



The First Fyfield 5K run raises over £½ K for Scouts

On 16th September the first Fyfield Footpath 5K run starting and finishing at the Fyfield Village Hall took place. The run raised over £500 for the 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scouts plus the funds raised by individual contestants running for their own charities. The run included categories for individual and team entries and also canine entries. The event was sponsored by John Sear Estate Agents and is planned to be repeated next year on 22nd September.

For more details see inside.



The winner was Lewis Calcott in a time of 20 minutes and 24.4 seconds.

Plans to build on the Gypsy Mead Site Announced

On the 15th October at the Village Hall the new owners of the Gypsy Mead site will present their plans to develop the site as part of the Local Plan before they are submitted to EFDC Planning Department for approval. The presentation is open to all residents and starts at 7pm.

See the full page advert inside for more.

Village Diary 2018

02-Oct	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
03-Oct	WI Table Top Sale	Village Hall, 10.30am
01-Oct	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
04-Oct	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
08-Oct	St. Nicholas' Church - Wall Art Workshop	The Church, 10am
10-Oct	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
14-Oct	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
15-Oct	Fyfield Festival - Planning Meeting	The Church, 8pm
28-Oct	St Nicholas' Church - Harvest Festival	The Church, 11am
01-Nov	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
05-Nov	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
06-Nov	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
10-Nov	Fyfield Village Hall - Family Quiz Evening	Village Hall 7.30pm
11-Nov	St Nicholas' Church - Remembrance Day Service	The Church, 10.45am
13-Nov	Fyfield Film Club	The Zinc, 12.30pm
14-Nov	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
18-Nov	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
04-Dec	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
06-Dec	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
08-Dec	Fyfield Christmas Lunch	Village Hall, 12.30pm
09-Dec	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
10-Dec	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm

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



I am sure it will come as no surprise that this Focus contains quite a few pages about Marcus. Rev. Chris' thoughts, facts and observations in her

letter are dedicated to the life and loss of Marcus and a slightly shortened version of Marcus' eulogy has been included by the kind permission of his family and provided by Patti Nicholson.

I would like to add that the address to Marcus which Rev. Chris gave at his funeral was not only outstanding in its content but was delivered with warmth, sensitivity and compassion. I feel we have been sent an angel and are very privileged to have such a talented Priest in Charge. I have got to know and witness that Chris is very hard working and has a very big heart and I feel we should cherish her whilst we have her leadership in our village Church and across our benefice.

Dr. Walker's School are opening their doors and holding a no. of Open Days during October and November – see their advert for details.

The Gypsy Mead Site has been an eye sore for many years. Well the new owners of this land are holding a Public

Meeting on 15th October to present their plans to the residents of Fyfield – please see their advert for details.

In November our lovely Village Hall have organised another Quiz Night and the WI are holding a Table Top Sale – see their adverts for further details.

In December the Over 60's Christmas Lunch is on 8 December and it is essential to book your place.

St. Nicholas' Church is holding two special services for Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday – see the Village Diary for details. In December St. Nicholas' Church will be holding Christmas Carols and the date and time will be advertised in the next Focus.

The Fyfield Parish Council is holding their October and November meetings on the 1st Monday and not the 2nd Monday. The date of the November Ramblers Walk has been changed to the 18th at the new time of 10:00am.

I am so please that the huge amount of effort paid off for the first 5K run. Well done Matthew Wadey and all your helpers.

Have a spooky Halloween and a fun but safe Bonfire Night with your friends and families.

Cheryl Hadley

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The Focus needs £150 to sponsor the Colour Pages of the December/January Publication. If you would like to sponsor the Christmas special colour edition please telephone Cheryl Hadley on 01277 899840 for more details or eMail me at fyfieldfocus@gmx.co.uk

Many thanks.

Cheryl

Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

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

October	7		No Service
October	14	18.00	Holy Communion
October	21		No Service
October	28	11.00	Harvest Festival
November	4		No Service
November	11	10.45	Act of Remembrance & Service for Remembrance Sunday
		18.00	Holy Communion for Remembrance
November	18		No Service
November	25	11.00	Family Service

We are unable to continue to hold an 11 am service on the first Sunday of the month

St Mary the Virgin, Moreton

October	7	09.30	Family Communion
October	21	09.30	Harvest Festival
November	4	09.30	Family Communion
November	11	10.50	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
November	18	09.30	Family Service

St Germain, Bobbingworth

October	7	11.00	Harvest Festival
October	21	11.00	Family Communion
November	4	11.00	Family Service
November	18	11.00	Family Communion

St Christopher, Willingale

October	14	09.30	Family Service
October	21	18.00	Evening Prayer (BCP)
October	28	09.30	Holy Communion
November	11	09.30	Family Service
		10.50	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
November	18	18.00	Evening Prayer (BCP)
November	25	09.30	Holy Communion

Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins



Dear Friends

It seems that the village has experienced a collective sense of shock and disbelief ever since Marcus's untimely death on 20 August 2018. He was 'Mr Fyfield' as one person commented;

a unique, complex, honourable, committed and hard-working man whose loss we will continue to feel deeply over the coming weeks and months.

I am reminded of the words of Clarence, the angel in Capra's film 'It's a Wonderful Life', who said:

"Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

Marcus leaves an awful hole, principally, in the lives of those to whom he was closest - Pat, Alexander, Edmund, and their families, his sisters and brother and, of course, Mac the Corgi. But, his absence from the tapestry of many lives in Fyfield cannot be underestimated. Beyond our village, he wove his way into the hearts of friends and colleagues in the Essex Record Office; members of his clock club, but perhaps none more so than his clients at the CAB in Harlow. Marcus hated injustice and fought for many people who were in danger of having their homes repossessed, or of a visit from the bailiffs. He took it as a personal failure when he could not help those in need.

It is hard to recount the many ways in which we, the small community of St Nicholas Church, will miss him. There is hardly a space in the church building which does not bear his imprint. Every scheme, plan or strategy bears witness to his influence. The roof repairs and renovation stand as a memorial to his diligence, thorough research and competence. The fact that I am here as your Priest in Charge through Marcus's participation in the interview process.

We had our first regular Sunday service since Marcus died two days before I sat to write this. There were so many parts of the service which spoke of his loss. We missed the music for the hymns which he uploaded onto his beloved i-pod Classic; his melodic and strong baritone voice which helped to swell the sound of the rest of the congregation; the port he provided for Holy Communion, his attention to detail which ensured that candles were always lit, and hymn books and service sheets were readily available but, most of all, we missed the broad smile and effusive greeting as each of us walked into the church - a welcome like no other.

"Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

It was so heartening to see so many people at Marcus's funeral. The attendance confirmed what many of us knew - that Marcus was someone who was respected and loved. He managed to be, curiously, a very public man with a big persona, whilst at the same time

remaining very private. He was not one to wear his heart on his sleeve, yet I know that he experienced sorrow and sadness on many an occasion – particularly when he heard of the plight of refugees, orphans and people less fortunate than he was.

Goodness! What a hole we have to fill. Yet, perhaps we should not try to cover over the space which Marcus has left. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: “Nothing can make up for the absence of someone whom we love, and it would be wrong to try to find a substitute; we must simply hold out and see it through. That sounds very hard at first, but at the same time it is a great consolation, for the gap, as long as it remains unfilled, preserves the bonds between us. It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap; God doesn’t fill it, but on the contrary, keeps it empty and so helps us to keep alive our former communion with each other, even at the cost of pain.”

There will never be a substitute for Marcus – he was and is simply irreplaceable.

But, we in the church community, are determined to live with ‘the gap’ as Bonhoeffer suggests and to maintain our communion with Marcus. We will ‘hold out and see it through’. For, despite the pain and loss we feel, we cling to God’s promise that death is not the end, but merely the gateway to something richer and more wonderful than we could possibly imagine.

This is the hope into which we released Marcus’s life and the faith in which we might all find courage, comfort and peace for ourselves.

May the soul of our Church Warden, friend and ‘Mr Fyfield’ rest in peace and rise in glory.

Best wishes

Chris

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I find it difficult to express in a few words, how grateful I am to the many people who have offered so much support, concern, compassion and practical help, over the last week.

Everyone has been wonderful, but I would especially like to thank - my *Knight in Shining Armour*, Adrian Boon, who was the first to arrive on the scene (*a complete stranger who wouldn't leave my side and even offered me a bed for the night*), Margaret and Ron Cox, who did offer Hollie and I a bed and we have been with them ever since, and the various people who have donated or shopped for clothes – I suppose it was one way of getting myself a new wardrobe!

Thank you Fyfield

Carol Cox

1st Moreton & Fyfield Scouts 5K Walk

On Sunday, 16th September, 103 runners came from across Essex to the 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scouts first Fyfield Footpath 5K event. Everyone enjoyed the race around the beautiful countryside, starting and finishing at the Village Hall. The course was run over varied terrain with the fastest time being 20 minutes and 39 seconds. It couldn't have happened

without the support of Les Lamb, who replaced several bridges in time for the race, and took photos on the day. Also, of local landowners, some of whom ran or walked the route. We also had a great family fun run with lots of children and adults completing a lap of the field. We had a brilliant morning and look forward to the next race on Sunday 22nd September 2019.

Matthew Wadey



Fyfield Festival 2019

At our last meeting, it was decided to change the time of next year's Festival to a later date as the weather hasn't done us any favours since we have been holding it in early May.

The next planning meeting will be held on Monday 15th October at 8pm in the Church, when the date and theme for the flowers will be finalised. Everyone is welcome as we are always looking for new ideas and suggestions and offers of help.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped clear and clean the church in preparation for Marcus' funeral, especially Joe Apperley who provided the necessary muscle when needed!

Carol Cox



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Marcus Dain – An Appreciation



Marcus relaxing with Mac at his feet

As a community, Fyfield was shocked by the sudden illness of Marcus Dain on 7th August leading to his death in Queen's Hospital, Romford, nearly two weeks later. His funeral at St Nicholas' Church on Thursday, 6th September was attended by a huge number of people, some standing outside the doors, all wanting to pay their respects to a much loved and respected man. Marcus, a man of many interests and talents, was such a familiar figure and will be missed so much by so many people as well as his wife, Pat, their sons, Alexander and Edmund, and twin grandsons, William and Lloyd. The service, led by Rev Christine Hawkins, was very moving with contributions from family members and music played by Alexander on the organ. Chas Barr, a

family friend, read a Eulogy, much of which I am including here.

The youngest of four children, Marcus was born in Penzance on 1st June 1946. At 6 months old his family moved up to Yorkshire and en route he was baptised at Oare church in Devon, where his grandparents were living. He had two sisters, Jennifer and Lalage, and a brother Jason.

As a schoolboy he attended Tadcaster Grammar School, which entailed daily journeys there and back by train. Possibly this fuelled his lifelong love of steam engines, despite having regularly been hung out of the train window for the duration of the journey by the older boys! It might explain why, on leaving school, he applied to several motor companies for a job – a different form of transport! Success came following an interview at Ford's offices on Regent Street when he took along his portfolio of personal inventions. One was a giant spring-loaded contraption to spin the whole car through 180 degrees to save having to reverse off a drive – maybe this is what got him the job! He has kept in touch with his fellow apprentices from 1964, some of whom were present at the funeral.

Pat also started her working life with Ford and it was there that she was introduced to Marcus by a mutual friend, Ken, who was later best man at their wedding. Early married life was spent in Chadwell Heath, where Alex and Edmund were born. When the boys were 4 and 2 years old, the family moved to Fyfield, first into Walker Avenue and then to Wheel Cottage, Queen Street, in 1994.

Pat and Marcus were married for 44 years, sharing great happiness, fun, love and laughter. Pat acknowledged that Marcus

could be exasperating occasionally but, as everyone who met Marcus knows, he was an interesting, enthusiastic and witty person, full of life, with a great sense of humour.

Edmund was given a dog for his 14th birthday and many people will remember Toby, the Border Collie, who accompanied his Marcus on walks along Fyfield's many footpaths, often on dusky nights, with Marcus reading a book by torch-light without falling over! Mac the Corgi, the family's second dog, was also a great joy to him and Pat and has many friends in Fyfield, canine and human!

In Fyfield, everyone takes part in village life, and Marcus certainly did. For many years he was on the P.T.A. at Dr Walkers School, a trustee of the Dr Walker Foundation and other local charities.

Marcus was on the PCC and a Churchwarden for 30 years, and served on Fyfield Parish Council for 20 years. As Churchwarden, he spent literally thousands of hours looking after St. Nicholas Church, in all sorts of ways – giving guided tours to visitors, helping with the Sunday services, maintaining the clock, even scaring off thieves who were after the lead on the roof in the dead of night last year. He loved ending his tours with the story that there is a headless body buried under the organ, to gasps of horror from the schoolchildren and the amusement of their teachers.

Marcus was very proud of his 39 year career with Ford. He retired 15 years ago, and began another career – volunteering for charity work. He quickly qualified as an advisor at Citizens Advice Harlow and was soon regularly confronting the banks and building societies in Chelmsford County Court, and became very successful

in helping less fortunate people to avoid eviction. His son, Alex, as a qualified lawyer, said he was very glad not to have met anyone like Marcus on the other side in his cases!

Leisure time was filled with a great many interests and hobbies. Briefly these included: Local History; opening up the 19 miles of local footpaths; restoring and driving his 1953 Ford Prefect; riding his 1936 Red Panther motorbike; learning the skills of book binding and repairing ancient books at the Essex Records Office; mending clocks! In short, Marcus had a very fulfilling retirement as confirmed by the fact that he needed a garage, two sheds and a box-room to store all his tools and gadgets!

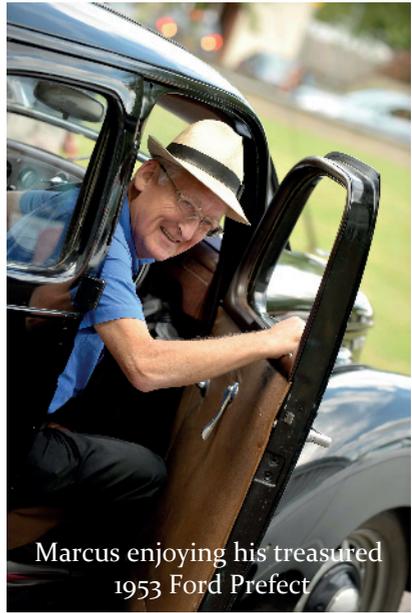
Away from his hobbies, Marcus loved seeing Edmund and his family, here or in the USA on one of Pat and Marcus' trips there in recent years, relishing the chance to be a hands-on Granddad with Will and Lloyd. He also really enjoyed the flying trips round France that he did with Alex and the regular clay pigeon shooting that they did together. Pat and Marcus also found time to travel the world during his retirement – India, Vietnam, Italy, America, Cuba, Japan, Singapore, New Zealand, Israel, Norway and South Africa, plus many walking holidays with Mac in the UK.

In his final days Marcus received outstanding care from the NHS at the neuro-critical unit at Queens Hospital in Romford. The family were very grateful that Reverend Christine kept constantly in touch, praying for Marcus, anointing him with Holy Oil in his last days, and held a Requiem Communion in remembrance of him on the evening before his funeral.

Pat and the family have received a vast number of cards and letters showing clearly how people held Marcus dear in their own lives. Fyfield is a great community, and Pat and her family really appreciate the kindness and support they have received at a very difficult time. Donations received in memory of Marcus will be divided between The Friends of St Nicholas Fyfield and Citizens Advice Harlow.

Ending on a personal note, Howard and I consider ourselves fortunate to have had Marcus and Pat as our very good neighbours and friends for so many years.

Patti Nicholson



Marcus enjoying his treasured 1953 Ford Prefect



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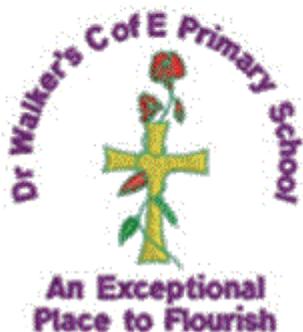
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The refuse collector said that was nothing to some of the things he finds in the bins around Ongar – aren't we living with some very interesting neighbours. Now what is the story of how that adult blue flipper came to be in the bin outside the shop I wonder?

Fiona Baxter





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St. Nicholas' Church - Applique Wall Art

Exciting news, our St Nicholas' 'banner' is being sewn together! We are meeting in the church on 8th October at 10.00am to complete the last little bits and to measure up for a pole to hang it. Members of the group are now looking for another project, possibly cushions to make the pews more comfortable?

Wendy Henshaw

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From: Pam and Albert Watson

Two of our favourite groups of people (the village churches and our family), met on Sunday September 2nd - and what a delight it was to this elderly couple! We were celebrating our golden wedding anniversary; 50 years of love and struggles, laughter and tears, successes and failures. We felt we had a lot to be grateful for, and we wanted the people of the churches where we serve now to meet our children and grandchildren, so we issued an open invitation to a celebration service in St. Mary the Virgin, Moreton, and some refreshment at the White Hart afterwards. To our astonishment, about 80 people came. St. Mary's was nearly full, and the service was enriched by the musical contributions of the Lavers and Matching Choir led by John Barnes, and by Sophie and Isabel Pether from Bobbingworth, as well as Moreton's regular organist Yvonne Holmes. Rev. Christine, our priest-in-charge, led the service with warmth and sensitivity, and we believe that God was glorified.

The White Hart catered very well for us, and the few regulars at the bar put up with this large influx into their quiet space. We would like to thank everyone who came, and those who could not but gave us their best wishes. This includes dear Marcus Dain, churchwarden at Fyfield; his last words to Albert, a few days before he died, were that he may or may not be able to attend, but assured us of his prayers.

Our daughter Polly and her husband Mike; our son Tim and his wife Alexa; our grandchildren Joshua (and wife Lauren), Hannah, Hope (and her boyfriend Josh) Caleb and Emily all felt loved and welcomed. The parishes did us proud, and showered us with love. Now - will we have the energy to do this all again for our Diamond Anniversary in ten years' time? Don't bet against it!

Pam and Albert Watson are members of the church ministry team at Fyfield, Moreton, Bobbingworth, Willingale, the Lavers and Matching.



Fyfield Art Group

It is with great regret we have had to suspend the Art Group for this term. We only have four regular members and so it is not a viable option for us to continue.

Wendy Henshaw

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Fyfield *Litter Pickers*

Our last litter pick on the 29th August focussed on clearing the litter in the layby on the Ongar Road opposite the private road leading to Bundish Hall. It was a very cold morning with heavy rain and oh boy what a mess! From the road you can see lots of litter which consisted, in the main, of the wrapper's from people's breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack and the empty containers of their liquid refreshments. Up close and personal (as Fiona & I were) there is a huge amount of fly tipping in the hedge and ditch at the back of the layby along with even more litter left by the people who use this layby to rest and enjoy their refreshments.

We cleared what litter we could without falling into the ditch and injuring ourselves and we have no doubt this layby will need to be cleared again before too long. In the meantime, we will report the fly tipping and also as this

layby is within the Fyfield boundary we will approach the FPC to see if a litter bin can be installed and regularly emptied.



The next litter pick is on **Wednesday, 24th October at 9.30am** outside our Village Store & Post Office. If you are able to join us we would be pleased to see you.

Cheryl Hadley



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By

LUNA GROUP

&

ADAM ARCHITECTURE

Luna Group are the owners of GypsyMead and intend to apply for planning consent by November 2018 to provide new homes on The site.

We wish to share our proposals with the local community And listen to the views and any concerns of the village.

Fyfield *Village Hall*



Well it has been a year now since we officially opened our newly refurbished Club-room, bar

and toilets and it has been a really good year. We have so enjoyed the beer and BBQ evenings that we held and it was so nice to see new faces enjoying our lovely facilities. We will be holding them again next year so look out for dates.

As the weather turns a little cooler we are holding our next event indoors. We have a **Family Quiz Evening on November 10th at 7.30pm**. Our quiz masters will once again be Emma and Miz who provide a very good humoured and fun quiz. We will be providing a light ploughman's to keep your brain cells going and the bar will be open. We would love to see as many people there as possible as these events are much more enjoyable when there are lots of teams. The cost will be £8.50 per head payable on the evening. We usually recommend teams of about 8 people, but if you don't have a team of 8 then come along anyway and we can always sort something out. This will be our last evening fund raiser before Christmas, and I can promise you a good laugh among excellent company. For catering it helps if we know how many people will be there so please let either Marie on 899386 or Elaine on 899306 know if you are going to come. If e mail is easier then please use our Fyfield.villagehall@gmail.com e mail.

We are delighted to welcome Les Lamb to our Committee as the new Parish Council representative, and say a fond farewell to Toby Wallden. Thank you Toby for your energy and enthusiasm while you were on our Committee and wish you well for the future.

I am also sure that many of you will be wondering where our 100 Club application forms have got to. I must apologise whole heartedly for the delay. I rather inconveniently got married recently and it rather took over my spare time. However, we have decided that as our financial year runs from the 1st January we will be running the 100 Club to fit in to make our accounting easier. Therefore, and I promise, 100 Club application forms will be dropping through your doors in the near future and the first draw will be in January. As previously mentioned the money will be going towards funding a defibrillator to be fitted outside the Village Hall and also towards our plans for a refurbished kitchen. Please do try and support the 100 Club as it is such an easy way to help out especially if coming to our events is not your thing.

Finally, if anyone wants to help out with the Village Hall or if you have any suggestions as to events or improvements, please do get in touch. My number is 899386, or as I mentioned earlier our e mail is Fyfield.villagehall@gmail.com

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At our September meeting, members enjoyed the return of Miss Lorraine Ely talking about 'Mostly Musicals and Me' and singing some of the songs from the musicals.

We are holding a Table Top Sale at Fyfield Village Hall on Saturday 3rd November from 10.30am until 1.30pm. For refreshments we will be serving soup and a roll, cakes and of course tea and coffee.

We are selling tables at £10 a table if you are interested please phone Pat

St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Some dates for your diaries:

Sunday 28th October is our Harvest Festival at 11.00a.m.

Sunday 11th November is Remembrance Sunday starting at 10.45a.m.

The PCC do hope you will join us for these special services.

Wendy Henshaw

Turnpenny on 01277 899223 or Wendy Henshaw on 01277 899367. The speaker for our October 4th meeting will be Mrs Barbara Falkner, she is an excellent speaker and her talk is entitled 'See a Pin and Pick It Up'. Then in November, a change from our original speaker, we will have Maggie Piper speaking on Royal residences.

We welcome visitors to our meetings which start at 2.00pm in Fyfield Village Hall.

Wendy Henshaw

Fyfield Coffee Morning (in the church)

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coffee and homemade cakes.*

*2nd October, 6th November & 4th December
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Marion, Margaret & Carol



Award of Merit

Dennis Sweeting 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

Dennis arrived at Shelley cubs, a part of the 1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group and

asked if he could join but was informed that he was just too old. One very disappointed little boy - but he did ask "what comes next"? The situation was that there were no Scouts at Shelley as the Group had only recently been formed.

Dennis was given a challenge. Find some boys of Scout age and we will see what we can do. Next week Dennis returned

with enough friends to make a Scout Troop viable. Guess who was the first patrol leader?! Dennis threw himself into everything that was Scouting. Most of the members of the troop came from less privileged backgrounds but this did not stop them camping every month for a year. Dennis, with his patrol did two years. He was and still is interested in flying and as a scout he achieved the distinction of obtaining his Master Airman badge. A very rare achievement for a non air scout.

After Scouts, Dennis joined the Dragonian Venture /Ranger unit where he soon found his feet and his ability to make people laugh. The natural progression was to get very involved in group gang shows. He was ever present at all events. A Scouting event without him was unheard of. During this period Dennis achieved his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

At 18 he became Assistant Scout Leader and later Scout Leader. He was later



appointed Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, which was a role he took very seriously. Not only did he increase the number of District events but also managed to increase attendances. During this period Dennis gave a lot of time and energy to helping struggling troops. He also ran the annual Brass Monkey Camp which involved winter camping without tents but using homemade bivis. This he did for 15 years.

When the district was amalgamated he stood down as A.D.C., but then joined the 3rd Ongar Group as Scout leader as they were struggling to keep the troop going. However, he was unable to keep away from us and returned to his first Scouting home 1st Moreton and Fyfield as Assistant Scout leader.

Dennis still has an interest in air activities and has encouraged the Scouts to take part in Gliding, Microlighting and Parascending.

He is a Postman and with a fellow Postie collects articles of clothing, toys and tinned food. He then hires a large vehicle and he and the other Postie drive to Kosovo to distribute to those in need.

Certainly, Dennis *does his best, helps other people and keeps the Scout law.*

He was presented with his award at Scout Summer Camp surrounded by the scouts who would not do half of what they do if it was not for his imaginative approach to Scouting.

*Mick Bacon
Local Training Manager Royal Forest
District
1st. Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group*

Out of Focus

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

Just before 8.30pm on Monday August 20th, Cheryl, Archie and myself went down to the river and sat on our decking. Fyfield was getting dark and the air was silent for a change. At 8.30pm a single bell tolled for five minutes; a total of 72 chimes. Earlier that day, Marcus, our Church Warden and long-time resident, had passed away. The sound of the bell was haunting and it was as if all of Fyfield went silent; uninterrupted by sounds of vehicles and aircraft. As we returned to the house somewhere a dog barked.

Is this a record? Picked up from Fyfield at 12.30 pm by Lee of Fyfield Travel, destination Stansted.

1.15pm - customs and security cleared and on Airside Stansted!

One of the nice things about September is the number of air shows and old aircraft that can be seen in the skies over the south east. Whenever I hear the unmistakable throb of a Merlin engine I have to look up to the sky. It takes me back to when I was a school boy and the skies over south Essex which were full of aircraft from the war era (WW2). RAF Hornchurch was the home of RAF Fighter Command 11 Group comprising a number of Spitfire Squadrons that took part in the Battle of Britain in September 1940. My school days took place after the war but the airplanes still flew from Hornchurch filling the air with wonderful sounds. Those planes included Spitfires, Hurricanes, Mosquitoes,

Beaufighters, Ansons, Oxfords, Chipmonks, Tiger Moths, Lancaster & Wellington bombers. Apart from the classic sound of the fighters, the Mosquitoes (constructed from wood) also produced a wonderful sound with their twin Merlin engines that made them fast and formidable in the sky.

I had a minor operation recently on my lower lip which was uncomfortable but bearable. One of the side effects of the op. was that the shape of my lower lip has changed slightly. No great problem there but it means that I can no longer play the clarinet as I cannot purse my lips around the mouthpiece meaning that air escapes everywhere. Some say that I could never play the clarinet anyway so there is no loss there. Who knows, my lips may well regain their strength enough for me to annoy people with my playing again and also blow out candles!

Some Facebook user recently claimed for items stolen from her house only to be turned down by her Insurance company because she posted pictures of herself on holiday thereby advertising that she was away. Be careful what you post folks. Who knows, this could become a trend with insurance companies refusing to pay out if you use 'out of office' email responses and many other similar things that give away your whereabouts.

Ian Hadley
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Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)



Hi, Archie here, Just returned from my regular visit to the Country Club and seem to have lost my bark. This is probably due to all the sing-

ing that goes on at the club both day and night. Next time I go I will take some ear plugs. Went for a coffee with my two cousins the other day. They live on the edge of the Peak District which is a bit like Fyfield with hills. They are called Hugo and Woody and are short legged Jack Russells. That means that they cannot run as fast as I can which in turn means that I can take one of their biscuits and they can't catch me. Anyway, being Jack Russells they both like playing and we all had a good time running about the place. If I go and see them later in the year they tell me that it will probably be snowing and that I need to take a coat to keep warm. The best part though is when they go home and curl up in front of the open fire, dry off and fall asleep. I can't wait to join them as we don't see too much snow in Fyfield, just mud.

Talking about winter and the cold, I like to curl up in a ball whenever I can (whenever they let me that is!) on a comfortable chair. I particularly like chairs with a wide back so that I can lie on the top. All dogs like curling up on chairs and, even better, beds.

Anyway, I'm off to find something to eat. I've heard so much about a hard and soft Brexit that I have to make it very clear here that what I want is a full English Brexit with plenty of sausages. Pip at the Black Bull, another Jack Russell, says that he has plenty of sausages so maybe I'll call him to see if he can spare one or two.



Bye for now,
Archie.



Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

A news item sent from a songwriter's convention



It was *East of the Sun and West of the Moon*, *On the Sunny Side of the Street*. It was *Summertime* (*Autumn Leaves* soon) when suddenly *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*. In *Faraway Places*, a *Freight Train at Waterloo* sounded like the *Midnight Train to Georgia*.

Somewhere, *Beyond the Sea*, *Leaving on a Jet Plane - Some Ant Chanted Evening*, singing *Bali Hai*, *On a Slow Boat to China*. Crazy, but, *In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning*, you are *Gentle on My Mind*.

Thank you for the Music, *Honey Honey*, but *Your Song* is a *Sacrifice* so *Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me*, *Delilah* - just *Smile*. *Silence is Golden* as everybody does *The Twist* but it was *A Foggy Day in Old London Town* so we all agreed that's why *The Lady is a Tramp*. *I Remember You* having *High Hopes* with *A Fool such as I*. *Congratulations-* with *Money, Money, Money* we're *In the Mood* and going on a *Summer Holiday!*

Cheek to Cheek, *Doing the Lambeth Walk*, *Nelly Dean*, who used to sit and dream near an *Old Mill by the Stream*, was *Puttin' on the Ritz* and *Singin' in the Rain* counting the *Stairway to Heaven* lit by *Stardust*. *Good Golly Miss Molly*, *Mr Sandman* said to *Mr Bojangles*. *It's Now or Never* so *Please, Please Me* and *Let it*

Be me. *Way Down Yonder in New Orleans*, *Save the Last Dance for Me* because *Only the Lonely* have *Georgia on their Mind*.

It's a Wonderful World - Downtown, *Sittin' On the Dock of the Bay*, although with *Heartaches by the Number*, we all agree that *Mrs Brown Has Got a Lovely Daughter* so *What's New Pussycat*, surely *It's not Unusual?* I know that *You've Got Your Troubles* but *How Sweet it Is* to have *Tears for Souvenirs*. So *It's My Party and I'll Cry if I Want To- Eight Days a Week*. *Close to You*, *Raindrops Keep Fallin' on my Head* near *A Bridge over Troubled Water*. In the *Streets of London*, a *Snowbird* sang from *The House of the Rising Sun* and *I Just Can't Help Believin'- Look What They've Done to My Song ma!*

Barry Betteridge



District Matters



I have included two items in this article that I hope are of interest.

A negligent act led to fly-tipping, resulting in costs and fines

amounting to £1560

being imposed on a resident in Loughton.

On 13 September 2018 in Chelmsford Magistrates Court, Mr Tjokuskins admitted to failing his household waste duty of care, by giving his waste to somebody else to dispose of without carrying out the necessary checks to ensure that the person taking the waste was authorised by the Environment Agency.

Mr Tjokuskins admitted that he handed over some large cardboard boxes which were found fly tipped amongst a larger pile of waste. Mr Tjokuskins' failure to consider the implications of giving his waste to somebody without checking and not recording their details was a costly mistake. The waste was found fly tipped in Oakley Court, Loughton by a bin store provided for local residents.

The Magistrates stated that it was a negligent act. Mr Tjokuskins was ordered to pay a fine of £600. He was also ordered to pay the Council's prosecution costs of £900 together with a Victim Surcharge £60. The Magistrates stated that had he not pleaded guilty the fine would have been £900.

The message is simple:

Before handing your waste to somebody else, always check, consider and record to

protect yourself and reduce fly-tipping by rogue traders. It is a crime not to care.

Good news on the progress of the Local Plan which has now been submitted to the Government Planning Inspectorate for comment and approval. The plan was delayed by about six months due to a local developer in Theydon Bois and has cost the council a considerable amount of money and effort.

Submission followed the end of a legal challenge by property developer CK Properties (Theydon Bois) Ltd after its application for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal was refused. CK Properties had already lost its case following a High Court hearing.

Although the Council was successful on all four grounds in the judgment given by Mr Justice Supperstone on 29 June 2018, an injunction continued to prevent the Council from submitting the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for examination until the conclusion of the legal proceedings – this included the subsequent applications for leave to appeal made by the claimants. However, this is not yet the end. The planning Inspectorate may well advise of changes that they would expect to see incorporated so that it complies with the national housebuilding framework.

Cllr. Ian Hadley

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Letter from the Chairman



We have a new councillor, Karla Hirst, who has been co-opted onto the council and fills the vacancy left by Toby Wallden. We are now back to our full complement of seven councillors.

The fitting of a replacement gate to the Sports Field is progressing and the Film Club has been receiving very good responses from the attendees. Since the departure of the Travellers it has been a reasonably quiet period for the council which is welcomed by all. As a result of the Travellers visit, the council is preparing an Emergency Plan that will cover our actions should various emergency situations arise in the Village.

The minutes of Council meetings can be viewed at our website:

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The Black Boy by Michael Dixon Whitehead Balls

This book is very much a "local" work, the late author being a real Essex man, born and raised in our very own

Danbury/Chelmsford area. It takes us back to the mid 1700's, set in the villages and creeks of this area, when smuggling was rife and an accepted way for any publican to earn a few extra shillings.

The book tells the story of William Horne who runs The Black Boy alehouse, and his smuggling exploits. Full of excitement, intrigue, jealousy and

extreme punishments of those times, it gives us a real glimpse into life in those days. Essex has more coastline than the average county in England and it is easy to see how this dark way of trading thrived.

With so many local place names and such an intriguing plot, we all wanted to establish whether the story was fact or fiction. Following the trail of research was very interesting too! And the outcome? Well, I won't spoil it for you....I have a copy which you are welcome to borrow, then I'll tell you!

Jenny Stone



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Liz Bird (01277 899324)**

Fyfield *Ongar & District Bridge Club*



The long hot summer is behind us, and playing bridge at Fyfield Village Hall has provided a welcome, if occasionally soporific distraction from watering the garden night after night. Sitting on the flower-filled terrace with its lovely rural views across the playing field, enjoying some mid-session tea and cake, has been a tranquil delight. So thank you to the Village Hall Committee for their hard work in maintaining the premises in tip-top condition. However, what could now be better than making plans for the coming months at the bridge table? We have recently enjoyed a refresher training session on slam bidding to sharpen us up for campaigns ahead and now look forward

to having the opportunity to apply this newly acquired knowledge. We are a friendly club with the emphasis on sociability but with an ample measure of competitiveness. Our directors ensure that the spirit of fair play and adherence to the laws are maintained with a light touch and our electronic scoring system enables us to know how well or badly we fared before going home. If, perhaps, you are a lapsed bridge player looking to re-enter the fray across the card table, or maybe just fancy a change of scene, why not get in touch – you would receive a warm welcome. Please contact Rita for further information via our website at www.bridgewebs.com/fyfield.
Martin Collier
Chairman

Fyfield *Luncheon Club*



In August the lunch club had an outing to the Museum of Power at Langford. Some had a guided tour which was an interesting history of the original pumping station.

Other members spent time in the extensive grounds and were fascinated by the model village. After a most enjoyable lunch we boarded the coach and went to Maldon for the afternoon. The weather was very kind to us, a perfect day out.

We thank Jan Hall, Katharine Perry, Patti Nicholson and Pam Orris for a wonderful selection of desserts, and of course The Queen's Head for a delicious chicken casserole.

The next two lunches are on October 10th and November 14th. Please phone 01277 899367 to book your lunch by the previous Saturday.

The Fyfield Christmas Lunch this year will be on Saturday 8th December at 12.30 pm for 1.00pm. It is essential that you book your place as soon as possible with either Wendy Henshaw on 01277 899367 or Jan Hall on 01277 899808. All over 60 are welcome.

Wendy Henshaw

Fyfield *Carpet Bowls Club*



The Bowls Club has enjoyed this long hot summer, albeit some of us

have suffered with the heat!

There have been two competitions, held in Braintree, that some of our players entered. Mary Wilkinson and Dot Letchfield, together with Beryl Shuttleworth and myself, travelled on a very hot Sunday (5th August) to play in the Ladies v Gents competition. This is a charity event and is played for fun (but still quite competitive). Ten teams of ladies and ten teams of gents took part. The ladies tried very hard to beat the men, but the gents absolutely trounced us winning 49 points to our measly 11. I put it down to the fact that the heat affected the ladies more than the men! This year's charity was The Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. I am not sure how much was raised, as this has not been published on our website yet.

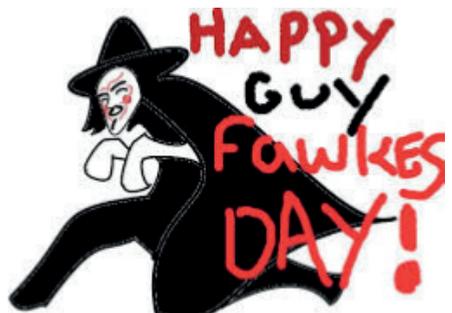
On Sunday 2nd September, the Open Fours Competition was held in Braintree. This is open to bowlers from Essex and surrounding counties and

teams can be made up of any four persons (not necessarily from the same club or county). This event was not supported so well this year, with many Essex clubs not represented, which was a real disappointment. However, our team comprised of Beryl Shuttleworth, Dot Letchfield, myself and Colin Day from High Easter. We all played well and enjoyed taking part but were unfortunately not able to qualify for the final stages of the event.

The next competition will be the Essex Triples, which will take place on Sunday 7th October, and three of our members have entered. The Eastern Counties League competitions start with the Six Counties Team Bowl, which takes place on Sunday 23rd September at Littleport, Cambridgeshire. I will report on both these events in the next edition of the Focus.

Make the most of the good weather as winter is just round the corner!

Jacky Brown



1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Explorer Unit

Summer Camp to Great Tower in Windermere



I have asked some of the Scouts to write about summer camp and their likes and dislikes.

Oliver Upson, Patrol Leader.

For our annual summer camp, we went to Lake Windermere which is nearly 300 miles away from Fyfield. One of my favourite days was Sunday, where half of the scouts and I went up Cartmell Fell mountain range. From the bottom looking up I knew that the mountain would test everyone including myself. We walked up through a valley, alongside a fast-flowing river. We could not see much in the way of scenery because of all the clouds, but we knew it was magnificent. After a while we had our first stop and of course, just our luck, it started pouring. When we started again the ground was getting muddy and it was almost impossible to stay dry. After more challenges we stopped for lunch where we played some games. Eventually it stopped raining and we could take in the breath-taking views and finally relax, but we were only halfway we still had to go down the mountain! Later, we lost the trail and we were forced

to cross a river. This was by far the hardest challenge we had come to. The water was cold but with some perseverance and help from the leader we all safely crossed, and we could taste the success or was that just more rain! Soon we made it back to the minibus and were greeted with a hot chocolate. You could probably tell why this my favourite day at the Lake District.

Daniel Woollard, Assistant Patrol Leader Lion Patrol



On Monday we went motor boating on Lake Windermere and had a great time. We had one boat per patrol with an adult. Everyone had a go at driving the boats some people were better than others but that didn't matter as we had a great time and had a good laugh together. One of the most fun parts of the activity was when we were playing catch on the boats, throwing the balls at each other and sometimes accidentally into the water but that was fine as the drivers at that point would loop round and pick up the ball. This involved good team communication which is one of the key aspects of Scouts. The leaders also enjoyed themselves because all the Scouts

were ferrying them around whilst they had a good laugh and a little bit of relaxation.

Harvey Wheldon, Panther Patrol

I loved everything I did at camp. There were some games I wasn't sure I could do but we got lots of encouragement to try new things. One activity was to do with a tomahawk. A tomahawk is a type of axe. The less dangerous type is called an Angel. The Angel (*which looks a bit like a cross*) has 4 spikes at the end. The tomahawk has one big blade which looks like a scythe (*a bit like the grim reaper has*). With the Angel you lightly grip the handle and aim it up and slightly behind your ear and then you throw with all your might aiming at a wooden target. The tomahawk is held nearly at the end of the handle. This has to be thrown with lots of power to hit the target. We played a game aiming the Angel and tomahawk at different wooden targets (*some looking like Star Wars characters*).

Mountain Hike, Finlay Wallbanks Assistant Patrol Leader

On the fourth day of my scout troop's Summer Camp, we were split in two groups of eight my group got to hike around the Coniston Coppermine's valley, near the Old Man of Coniston. Sadly, the weather that day wasn't brilliant and although the other group hiked the same area earlier in the week, we couldn't hike to the peak as it was too windy. However, that did not stop us. The day before the hike, Jack (*our leader*) plotted a safer, more scenic route, which went around the valley that the mountain formed. On the day of the hike Pete drove us and Jack to the starting point in Coniston near to the Ruskin Museum. We all filed out of the

bus and started the long hike up to the valley. For the first few hundred metres, we followed a road that brought us to a concrete bridleway. As we followed the path we met up with a river, the Church Beck Ghyll, and used a bridge that crossed it as a landmark on the map. We followed the path and took a right at the top of the path where it forked. The view of the valley from there was incredible. The river gushed frantically in the middle of the valley on its way down to Coniston Water. You could just about see the peak of the Old Man of Coniston in the distance, despite the rain clouds best efforts to hide it. After lunch, unfortunately, the weather worsened. The rain had finally caught up with us and one of our group remembered why they should have brought their waterproofs! For me, I enjoyed walking in the rain, safe inside my waterproof clothes! In the end, Jack decided that because of the weather, we should turn back, as the wind had picked up considerably and visibility was getting worse! We made our way back and arrived at the minibus having hiked for nearly four hours. Then we headed back to camp. All in all, I enjoyed the trip, despite not finishing it, as I spent quality time with my friends in a beautiful setting, battling against the elements.

Grace Woollard, Tiger Patrol

On Wednesday 15th, The scouts went to the local town Ambleside and we followed a pre-set trail that was around 2.2 miles long. It took us all around the town. We saw multiple intriguing sights like army-servants graves (*we could tell that's what they were because they were kept clean to respect them*) and the grave of Charlotte Maria Shaw Mason - the lady who devoted

her life to giving children, from all backgrounds, education. The aim of the treasure trail was a bit like Cluedo as you had to find out who killed who and what they used to murder them. About 3/4 of the way through we stopped to hike up a waterfall which was worth the walk as we saw some amazing sights and saw how (*through several thousands of years*) the water had carved into the rocks slowly working it away. To find out who murdered who we had to answer questions and every time it would either eliminate a person or weapon. By the end you should end up with one person and one weapon. Overall, I really enjoyed the trail and thank you to the amazing leaders who had the patience to walk around the town with us. My favourite part was hiking up the waterfall as the view were spectacular.

Saffy Long, Tiger Patrol Leader
The Money Trees



On Thursday we were woken up by the Leaders as we had to be up early! There were eight in our group, plus Caitlin, Jack and Pete and we were going to go hunting for Money Trees. It was a competition to

see which group could find the most Money Trees. The trees we were looking for were all around the lake and they had all sorts of different coins embedded in them. There were British coins and foreign coins, mainly 1p, 2p some 50p and Ollie

did find a £1. There were quite a lot of Euro coins too. Visitors and tourists had put their coins in the tree trunks. We did give the coins a wiggle to see if any of them were loose, but most of them were firmly stuck in. We wouldn't have taken any! Each time we found a Money Tree we had our photo taken in front of it to prove that we had found one. We did find some Money Trees, maybe 20 or more that had lots of coins in, then we found a lot more that had one or only a few coins pushed in the tree trunk. Some of the trees had been cut down but people had still planted their money in the trunk of the trees. Our group didn't win the competition, but we had a lot of fun trying!

Emma Wheldon Assistant Patrol Leader, Tiger patrol

I always love going to Scout Camp and everyone was keen to have a go at whatever challenge was planned. We were on our way to the beach at Morecombe. We stopped on the top of a mountain to go around a lake to look for money trees. We were in two teams and the team that found the most money trees and took photographs to record them would win. After lunch we then found out that the mini bus's tyre had gone flat. So, we travelled slowly back to camp to borrow another mini bus. Luckily another scout troop let us borrow their mini bus. We were off again for another two-hour journey to Morecombe. It was getting too dark to go on the beach. The sea was also too far out. PLUS, our fish and chips had been ordered and were nearly ready to eat. The food was amazing. Some people bought a nice milk shake too. After our meal we went outside and saw a metal

statue of Eric Morecombe (*70% of the scouts had never heard of him!*). We all had to do the pose that he was doing which was quite funny. Dennis took a photo of us. After our meal we all went to the park. After we got back to the scout camp we found out that Pete had fixed the tyre on our mini bus. All of us went to bed after a happy but an eventful day.

Jessica Lee, Patrol Leader Panther Patrol



Hello, my name is Jessica Lee, I am 13 years old and I am proud to be part of the 1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group. On the 12th of August 2018 16 scouts, 4 leaders and 2 young leaders made their way up to Windermere in Cumbria. After 5 great, exciting and fun days of different activities we reached our last full day. Friday was my favourite day, although it was an early start it was worth it. We went and participated in gorge scrambling. Gorge scrambling is an outdoor activity where one follows the course of a stream. We started off at Coniston and we climbed up towards Church Beck. This was on foot, in the water. This included climbing waterfalls, splashing around in the water, jumping off the edge into the water and fun, wonderful and exciting challenges and games. The most fun part of Friday's adventure in my opinion was the rapids, I loved been pulled along by the water and passing a challenge at each waterfall we climbed. This was one

of the most amazing experiences and I would do it again.

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

Sixteen of our scouts all had a wonderful summer camp and without the dedication and imagination of our four Scout leaders the week might not have been so successful. We all appreciate the time that our voluntary leaders give, and the programme ideas keep flowing. So, watch out for further adventures over the next few months.

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

Dragonian ESU, Summer Term 2018.

With many of the Explorer Scouts sitting their GCSE exams over the last term, the program has been pretty relaxed, allowing time to socialise, alongside the more usual weekly activities.

In July, the Explorers took part in Gilwell 24 - a weekend event delivering 24 hours of non-stop crazy adventurous activities. At the start of August we held our annual summer camp. This year, locally at Skreens Park in Roxwell. The weather was fantastic and the holiday included a Water Wipeout inflatable obstacle course at the Lea Valley White Water Centre, an evening at Roperunners in Kelvedon Hatch and a day trip to Southend.

The Explorers will be planning their next term when we begin meeting again in September, with the aim to support a local homeless charity and to continue working towards their D of E awards.

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