



Fyfield Festival

It seems that Fyfield was the target for some rain on Festival day but it did not stop a good turnout and a very good sum of money raised on a day that could have had kinder weather. In the end the sum raised was:

£2,112

Who knows, may be next year's festival will have the weather on our side!

Local Election on May 3rd

Many residents were surprised when they went to cast their votes at the Polling Station (Village Hall) to find that there was no election!

This was caused by only one candidate standing so became uncontested therefore leaving Cllr. Ian Hadley the EFDC Moreton & Fyfield Ward councillor.

EFDC had placed a notice on their website and the FPC Notice Board plus the FPC website but clearly not everyone saw this.

The *Focus* gets even Sharper

In the last edition of the Focus was a request for assistance in producing the magazine. This request was for assistant editors and a finance person to deal with managing the finances and a distribution co-ordinator. To date we have two new members of the team, Sally Wallden, Assistant Editor and Steve Turner, Finance.

Mobile Mast

The long awaited mobile phone mast is now in place at White Chicks Farm and awaiting to be commissioned. It's been a long time coming and hopefully, not too long before it is sending out signals to O2 and Vodafone users and the companies who use their transmissions like Tesco via O2 and TalkMobile via Vodafone.



The Mast as seen from the Village Hall

Village Diary 2018

05-Jun	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
07-Jun	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
10-Jun	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 1pm
11-Jun	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
13-Jun	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
22-Jun	Village Hall - Summer Family Fun Evening	Village Hall, 6.30pm
25-Jun	Life Walk - EFDC	Village Hall Car Park, 9.30am
26-Jun	Fyfield Film Club	The Zinc, 12.30pm
28-Jun	Friends of St. Nicholas' Church - AGM	The Church, 8pm
30-Jun	Dr. Walker's School Fair	Fyfield Playing Field, 12 noon
03-Jul	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
04-Jul	Fyfield Litter Pick - Fyfield End of Moreton Road	Moreton Road, 9.30am
05-Jul	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
08-Jul	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 1pm
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13-Aug	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
12-Aug	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 1pm

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



Congratulations to Ian Hadley who is now our District Councillor for the Moreton and Fyfield Ward and he will be providing the Focus with regular news on District Matters. Ian will continue as Chairman of our Parish Council and will be keeping the Fyfield Focus updated on local matters in his regular Letter from the Chairman.

Congratulations to Tony Boyce who has won a Silver Award for his 10 year service as a District Councillor (which also included a year as Chairman of Epping Forest District Council) and I have no doubt he will continue to be consulted on local and district matters.

Many thanks to David Bessell for all his work, energy and creativity as a Church Warden at St. Nicholas' Church. Carol Cox replaces David as a Church Warden.

There was a wonderful atmosphere at the Fyfield Festival despite the weather and full details of the event with photographs will be appearing in the August/September Focus which we hope will be a special colour edition.

The Best Kept Front Garden Judges have now completed their judging for this year and the winners will be presented with their awards at the next Fyfield Parish

Council Meeting on 11th June. The results will be reported in the next publication.

Dr. Walker's School are holding a Summer Fair on the Sports Field on 30 June and the Village Hall are holding two Summer Family Fun Evenings on 22 June and 13 July - please see adverts for further details.

The Fyfield Ramblers monthly walk, led by Councillor Les Lamb, continues and is joined by the Life Walks organised by EFDC - see the Village Diary for dates.

Finally, a huge welcome to the Fyfield Focus team to Sally Wallden (a past Focus Editor) who is known by many residents and has joined the team as an Assistant Editor and to Steve Turner who will be managing the Finances and has lived in Fyfield for 10 years and has a sound financial background from Royal Bank of Scotland. Sally and Steve are already adding value to the team and we are still looking to increase the team by a further two so do have a look at the advert - we would love to hear from you.

Have a good June and July and hopefully we will be enjoying some good weather which continues for this year's Summer events and Wimbledon of course!

Cheryl.

Thank You

On behalf of the PCC we would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Festival weekend.

A detailed report of the event will be in the next issue of the Fyfield Focus.

In spite of the terrible weather we have raised

£2,112.00.

A big thank you to you all for your commitment and continued support of this annual event.

Carol Cox



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Fyfield *Litter Pickers*

Latest Fyfield Litter Pick took place on Wednesday 25th April and the target was Birds Green Road.

I can now report that it is spick and span - that is if the Council have had a chance



to pick up the 2 reported fly tipping spots. What a shame on a pretty lane - enough hub caps and other bits and pieces to be well on the way to build a

new car (albeit chitty chitty bang bang variety). On a serious note, one of the fly tipping mounds appeared to contain asbestos - how irresponsible is that!

We collected 5 black bags of rubbish and would like to thank Patrick Harris, Queen Street, for allowing us to fill his black bin with 4 of the black bags.

Next target is Moreton Road on

4 July at 9.30am meeting at the Fyfield end of Moreton Road.

It would be great if a few more people could join the group or if you are secretly tidying your part of Fyfield - do share it and encourage us all.

Fiona Baxter

St. Nicholas' Church - Choir

We would like to explore getting a St. Nicholas' Church Choir in place and are looking for a volunteer to be Choir Master to help us do this.

This Choir would not replace the current Christmas Choir in the benefice but would be in addition to it.

Our aim is to have our own choir to sing at weddings in our church, and any other church in the benefice if requested and at other events we hold. We are hoping to encourage all ages to join the Choir, particularly the younger generations.

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Letter from Albert Watson

"Everything was so much better when we were younger, wasn't it?"

My heart sinks when I hear people of my age (70 plus) say this - expecting me to agree - because, actually, I don't.

I was born during the Second World War, a period of incredible carnage and (as we later discovered about the death camps where millions of Jews perished) cruelty. In this country, bomb sites were common, everything was rationed, and the late Forties and Fifties, when I was growing up, was a period of hard austerity. When I look back at the streets and houses where I lived, the predominant colour was grey. In the industrial working class North East where I grew up, private cars were rare, and TV virtually unknown. The only home heating was a coal fire, which heated only part of even a small room. I had a family where I knew I was loved, so my childhood was happy - but would I want to go back to those conditions? Not on your life!

I am now, at 73, older than any of my family in the last generation ever achieved, and that is because health care, for all its current problems, is so much better than at any time in my life. When I go into schools, I marvel at how children are encouraged to move around, talk and be themselves - without discipline being sacrificed. The likelihood of a 20th century-type World War taking the best of a whole

generation is practically nil, despite all the real dangers around us.

Also, is it so bad being "in the golden years"? Again, I thank God that I am relatively fit and healthy - and I am well aware that is not a blessing every elderly person has - but many pensioners today are much more prosperous than we expected to be, and most of the people who read this are living in comfortable homes. Poverty still exists, yes, but we live in a society that tries very hard to eradicate it.

The church was certainly stronger in numbers in my childhood than it is now, but those of us who go there now find a warmth of fellowship and care in our small congregations that may be greater than ever. If you haven't been for years, give it a try, why don't you? Let us try to remind you that, whatever your circumstances, you have a wealth of blessings which we believe come from a loving God.

I sometimes think that English (maybe British) conversation always starts out negatively, because everybody expects that that is what everybody expects. Next time someone grumbles at you, try disagreeing. You might encourage the person you are talking to to think again; leaving them happier than you found them.

Love, Albert Watson, member of the church ministry team.

Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

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

June	3	10:00am	Morning Prayer
	10	11:00am	Family Communion
	17	Services at Moreton, Bobbingworth & Willingale	
	24	11:00am	Family Service
July	1	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	8	11:00am	Family Communion
	15	Services at Moreton, Bobbingworth & Willingale	
	22	11:00am	Family Service
	29	United Service – Check Church Noticeboard for time and church	

St Mary's Church, Moreton

June	3	9.30am	Holy Communion
	17	9.30am	Family Service
July	1	9.30am	Holy Communion
	15	9.30am	Family Service

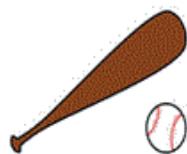
St Germain's Church, Bobbingworth

June	3	11.00am	Family Service
	17	11.00am	Family Communion
July	1	11.00am	Family Service
	15	11.00am	Family Communion

St Christopher's Church, Willingale

June	10	9.30am	Family Service
	17	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	24	9.30am	Holy Communion
July	8	9.30am	Family Service
	15	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	22	9.30am	Holy Communion

SUMMER Family Fun EVENING



FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 6.30PM

&

FRIDAY 13TH JULY 6.30PM

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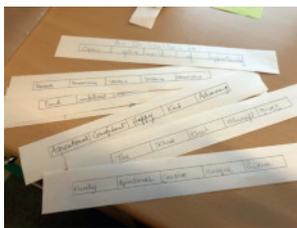


Easter Celebrations

At Dr Walker's we had a fantastic end to our Spring term with our Easter celebration day. The children created Easter bonnets and parents and carers were invited in to see the parade. It wasn't easy for our judges to pick 2 winners. After the parade, we all enjoyed an Easter Boggle hunt! Our winner found over 80 words! Our Happy helpers provided our families with refreshments and games to enjoy. It was a fantastic afternoon.

Vision

On the 19th May, School MPs, parents, staff and governors were invited to our vision meeting. We reflected on our Christian ethos and how best to ensure we are looking towards the future. The



meeting was positive and inspiring with lots of ideas. Everyone had to produce 5 words that they felt described the ethos we wanted the rest of the community to see....it was very interesting and will help us to inform our next steps.

Head teacher's Tea Parties



We have had a whole school focus on pride and high standard of presentation in our

learning and children who are very committed to this are invited to a tea party! Special drinks and a choice of cakes rewards the

children who are taking great pride in their books, the children enjoy sharing a refreshment



and showing the pieces of work they are most proud of.

Summer Fair

Dr Walker's are very excited about our **School summer fair which will take place on Fyfield Playing field on Saturday 30th June 12-4pm**. It will be a great family day out with games, a dog show, refreshments, inflatables and lots more! We hope you can make it. Mrs Larkin the Head teacher will be booking school tours for the following week. Please do come along!

Other News

We have welcomed a new Music teacher – Mrs Allen who is settling in well and enjoying getting to know the children. The children have been working hard on poetry, learning about their hearts, scientific observations, fractions and some tough challenges.

#everythingisharduntilitiseasy

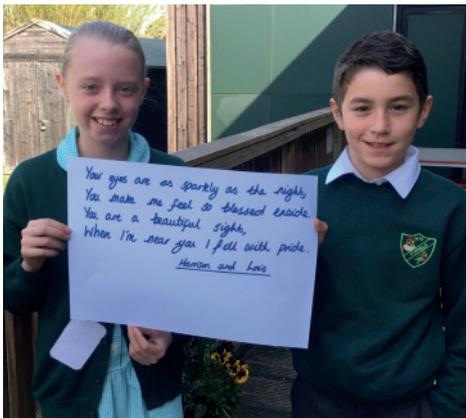


Football/Rugby

We are very keen to begin a football team and tag rugby team at school, if anyone has any contacts or knows someone who would like to help with this, please let Mrs Larkin know.

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8th June - World Egg Day

9th June - Donald Duck born 1934

15th June - Fly a Kite Day

17th June - Father's Day

21st June - First Day of Summer

1st July - Princess Diana born 1961

2nd July - Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships
RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

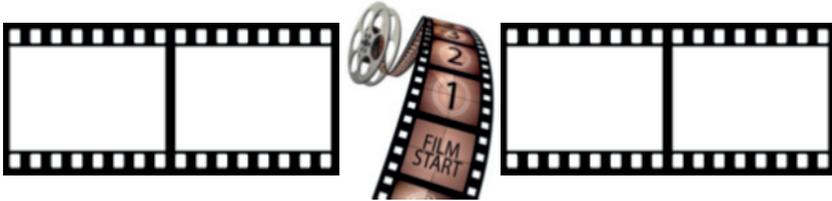
14th July - Bastille Day

28th July - Beatrix Potter born in 1886

NEW!

Fyfield Film Club

Run by Fyfield Parish Council



Tuesday 26th June from 12.30pm to c.4pm*

Ticket price is £6 to include a two course lunch and a film**

AT

Zinc Arts Centre*,
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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 22 June at the latest 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.

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Here is the Brick!

Thank you to those readers who have expressed interest in seeing the brick found when refurbishing the Church porch. Here it is.

Marcus Dain



Fyfield *Pre-School*

The children at Fyfield Pre-School have had a busy few weeks.

A group representing the pre-school sang three songs at the Fyfield Young People's Concert held at St Nicholas' Church on 12th May as part of the Fyfield Festival.

The event was a big success and the children loved performing in front of a packed church. The pre-school would like to thank organiser Wendy Henshaw for making it possible for the children to take part.

Pre-school deputy manager Charlotte Kearney said: "The children all performed brilliantly in the church. I'm so proud of each and every one of them."

To mark the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle the pre-school held a Royal Tea Party.

Despite missing out on invites to the wedding of the year children wore their finest outfits with some dressed in princess dresses and others wearing crowns for their own Royal feast. Children and staff at the pre-school are now looking forward to next half term's sports day and the leavers' ceremony held for those four year olds heading off to primary school.

To contact Fyfield Pre-School visit www.fyfieldpreschool.co.uk or call 01277 899678 term times.



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Fyfield *Village Hall*



Since our last update we have had a relatively quiet time at the Village Hall. We held our an-

nual quiz night run by John Jewiss which was as enjoyable as ever, and also our AGM.

Looking forward to the coming months, there are a few things I would like to highlight.

Firstly, we will be launching our 100 Club for this year beginning in July. Over the next couple of weeks we will be delivering application forms and will need them to be returned by 30th June. As mentioned before, part of the income from this fund raising initiative will go towards installing a defibrillator on the outside of the Village Hall. We feel that it is right for us as a charity to fund what could potentially be a lifesaving piece of equipment for everyone in the village. However, they are not cheap and do incur running costs, so please do try and support the 100 Club this year, it is for a very worthy cause.

Secondly, Epping Forest District Council are beginning a series of monthly Life Walks in the village. Karen Murray from the Council has been working with Les Lamb from the Parish Council and will be doing the first walk on 21st May, unfortunately before you read this.

However, all of the other dates are on our Village Hall Calendar, and the next one is on 25th June at 9.30am.

Life Walks were set up to encourage everyone to walk more, and is part of the walking for health scheme set up by local doctors, hospitals and the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group. They are short walks in the countryside with other people and the idea is to make walking part of your regular exercise. All the walks are around local countryside sites and mostly on firm paths. The distances range from just under 1 mile to just over 3 miles. This may seem quite short but it's how fast you walk that's important, not how far. On days when they do a short route, they usually do a second walk for those who want to do more. The paths are mostly gravel, grass or tarmac so are easy to walk on. There are no stiles or other obstacles to climb over. Each walk is £2

If you want more information, here is the website address and also Karen Murray's e mail address if you would like to contact her directly.

<http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/1/27-lifewalks>

kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

As mentioned, there is one walk a month starting from the Village Hall car park, apart from the walk in September which will start from The Black Bull. If

you have been thinking of walking but never got around to it, give this a go.

Now that the nice weather seems to have arrived we will be opening the Village Hall on Friday 22nd June and Friday 13th July for Family Fun Fund Raising evenings. We will have games on the field for young and old alike and the bar will be open. If you are around, this is an ideal opportunity to come along and socialise and maybe meet people in the village you have never met before. It will be informal and relaxed and a perfect way to start the weekend.

Finally, we would like to welcome Toby Wallden onto our Committee who will be the new representative from the Parish Council. We are very happy that Ian Had-

ley will also remain on the Committee as a resident representative.

Marie Apperley

100 Club Winning Numbers

	1st	2nd	3rd
Oct.	103	130	56
Nov.	65	10	120
Dec.	100	58	25
Jan.	14	12	114
Feb.	8	41	94
Mar.	11	21	84
Apr.	39	108	64
May	78	31	117

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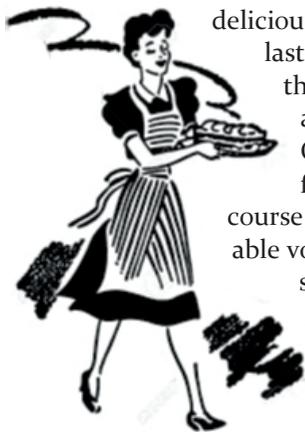


5th June, 3rd July & 7th August

10 am to 12 Noon

Marion, Margaret and Carol

Fyfield *Luncheon Club*



We have had two more delicious lunches since last writing and our thanks go, as always, to the Queen's Head for our main course and to our very able volunteers for such lovely desserts.

Thanks to Julie Robinson, Margaret Cox,

Trish Jones, Jan

Hall, Pam Orris and Cheryl Hadley.

Thank you to Councillors Liselle Chisenhale-Marsh and Jan Hall for organising the Film Show. There were 21 attendees who enjoyed lunch and the film *Singin' in the Rain*. The next lunch and classic film show at the Zinc is on Tuesday 26th June at 12.30pm with lunch being served at 12.45pm and the film starting at 2.00pm. The two course lunch will be fish and chips and bread and butter pudding and the cost of the lunch

and film show is £6. If you want to book a reservation or find out what the film will be call Liselle on 01277 899262 no later than 22nd June.

Please phone Wendy to book in for the next lunch at Fyfield on June 13th and July 11th on 899367.



Doug Kelly celebrating his 91st Birthday

Wendy Henshaw

A simple, colorful illustration of a person sitting on a yellow stool and painting on a canvas on an easel. The person is wearing a blue jacket and orange pants. The painting on the easel is abstract with yellow and red colors.

Fyfield *Art Group*

Our meetings in June are 4th and 18th, and in July 2nd, 16th and 30th. 10.00am till 12noon, in Fyfield Village Hall.

We are always hopeful that some more people will come along for a morning of relaxed painting and drawing.

Wendy Henshaw



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At our April meeting we enjoyed two sisters recounting how we used to 'make do and mend' during the war. Of course, some of us

were old enough to remember this! They brought an array of artefacts with them and came appropriately dressed for the period. They reminded us of the various tips for beauty treatment. The use of vinegar as a hair conditioner which was also soothing for the feet. Suntan lotion made of oil and vinegar; a slice of apple to freshen up your face and cucumber for brightening up your eyes. For rough hands – mutton suet! They treated us to chocolate spread made with mashed potato, cocoa & sugar, a banana sandwich made with parsnip and banana essence and sponge made with dried egg. It was certainly a meeting of reminiscences.

May was our Annual and Resolutions Meeting, at which Lyn Brister from Essex Federation was again present. She told us about her recent trip to Australia where she met up with Country Women of Australia, their W.I.

We started the meeting on a sad note as Wendy had to announce the very sudden and sad death of Joy Harding.

Our June meeting is **Skeletons in the Cupboard** and in July we will have the **Bag Lady!**

We welcome ladies who would like to come along as visitors. We meet from 2pm. until 4pm and enjoy fascinating talks, a sociable time and wonderful afternoon teas! Just come along on the first Thursday in the month to the Fyfield Village Hall.

Wendy Henshaw

Afternoon Tea

The Church has been the home for the monthly Lunch and Afternoon Tea for nearly two years now during which time we have used the profits to make donations to various Charities, as well as helping out with some of the Church maintenance costs.

Our team has decided to close for the time being but, when personal circumstances allow, will open up occasionally as a pop-up café in the summer months.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us and we hope to see you all again soon.

Jan Hall and Team

The Cripsey Group WI Meeting.

The sun shone brilliantly on April 19th when members of four Women's Institutes met at Fyfield Village Hall for the annual Cripsey Group Meeting. Fyfield WI were hosting this gathering and they made a brilliant job of this special afternoon.

Once everyone was seated - there were over 90 people - Rhoda Philpot, Convenor, welcomed and introduced Lyn Brister, the Women's Institute Advisor (WIA) from Essex Federation. Lyn then introduced the Presidents of the attending W.I.'s. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then introduced our speaker Nick Grounds, an expert flower arranger and demonstrator. Nick spoke in a very clear voice with excellent diction, that carried his words to the back of the large hall - no mean feat in Fyfield - and what he said was both instructive and very entertaining. Nick related some very amusing anecdotes about his experiences, arranging flowers for weddings and big events around the country, including Ely Cathedral.

The colours chosen for the very attractive table flowers and decorations were white, emerald green and purple – a reflection of the 100th anniversary of the decision for some women getting the Vote. Some WI members - including Fyfield's own President, Wendy Henshaw - wore hats decorated in these colours and Marion Law of Fyfield WI distributed pretty ribbon button-holes, in the same colours, that she had made for everyone to wear. Several ladies arrived in complete 1918 outfits and one stalwart gave us a fleeting glance of her knee length bloomers!

Nick emphasised the importance of selecting the right containers and gave valuable tips on how to achieve the best from flowers and plant material according to the season. Using varying shades of green, purple and white, Nick created three beautiful and very different large arrangements. His choice of containers included a large galvanised metal trough, a tower of interwoven sticks, and - most surprisingly – a white porcelain toilet complete with seat and lid. The results were stunning, and three lucky ladies went home bearing his arrangements which were included as raffle prizes. Nick received a huge round of applause, rightly deserved, for an excellent presentation.

An excellent Tea was then served by ladies of Fyfield WI who had worked very hard and provided tasty sandwiches and deliciously tempting cakes. So we all fell to with gusto and enjoyed everything very much.

Throughout the afternoon, the £1 Parcel Lucky Dip table did great business with some very nice items being unwrapped – with thanks to Ongar W.I. There was also a table displaying a vast array of 89 warm knitted hats, 6 gloves, 17 scarves and 4 balaclavas that members had made for The Mission to Seafarers charity. A splendid Raffle had been organised by Moreton W.I. and was very well supported. It was drawn at the end of the meeting, after Christine Burgess from Epping W.I. thanked everyone who had worked so hard to put on this special event, and announced that the Epping WI would be hosting the 2019 Cripsey Group Meeting.

Patti Nicholson



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Out of Focus

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

I took my driving test many years ago and since those days the driving test has evolved. However, I suspect that a new feature will soon be added to the practical driving side of the test. What's that, I hear you say? Well it's something that you do every day that is vital to the well-being of your vehicle especially if it is a two wheel variety. I refer to Pot Hole Dodging, a new kind of assault course for motorists. Ignore pot holes at your peril as they can cause wheels to bend and suspensions to collapse. The best technique is to carefully watch the vehicle in front of you to see if it suddenly deviates from a straight direction; meaning that it is trying to avoid something, animal, human or pot hole. But be careful. A new breed of driver will, on seeing a following car, will avoid a pot hole at the very last opportunity totally catching the following car unawares and inviting it to plunge into the gaping void that is an Essex Highways pot hole. This could possibly become an Olympic sport!

Watching the Giro d' Italia and Chris Froome destroy the field coming from forth to finish in the lead on the 19th stage made me think about one of the major disadvantages in getting older. Recovery! Froome can sprint up a mountain and ride to win the stage unaccompanied with 50 miles still to go and then repeat the effort on the next

day and become the first Brit to win the Giro and only the third to hold all three grand Tour titles in the same twelve month period.



When I was younger I used to recover quickly from most things but now I don't have to recover as I cannot even do the things that require me to recover! e.g. I don't need to recover after running a marathon because I can't run a marathon anyway. Is this a benefit or not? I suspect not. Even so, I have no intention of running a marathon or even sprinting for a bus or last orders at the pub. Well, maybe the last one.

Has anyone noticed that there is a mobile phone mast in Fyfield?

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Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)



As you are aware, because I've said it many times, us Parson Jack Russell Terriers are almost as smart as President

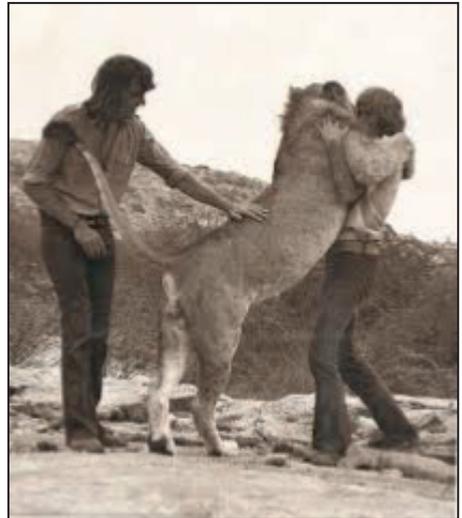
Trump. Now it's

official. Dogs have a good sense of humour which means we are smart. Cats on the other hand are humourless and make me wonder why they are here at all? Let's face the facts, humans need dogs to do all sorts of work for them because they can't do it. For example; We herd sheep (also a stupid animal although they do taste good and make soft dog blankets), We sniff things out like explosives, drugs, in fact anything as our noses are 100 times more sensitive than human noses, we guide blind people and help people who can't hear too well, we help people relax by allowing them to throw balls which we then fetch, we also let people stroke us which is very relaxing for them and reasonably pleasant for us. Now, answer me this! What has a cat ever done apart from screech and scratch? Show me the cat equivalent of Greyfriars Bobby or Lassie or that dog that followed that man across the desert recently. The police and military like dogs and so do security companies. Of course, I have to be careful what I say about all cats as some of them are very big. I like that

one called Christian the Lion who remembered his master after being let off in the wilds of Africa. I saw him on YouTube, take a look, it's good. I suppose other cats aren't all that bad either, although I couldn't eat a whole one!

Anyway, I'm off to Bubbles to buy some cat flavoured dog food! Only joking! I'm really going to find a spot in the middle of a field to see if I can pick up a signal from the new mobile phone mast.

Bye for now,
Archie.



Christian the Lion greeting his masters (I said greeting not eating!)

District Matters



As many of you may know, I stood for the District election on 3rd May following the resignation of Tony Boyce. However, as the seat was uncontested I became

the EFDC councillor for the Moreton & Fyfield Ward directly after the closing date for candidate nominations. As I was not fully aware of all the areas that EFDC look after I thought it may be of interest to detail who does what in terms of County, District and Parish Councils.

Essex County Council is responsible for:

- Education
- Transport
- Planning
- Fire and public safety
- Social care
- Libraries
- Waste management
- Trading standards

Epping Forest District Council is responsible for:

- The Local Plan
- Planning applications/enforcement
- Waste/recycling & street cleaning
- Grounds maintenance & arboriculture
- Council tax
- Housing (6,400 properties)
- Benefits for council tax & housing
- Licencing (Premises & Taxi's)

- Off-street parking
- Commercial estates & properties
- Community safety
- Leisure & community services
- Environmental health
- Land drainage
- Local land charges
- Building control

Fyfield Parish Council is responsible for:

- Allotments
- Public clocks
- Bus shelters
- Play areas and play equipment
- Grants to help local organisations
- Consultation on neighbourhood planning
- Litter
- Graffiti
- Fly posting
- Dog offences

I look forward to representing this ward at Epping Forest District Council level on the Planning Committee, District Development Management Committee and the Licensing Committee and will continue communicating with you in this magazine in the future.

You are welcome to contact me at any time.

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Letter from the Chairman



The recent Parish Assembly went well with various groups reporting on their activities and input from the RCCE and EFDC Lifewalks organiser. As always, the Scouts impressed with their range of projects and activities. The Fyfield Film Club at the Zinc Arts Centre was a great success and a second meeting is planned for 26th June from 12.30pm to 4/4.30pm. At the Fyfield Parish Council AGM, the Chair and Vice Chair were re-elected (Cllr. Ian Hadley and Cllr. Les Lamb) and Cllr. Toby Wallden selected as the FPC representative on the Fyfield Village Hall Committee. We have reached the second stage in the Village of the Year contest and will be further judged on the 1st June.

For some time now, there have been verbal reports of intimidation and anti-social behaviour against walkers exercising their right to pass over Public Rights of Way (PROW). If you are the victim of anything

like this then it should be reported to the Police on 101 and ideally accompanied by videos of the incident and the names of any witnesses. Even if you have no video evidence please still report it to the police as this helps them to detect a pattern of events. Of course, it is important that you stick to the PROW and keep dogs under control to avoid any allegation of trespass. In Fyfield, we are blessed with many PROWs and it is not acceptable that people have their pleasure interrupted whilst behaving in a perfectly proper manner. The Fyfield Parish Council fully supports and encourages residents to keep fit and socialise by walking our paths. To that end FPC has setup monthly walks, actively supports the EFDC Lifewalks program and has engaged with the West Essex Ramblers to keep our paths in good condition.

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Rural Crime Survey



Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, is urging people to have their say and take part in a national survey which helps to paint a picture of rural crime nationally and locally.

It has been three years since the last National Rural Crime Survey revealed the huge cost of crime to rural communities – both financial, at £800 million per year, and fear, with chronic under-reporting, anger and frustration at the police and government.

The National Rural Crime Network produced a series of recommendations and, in many areas, the police took steps to improve matters. Essex has been one of the few forces in the country to introduce a dedicated rural team to work with communities to tackle specific rural issues. Essex Police along with partners also launched the Rural Crime Strategy in 2017.

Roger Hirst said: “Now we want to know what’s changed. Do you think rural crime has gone up or down in Essex? Do you feel safer? What’s your view of the police in your community?”

“In short, we want to know the true picture of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural communities across Essex – and the impact it has where you live or work.

“Questions in the survey cover a range of issues – from whether you report crimes that you or your business suffer, to the impact crime and anti-social behaviour has on you and your area, and whether you believe enough is done to catch those who carry out the offences.

It’s all about making sure the voice of rural communities is heard by those who can make a difference to where we live and work – from the Police to Government.”

The survey is now available at

www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net

and is open for submissions until Sunday 10 June.



1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group



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

All sections are co-educational and meet at Fyfield Scout Headquarters.

For details phone Mary Bacon 01277 899052. Or pop in and see us.

Arts Section

The Pageturners

"If Only They Didn't Speak English" by Jon Sopel



We have enjoyed *Friends*, appreciated the American music scene and munched into tubs of Ben and Jerry's, so we have a sense of sharing common values with those across the pond. However, after the Presidential Election result in 2016, we probably started to question this.

As the BBC's North American Correspondent, Jon Sopel had a very busy 2016 travelling the length and breadth of America covering the extraordinary election campaign. In this insightful look at American life, Sopel describes a country that is very divided and angry by looking at such topics as race, guns, religion, patriotism and

views on government. The more you read the more you realise that the American psyche is so very different from our own.

A book observing the politics of another nation could be a dull read but this is far from that. Sopel produces a book that has a conversational style interspersed with wit and our group agreed we had understood more about America and how it came to vote the 'master of assassination in 140 characters' as President.

Margaret Dines



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Liz Bird (01277 899324)**

Fyfield *Ongar & District Bridge Club*

Since we opened in 2015, we have been keeping our scores in a paper format called Travellers and these are used at the end of the evening's play to produce the results. The process was all a bit long-winded and reliant upon the person scoring either staying up at the end of a long day or getting up early the next morning to complete the process. After much discussion, we decided to embrace the modern world and save the scores electronically thus enabling us to finalise the results and upload them onto our web site before our members had even arrived home.

We looked at the various products on the market and visited other clubs who used an electronic scoring system to understand all the good parts as well as the bad. We had discussions with the suppliers and finally decided that the then latest introduction, ArcScorer, fitted our requirements perfectly. We met with the author of ArcScorer who could not have been more helpful and answered all our queries and concerns.

As this was going on we also approached Epping Forest District Council regarding grants and to cut a long story short they gave us a very generous grant of £1,200 to help fund the purchase of the programme and associated hardware.

We have now been using Arcscorer since Christmas and apart from the few expected teething problems the system is working extremely well. The main problem we encountered, which was not a problem at all in the end, was the concern by some of our players that, in not being IT literate,

they would find the system too complicated; after being introduced to ArcScorer they have all found it a very easy system to use and would now be lost without it.

Until we became familiar with the programme, we have had to talk to the ArcScorer help desk a few times and found that post purchase they have been every bit as helpful as they were prepurchase. The system is now our standard and rightly so. I did think that it might improve my bridge play but unfortunately, that was wishful thinking although it has freed up some of my time to practise more.

We pride ourselves in being a friendly and sociable Club and this seems evident in the numbers of new members we have attracted in recent months. We also occasionally run our own in-house beginners course and have refresher classes throughout the year and details of which will be posted on our website www.fyfieldbridge.club as and when.

New players of any standard are very welcome on either a Monday afternoon or Thursday evening at Fyfield Village Hall off Houchin Drive. If you wish to join us, please first check our website for times and contact details. Do not worry if your skills are a bit rusty as, as I have said, we are a very friendly club and can assist if necessary.

John Adair

Fyfield *Carpet Bowls Club*



Another two months have passed so quickly. The club is still managing to survive despite the loss of four of our members to ill health, either to themselves or members of their families. I wish them all good luck for the future and hope they will return. The competition season has finished for the summer, but we look forward to the Ladies v Gents tournament, which is a fun day for all, happening in August.

Our County Team finished the season well. This was away against

Bedfordshire. We had our best result of the season, beating Bedfordshire 24 points to 12, so the long journey was well worth it! The season finished with Suffolk in 1st place with 123 points, Hertfordshire 2nd with 112 points and Essex 3rd with 92 points, with Cambridshire, Norfolk and Bedfordshire bringing up the rear.

That's all I can report on for now. Have a great summer and catch you later!

Jacky Brown



Soon be SUMMER

Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

Typewriter Ladies

Here's to the wonderful church ladies with typewriters proving that Traditional Religion in Britain still has a warm and humorous side like our National Character, harmless but always well intended, so long a part of our culture. The following "selection?", with tongue in cheek, are taken from church bulletins or church service announcements.



The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'. Please note that the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Mr. Grundwig, the elderly leader of the church hand bell group, still has his arm in plaster. Luckily Mrs. Swanson rang his bell. It was B flat.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

After a visit from the Bishop it was reported that he especially liked the flower arrangement by the vestibule door. Please note that these were discarded flowers from earlier arrangements and should not be left here in future.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church so ending a friendship that began in their school days.

Footnote to Tuesday's notice: Tired of the cold? Come to church and warm up with Miss Bligh on the piano.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Many ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Tuesday.

On Friday at 7 pm the eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Our priest invited The Reverend Bartholomew to give a talk on " Reading Minds". The Reverend would be grateful

for comments on what those attending thought.

'Rock of Ages', a popular hymn written by the Rev. Augustus Toplady , was described as unlike any other by the Rector after our rendition. It was followed by home-made scones donated by Mrs. Merryweather.

The Vicar would be grateful if his cycle clips were returned if found. He cannot keep his trousers up when cycling through the village.

Held to raise funds for the renovation of the church spire, villagers enjoyed a Magic Presentation evening in the village hall. A down side to the occasion was the disappearance of several wallets amounting to an overall loss.

Barry Betteridge



1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

The Beaver Scout Colony - 5½ to 8 years - Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

The summer term for Beavers started with learning about St George's Day and the Beavers all designed their own flags to represent their own family. The next two weeks were spent learning how to take part in Archery. This is one of the Beavers adventure activities which is part of the Adventure Challenge Award. Whilst one group were learning about Archery the other half were learning some basic first aid. They took part in some scenarios of accident that could happen for example a Beaver had fallen down a rabbit hole and hurt his leg. They had to find where the nearest adult help was, how to put a person in the recovery position and how to call for an ambulance. Beaver Scouts also need to know how to put up a hike tent and how to light a fire and they must cook something easy on the fire and this was all achieved in the first week of term.

There are four Beavers swimming up to Cubs this term they are Jacob, Zack, Taliesin, and Nathan. We have had four new Beavers join us this term, they are Florence, Xander, George and Alfie. The Beavers joined the whole Scout Group in the St George's day Parade to

St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield on the 29th April.

Cub Scouts - 8 to 10½ years - Thursday 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Cub Scouts had a fantastic camp away at the end of the spring term. The minibus had its first long trip out as the Cubs all travelled to Duxford. This was part of the Air Activities staged 1 & 2 badge. They all really enjoyed the whole experience and investigated lots of information and watched some planes taking off and landing. After a very busy day they all travelled to the village of Rayne where they were staying the night in the 1st Rayne Scout HQ. Paul who was our Quartermaster cook for the weekend had made spaghetti Bolognaise and chicken curry with garlic bread and nan breads, with Chocolate Brownies and ice cream for dessert. After supper they cleared up. The Cubs were all shown how to make a buddy burner with a tin, some cardboard and melted candle wax. After they had made these they took them outside and under supervision they lit the burners and they burnt for nearly an hour. When it was bedtime the Cubs all had a hot drink and a bedtime story and then went to sleep. The next day Paul the QM for the weekend made

pancakes for breakfast which they all enjoyed. They all made their packed lunches and they were ready for the hike on the Flitch Way to Great Notley Park. Once they had hiked the five kilometres to the park they got excited as they could see the Sky Ropes in the distance. This was a surprise for the Cubs as they had not been told they were going onto this apparatus. Everyone managed to go on the sky ropes and Albert Dincu was invested on the very top with David and Ed the Cub leaders. After lunch the final part of the day was spent on the giant seesaw with the leaders on one side and the cubs on the other side. This was one of the happiest well-run action-packed cub camps I think I have ever been on. Everyone was happy and well behaved, and the leaders got to enjoy camp as well. Huge thanks to David, Ed, Sonia, Paul and of course Michael who planned the weekend and whose licence was used.

This term the Cubs have also had two weeks of Archery training and will be taking part in a litter pick on the sports field and Dole path. Twelve Cubs have also just come back from Cub District Camp which was at Tolmers in Cuffley, Hertfordshire. This was two nights away in tents which was a bit of a different camp for most of them. They had lots of activities which included a Vertical Climbing Wall, Air Rifles, High Ropes,

Inflatable Assault Course and Archery. In addition to this all Cubs completed badge work. As you see our Cub pack are a busy happy pack and achieve a lot. Many thanks to our hard-working leaders.

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

Scouts are now in their Hiking time of the year. This term they have learnt how to pack a rucksack properly, they have all managed to write out route cards, also how to use small solid fuel burners. On the evening of May 4th they hiked following their route cards, they were in three groups leaving at 15-minute intervals from the HQ. The plan was to follow the route cards, they all succeeded and finished at Skreens Park in Roxwell where they had some supper provided by a parent. They put up their hike tents and all slept extremely well. In the morning they got up and cooked their ration packs over the burners. Then they all hiked back to Fyfield to the HQ and were picked up by 11.00am. Once again a huge thank you to the troop leader Rolf for walking the route prior to the Scouts planning their route. Thank you to Dennis, Peter, and Jack for monitoring the patrols and spending the night at Skreens Park yet again. What would we do without them. The following week after the hike the

Scouts went foraging for dandelions and nettles. They then made Nettle tea and Dandelion Pancakes. Which everyone did enjoy. The Saturday of the 19th May and Sunday 20th May nineteen Scouts and three older Cubs are going in six teams on the Waltham Walk. This is a two-day incident hike which is taking place within the Witham to Danbury and east Hanningfield area. The teams will walk up to nine miles the first day and eight miles the second day. I'm sure they will all enjoy the experience. The Scouts are now looking forward to Gliding, Hiking on the South Downs Way and Summer Camp in the Lake District, then followed by microlighting in September.

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

Most of the Explorer Scouts are in the middle of exams so some meetings have finished until the end of May. A few of the them have had the opportunity to take part in Archery which they have enjoyed.

World Scout Jamboree 2019 & the Australian Scout Jamboree 2019 Jamboree news and fundraising events.

The Jamboree four have been busy attending local fetes helping at church

functions, bag packing at Sainsburys and collecting scrap. They also helped at the group fundraising afternoon tea after the St Georges day parade on the 29th April. In addition they have also been looking after pets, dog walking and gardening. Keeping busy and bringing some funds in. The four of them went with Rolf Bassnett the Scout leader to the Parish Assembly to talk about how they were selected and the fundraising they are doing.

Scout Group News

Rolf Bassnett our Scout Troop Leader and Denise Hayes walked the three Yorkshire Peaks Challenge on May the 4th and 5th. They travelled up on Friday the 4th and then started walking early on the 5th May. They made the final ascent in just over 11 hours and 30 minutes. However the final finish time was just under 15 hours. They were raising sponsorship for two causes Rolf for a trailer for the minibus and Denise was for the Jamboree Four.

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