and David Ellis moved to the village in the Spring of 1969 as David Ellis was the new Head Master at Dr. Walker's School.

I asked Wendy what achievements have given her the most pleasure to which she replied 'The Village Appraisal, obtaining the £17,000 grant for the Teenage Basket Ball equipment and the Guiding

Association achievements. In particular the Good Service Award, The Bronze Voyage Award, becoming the Epping Forest North Division Commissioner and attending the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.' I told Wendy that her passion for the Guiding Association really shone through during the discussion and Wendy agreed this was her biggest love and she thinks this is because she was very shy and through her Guiding Association involvement it gave her a lot of self-confidence. I also asked Wendy what she thinks has changed the most in Fyfield and her answer came back immediately which was the low number of children in the village compared to when she moved to Fyfield in 1965. Wendy said the school catchment area (Fyfield, Beauchamp Roding and Berners Roding) was over 100 and in 1985 Willingale School had to close due to low numbers with 12 children transferring to Dr. Walkers.

My final question to Wendy was 'what has driven you to be so involved in the community' to which she replied 'I can't say no'. My immediate reaction was thank goodness for that and how lucky are we!

*Cheryl Hadley  
(First published in the December 2017/January 2018 Fyfield Focus)*

## Fyfield Luncheon Club



January's Luncheon Club was cancelled out of respect for the loss of Wendy Henshaw but our February Luncheon Club will be a celebration of Wendy's life. This will take place on the 13th February;

Luncheon Club is always on the second Wednesday in the month. Do come along for a beautifully cooked meal provided by our sponsors, The Queens Head, and of course a time to catch up with friends or meet new people. Please book in advance as we have a limit of 35 spaces. Phone me, Jan Hall, on 01277 899808 to reserve your place.

*Jan Hall*

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# Ongar Wildlife Society (OWLS)



At the meeting in December, Mike Sandison gave a talk entitled 'The Geological History of Essex'. He began by telling us that Essex was created in the

Precambrian period, some 500 - 5000 million years ago, on the opposite side of the world. To help us appreciate the enormity of geological time Mike stated that if the earth's history is condensed into a single year then humans evolved at a quarter of an hour before midnight on the 31st December.

The rocks beneath the Essex landscape are a record of the county's prehistory. They provide evidence for ancient volcanoes, deserts, glaciers and deep seas. Some rocks also contain remarkable fossils, from subtropical sharks to Ice Age mammoths.

Several deep boreholes have been sunk in Essex in search of coal and water and they have provided valuable information

regarding the rock formations and indicate that the rocks of Essex are comparatively young in geological terms. We learned that the oldest surface rock in Essex is White Chalk which is only 85 million years old and occurs in the northwest of the county around Saffron Walden, as far east as Sudbury and south to Bishop's Stortford.

The bedrock is covered by a veneer of superficial deposits, such as sand and gravel that were laid down during the Ice Ages. By far the largest glaciation that occurred over Britain was 480,000 years ago in what is called the 'Anglian' ice age. Two thirds of



Britain and Ireland were covered by a thick ice sheet extending from the west coast of Ireland across the North Sea all the way to Norway. The ice sheet reached as far south as Oxfordshire and Essex diverting the original course of the River Thames, which once flowed north to the Wash, to its current position through what is now London.

**OWLS Meetings in 2019:** 21 Jan *The Importance of Trees* Tricia Moxey; 18 Feb *Mediterranean Birdwatching*; Alan Thorpe; 18 Mar *Alaska – Wildlife and More* Lynn Rix; 15 Apr *Tales from the Riverbank* Liz Huxley; 20 May *Lichens in Essex* John Skinner; 16 Sept *Climate Change* Brian Eversham; 21 Oct *Insect Trends. Is it all bad news?* Rosie Earwaker; 18 Nov *Wildlife and Landscape Photography* Andrew Bailey; 9 Dec *Corals* Brian Rosen.

You may wish to join OWLS and learn more about aspects of the natural world. Visitors pay £5, but why not join - only £20 a year for nine talks, a garden party and a New Year party. It's great value and an opportunity to learn about wildlife and the environment. For more information, please take a look at our website: [www.ongarwildlifesociety.org.uk](http://www.ongarwildlifesociety.org.uk)

## "OWLS" Has A New Nesting Site

Ongar Wildlife Society (OWLS) has a new nest. Monthly meetings, held on the third Monday of the month at 8pm, are now at Jubilee Park Pavilion in Love Lane, Ongar CM5 9BL.

They have not flown far and the new venue with a huge car park is on the same side of the road just a few hundred yards nearer the centre of the town.

*Keith Snow*

# Fyfield Village Hall

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It is with a heavy heart that I write this piece for the Focus. Along with many other contributors,

we are all mourning the sad loss of Wendy Henshaw. Our committee talked about what we should say and we all agreed that we should celebrate what a wonderful, selfless and caring woman Wendy was.

As I said in the piece before Christmas, Wendy served on our Village Hall Committee for over 48 years, which is utterly astonishing. She was a master of sourcing money, and over the years got grants and donations for well over £100,000. This helped build the Monica Couling Room and several refurbishments, and without her expertise, the hall would be nothing like it is today.

However, Wendy was much, much more than that. Her knowledge of the village and its residents was second to none and that is because she cared passionately about Fyfield.

Wendy lived here for over 50 years, and during that time became involved in just about everything you could. We were lucky that this included the Village Hall. For every fund-raiser Wendy would be on the phone galvanising support, teams for quizzes, and tables of people for dinners and participants for fetes. This never wavered, and people rarely refused her gentle persuasion.

As if that wasn't enough, she also wanted the Village Hall to be a part of the fabric of the village. She encouraged people to set up toddler groups, helped with the Luncheon Club for older residents, brought Art groups to the hall along with many other ventures, and in doing so breathed life and variety into our beautiful hall.

What drove Wendy was that she cared. She cared about the Village Hall, about Fyfield, about the young people in our village as well as the old. She brought people together, she always had a smile on her face and never seemed to tire of the work that she did. Losing Wendy makes you think about who is left in the village with such a passion and energy to make this such a wonderful place to live.

Maybe we should all think about such an exceptional caring lady and in tribute to her try and continue the work that she did. Let's care about Fyfield and each other, let's take pride in where we live and come together to enjoy our community and our village. Let's get involved in supporting not only the Village Hall, but also the Church, Dr Walker's School, the Scouts and everything else that is going on here. All the things that Wendy was involved in and about which she cared deeply. Let's get to know each other again, enjoy this beautiful village and all it has to offer and above all else remember such a remarkable lady.

Thank you Wendy.

*Marie Apperley  
Chair*

## Fyfield Village Hall

### New Committee Member Required

With the sad loss of Wendy Henshaw, we now have a vacancy on our Committee for a new member.

We are a welcoming bunch of people who enjoy keeping our lovely Village Hall open for everyone.

If you are new to the village or have been here for years and feel you could add some ideas and thoughts, please do think about joining.

You need to be a resident of Fyfield and be able to come to meetings once a month at 7.30pm.

If you are interested, let either Marie Apperley on 899386 or Debbie Spanton on 899317 know and we can let you know what would be involved.

Alternatively, send an e mail to [fyfield.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:fyfield.villagehall@gmail.com) and I will get back to you.

## FYFIELD VILLAGE HALL

### NOTICE OF AGM

Date 26th March 2019

Time 7.30pm

Place Village Hall

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We are all volunteers who run the Village Hall and we would so enjoy it if you could come along and just show that you care and support the work that we do at our lovely hall.

## Fyfield Village Hall 100 Club

Firstly, thank you so much to everyone who has entered the 100 Club this year. By now the first winners will have received their cheques. However, we are aware that the timing of the letters going out was difficult, coinciding with Christmas. Therefore if you would like to enter starting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, the cost will only be £10 per number. Forms are in Fyfield Stores to pick up or can be obtained from Marie Apperley, 34 Walker Avenue. Alternatively, drop me a mail and I will pop one through your door. E mail [fyfield.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:fyfield.villagehall@gmail.com)

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*Carol Cox  
Church Warden*

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At the meeting on the 10th January, Vice President Myra Amos took the Chair. She paid tribute to Wendy Henshaw, President for 22

unbroken years, praising her loyalty and dedication to the W.I. Happily Wendy had been well enough to enjoy our Christmas Lunch at The Fox, Matching Tye. In honour of her memory the members held one minutes silence and sang Jerusalem, the W.I. Anthem. Wendy will be greatly missed.

A vote was taken at the meeting to decide which ONE of the six proposed Resolutions we feel most strongly about. This proved to be 'Trees Improving the Natural Landscape'. To improve air quality and visually enhance the environment. Our guest speaker was Mr Roger Smith and he told us about the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Service.

He took us through the history and setting up of the service: how it is organised, the excellent abilities of the Paramedics and the NHS trained Doctors who serve with the Air Ambulance for short periods to gain intensive experience, which is not only invaluable for the Air Ambulance service but for their careers too. No Government Funding is given and the service is enormously expensive to provide. They rely on sponsorship, donations, exhibitions and a lottery to keep their two helicopters in the air.

The next W.I. meeting is on the 7th February at 2pm. The speaker will be Mr John Watkins, photographer on "Living the Dream". We welcome visitors and prospective new members so if you are interested just come along or phone Pat Turnpenny on 01277 899223.

*Pat Turnpenny  
Secretary*

## Fyfield Coffee Morning (in the church)

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coffee and homemade cakes.*

*5<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March & 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
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Marion, Carol & Tricia*



# Out of Focus

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

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Well, it's all over now until the next one in ten months or so. The memorable features for me were probably having a minor op. on Christmas Eve at the Royal London Hospital followed by a three hour drive to Sheffield! When I say minor op. I mean re sewing a split lip when the original stitches came out and my lower lip flapped about in the wind. It was a minor op. to the hospital but the injection hurt like hell! Much more than the surgery did. Luckily, the traffic on the M11/A45/M1 was light and steady thereby hastening the time when I could relax with a medicinal Prosecco or two. The next memorable feature was knowing that President Trump had been spotted flying over Sheffield and me in Air Force One on his way to a secret visit to Iraq. A local plane spotter took a photo of this 747 and it was identified as Trump's. Sorry Mr. President, you can't keep a secret from us Brits! Another memorable feature was not hearing too much about B\*\*\*\*\* from the pundits and politicians. What a difference that made. Why, I could almost be persuaded to move to some remote place with no media penetration and lead a peaceful life. The final memorable feature was missing New Year's Eve and New Year's Day due to the current bug that is doing the rounds. This was an unintentional start to my dry January attempt that didn't last too long as I administered myself a medicinal Brandy to ease the pain!

Whist on my sick bed I usually listen to the radio with my choice stations being BBC Radio 4, LBC and BBC Five Live. I have listened to LBC from its start as the UK's first legal commercial radio station in 1973. Apart from the highly irritating Steve Allen and the very irritating James O'Brien it is a listenable station. Five Live also has its good points especially during the night but continues to spoil itself by constantly playing extremely irritating Idents at every possible point it can. These Idents take the form of an over enthusiastic man and woman presenting the station as if it had just been pulled out of a magician's hat with a flourish. Of course, it has to mention its football coverage and does this by including cuts from even more demonic football commentators screaming into their microphones as if they had a gun at their head. This is almost as bad as the man who advertises Cillit Bang, or maybe it is the same man! Anyone who also listens to Five Live through the night in the night will know that Rhod Sharp, who broadcasts live from Massachusetts, USA, has a quiet demeanour which is soothing only to be disrupted by the ranting Idents as described.

I bet he doesn't listen to them!

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# Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)



Hi, Archie here!

I spent Christmas away this year! some place to the north of Willingale and Africa. I have been there before

and know what to expect when I go through the door; a bowl full of chicken usually but at Christmas its Turkey! I have to be on best behaviour there and not jump on the chairs and beds like I do at home. After all, they do belong to me! When I am in the North I seem to blend in with the surroundings well especially when it is snowing or frosty. That's because I am going grey and will soon be all white. I'm not sure why this is as other Jack Russells keep their colour much longer. Maybe I am an arctic version and I should have been born in Greenland or somewhere cold. I could



even be a dog version of a Polar Bear. At Christmas they always wrap me a present and laugh when I sniff it out from under the tree. I make a point of over acting so that they laugh even

more. I usually run around the room like a mad thing and if the present includes a squeaker then I rip it out of the toy to be purposely mischievous and get more laughs. As a dog, that's what I think I am supposed to do, isn't it? I.e. keep people amused in return for Jammy Dodgers. Oh, I forgot, bark at Postmen also.



Anyway, I'm off to start my new year's resolution of keeping fit. I shall start by chasing a cat!

Bye for now,  
Archie.



# Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

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## Stranger Than Fiction

Date Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> 1872

Place The middle of the Atlantic Ocean

Conditions Rough and blustery

An American brigantine sailing vessel was pitching and listing aimlessly past the Azores. A similar class British brigantine, the *Dei Gratia*, some 400 miles east of the Azores, spotted the ship that appeared to be off course on the high seas.

Surprisingly it was discovered that the ship in trouble was the *Mary Celeste*. Having set sail from New York on Thursday 7 November 1872, she should have reached Genoa, Italy by now. Receiving no response, the captain of the *Dei Gratia* changed her course to see if their assistance was needed.

Reaching the *Mary Celeste*, a boarding party was amazed to find that the ship was missing the seven crewmen, the captain, his wife plus their two-year-old daughter, Sophia. The cargo of 1700 barrels of industrial alcohol was safe, although nine barrels were empty. The 282-ton vessel had battled heavy weather for two weeks to reach the Azores, and the ship log's last entry was recorded at 5 a.m. on November 25. A customary entry before a panic perhaps?

The ship already had a shady past, as it had once collided with another ship in the English Channel, and its first captain, Robert McLellan, had died mysteriously. There were several other instances when the ship was involved in accidents that required repair work. This time documents and the ship's chronometer were not to be found.

Possibly, taken in haste?

One recent theory involves the Chinese cook Li- Kee Lee. Having been ordered to

handle supplies he would often jump out from the shadows uttering in his broken English, "suprise, suprise!"

It is surmised that all the crew, plus the captain and his family, were in the lifeboat at night, as the cook had shouted out "Hully. Some ballels floating below. Water lising! We low lifeboat. I bling wice." Indeed, the keel had filled with over three feet of sea water- verified by the boarding party.

Perhaps, holding a lantern aloft in the darkness, the cook lost control in the choppy seas and the candle fell out catching an oily tarpaulin alight under which he had stored explosives. These heated then exploded. Hence, *Celeste-ial* bodies were seen in the sky.

Locals in the Azores can attest to a sighting of immense illumination about this time in the island's history. However, volcanic activity, typical for that region, was recorded as the likely explanation.

The *Mary Celeste* was towed to Gibraltar for salvage money, which due to suspected foul play was less than anticipated.

Other theories cannot hold a candle to this new take on this historical mystery. Interestingly, a speciality in part of the Azores is a very alcoholic Chinese dish, called "*Celeste-ial Surprise*" often served by an aged Chinese sailor who loves to spin sea-faring yarns. An aged piece of driftwood with the faded word 'Mary' is affixed to the kitchen wall of his restaurant next to a brass chronometer.

December, traditionally, is also a time for Chinese firecrackers.

*Barry Betteridge*

# District Matters



This month I have reproduced highlights of the December full council meeting.

## Highlighting Homelessness

Council Chairman Richard Bassett welcomed fellow councillors to the last meeting before Christmas. Earlier in the month, Councillor Bassett took part in an event to highlight the plight of homeless people sleeping rough. He said that one night sleeping rough had given him a completely different perspective. He thanked everyone who donated money to support his efforts on behalf of local homeless people.

Housing Portfolio Holder Syd Stavrou then reported on the many steps taken by the Council to support homeless people and rough sleepers. Anyone concerned about rough sleepers can contact the Council's Homelessness Support Team.

## Reducing Plastic

Environment Portfolio Holder Nigel Avey welcomed the recent government announcements on reuse and recycling. He emphasised the strategy for reducing plastic and the diversion of food waste – the main producer of methane gas – away from landfill. Councillor Avey repeated the widely publicised advice on how and when to recycle Christmas Trees in the New Year and also responded to concerns about the difficulty of recycling black plastic commonly used in food packaging.

In other environmental news, Special Project Portfolio Holder Alan Lion is to

work on the delivery of charging points for electric cars across the District.

## Leader Highlights Council's Progress

Council Leader Chris Whitbread was also very pleased to confirm the news that Essex County Council has agreed to allow street lights to be turned on again throughout the night. He also joined independent Councillor Stephen Murray in applauding the local foodbank and all those people who support it. He put on public record his hope that the Foodbank would approach the Council for funding.

Councillor John Philip confirmed arrangements for the public examination of the Local Plan to make sure as many people as possible can see the proceedings in person and via webcast.

Council approved £140,000 to complete alterations prior to letting commercial units on the ground floor of the new Landmark Building in Loughton Broadway. The new units are expected to generate rental income of £250,000 a year to support Council services.

In other matters, councillors approved the latest version of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy, Licensing Act Policy and the appointment of various officers under the Council's schedule of delegation.

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# Letter from the Chairman

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Essex County Council has agreed that street lights in the Epping Forest District Council area may be left on all night. This is important in the more highly populated parts of the district for security reasons but comes at a cost to be met by the individual local councils. Here in Fyfield, the only street lights are located at Elmbridge and the residents are being consulted to see if they are in favour of the lights being left on all night or to leave things as they are. To keep these lights on will cost the FPC £619.20.

Concern was raised over the continuing possibility of flooding of the B184 near Birds Green. Essex County Council indicated that they would address the matter but to date nothing physical has happened. Cllr. McEwen (ECC County Councillor) has chased ECC but was informed that they need agreement with the Department of the Environment before anything can be done. The Chairman will now write to our MP, Alex Burghart, to request assistance in resolving this very important issue.

Litter and fly tipping is a huge problem country wide and fly tipping in particular is a problem which is growing. So it is very pleasing to read about the efforts of the Fyfield Litter Pickers Group who carry out litter picking on a regular basis across our village.

A sincere thank you to the litter pickers who picked up and disposed of 14 full

black bags of rubbish and 116 empty wine bottles on the latest litter pick - see details in their article. Can you imagine what our village would look like if it wasn't for people who care about this lovely village and either pick-up litter on their own or join the litter pick group? Thank you to Fiona Baxter and Heather Porter for instigating the group and co-ordinating the regular litter picks and to everyone else who sees litter and picks it up.

I think everyone agrees that the Christmas Tree Blessing and Switching on of the Lights event proved a great success and gave the village a seasonal feel. Many thanks to all involved and here's hoping this continues every year.

The news of the passing of Wendy Henshaw on the 16th December came as a shock to all of us especially to the many people who she came into contact with via the clubs and associations that she supported. Wendy was a member of this council from 1994 to 2008 and was the Chairman when I first met her in 2006. A memorial service will take place at 3pm on 3rd March at St. Nicholas' Church.

## Neighbourhood Watch

The contact for Neighbourhood Watch is now Les Lamb on 07778178794

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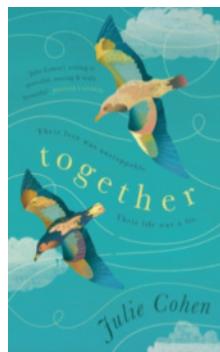


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### Pageturners

**Together** by Julie Cohen



This tracks the story of Robbie and Emily's relationship over a period of fifty years. Their life in a remote part of Maine shows a devoted couple who have shared a lovely life but let few get too close. Unusually, the story unfurls

backwards and starts when they are elderly and Robbie's failing memory is causing concern.

Early on, Robbie reminds Emily 'We're the only people left alive who know it... then we're free.'

It is this 'it' that grips the reader with its discovery not revealed until the final part of the book. Finally, all the pieces fall into place and the reader understands the sacrifices and choices made by the couple during their life. Whether you still feel the same way about them by the end is debatable. An intriguing and unusual novel.

Now living in the UK, Julie Cohen was born in Maine, USA. She had an ambition as a girl to have a book written by her on the shelf of her local library. She returns every year to bring a copy of her latest book to add to their shelves.

*Margaret Dines*



### WD50+ EXERCISE CLUB

Work out with a friendly group of Over 50s on Fridays, 1.45pm – 2.45pm

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The Club also holds social events and outings

**Further information from Patti Nicholson 01277 899504) or  
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# Cookery Section

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The Focus Cookery section is back after a 12 month gap and I

hope you like this Winter casserole from Marie Hatch - just the thing for this cold weather. In the special Easter Edition I am hoping to find some tasty recipes for celebrating the Easter break with family and friends. Don't forget please send me any recipes you think our readers would like - they do not have to be recipes you have created yourself.

## Minced Beef Casserole With Horseradish Scones

1lb lean minced beef  
1 onion  
carrots  
celery  
4 oz mushrooms  
1 stock cube  
½ pint boiling water

For the scone topping:

6oz SR Flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 ¾ oz margarine  
2 tblsp skinned milk  
2-3 teasp horseradish  
Extra flour for dusting

Dry fry the mince & brown  
Add onion & soften  
Add other vegetables, stock cube and water  
Bring to boil, & simmer 15 mins  
Pre heat oven to gas 6 /200 C/ 400 F  
Put mince into casserole dish  
Make scones, roll out to 1½ inch thick;  
using a 5cm / 2 inch cutter cut out 8  
scones Lightly dust with flour and place  
on top of mince  
Bake for 15-20 mins  
Serves 4

(This recipe is from Marie Hatch who lives in Ongar, is a member of the bridge club & who has provided many recipes to the Focus over the years.)



# Fyfield *Carpet Bowls Club*

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Happy New Year to you all. It seems a long

time since my

last report and quite a few events have occurred since then.

On the County Squad front, on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, we were at Potters Resort for the National County Championships. Nine counties took part and Essex was doing quite well in third place on the first day but had dropped to 5<sup>th</sup> place at the end of the second day. Suffolk again took the championship gaining an impressive 72 points, Hertfordshire second with 63 points, followed by Cambridgeshire with 61, Norfolk with 53, then Essex with 51 and Sunderland, Durham and Bedfordshire bringing up the rear.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Dot Letchfield and Mary Wilkinson represented Fyfield in the Essex Pairs' competition at Braintree. They both played well, but came up against some strong teams in their group and did not qualify for the knockout round. Beryl Shuttleworth and I also played, but under the banner of High Easter. We won our group and went on to the knockout rounds. We managed to reach the quarter-finals, but no further. A good day's bowling however.

Over the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Beryl and I, together with my

hubby, were at Potters Holiday Resort in Norfolk where Essex was hosting a pairs' competition. Beryl and I played well, winning all five games in our group and qualifying for the knockout round. We went on to win a further two games which took us to the quarter-finals, but were knocked out at this stage of the competition. It was a great weekend, with enjoyable evening entertainment from Potters. I highly recommend this venue for short breaks (not always bowls of course!).

The next competition we are entered for is the Essex Fours at Braintree on 10<sup>th</sup> February, where Dot, Mary, Sharon and Hannah will be representing Fyfield whilst Beryl, two others, and I will be playing for High Easter.

Essex has not done very well in their first two Eastern Counties League matches. We were away to Hertfordshire on 25<sup>th</sup> November losing 12 points to 24. We lost again at home to Suffolk on 9<sup>th</sup> December, only gaining a measly 10 points to their 26. This has left us in bottom place (6<sup>th</sup>) overall. This was a disappointing result for Essex as we have not been in this position before. Our next Eastern League match is against Cambridgeshire, away at Littleport on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, and we really must get a better result here if we want to improve our position.

That is all I can report on for now. Catch you again in two months' time!

*Jacky Brown*

# **1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Explorer Unit**

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Beaver Colony – 5**

**¾ to 8 years – Tuesday 6.00pm to**

**7.15pm**

During the Winter term the Beaver colony earnt two activity badges. The Space badge and the Experiment badge. These were each completed over several weeks. They all had to take part in six science experiments which they did in their lodges. For the Space activity badge the Beavers had to identify some of the things they could see in the night sky, for example stars, planets, and the moon. They also had to identify at least one constellation they could see. Then name the eight planets in our solar system. The two young leaders Aaron and Jack then talked to the Beavers about the current space mission to Mars. The Beavers also had the opportunity to look through a telescope Julia one of the leaders brought in.

On the closest Tuesday to St Andrews day the Beavers held a mini highland games and Julia invited two gentlemen to come to the end of the meeting and to talk about their national dress costume and all the different parts. They also came with their bagpipes and the Beavers mostly wanted to know why they were wearing a skirt and how to blow the bagpipes! They played the bagpipes for the Beavers and they were so loud that a couple of the Beavers ran out into the lobby. It was a lovely fun evening and the Beavers learnt a great deal about the bagpipes.

The Beavers Christmas party was a little different this year. Over the previous three weeks the Beavers had been bringing in food and toys for the food bank. On the last night of term, they walked down to St Nicholas Church Fyfield with all the gifts they had brought in and put them in the food bank in the church. Carol Cox met the Beavers and they all sang some carols around the Christmas tree. They then walked back to the HQ where Sandra and parents had set out the party food for them. We also awarded badges that evening as well. Several of the Beavers had been working hard and gained Hobby, Sportsmen and Collector badges as well as the Space and Experiment badge gained on Beaver evenings. We also said goodbye to three of our Beavers at the end of term. All three had gained the highest award for a Beaver, the Chief Scout Bronze Award. They were Eloise, Kayleigh and Harry. They swam up to Cubs and were met by David Gordon the Cub Scout leader.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Moreton and Fyfield Cub Scout Pack**

**– 8 to 10 ½ years – Thursday 7.00pm to  
8.30pm**

We had 7 cubs move onto Scouts at the start of the winter term which left us low in numbers. So, we were down to 12 Cubs, but we still managed to cover a lot of Challenge Award work and they all gained their Teamwork Challenge Award at the end of term. One of the tasks that they completed was a visit to the town of Writtle where they carried out a survey of the public services, they could find within

a set area. They then went to the churchyard to find the grave of Nathaniel Bridges, which has a symbol of the skull and crossbones on it. The grave is located between the south porch and protruding chapel. Unfortunately, they couldn't find it so a trip to Writtle in the summer term may be a better idea.

One of the tasks all the Cubs loved was Backwoods cooking. They were given an orange and some chocolate cake mix. They scooped the orange out and mixed the juice with the cake mix wrapped the orange in foil then popped it on the fire and the result was a delicious chocolate orange cake.

The pack had a visit from a Leading fireman from Harlow who came to teach the Cubs about fire safety they also covered a part of their Fire Safety Activity Badge. We also invited the ten older Beavers to come along for that night. Everyone really enjoyed this evening and they all learnt how to stay safe in their homes. Towards the end of term, they completed some craft work making dough Christmas decoration baubles one week, then painting and decorating the following week, also making Christmas crackers and cards. On the last meeting of term, they had their Christmas party and they invited Eloise, Harry and Kayleigh to the party as they would be coming up to Cubs in January. Everyone had a great time and all the Cubs received the badges they had been working on throughout the winter term, and the Teamwork Challenge. The older cubs also received the Skills and Team Leader Challenge Awards. In the first week of the Spring term the Cubs had a planning meeting

where they let the leaders know what they would like to do and which event each six would like to organise for this term.

**1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Troop  
Scouts - 10 to 14 years - Friday 7.30pm  
to 9.30pm**

Well, another busy and active term for the Scout Troop. We had the annual trip to the National Air Rifle Championship at Bisley with a mixed team of Scouts, Explorer Scouts and three leaders. They all enjoyed the experience had a fair result and did not disgrace themselves. After making friends with several Mexican scouts on summer camp the troop contacted the troop and had a Mexican experience night on Mexico day. Another World Challenge activity they held was to investigate the shoe trade in third world countries. There was another Crystal Maze night with lots of teamwork needed in the patrols. Another evening they ran a lifesaving evening with each patrol making mock-up boats and they had to deal with different scenarios shark attack, fog and rain and had to send messages between the four boats. Also, they had to pass food and drink between each boat. They used semaphore, Morse Code and Makaton to contact the other boats. This was an interesting evening and the scouts learnt a lot of lifesaving skills too.

Another part of the World Challenge Award was a Dragons Den evening. Each Patrol where given a charity and they had to put together a case for funding from the four Dragons. The patrols had 45 minutes to plan what they wanted to say about their cause and then they each presented their case to the Dragons. All of them did a splendid job and they made their cases

very well. The four charities were all world issues they were Diabetes UK, World Wildlife Fund, Kosovo Lorry Charity and Water Aid. The four Dragons asked searching questions of each patrol after each presentation. They then delivered dummy cheques for each patrol and the Kosovo Charity was the winning patrol.

On the fun side the troop had a Connect 4 competition and a Conker competition. Thomas Benton winning the conker championship.

The Christmas party was another Mexican night with Rolf (*scout Leader*) making a Chilli and everyone brought in festive food. They all played lots of games and at the end of the night they received the badges they had been working on during the winter term. On that last night we had invited Major Cooper from Moreton who had organised the Remembrance WW1 parade from Bovinger to Moreton on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The troop presented him with a photograph of the Scouts and Leaders that had attended the parade, and everyone had signed the picture for him,

On this last night of term Rolf, the scout leader presented Oliver Upson and Jack Quinlan their Chief Scout Gold Award the highest award that a Scout can gain within the troop.

This was a very good end to the term.

The Scouts came back on the 4<sup>th</sup> January and relaxed by playing lots of games. On the 11<sup>th</sup> January the troop took part in First Aid course training. They all worked hard and by the end of the evening they all gained their stage 2 Emergency Aid. The weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January 14 scouts

and 2 young leaders and Rolf and Jack Riggs all went camping at the HQ and then spent 2 days doing activities at Skreens Park in Roxwell. The activities they took part in were Archery, Rifle Range, Crate Stacking, Jacobs Ladder, Lower Ropes and Climbing, Sumo Suit Wrestling, Mobility Course in a wheelchair, Bridge Building and Human Wall. After that I think they may well be very tired!

**Explorer Scouts – 14 to 18 years –**  
**Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm Dragonian ESU**  
Dragonian Explorers have had a busy half term. The Explorer Scouts used their problem-solving skills to transport a tennis ball across the hall from one side to the other, without touching the ground or using any human power. Using cardboard and furniture, their creation looked like a large marble run. After several attempts – and some fine tuning – they were successful!!

They made the most of the dark evenings drawing in, to play a wide game around the field with glow in the dark armbands. This game required strategy as well as lots of energy. After the initial game, some of the teams changed their strategy significantly.

The Explorers have continued to work on their Duke of Edinburgh Award and have spent time reviewing and updating their online profiles to evidence all their activities.

As a unit, the Explorer Scouts chose to complete their Chef badge. After selecting the recipes, they spent two weeks baking and decorating tasty treats – which the leaders and parents enjoyed tasting.

For the final week of term, the Explorer Scouts visited an Escape Room in Chelmsford. They were challenged to use their teamwork, logical thinking and resilience to solve the problem to get out of the room within an hour.

Unfortunately, they did not complete the problem this time, although the staff told them they were very close.

This term, we are looking forward to working on our Survival badge, which includes a survival camp.

**Vicki Wood Dragonian Explorer Scout Leader**

### **Group News**

Daniel Woppard is now in Australia on the Australian Scout Jamboree Michael and I received a postcard from him today (Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January) It was lovely to hear from him he will be back on the 18<sup>th</sup> January and I'm sure he will have so much

to tell us all about. Thank you to those people who have supported the Jamboree four.

We have a family Race night on the 9<sup>th</sup> February starting at 5.30 first race 6.00pm. Adults £5.00 children £1.00. Come along and join the fun. This event is for general fundraising for the Scout Group. We are looking forward to our Family Camp in June this year. The date for this is Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>. This is at Thriftwood in Brentwood.

Matthew, Caitlin and Chloe are still busy fundraising for their big Jamboree trip in July 2019.

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Beaver Scouts	Tuesday	6.00 – 7.15pm	6 - 8 years
Cub Scouts	Thursday	7.00 – 8.30pm	8-10½ years
Scouts	Friday	7.30 – 9.30pm	10-14 years
Explorer Scouts	Tuesday	7.30 – 9.30pm	14 -18 years

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