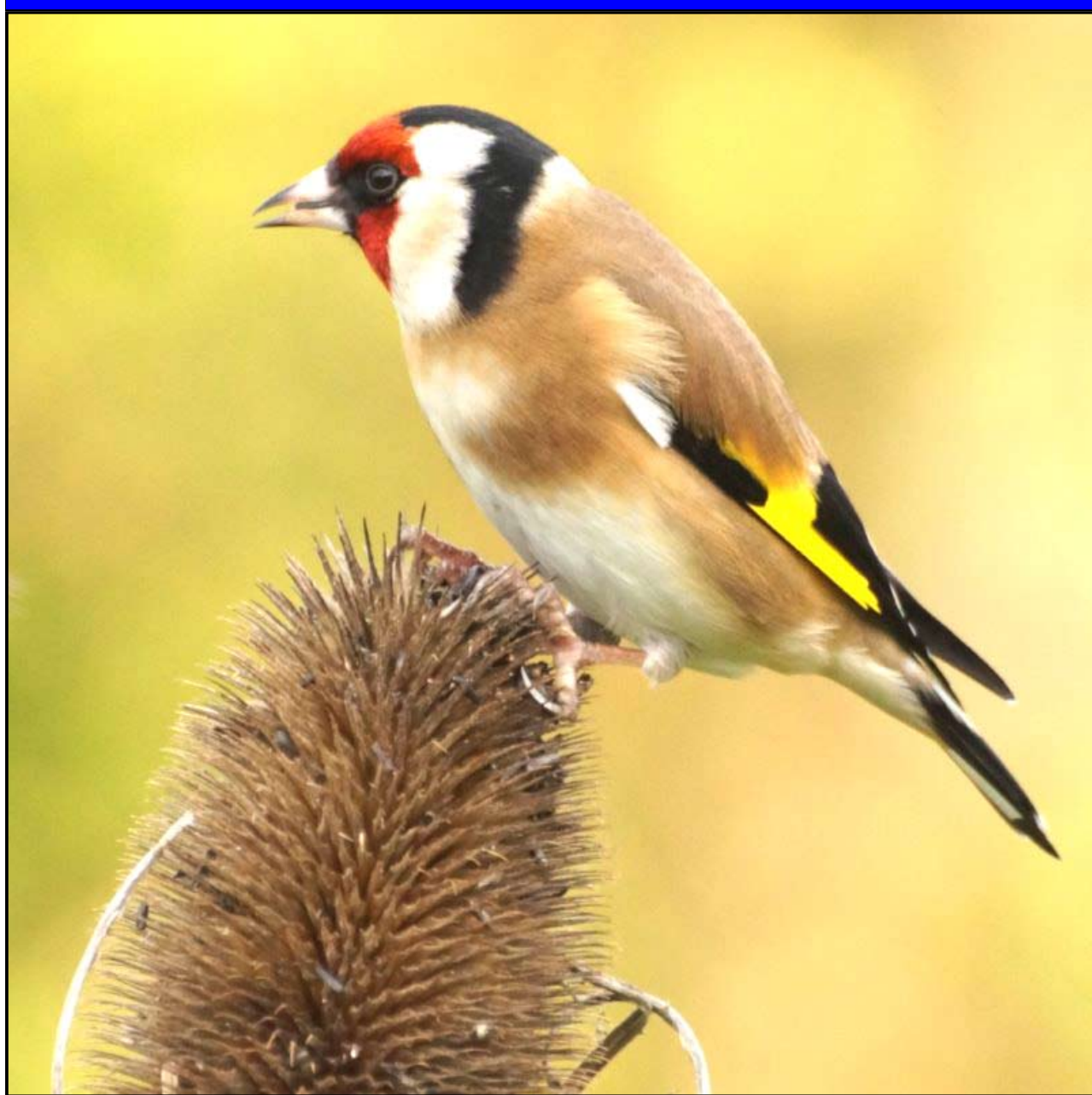


# Great Hallingbury Highlights

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**Goldfinch**

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### Surgery Dates

#### September 2017

Friday, 8th - *Writtle - Parish Office or Village Hall*  
15.00 - 18.00

Saturday, 30th - *Saffron Walden Market Square -  
Street Surgery* 09.00 - 11.00

#### October 2017

Friday, 13th - *Takely Station House* 16.00 - 18.00

Friday, 27th - *Thaxted Guildhall* 11.00 - 13.00  
- *Old Armoury, Saffron Walden*  
15.00 - 18.00

#### November 2017

Friday, 3rd - *Great Dunmow outside Co-op and  
Library* 11.00 - 13.00

- *Dunmow Foakes House* 15.00 - 18.00  
Saturday, 4th - *Saffron Walden Market Square -  
Street Surgery* 10.00 - 12.00

Friday, 17th - *Old Armoury, Saffron Walden*  
15.00 - 18.00

(Programme subject to change - check on 020 7219 1943)

## Editorial



We have recently been marking the *Partition of India* in 1947 when the separate states of India and Pakistan were created. Between 10 and 12 million people were displaced along religious lines, creating overwhelming refugee crises in both newly constituted countries and large-scale violence.

A tumultuous time; but the world always seems to be seeing such events to a greater or lesser degree. We barely need reminding of the most recent terrorist atrocities in London, Manchester, Paris, Turku, Brussels and now Barcelona and Cambrils.

Fortunately, here in Great Hallingbury life continues relatively calmly but, even so, there is change afoot.

You will all have received a copy of Uttlesford Life in which the District Council sets out its plans for three new garden communities in Uttlesford, bringing more people into the area over the next 30 years. You can give your views under the consultation procedure but they have to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Our Parish Clerk, Freda Townsend, is retiring in September after 24 years in the post. We wish her well and hope that she now gets to enjoy doing all those things for which she had insufficient time until now. Good luck, Freda.

Back in June we had a General Election and the Member of Parliament for Saffron Walden, Sir Alan Haselhurst, stood down after representing our constituency for 40 years. During his career in the House of Commons, Sir Alan was elected Chairman of Ways and Means (Deputy Speaker) in 1997, serving under successive Speakers until May 2010. During his long and distinguished career, Sir Alan was an excellent constituency MP, looking after the interests of all his constituents and lending assistance whenever needed. We send him all our good wishes in his retirement.

So, we have a new MP, Mrs Kemi Badenoch. Born in Wimbledon, she grew up living in the US and Nigeria. She worked to support herself since the age of 16, putting herself through university, twice - first to study engineering and later to gain a Law degree. She has two young children. Kemi enjoyed a diverse commercial career before becoming a member of the Greater London Assembly in 2015. Now our Member of Parliament, she has written about her first impressions at Westminster which you will find on page 7.

Change is ever present.

*Editor*

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## Congratulations Tom

### *Surprise Award to Tom, our Great Hallingbury mobile librarian.*

Tom Colloff didn't know that he had been nominated for the *Mobile Librarian Champion of the Year* award last year and much to his surprise he won this national award.

Tom, a supervisor with Essex Libraries drives the mobile library van around the Essex villages and Harlow, visiting Bedlars Green and Woodside Green every two weeks on a Wednesday. (For times see Calendar.)

In giving the award at an event in London, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, (CILIP) the national trade body for libraries across the U.K., made special mention of his ability to build relationships with local communities and the assistance he gives.

Having worked with the Essex Library service for eleven years following a career in the Navy, Tom and his van have long been a welcome sight in our village. Nothing is ever too much trouble whether it is helping the disabled with care and courtesy or obtaining the latest books when asked. Tom is always there with his happy smile and a cheery word.

The library van is a cornucopia of knowledge, fact, fiction, comedy, gardening and much more, with both adult and children's books. It is a great asset for anyone who enjoys a good read. So, as Tom drives his library van to distant villages of Essex around the narrow country roads, he brings both pleasure and, to some, a lifeline. His award was well deserved and we look forward to seeing him soon with his large van, happy smile and kind words. **Well done Tom.**

*Sylvia Richards*



## Great Hallingbury Poppy Appeal



With this year's appeal approaching, it is time to update everyone on our future plans as well as reporting on the contribution made by the village last year.

We collected just under £1,000 in 2016 with half of that money being donated by Howe Green House School. As November 11th was on a Friday last year, their yearly coffee morning was held on that day. Besides selling cakes and coffee, a raffle was held to augment the monies already collected throughout the campaign. The children gathered on the green outside and a small remembrance service was held. The audience of parents and visitors were all moved by this simple act of remembrance.

Besides the usual collection in the village and surrounding hamlets, I am hoping there will be two other events to mark the period of remembrance this year. There will be a **Coffee Morning** to open the campaign on **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10.30 am. Donna Sewell has offered to host this at **The Street Farmhouse** and we look forward to seeing members of the village there who are unable to get to Howe Green House.



The **Howe Green House School Coffee Morning** will be held on **Friday, 10th November** from 9.15 - 11.15 am.

Collectors will also be around the village before November 11<sup>th</sup>. If someone would volunteer to collect for us this year, particularly in Woodside Green, I would be happy to hear from them.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the coffee mornings.

*Gill Sewell 01279 504990*



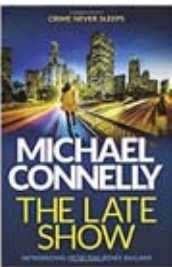
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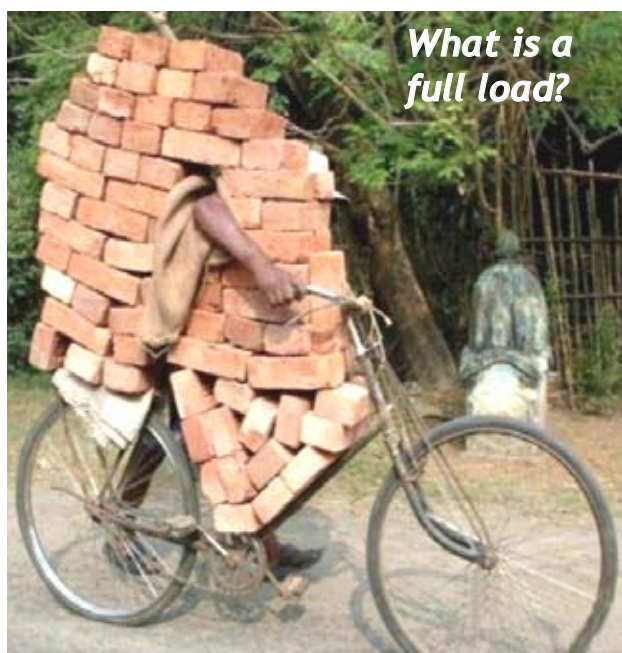
### ***THE LATE SHOW*** by Michael Connelly

In his latest novel Connelly has once again created another memorable character like Harry Bosch and Mickey Haller, with the introduction of Renee Ballard. She is a tough, smart, brave and tenacious investigator who has fallen foul of those above her in the LAPD.

She works the night shift in Hollywood - known as The Late Show. Unlike most cops she doesn't have the satisfaction of following a case to its conclusion as she is meant to pass it on to the day shift. But, one night, she and her partner are called to the scenes of two crimes: a transgender prostitute has been brutally beaten into a coma and a bar-worker is caught up in multiple murders in a nightclub.



Ballard finds it hard to let either of these cases go, even if it puts her career, and her own life, on the line.



***What is a full load?***

## Book Corner

### ***THE STORYTELLER*** by Jodi Picoult

Sage Singer befriends an old man, Josef Weber, a much-loved figure in the community, everyone's favourite retired teacher. They strike up a friendship at the bakery where Sage works but one day he asks Sage to do the unthinkable - to help him die. Shocked, Sage refuses and then he confesses his darkest secret - he deserves to die because he was a Nazi SS guard in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Sage's grandmother, Minka, is a Holocaust survivor but, up to now, has never talked about her experiences in the war or what the numbers tattooed on her forearm mean. When Minka is eventually persuaded to do so, Sage discovers how the horrifying events in her grandmother's past are inextricably entwined with that of Josef.

Sage is now faced with a moral dilemma: if she even considers Josef's request, will it lead to murder - or justice?



***What is a full load?***

## **Kemi Badenoch MP for Saffron Walden**

### *First impressions of Westminster*



Four months ago I was still on maternity leave with my 6 month old baby. My days involved catching up on the entire series of Downton Abbey and changing nappies - with the occasional hour of sleep as and when he let me.

As a working mother of two, life is rarely calm or peaceful, but dealing with a busy, noisy household and a 9 to 5 job is like a holiday compared to the frenetic pace of Westminster.

I get a new email every 2 to 5 minutes and my postbag from businesses and constituents was so heavy I needed help carrying it around for the first month before I got an office. Now that I have one, the phone never stops ringing - invitations to business breakfasts, introductory meetings with MPs and ministers who I need to lobby about constituency matters, policy lunch briefings, charity dinners and everything in between, requests for meetings, articles and interviews; the first few weeks as an MP is relentless.

As intense as it is, walking the corridors of Parliament has been a wonderful experience. Every corner, alleyway and passage is steeped in history. It is humbling to be part of this great institution. Whether it's Westminster Hall, which has stood in the same place for almost a thousand years and where Charles I stormed Parliament and triggered the English Civil War, or the lobbies which I walk through every day on my way to the chamber with statues of Thatcher, Churchill and Queen Victoria overlooking all those who pass through. I cannot help but be in awe what has gone before.

However, I am also keenly aware that

this is a place where political battles are fought. The Palace of Westminster can be a collegiate, friendly place, but I have come in at an interesting time when the political parties are further away from each other than they've been for a long time. Sadly, friendships across the aisle are becoming less common as politics becomes more tribal.

I met people from all parts of the political spectrum when I campaigned in The Hallingburys but, no matter what colour the politics, everyone was warm and friendly. Whenever it's been a bruising week in Westminster, whether it be on controversial topics like public sector pay or debating tragedies like the Grenfell fire, the best part of Westminster has been leaving it! It makes me grateful to come back home to the constituency. I know that we may not always agree, but our community spirit trumps everything and I am very lucky to be your representative.

I said in my maiden speech that I was honoured to be serving in the greatest Parliament on earth. What makes it all the more special, though, is that I am there to represent this part of North West Essex - in my opinion the best constituency in the country.

*Kemi Badenoch, M.P.*

P.S. Surgeries are an opportunity to meet with me and seek advice on various issues. Attendance is by appointment only so, should you wish to attend any of my surgeries, please contact me at the earliest opportunity. The list of forthcoming dates and venues is on page 2.

**A  
man in Hell asked the  
Devil, 'Can I make a call to  
my Wife?' After making the call,  
he asked how much he had to pay.  
'Nothing', said the Devil, 'Hell to  
hell is free.'**



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## **Philip George Saban (1893-1917)**

### *Commemorated on the Great Hallingbury War Memorial*

Philip George Saban was born in Great Hallingbury on 26th July, 1893, and baptised at St. Giles' Church on 13th September, 1893. He was the younger son of William and Emily Saban. William Saban married Emily Bayford in 1890. They began their married life living in the household of Emily's father, George Bayford. By 1901 they were living at Harps Gate, Great Hallingbury. William and Emily had three children: Frank William born in September 1890, Philip George born in 1893 and Edith Emily born in 1897. In the 1911 Census the family was living at 126 Harps Gate. William's occupation was recorded as a labourer's gardener. Frank was a farm labourer and Philip was a domestic groom in the employment of Mr H F Patten of Great Hallingbury.

Philip joined the Southend Borough Constabulary in September 1914 and lived in Westcliff-on-Sea. He decided to enlist in Southend in December 1915 and served for 19 months as Gunner 126544 in 'Y' Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery. He was wounded in action on Thursday, 1st November, 1917, and died in a French hospital the following day at the age of 24.

An officer. in a letter of sympathy to Philip's parents who were now living at 94 Woodside Green, wrote the following: *As Captain of the Battery, I was always in close touch with your son. He always did his work excellently and was one of the most cheerful and efficient soldiers I have ever had under me. I could always rely on him for the best work at all times. He was struck by a fragment of a shell which exploded just outside his dugout at about three o'clock one morning; the piece struck him in the chest and proved fatal. He was one of our best gunners and we feel for you deeply in your bereavement.*

Philip George Saban is buried in Grevillers British Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France. There are 2,106 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Grevillers British Cemetery.

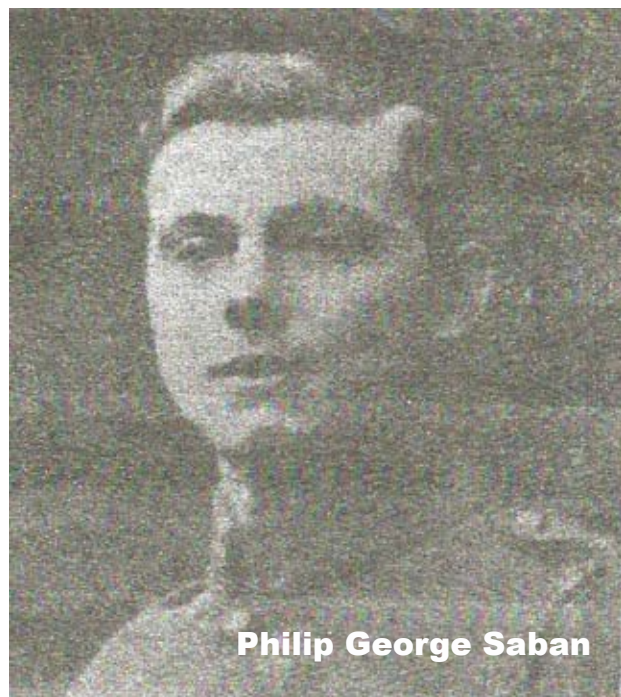
Philip's brother, Frank, married Lydia Emma Sapsford (1891-1975) in 1915. His sister, Edith, married George Bird (1902-1981) in April 1930. Two older brothers of George Bird died in the Great War: Albert died in 1914 and Frederick died in 1916.

Philip's father died in 1957 and his mother died in 1943. Frank, his brother, and his sister, Emily, both died in 1965. Philip was the great uncle of Mick Saban of Hatfield Heath.

*Philip Hays*



*Grevillers British Cemetery in Pas de Calais*



**Philip George Saban**

## Broadband Bother!!!



Having recently retired I thought it was about time I tackled BT about the poor broadband service, especially as SuperFast Broadband seems to have slipped to December 2019 according to the Essex website. I had already bought a new router and phone from BT, so there could not be any question about the quality of my equipment. I was now prepared for hours on the phone. Having initially measured the speed on a daily basis using a WHICH service, I quickly learned that BT would not recognise this and I had to use their own version. This can be found if you Google BT Wholesale speed test.

After measuring the speed every time I used the internet, and at least every day, I learnt that for about 40% of the time I was getting less than 1mg download speed and at best 1.2mg. Armed with this information I made my complaint to BT. I confirmed that I now only have one port into my property for my BT phone and broadband. I told them that the router and the laptop were hard wired and within 50 cm of the port. An engineer was dispatched to check out the line. He confirmed that I had done everything I could to ensure maximum speeds and, although the line could support 1.2mg, it would be less by the time it gets to my laptop. He agreed that at periods of high activity on the line the speed would drop. Having disconnected my router, he spent two hours trying to get it back up again, only to discover that there was a 2mg limit on the line, which is why it was taking so long. I felt a warm glow of satisfaction as the engineer was clearly as frustrated as I am on a daily basis.

Having made his report, BT has now acknowledged that I am not getting the minimum service of 1mg download they guarantee for my monthly fee of £5. After 40 years as a BT customer the only thing they could offer was to let me out of my contract with no charges. I was not impressed and

insisted that all I wanted was the minimum service of 1 -3 mg consistently. Again, after much discussion and escalation of my complaint to the manager, BT is sending another engineer to confirm that there is nothing they can do to upgrade the copper wires to meet this minimum service, as well as reviewing my monthly payment of £5. If I win that battle I think I will ask for compensation as I have never had a good service.

Given that we have already had several dates for superfast broadband deferred again and again, I have resorted to making a complaint to our local MP, Kemi Badenoch. If you Google her name you are taken to her website and can make a complaint direct to her online.

If you are as frustrated as I am about the speed of our broadband please complain to BT and to our MP, especially if you are paying more than £5 a month for this atrocious service. If enough of us complain we might just get things moving!

*Vicky Wing - a sufferer of Broadband rage!*





## Roadside Verge Wildflowers

At the risk of repeating myself, if roadside verge cutting could be left until July, when the majority of wildflowers have produced their seeds, roadside verges would be prettier places.



*St John's Wort*

On the Bishop's Stortford by-pass at Thorley Wash, the roundabout has been planted with wildflowers to attract bees and other

pollination. That's great; it looks pretty and it all helps. The signs say that Hertfordshire Council is proud to help wildlife!



*Broomrape*



*Pyramidal  
Orchid*

But on 19<sup>th</sup> June, the Herts Council mowers were out on the by-pass verges, mowing down the wildflowers that grow naturally along the roadside such as Broomrape, Vetches and St John's Wort as well as Pyramidal, Common Spotted and Bee Orchids.

On the roundabout at Butlers Hall, the grass is thin and it is a haven for chalk loving orchids. This year there were eighty plus bee orchids on the roundabout. Most motorists passing by wouldn't see them but they are there - or they were. Even though the grass is sparse and doesn't really impede vision, the mowers did their stuff! Eighty orchids destroyed. The mower person even had the audacity to mow around a patch of yellow vetch. This is relatively common but visible. I cannot believe that the council would wipe out orchids, but they do. I tried to remonstrate with the mower driver last year but was told that it was more than his job was worth to not do his job! I wrote to Hertfordshire Highways Department but didn't receive a reply. I will try again



*Bee Orchid*

but I am not confident of a good outcome!

The whole sorry saga is a contradiction of wildlife preservation. Planting wildflowers and then wiping out rarer species. You couldn't make it up!!!



*Yellow Kidney Vetch*

*Dave Barlow*



## Two Ladies in Heaven

1st woman: **Hi! Wanda.**

2nd woman: **Hi! Maria. How'd you die?**

1st woman: **I froze to death.**

2nd woman: **How horrible!**

1st woman: **It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?**

2nd woman: **I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.**

1st woman: **So, what happened?**

2nd woman: **I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.**

1st woman: **Too bad you didn't look in the freezer---**

**--we'd both be alive.**



# Great Hallingbury WI



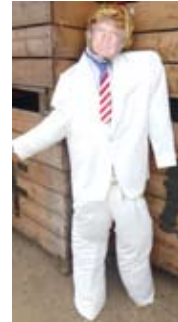
2017 is the Centenary year of the Federation of Essex WI's and Great Hallingbury has enjoyed taking part in various events throughout Essex, in particular a special afternoon tea with fellow members of the Roothings Group of WI's - Hatfield Broad Oak, Sheering, High Roding and Great Canfield which was held in Great Hallingbury Village Hall.



Several of our members are on the various Federation of Essex WI committees so it was a busy time on a hot weekend in July at the Centenary County Show held at the Hatfield

Peveral HQ.

Our WI entered an exhibit, *Time for Tea*, which contained one piece of craft, five small fancies and a flower arrangement in a cup and saucer. Carmela received a gold star and top marks for her exquisite lace tray cloth, Janet had good results with her delicious fancies and the flower arrangement didn't disappoint, so overall we received good marks.



Our Scarecrow entry wasn't able to help but he certainly raised a few smiles as WI members from across Essex visited the show.



President Jan Baldwin worked tirelessly with her fellow colleagues to ensure the show went without a hitch.

July is always a busy time for shows and of course the Hallingbury Flower Show is always high on our agenda. This year we manned the raffle table with a wonderful array of donated prizes; after a slow start there was the usual rush just before pulling the tickets and announcing the winning numbers.







Our members had successes in several of the competitive classes; Cookery, Craft, Flowers, Photography and Flower Arranging, with Beverly receiving **Best in Show** for her design depicting *Carnival*.

During the past months we have also enjoyed talks by Mione Goldspink from the



Bishop's Stortford food bank and at our mystery meeting in June we came over all creative, decorating flower pots using paper napkin cutouts, under the tuition of Shirley Perkins.



Our meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Village Hall from 7.30 pm to approx. 10.00pm.

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Beverly Moore



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## A Reader's Favourite



### *The Running Hare: The secret life of farmland* by John Lewis-Stempel

At some point in 2016, I went into Waterstones book shop to see if I could buy a book called *Meadowland - the private life of an English field* by John Lewis-Stempel. Unfortunately they tried and failed to order it for me; not on their lists, they said. I had read a review in which it was said to be one of the top ten books in 2015.

Imagine my surprise earlier this year when I walked into Waterstones and saw, in prime position, another book by Lewis-Stempel called *The Running Hare*. I bought a copy and I have to say that, of all the books I have read (and there have been many), it is one of the most enjoyable ever!

Lewis-Stempel is a fourth generation hill farmer in Herefordshire. As an experiment, he rents an ordinary arable field to plough and manage in the old fashioned way. Over the course of a year he transforms it into a traditional wheat field to attract wildlife, allowing insects, birds, animals and flowers to thrive whilst not using pesticides.

Sounds dull doesn't it? As nature writing goes, it is brilliant and his descriptions of the field throughout the year are so delightful that I was hooked from the start. If I could write like Lewis-Stempel I would be a happy man! I don't think you have to have an interest in farming to enjoy this book. The further I got into it, the less I wanted it to end. Every page has something that hits you, good or bad, and I found myself re-reading pages just for the joy of the writing.

The book deals with the decline of bees within the landscape as more chemicals are used. So really the book is written against modern farming (the industry that I am in) but it does make you think! As I have said before, we all have to work together to preserve wildlife.


One of my favourite chapters deals with the wildflower floral dial. Certain plants open and shut their flower petals at precise times of the day and night. I have been aware of this but it was good to see it all written down in one place e.g. the scarlet pimpernel opens at 8 am and shuts at 3 pm. You definitely can tell the time of day from wild flowers.

Even the appendices at the end of the book made me smile. They include a ploughland reading list and a ploughland music list.

*The Running Hare* is a book that made me laugh and cry. The contents are something to aspire to but, above all, it is a great book! 300 pages of joy and despair! Please read it if you get a chance.



Dave Barlow



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## The Hundred Parishes Society

### Grand Houses



Over the centuries, wealthy individuals and families have often built grand houses. In our area many remain, albeit that few still serve as family homes. The best-known is Audley End House in the parish of Saffron Walden. Its splendid 17th-century architecture can be seen from the B1383. The house, now only one third of its size when purchased by King Charles II in 1668, is cared for today by English Heritage and is open to the public many days.

Less-known, but also visible, are the following four mansions which can be found in the far corners of the Hundred Parishes.



In the northeast, in Steeple Bumpstead, Moyns Park was built

around 1580. It is privately owned and a mile from a public road, but it can be seen clearly and appreciated from an easy public footpath.

In the southeast, Great Waltham is home to Langleys, a fine three-storey private



house that has been in the same family since it was built in 1719. Clearly visible from the road, it can be viewed more closely from the Essex Way footpath, which passes the end of the drive.



In the far southwest of the Hundred Parishes, Wareside has Fanhams Hall,

an 18th-century home that was extended in the early 1900s when the Japanese

gardens were created. It now functions as a conference centre and wedding venue, whilst the grounds can be enjoyed for the price of an afternoon tea or Sunday lunch.

In the northwest, at Aspenden, the present Aspenden Hall was built in the 19th century. Its pristine white exterior, visible



from Aspenden churchyard, hides the fact that its interior was gutted 50 years ago and that it is now used for agricultural purposes, mainly the drying of grain.

You can read a little more about each of these interesting buildings within the parish introductions on the Hundred Parishes website.

*Ken McDonald, Secretary.*  
[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

## Easy Eating

### Salmon Fillets with Goats Cheese

*This is a very simple recipe, yet the goats cheese keeps the salmon moist and adds extra flavour without taking away the taste of the fish.*



#### Ingredients:

- 1 Salmon Fillet per person
- 1 (or more if required) Goats Cheese log
- A little Olive or Rapeseed oil

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C.

Line an ovenproof dish with foil. Put in the salmon fillets and lightly cover with the oil.

Slice the goats cheese log into rounds no more than 4mm thickness and place 2 rounds onto each fillet.

Leave uncovered, and cook in the oven for 10 to 12 minutes.

Serve with jacket potato or new potatoes and a lightly dressed rocket salad.



## Little Hallingbury School



Little Hallingbury Primary School has undergone much change in the last two years. Mrs Sonia Strickland took over as Executive Headteacher on a temporary basis in September 2016. The partnership between St Mary's Primary School in Hatfield Broad Oak and Little Hallingbury School proved a success and in September 2017 the schools formed a formal federation.

The federation means that the two schools now share a single governing body. This was created with membership from both school communities with a mix of both experienced and new governors. The federation has resulted in tangible benefits. For example, there is much collaboration between the teaching staff, job roles shared across the federation, support for emergency cover and sharing of some resources. Governors have benefited from combining the skill sets of the two boards and the shared knowledge and experience of both.

The PTA is carried out vital fundraising work to enable the school to carry out exciting modernisation of the Early Years play area. This will enable all our Reception children to maximise their learning through play. This work should be completed over the summer holidays ready for the autumn term. The PTA are also funding the updating of the school library which will be completed by the end of the autumn term. This will, of course, benefit all the children in the school.

The school community was sad to say good-bye to Mr Sydes, who left for pastures new at the end of the summer term, but we look forward to welcoming Mrs Wright who has been working at St Mary's in Hatfield Broad Oak for the last year covering maternity leave.

Governors have introduced half-termly Parent Forums to discuss issues of importance.

Topics covered have included homework, Ofsted and Maths. These sessions have been well-attended and have been useful for staff and parents alike.

The school community continues to focus on high quality education and raising standards. Teaching staff have worked incredibly hard over recent years embedding the new national curriculum and adapting to the government initiative of assessing without levels.

As well as studying the curriculum, children have had numerous exciting extra-curricular experiences throughout the year. These include a very successful trip to sing in the Albert Hall, a wonderful carol concert in Great Hallingbury Church, a residential trip to Wales with Mr Oliver and Mrs White, an end of year performance of The Pirates of Caribbean as well as taking part in numerous sporting activities and going on many school trips.

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### *An artist with wire and household objects*



## Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show 2017

### *A wonderful day at the Flower Show for our two villages with a record number of visitors*

The 79th Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show was held on Sunday, 16th July, at Gaston House, Gaston Green, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Roger Graham. The show had it's biggest number of visitors ever who came to enjoy the Flower Show and Fun Dog Show which ran concurrently. Show Secretary Oriel Gordon said, *We were surprised and delighted to find that the car park was full to bursting just one hour into the show! Luckily we managed to find enough space to park all the cars and welcome our visitors to the showground.*

The traditional Flower Show element saw a good number of entries across the 13 different sections with 337 individuals taking part, including over 200 children from the local schools. As a result of the thriving Little Hallingbury Flower Club, one of the hardest to judge sections was **Flower Arrangements**. Eventually, the



judge awarded the much coveted Evans Cup to Beverly Moore. The overall winner across the five classes was Judy Evans.

In the **Flowers** Section the Best Exhibit

was a wonderful Hydrangea grown by Alistair Bayford who also retained the Challenge cup in the **Vegetables** Section.

Other popular sections were **Photography** with 71 entries and **Cookery** with 63 entries. Within cookery the most competitive class was **Chocolate Chip Muffins made by a Man** and the night before the show there was a healthy dose of male banter on Facebook with many of the entrants posting photos of what they were convinced would be their winning muffins. The First Prize sticker was awarded to Mark Hutley.

The Hog Roast and Bar were extremely popular with record sales and a particular highlight was the newly imagined **Tashy's Tea Tent**. The Tea tent



had a vintage feel with old style cups and saucers, floral decorations around the marquee and a very lively bunch of ladies serving their constant stream of happy customers.



*Tashy's Tea Tent*

This year the enthusiastic committee focused on making the Flower Show a really fun event for all the family. There was lots to see and do.



Visitors were entertained by the Bishop's Stortford Ukulele Society, Opera Singer Penny Rossano and a charming Maypole Dance by the Hallingbury Brownies.



There were also Bubble Car rides, plenty of traditional games such as **Splat the Rat**



# Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show 2017



and a fun kids zone run by Youth Create who entertained the children dressed as popular characters

such as Moana, Tink and Spider Man. There were also plenty of trade stands around the show selling lots of beautiful things.

Luckily, the weather was kind and the little rain shower just as Prize Giving was about to start did nothing to dampen the spirits of the visitors.

Cormac Conway, Chairman, said, *I am so happy to be able to say that the Hallingbury Flower Show is going from strength to strength. I must thank the Flower Show Committee who really pulled out all the stops this year, giving up so much of their free time to organise this superb event and to all our helpers on the day who were full of enthusiasm and fun.*

*Next year it's our 80th Anniversary so our visitors can expect even more. And the more visitors we have, the more money we are able to give to Little Hallingbury School and to help keep our two lovely villages thriving.*



**Some of the Prize Winning Exhibits**  
Full list of prizewinners overleaf



Photographs courtesy of Beverly Moore

## Prizewinners

### *Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show 2017*

Challenge Shield for highest points awarded for Vegetables to Alistair Bayford

Challenge Shield for highest points awarded for Fruit to Faye Clark

Floral cup awarded to Neal Cresswell

Handscomb Cup for Best Flowers Exhibit to Alistair Bayford

Challenge Cup for highest points awarded for Flower arrangements to Judy Evans

Evans Cup for Best Flower Arrangement to Beverly Moore

Challenge Shield for Attractive Garden awarded to Terry Evans

Challenge Cup for *From the Garden Gate* to Jean Hill

Challenge Shield for Patio Garden awarded to Carole Morris

Rogers cup for Preserves awarded to Diane Conway

Challenge cup for baking to Hayley King

Challenge cup for Needlework awarded to Helen Reed

Challenge Shield awarded for Best Handicraft Exhibit to Norman Knappett

The Nesta Streeter memorial cup for Family class awarded to the Hutley family

Challenge cup for Children awarded to Freja Butler

Second place shield awarded to Imogen Millar

Third place shield awarded to Oliver Millar

Fourth place trophy to Olivia Richards

Medals for placed competitors in points total awarded to Bella Millar, Charlie Kelly, Jasmin Norsworthy, Ava McDonald, Hugo Juggernaut, Ythan Barrow and Red Ellis

The Baldwin cup for Photography awarded to Alistair Bayford

Challenge cup for a Scarecrow awarded to Hale family

Trophy for a Scarecrow awarded to Little Hallingbury Brownies

People's Choice cup for a garden awarded to Duff Ally



## The Cat That Went To Heaven

A cat died and went to Heaven. God met her at the gates and said, 'You have been a good cat all these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking.'

The cat thought for a minute and then said, 'All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard wooden floors. I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on.'

God said, 'Say no more.' Instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow.

A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident and they all went to Heaven together. God met the mice at the gates with the same offer that He made to the cat.

The mice said, 'Well, we have had to run all of our lives: from cats, dogs, and even people with brooms! If we could just have some little roller skates, we would not have to run again.'



God answered, 'It is done.' All the mice had beautiful roller skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, 'Is everything okay? How have you been doing? Are you happy?'

The cat replied, 'Oh, it is WONDERFUL. I have never been so happy in my life. The pillow is so fluffy, and those little Meals on Wheels you have been sending over are delicious!'



THE  
FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF  
**EASTON LODGE**

Alongside tending the gardens and enabling more visitors than ever to enjoy a lovely day out with us, we have been working to chart the biodiversity we have in the gardens.

Many of our volunteers are keen naturalists, so like to spot and identify birds, wild flowers, fungi and insects. We have a long list of birds seen in the gardens. We also have a historic record of a sighting of a golden eagle there in 1877, at a time before the Countess of Warwick built up her aviaries



*Chicken of the Forest*

which at her death contained 330 species of birds. Recently we identified a chicken of the woods (a fungi, not a bird!). We have also seen a grass vetchling alongside our bank of common spotted orchids, had visits from a hummingbird hawkmoth and a kite and found a lovely contorted skeleton of a grass snake.

But what we have needed help with was bats. So we invited Essex Bat Group to set up some detectors in the garden and they identified seven species in 4 days. At our Open Day on 20 August the Group will be at the gardens to tell visitors more about these species.



*Grass Vetchling*



*Hummingbird Hawk Moth*

Come and visit the gardens too on **Apple Day**, 17th September, when the Bishops Stortford Ukulele Band will be performing and we will have apple activities in the walled garden. The gardens will open at 11.30am and, as usual, we will provide our locally sourced bacon rolls and seasonal homemade cakes.

Our Website can be found at [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk) and has links to our Facebook page.

*Jill Goldsmith*

## Olympic Gold Medallist in Great Hallingbury

*Kate Richardson-Walsh at Howe Green House Prize Day*



Kate Richardson-Walsh was captain of the GB Women's Hockey team which won the gold medal at the 2016 Olympics in Rio. The team had won a bronze medal at the London Olympics in 2012 and a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in 2014. This year, Kate presented the prizes at Howe Green House School.

Her address to the pupils was inspiring and really connected with the children. Illustrating her talk by dressing the sports captains in the school in her track suit tops and 'awarding' her medals to them, she spoke of three things:

- Be a visionary, dream the biggest dreams you can and then set out to fulfil them
- Challenge yourself, not just to be the best in the group but to do the very best you can do. Everyone has the ability to do something really well.
- Work with other people - you don't have to do everything on your own

Howe Green House School prize day is always a joy. To the observer it is a picture of a large group of interested, eager and well-behaved children - which I'm sure is not always the case. One of the school's traditions is to award a scroll to the year 5 pupils who will, in their year 6, fill positions of responsibility within the school. Here you can see coming through their pride in contributing to their community. And each time I am amazed by the confidence and eloquence of the outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl talking about their time at Howe Green House.

May I wish all the year 6 leavers every success in their next schools and their life a head.

*Christine Coultrup*

## Neighbourhood Watch



Over the last few months I have been working on revitalising *Neighbourhood Watch* in the village at the request of the Parish Council Chair.

We are now a nine strong group of volunteers putting our best foot forward into a new plan to protect our community and look after each other. We have fairly good coverage across the parish but would welcome more volunteers from around The Grove or Cophall Close, as well as Latchmore Bank.

- Jo Bloomfield *Bedlars Green*
- Jennie Foster *Hallingbury Place*
- Sue Gray *Bedlars Green*
- Carole Morris *The Street*
- Rosemary Nugent *Woodside Green*
- Debbie Ralph *Start Hill*
- Andrew Smith *Start Hill*
- Alan Swann *Hallingbury Place*
- Vicky Wing *Bedlars Green*

Crime in this area is very low in comparison with surrounding areas and particularly towns and cities. However, we need to ensure that, given our easy access to the M11, we do not offer easy pickings for the more determined and adventurous criminal.

Communications are at the heart of any good *Neighbourhood Watch* providing regular information on prevention, criminal activity and being able to alert people promptly if there is any unusual activity that may cause concern. To start to build a communication network across the village we plan to assign each volunteer a small group houses with whom they will communicate. Reports of activity in the Uttlesford area will come to us and we can then pass this on through our volunteer group.

Using a variety of platforms from word of mouth, email, texts, WhatsApp and social media we hope to build and encourage the exchange of information with the aim of ensuring that we all look after each other

and make it a hard place for criminals to operate.

I do hope you will want to start receiving information directly from the *Neighbourhood Watch* Group so we need contact details for each property, ideally an email address and mobile number. Enclosed with this magazine is a leaflet to be completed and this can be returned in a sealed envelope to the Village Hall addressed to Vicky Wing, *Neighbourhood Watch*.

We have also discussed the possibility of installing CCTV on access roads to the village which could easily be viable option and deterrent. There are considerable legal and technical issues with this proposal, not to mention the costs, which I am currently exploring but I would welcome views. I know in my own family there are conflicting opinions.

Over the coming months don't be surprised if someone from the *Neighbourhood Watch* Volunteer Group knocks on your door to introduce themselves.

Vicky Wing, Coordinator  
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## Great Hallingbury Village Hall



For many years the Village Hall has been a gathering place for our community to celebrate all sorts of events and to host meetings for a variety of groups.

The Village Hall is a charity and its operation and maintenance is funded entirely by rent from its users so is dependent on people and groups utilising the facility. We are glad to have loyal support from village societies and clubs including the Brownies, the WI, the Dog Club, History Society and Carpet Bowls Club as well as two table tennis groups and others. The hall is also used by individuals for parties and gatherings of all kinds - weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and funerals.

Money for any major development or refurbishment, for example connecting to the mains sewerage which is due to start shortly, has to be raised through special events or donations. We have our very popular Quiz Nights three times a year and flower arranging demonstrations which contribute to the refurbishment fund but we could always use more. Councillor Vicky Wing, Sue & Lawson Gray, Heather Pinnock, Councillor Mark & Jo Bloomfield, Sally & Paul Irving, Councillor Dave Barlow, Jill Curtis, Mags Spillman and Chris Wade hosted a New Year's Eve party 2016/17 which disappointingly had only 50 attendees, filling just half the hall's capacity, but still raised £300.

The Masked Ball in June, which Vicky, Sue, Heather and Jo set about organising, unfortunately wasn't as well supported as hoped and had to be cancelled, leaving the organisers disheartened and sorely out of pocket with both wasted time and effort.

When asked, everyone agrees that the Great Hallingbury Village Hall is a great asset for the village so if you have suggestions for

activities that you would support then please write to Councillor Vicky Wing at vicky.wing@btinternet.com or contact one of the other Village Hall trustees. We would like not just to be raising funds for the Hall but holding events in which many villagers could be involved.

Meanwhile, please remind friends and family about the availability of the Village Hall for parties and events. It has a fully equipped semi-professional kitchen, comfortable chairs and lots of car parking. It could also serve well for business meetings and it really is good value for money.

And don't forget the Quiz Night on Saturday, 14th October (see back page).

*L. Notley*



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12noon to 5pm	£60.00	£75.00
5pm to Midnight	£75.00	£90.00
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## The Next Great Litter Pick

1st October, 2017



After the success of previous events, Councillor Vicky Wing is organising another village litter pick on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2017. The hedges are due to be cut in September so this provides a good opportunity to access much of the litter scattered along the verges.

Villagers and friends are invited to gather at either the Hop Poles or the Village Hall at 9am with the aim of covering as much as we can of the village and surrounding areas within a few hours. Equipment such as gloves, pickers and bags will be provided although, if you have your own equipment, then please bring it along.

At 12 o'clock we will come together at the Village Hall for lunch and prize giving. There will be two awards; firstly to the person who guesses the correct (or closest) number of bags of litter gathered and the second will be to the person who finds the most obscure or hilarious item. Councillors Vicky Wing and Mark Bloomfield will judge and we will try to make sure the prizes aren't rubbish!

The litter pick offers an occasion for residents to meet and mingle with people they may not otherwise see, given the unfortunate closure of the pub and lack of other local facilities. The village also looks lovely and clean in the window following which is always very rewarding.

If you are unable to attend on the Sunday then we urge you to go out prior to the day and collect rubbish from around your home.

To enter the competition for the number of bags we will collect, please submit your guesses to Cllr Vicky Wing by email [vicky.wing@btinternet.com](mailto:vicky.wing@btinternet.com) or by dropping them into her post box by 24<sup>th</sup> September.

We look forward to seeing you there!

C. Notley

## Essex Police

Cyber Crime - Some Key Messages



In the words of a convicted criminal:



“Your email is the key. It’s the one account that links into all your other accounts and your Facebook profile usually has everything I need to get into it. Once I’m in your emails, I’ll start searching for things with your financial details, like bills and receipts. I’ll look for any online accounts you have registered with that email address and then use password resets to take over those accounts too.”

“Now, can you all please remove your home Wi-Fi from your window ledge - with the password for me to access on display.”



### Time Taken to Crack a Password

Get yourself out of the pink and aim for the green.

number of Characters	Numbers only	Upper or lower case letters	upper or lower case letters mixed	numbers, upper and lower case letters	numbers, upper and lower case letters, symbols
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4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	3 secs	10 secs
6	Instantly	Instantly	8 secs	3 mins	13 mins
7	Instantly	Instantly	5 mins	3 hours	17 hours
8	Instantly	13 mins	3 hours	10 days	57 days
9	4 secs	6 hours	4 days	1 year	12 years
10	40 secs	6 days	169 days	106 years	928 years
11	6 mins	169 days	16 years	6k years	71k years
12	1 hour	12 years	600 years	108k years	5m years
13	11 hours	314 years	21k years	25m years	423m years
14	4 days	8k years	778k years	1bn years	5bn years
15	46 days	212k years	28m years	97bn years	2tn years
16	1 year	512m years	1bn years	6tn years	193tn years
17	12 years	143m years	36bn years	374tn years	14qd years
18	126 years	3bn years	1tn years	23qd years	1qt years

## Power of Attorney

### Don't Leave it Too Late!



A few years ago, I joined the growing band of adults with children at home plus a parent in need of attention - a tribe commonly known as the sandwich generation. My mother has Parkinson's Disease and was recently widowed and I see it as both a duty and a privilege to be actively involved in her care. It has also made me acutely aware of the role many grown children are being called on to play in the lives of parents who are frail, solitary and either physically or mentally incapacitated. As a recently retired city solicitor, I've been struck by the difficulty my mother has staying on top of her day-to-day admin. Doctors' appointments, banking, bills - it all becomes overwhelming.

Fortunately, I will always be able to help with Mum's affairs. That's because she had the good sense to put in place a power of attorney when she was first diagnosed, giving me permission to organise her paperwork and make decisions on her behalf.

Dementia and infirmity are not what we plan for our old age, yet life can be unpredictable, so I urge everyone to plan ahead while they're still fit and well. By using a lasting power of attorney (LPA), you can choose who will make decisions for you should you ever be unable, or unwilling, to make them for yourself. Without an LPA, those closest to you will struggle to act in your best interests, as they won't have the legal authority to do so. It means they may need to apply to the Court of Protection for an appropriate order, which will be costly and time consuming.

Following changes to the law a few years ago, there are now two types of LPA - one allowing you to nominate those you trust to manage your finances and property, the other empowering them to manage your health and welfare.

You may already have an *enduring* power of attorney, which is the document people used before the law changed. Such a power is only valid if it was made before October 1, 2007, so please check the date of yours as you may need to make an LPA under the new rules.

If you are considering making a power of attorney, I'd be very happy to talk it over with you.

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## Little Hallingbury Panto Group



### Jack and the Beanstalk

It's that time of year again...  
Oh yes it is!

In our 35<sup>th</sup> year, Little Hallingbury Panto Group will be performing *Jack and the Beanstalk*, directed by Julie O'Brien, from Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

We are looking for people who would like to be involved in this year's panto, be it on the stage or behind the scenes. We will be holding a *read through*, prior to casting, for anyone over the age of 14 on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, at 8pm in Little Hallingbury Village Hall. Please come along to find out more and register your interest. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend, then please do get in touch with Julie beforehand on 01279 723546.

We'll also be needing people to help build and paint scenery at the Village Hall in the weeks leading up to the panto. If you could spare a few hours then please get in touch: hallingburypanto@yahoo.co.uk



Thank you.

Mark Hutley (Chairman)  
01279 503804



## Stop Stansted Expansion Plans



Stansted Airport handled 24.3 million passengers last year (2016) and this year will handle just over 25 million. It already has permission to grow to 35 million. Despite this, Manchester Airports Group, Stansted's owners, says that it now *urgently* needs permission to expand to a massive 44.5 million passenger airport over the next 12 years. The expansion plans would mean almost 20 million more passengers and an extra 104,000 flights annually compared with today. This translates into an aircraft overflying during daytime hours from the current average of every 2¼ minutes, to a plane every 85 seconds, in contrast to the airport's claim that there will be *no significant adverse environmental effects*.

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) is gearing up to scrutinise the application when it is lodged - expected later this year - in order to make representations on such issues as noise from overflying, impacts on local roads and rail, community well-being and quality of life. You should receive with this magazine a flyer from SSE with more information.

### **No Relief for Sleepless Nights**

New night flight rules covering the next five years have been described as a missed opportunity to bring relief to the tens of thousands of people under Stansted flight paths who regularly suffer from broken sleep because of overflying aircraft.

According to SSE, the Night Flight Restrictions at Stansted Airport, set to be introduced in October, don't go nearly far enough to tackle the very serious impacts of night flights in terms of sleep disturbance and adverse health impacts.

The government consultation seems to have given more weight to industry demands than community concerns.

## Great Hallingbury History Society

Programme Autumn 2017



### **The Meyers of Shortgrove**

Mrs Carl Meyer (pictured), wife of the Baronet and their estate near Saffron Walden later bought by the Butler family

**Wednesday, 13th September**

### **Explorers and Traders - Essex Connections**

by Georgina Green

**Wednesday, 11th October**



### **The Gunpowder Plot**

and Lord Monteagle of Hallingbury Place

**Wednesday, 8th November**

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# Highlights from the Minutes of a Meeting Of Great Hallingbury Parish Council

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

Present: Cllr A Townsend (Chairman), Cllrs D Barlow, M Bloomfield, K Juggurnauth, A Noble, Alan Pinnock and V Wing, Mrs F Townsend (Clerk) and Mrs Urška Sydee.

## **Memorial at Anvil Cross**

This is now hidden by crash barriers installed by Highways earlier this year. The Chairman proposed that the memorial should be raised so it can be seen above the crash barrier. Cllrs were in agreement as the memorial is part of the history of the village and should not be hidden. The Chairman and Cllr A Pinnock will meet and review a solution.

## **Superfast Broadband**

The provision of superfast broadband has sadly been delayed to 2019. Cllr V Wing will write a piece for *Great Hallingbury Highlights* to encourage people to write to Superfast Essex and complain and the Clerk will write to our new M.P. to complain of the poor broadband reception in the village and the problems it causes.

## **Stansted Airport**

Preceding their application for an increase in passenger numbers, from 35mppa to 44.5mppa, Stansted Airport has submitted a Scoping Opinion to UDC. This relates to the environmental impact and will identify relevant topics to be considered in an Environmental Statement as part of an application. Following a Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting arranged by Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE), Councillors agreed a response to be submitted by Great Hallingbury Parish Council including a quotation from Nigel Brown at UDC that noise levels here are over World Health Organizations recommendations.

Comments had been submitted to NATS

on the Post Implementation Review of the departure Clacton/Delting(Dover) routes. With the coming confrontation between SSE and Stansted Airport on the proposed increase in passenger numbers, SSE is requesting some financial help. Over the last few years, while things were a little quieter, the Parish Council's annual donation had been reduced from £250 to £100. Following discussion, Councillors agreed to send £150 at present and then £100 later in the year.

District Cllr K Artus had sent copies of a communication with a parish to the east of the airport complaining of more overflying. Cllr Artus believes all will be well once all planes fly to the *way points* or Precision Based Navigation (PBN), although at present we are experiencing more overflying, possibly due to the PBN. Councillors will consider this matter further.

## **Parish Clerk**

Our new Clerk, Mrs Urška Sydee, will officially start in September. Our present Clerk will work until the end of September to complete the *handover*

## **Bedlars Green**

The new notice board for Bedlars Green is in the making but not yet finished. It was agreed that, as the green is very untidy at present, the grass should be cut, allowing for any wild flowers to have dropped their seeds by the end of July. Further work to be done is to refurbish the old water pump and to put more posts by the pond area to keep cars from parking and so preserve the grass. The Clerk will advise Highways that the road needs repairing.

## **Speedwatch**

The Clerk has been in contact with Community Speedwatch with regard to training for volunteers which could be conducted in cooperation with volunteers from Little Hallingbury. Councillors agreed to share our speed gun with Little Hallingbury and acknowledged that occasionally the Great and Little Hallingbury teams may need to

work together.

### ***Elm Trees***

The order for elm trees has now been processed and payment made. The trees will be delivered to Harps Farm in November. Cllr V Wing proposed that two of the trees are planted on properties with *Elm* in their name and the other four in the village hall field. Final arrangements will be made nearer to the arrival time of the trees.

### ***Planning***

**Application decisions** (the Council's comments are shown in brackets)

Application No./Site and Development/Decision  
 UTT/17/0071/FUL // Church Road Business Centre // Change of use of vacant agricultural barn to seven Light Industrial or Warehouse Units // Consent (no objection)  
 UTT/17/0394/HH & UTT/17/0395/LB // White Lodge, Latchmore Bank // Proposed erection of 2 bay cart lodge. Proposed replacement of concrete drive to gravel, extension to driveway and replacement of existing garage doors. (Proposed cart lodge not overbearing on site and mostly behind building line. However, the gravel drive is proposed to extend to the highway boundary and could cause problems as any gravel transferring to the road would be a safety hazard. Would like to see this revised so that the gravel does not go fully to the edge of the highway.)

UTT/17/0775/HHF // The Old Forge, Woodside Green // Erection of pool pavilion // Consent (no objection)

**Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group**

UTT/17/1364/AV // Thremhall Park // Erection of two Halo illuminated letters and logo fascia signs, two internally illuminated freestanding totem signs and one non-illuminated vitreous enameled branch nameplate sign // No objections raised.

UTT/17/1496/HHF & UTT/17/1440/LB // White Lodge, Latchmore Bank // Erection of two bay cart lodge. Proposed replacement of concrete drive to gravel, extension to driveway and replacement of existing garage

doors // Parish Council comments on the previous application have been taken into account // No objections raised.

**Applications dealt with at this meeting:**

UTT/17/1640/SO // Stansted Airport // Request for EIA scoping opinion under Regulation 15 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for proposed increase in annual number of passengers to 44.5m ppa and corresponding increase of 11,000 annual aircraft movements with associated construction within the airport boundary including two new links to the runway together with six additional aircraft stands // A response submitted with regard to noise and air pollution, and local road infrastructure.

UTT/17/1536/FUL // Thremhall Business Park // Installation of a 30m lightweight lattice mast with 3 antennas and 2 microwave dishes, 3 equipment cabinets and a meter cabinet and development ancillary thereto, all within a weldmesh fence compound // No objections raised.

UTT/17/1505/HHF // 1 Copthall Close // Erection of a side porch with roof overhang and new roof to existing elevation. Weatherboarding to front and side elevations and flue to front elevation roof for wood burner // No objections raised.

### ***Neighbourhood Watch***

Cllr V Wing reported that our Neighbourhood Watch Team now has 8 members. Signs are available at £30 each which the Parish Council is happy to fund. The number and location of signs will be agreed at our next meeting

### ***Litter Picking***

The next litter pick will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### ***Footpath Sign***

Cllr D Barlow noted that the footpath sign that had been opposite the church has still not been replaced. The Clerk will expedite this.



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A woman runs a red traffic light and crashes into a man's car. Both of their cars are demolished, but amazingly, neither of them is hurt.

After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says; "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."



The man replies, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!"

The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but my bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." She then hands the bottle to the man.

The man nods his head in agreement, opens it, drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

The woman replies, "Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Adam ate the apple, too.

Men will never learn...

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back

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## School Dinners

### *Favourite Pudding Recipe*

Whilst surveying all the goodies in the Tea Tent, or should I say Pavillion, at the wonderful Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show at Gaston House recently as I queued to make my choice of cake with my cup of tea (I chose chocolate cake - it has to be chocolate cake), my mind wandered back to my time at Northgate Primary School in Bishop's Stortford.

Unlike today, you didn't get a choice of food. Lunch was a main course (compulsory) followed by pudding (compulsory). You had to sit there until you ate it all, even if it was something you hated. They used to feed pigs with school food waste but not at Northgate, there was no food waste. The pig would have been very thin! Mind you, it has to be said there wasn't much cake wasted at the Flower Show.

Main courses were generally good apart from the dreaded liver and onion. I had to resort to tucking the liver in my sock before waddling carefully out of the school dining room. My mother could never understand how I could get gravy stains on my socks!

The puddings were another matter. I suppose you remember the worst ones. We had a pink thing like angel delight although not as angelic or delightful as the real thing. Hated it! Blancmange was another pudding we were subjected to but my mind has blanked out the pain of eating this. Hated it! Creme caramel, cold and slimy. Hated it! Semolina and jam - wallpaper paste with jam. Hated it! The worst of all though was tapioca - frogspawn. Hated it!

Some puddings were fine; pies and sponge puddings, crumbles with custard. There was one pudding that no one despised. The legendary Chocolate Cracknell. This appeared about once a month and caused waves of excitement throughout the school. Children were known to fight over this.

Over the years since leaving school, I have

tried to reproduce the wonderful Chocolate Cracknell. Unsuccessfully, I may add. That was until I bumped into one of my old Dinner Ladies in Bishop's Stortford one day. I asked her if she could remember the recipe and fortunately she could. It's quite simple really. You need:

- 8 oz golden syrup
- 3 oz margarine
- 4 oz marvel dried milk powder
- 1 oz cocoa powder
- 4 oz rice crispies

Melt the margarine in a saucepan gently. Add the golden syrup, then the dried milk and cocoa. The rice crispies come last. Mix well and spread on a flat tray. Leave to set in the fridge. Serve cold.

The first time I used this recipe it wasn't quite right. The rice crispies were whole. Back in the day they must have used cheapo rice crispies. I put mine in a plastic bag and crushed them with a rolling pin. The perfect constituency was achieved!

Cut into squares or whatever shape you require. Consume.

P.S. This is not a pudding that would be approved of today. Far too much sugar.

Enjoy.

*Dave Barlow*





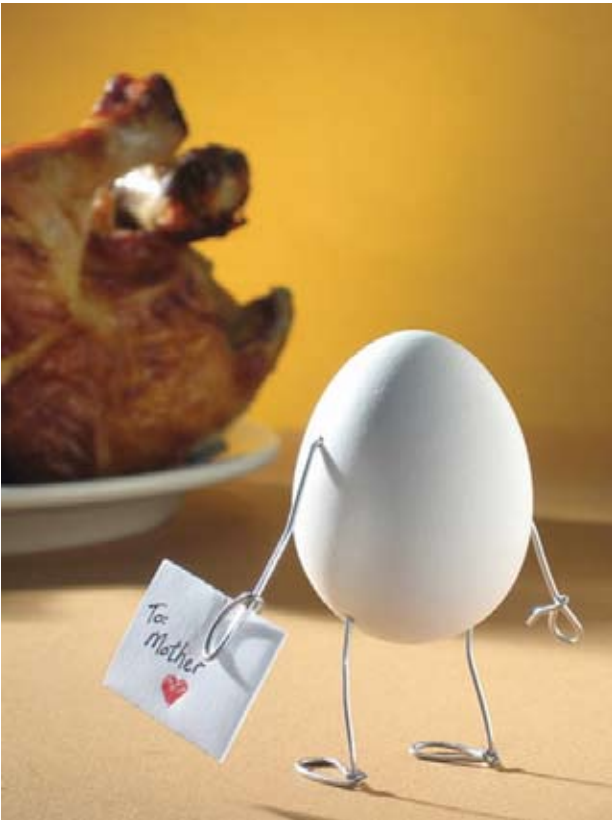
## The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



In June, instead of a Summer Lunch, we enjoyed Afternoon Tea in the Rectory with sandwiches, scones with cream and jam and cake. The raffle and donations resulted in £140 being sent to Home Start, which is an organisation that gives support and friendship to families who have young children and are struggling. If there are any problems, Home Start refers the family to another relevant organisation.

As there was no meeting in August, after July's social gathering at the Rectory we shall be meeting next at Barker's Mead where Andrew and Amanda Trim will be hosting a light lunch on Tuesday, 5th September at 12.30 p.m. for 1 o'clock.

*Nita Sylvester*



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**St Giles' Services  
September - December 2017**

Sept 10	10 am	Morning Prayer
Sept 24	10 am	Family Communion
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
Oct 15	6.30 pm	<b>Six Villages Mission and Ministry Unit Commissioning Service with Rt Revd Peter Hill at St Mary's, Sheering</b>
Oct 22	10 am	Family Communion
Oct 29	10 am	United Benefice Family Communion at St Mary's
<b>Nov 12</b>	<b>10.55 am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday Seervice</b>
Nov 26	10 am	Family Communion
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service in St Mary's</b>
<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	<b>Brownies' Carols by Candlelight</b>
Dec 10	10 am	Morning Prayer
Dec 11	7.30 pm	<b>Christmas Commemoration of those with whom we shared past Christmases in St Mary's</b>
<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>United Benefice Carol Service in St Mary's</b>
Dec 24	10 am	Family Communion
Christmas Eve	3 pm	<b>Crib Service at St Mary's</b>
	11.30 pm	<b>Midnight Communion</b>
<b>Dec 25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Family Communion at St Mary's</b>

There is a Six Villages midweek service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. every Wednesday. On the first and third Wednesdays it is at Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath and on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays it is at St Mary's.

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### September 2017

- 5 Olive Branch - *Social Meeting* - The Rectory 2.15 pm
- 6 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm  
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 11 Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 8 pm
- 12 Friendship Club
- 13 History Society - *The Meyers of Shortgrove* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 8 pm
- 20 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm  
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 27 WI - *Aid for Deprived Children - George Mills* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 30 *Harvest Supper* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm

### October 2017

- 1 *Great Hallingbury Litter Pick* - start at Village Hall or Hop Poles 9 am
- 3 Olive Branch - *General Knowledge Quiz* - The Rectory 2.15 pm
- 4 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm  
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 7 *Harvest Flowers and Cream Teas* - St Giles' Church 2 - 5 pm
- 8 *Harvest Flowers and Cream Teas* - St Giles' Church 2 - 4 pm
- 9 Little Hallingbury Panto Group Auditions - *Jack and the Beanstalk* - Little Hallingbury Village Hall 8 pm
- 10 Friendship Club
- 11 History Society - *Explorers and Traders - Essex Connections* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 8 pm
- 14 Village Hall Committee - *Quiz Night* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 for 8 pm
- 18 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm  
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 20 Poppy Appeal *Coffee Morning* - Street Farmhouse

10.30 am

- 25 WI - *Open Meeting - Phoenix Ukulele Band* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm

### November 2017

- 1 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm  
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 6 Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7 pm
- 7 Olive Branch - *Social Meeting* - The Rectory 2.15 pm
- 8 History Society - *The Gunpowder Plot* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 8 pm
- 10 Poppy Appeal *Coffee Morning* - Howe Green House School 9.15 - 11.15 am
- 14 Friendship Club
- 15 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm  
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 22 WI - *A Christmas Surprise* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 29 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm  
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm

### December 2017

- 2 Hallingbury Choir - *Christmas Music, Songs and Readings* - Little Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 5 Olive Branch - *Christmas Lunch*
- 12 Friendship Club
- 13 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm  
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm

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Monday 6th November 7 pm Village Hall