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The River Stort (part of the border of Great Hallingbury)
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Classic Caesar

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Editorial

Great Hallingbury HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS enters the Rural Community Council of Essex' Community Magazine Awards competition every year without any great expectation of winning awards. We are a tiny village competing against the whole of Essex up to villages the size of Stansted and towns like Billericay.

We have, of course, achieved a number of awards since **HIGHLIGHTS** began but what we get out of it is the Judges' marking and, in particular, their comments which we are sharing with our readers for the year 2015

Content

14 marks out of 20 maximum

Judges' Comments: *Good read - balance with historic articles needs watching. Good pictures support stories. Parish Council reports on long side. Good humorous content.*

HIGHLIGHTS observations: *The magazines that they judged coincided with anniversaries relating to WW1. These we treated with respect and included some very interesting and well researched articles but we are taking note of the caution regarding the balance with historic articles. There are no current plans to reduce the reports of the Parish Council. In fact part of the original rationale for the modest launch of Highlights was to provide a vehicle for the Parish Council to reach parishioners and keep them informed of the Council's activities.*

Layout

11 marks out of 15 maximum

Judges' Comments: *Index and listings handily placed on back page for some but surely index should be on pages two or three. Very readable style. Loads of pictures illustrate well.*

HIGHLIGHTS observations: *We have taken note of the comments and plan to move the index back to page 2 or 3 where it was previously placed.*

Design Production

11 marks out of 15

Judges' Comments: *Topical covers. Bright and breezy magazine. Good signposting. HIGHLIGHTS has no observations.*

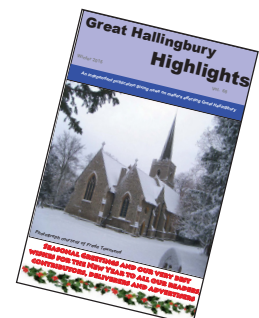
Total marks awarded 36 out of a maximum of 50. The judges make some nice supportive comments and some helpful criticisms for which we are appreciative.

By the way, have you noticed a difference in the quality of **HIGHLIGHTS** printing as there has been for us a big change. Our own printing machines are getting old and troublesome, indicating that we should soon need to buy new ones at a cost of a number of thousand pounds.

Instead of going the expensive route of replacing our nearly clapped out printers, we now, with the help of the Parish Council, have **HIGHLIGHTS** professionally printed by Alan Rowett and his Great Hallingbury Newnorth Press Ltd.

Happy reading.

Editor



History Mystery

Have a history teacher explain this----- if they can.



Abraham
Lincoln



John F
Kennedy

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

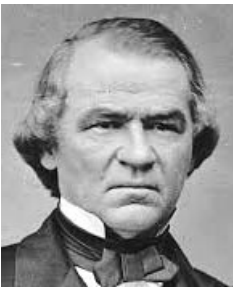
Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
Both Presidents were shot in the head.

NOW IT GETS REALLY WEIRD

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.
Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln

Both were assassinated by Southerners.

Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.



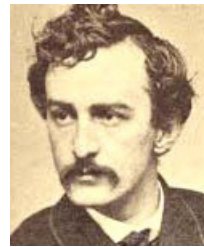
Andrew
Johnson



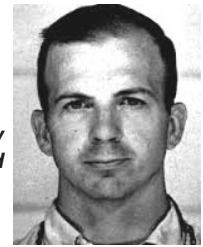
Lyndon B.
Johnson

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.



John Wilkes
Booth



Lee Harvey
Oswald

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

NOW HANG ON TO YOUR SEAT

Lincoln was shot at the theatre named 'Ford'.

Kennedy was shot in a car called 'Lincoln' made by 'Ford'.

Lincoln was shot in a theatre and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.

Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theatre.

Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before their trials.



An Amazing Scene In Burma

Here you see a unique photograph:



What's so special about this?

This is a picture of a rock formation near a lake in Burma. The photo can only be taken on a specific day once a year when the sun rays touch the rocks at a certain angle.

Tilt your head to the left and then look at it again



Did you notice anything different?

Yes or no?

Now the whole scene is vertical



Mother Nature is Great.

Respect it and Protect the Nature and Wild Life.

Little Hallingbury Panto Group



Wakey, Wakey, Rise and Shine!

We may have been asleep for the last few months but it's time for Panto to be reawakened!

In our 34th year, Little Hallingbury Panto Group will be performing *Sleeping Beauty*, directed by Julie O'Brien, from Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th January, 2017.

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. Prior to casting, we will be holding a *read through* for anyone over the age of 14 on Tuesday, 4th October, at 8pm in Little Hallingbury Village Hall.

Please come along to find out more and register your interest. That includes all ages from Great as well as Little Hallingbury. 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 with hallingburypanto@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you.

Mark Hutley (Chairman)
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Freda Townsend from Great Hallingbury as the Good Fairy in an earlier production of *Sleeping Beauty* by Little Hallingbury Panto Group

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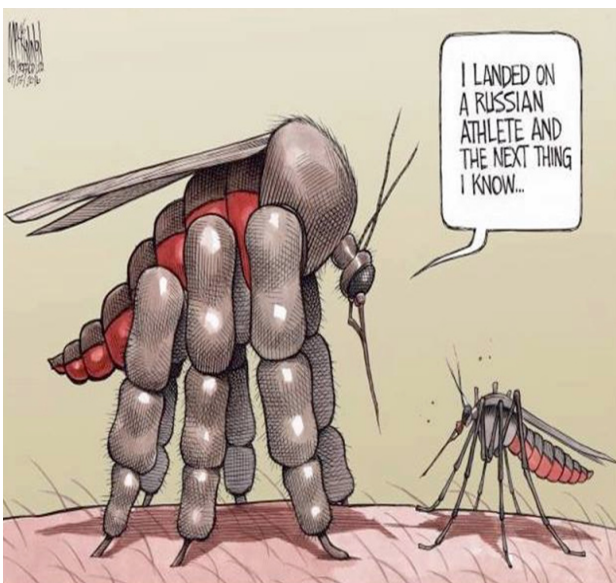
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On a beautiful summer's day, two English tourists were driving through Wales .

At the town of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwyllyllantysiliogogoch, which has about 500 letters in its name they stopped for lunch, and one of the tourists asked the waitress, "Before we order, I wonder if you could settle an argument for us. Can you pronounce where we are, very, very, very slowly?"

The girl leaned over and said, "Burr.... Gurr.... King..."



Great Hallingbury Information Point

The telephone box near the Church, which was purchased from BT by the Parish Council for £1, has now been made into an *Information Point* for the Village.

The kiosk has been refurbished by Cllr Alan Pinnock (materials provided by the Parish Council) and the work was completed by the end of July. The Parish Council is very grateful to one of its newest members for doing this work, and a great job too!

Inside the box we will be displaying information on local organizations and village events so you should be able to find everything in one place.

It has also been suggested that there should be a board for local businesses to advertise, something which is not allowed on our village notice boards, so if this interests you, please contact the Parish Clerk, Freda Townsend on 01279 465790.



Did Anyone Ever Think of This?

If Hilary Clinton wins the U.S. presidential election, it will be the first time in history that two U.S. presidents have slept with each other!

If Donald Trump wins the U.S. presidential election, it will be the first time in history that a billionaire moves into public housing vacated by a black family!

Highlights from the Minutes of Meeting of Great Hallingbury Parish Council

4th July 2016

Present: Cllr A Townsend (Chairman), Cllrs D Barlow, A Noble, A Pinnock, T Streeter, V Wing and Mrs F Townsend (Clerk).

Airport Compensation

The Chairman and Clerk had been interviewed by ITV Anglia regarding compensation from the airport and they also attended the press conference that followed at which SSE presented an outline of the Airport's procrastination over paying compensation. At a hearing in the Royal Courts of Justice in March, Stansted Airport had accepted that they could not use the *golden rivet* as an excuse for not paying compensation but then said that claims were now time-barred under the Limitation Act which was unacceptable to the judge. Following further pressure from SSE, the Airport issued a statement in which they accepted that claims should be submitted. (Further details will be found on page 15)

Highways

Requests for new projects for 2017 need to be submitted very soon. A sign to warn of flooding by the bridge was suggested as the problem there has not been fixed.

The Clerk continues to pursue progress regarding the blocked gully by the bridge near Captains and maintenance work on Footpath 15 (Restricted Byway - Leapers Lane).

There had been a complaint regarding road flooding outside Old Cottage, Start Hill. Highways has apologised for the works not happening in 2014 and explained that raising the kerb here is part of the remedial work which they hope should be completed by September.

The Clerk was requested to explore when the road will be resurfaced from Bedlars Green

to Start Hill.

Affordable Housing

The developer is currently awaiting a decision on the outline planning application.

Police

The Clerk has unsuccessfully communicated with Braintree Police Station regarding speeding traffic through the village which she will pursue.

Post Box Bedlars Green

The council had enlisted support from Sir Alan Haselhurst, MP, in their pursuit of a replacement post box at Bedlars Green. This is now in position near the notice board on Bedlars Green. (More details on page 13)



Little Hallingbury School

A Consultation was held on a proposal to federate Little Hallingbury School with St Mary's School, Hatfield Broad Oak. Your council agreed with the proposal and supported comments made by Little Hallingbury Parish Council that the new Governing Body should include a representative from both Little Hallingbury and Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Council. A letter from the school reported that the response to the consultation was overwhelmingly positive with 95% of respondents in support of the proposal. On 31st August, 2016, the two current governing bodies will cease to exist and from 1st September the new federated Board of Governors will take over.

Affinity Water

Parishes have been notified of a Water Saving Programme through the Herts & Essex area. The Programme includes Saving Water with free advice and water saving devices, Metering, which is to be compulsory, and Reducing Leakage, which is Affinity Water's

commitment to reduce leakage by 14% by 2020. The Council will invite Affinity Water to attend a future meeting.

Essex Waste Plan

Essex County Council and Southend Borough Council have submitted their replacement Waste Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The plan, once adopted, will form part of the Development Plan in Essex and Southend and will replace the Essex Waste Local Plan which was adopted in 2001. Further details will be published on the ECC website - www.essex.gov.uk/WLP

UDC Salt Bag Scheme

Great Hallingbury Parish Council will again join the UDC Salt Bag Scheme with the provision of salt which Cllr Streeter has kindly offered to store at Harps Farm.

Planning

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

Application No.//Site and Development//Decision
 UTT/16/1104/HHF // Old Tithe Hall, Start Hill // Proposed new garage block // Consent (no objection)

UTT/16/0872/FUL // 3 Moat Farm Cottages, Howe Green // Conversion of existing double garage to form new dwelling // Consent (No objections as already a two storey building with road access, but must remain as a separate dwelling and preferably be connected to the mains drainage.)

UTT/16/0735/FUL & UTT/16/0736/LB // Thremhall Park, Start Hill // The erection of 4 buildings to provide offices with café, gym and function room together with the provision of new hard surface car parking. Construction of building attached to existing garden wall including the removal of 4 panels of the wall // (The original buildings were renovated to a very high standard and are well kept. Proposals have been designed sensitively to complement the existing buildings and those on the adjoining site. The Parish Council is pleased to support this application)

Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group:

UTT/16/0964/OP // Land adjoining Great Hallingbury Manor, Tilekiln Green // Outline application for 35 dwellings with all matters reserved // (The Parish Council is satisfied with this outline proposal for 35 units of which 8 will be affordable, gifted by the landowner to UDC. The site layout looks most agreeable and it is hoped will meet the established need for housing within the village. The Parish Council is therefore pleased to support this application)

UTT/16/1232/HHF // The New Cottage, Howe Green // Erection of one and half storey side and rear extensions // (No objections raised)

UTT/16/1339/HHF // Little Beldams, Beldhams Lane // Proposed demolition of existing summer house/tool shed and erection of new summer house // (No objections raised)

UTT/15/3785/FUL & UTT/15/3786/LB // Woodside Green Farm // The application had gone to full committee and the Chairman had attended the site visit at which there did not seem to be any objections raised to the proposals.

Telephone Box

Cllr Pinnock has been refurbishing the phone box. (More details on page 7)

Refuse Collection

Cllr Streeter reported that the dustcarts had not been collecting from Harps Farm or Beggars Hall and that litter is often seen coming from the back of the dustcart during the Green bin collection, thus adding to the litter problem in the village. The Clerk will report these problems to UDC

Litter Pick

Cllr Wing is organizing a litter pick for Sunday, 16th October, at 10am. More details will be found on page 25. Updates on the housing project will also be available. Ideas for *do not litter* signs are needed.

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What American movies have taught us:

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2. More than 50% of the US population are FBI/CIA agents, maybe working undercover
3. If a man has survived a mishap with a lady, then he is entitled to a kiss, no matter if he met the lady only that day
4. The purpose of the school system in the USA is to promote basketball
5. Aliens have a special interest in attacking the US



The Great British Elm Experiment



Most people under the age of 40 will never have seen the elm landscapes so loved by Constable or Turner. They may have read John Betjeman's eulogies to the English elm and might even have heard of the ancient elm under which John Wesley reputedly preached in Stony Stratford. But they won't have actually seen any of these wonderful trees that once graced the British countryside for they were wiped out in their many millions from the 1970s by Dutch Elm disease, a virulent strain of a fungal disease.

This included all the elm trees in the village but The Conservation Foundation, is running an experiment to reintroduce elms into the countryside by taking cuttings from trees that appear to be resistant to the disease.

The Parish Council will fund the purchase of 6 elm trees to be planted in the village and is now looking for suitable locations and custodians for these small trees. Elms were a prominent feature of the village and the Council is keen to try to recreate this by planting the new trees in similar locations. It might be tempting fate to plant exactly on the same site but somewhere near should be OK. So, if you live in Elm Cottage or Elmside, would you consider whether you have a suitable location to nurture our trees. The only thing you will have to do is care for the tree and make sure it has enough water until it is established and give the Council a short report each year on how the trees are doing.

Please send contact names and proposed locations to Councillor Vicky Wing at vicky.wing@btinternet.com or call 01279 658542. More information on the project may be found at www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/elm

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All the above will be happening plus the Bishop's Stortford Ukulele Band will be playing on the croquet lawn over the course of the afternoon (please check website for times).

As always there are guided tours at 12.30pm and 2.30pm which cover all aspects of the garden's history and there will be a selection of craft stalls on site. Bacon rolls and cheese rolls will be on sale at *Daisy's* until 2.15pm with hot and cold drinks and delicious homemade cakes available until 4.30pm.

If you need further information then please get in touch on 01371 876979 (please leave a message), enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or visit www.eastonlodge.co.uk.

Clever Words For Clever People

BERNADETTE

The act of torching a mortgage.



BURGLARISE

What a crook sees through

AVOIDABLE

What a bullfighter tries to do

CONTROL

A short, ugly inmate.

COUNTERFEITER

Workers who put together kitchen cabinets

ECLIPSE

What an English barber does for a living.



LEFT BANK

What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.



HEROES

What a man in a boat does

PARASITES

What you see from the Eiffel Tower

PARADOX

Two physicians

PHARMACIST

A helper on a farm

PRIMATE

Remove your spouse from in front of TV



RELIEF

What trees do in the spring

RUBBERNECK

What you do to relax your wife

SELFISH

What the owner of a seafood store does

The Saga of the Bedlars Green Post Box

And the persistence of our Parish Council

A post box on a wooden pole had stood in Bedlars Green, half way between the pub and the bend, for decades. Then in March 2012, not for the first time, the post was hit by a car and the box was left awkwardly positioned over a drainage ditch. Great Hallingbury Parish Council asked Royal Mail to replace the pole but their response was to seal the post box as it was dangerous to use.

Then followed a lengthy period during which correspondence was exchanged between the Parish Council and Royal Mail. The Parish Council was prepared to pay for the replacement pole but this proposal was ignored. Then Royal Mail suggested relocating the box to a safer spot with which the Parish Council would have been happy but Royal Mail did not propose any possible sites for relocation, a new box did not materialize, and the old one was removed. It continued to be a very sore point both with local residents and the Parish Council that the crooked post remained in the ground, an eyesore and a reminder that Royal Mail had neglected their duties to parishioners.

The next nearest boxes from the location of the removed box are one situated 1.2 miles away to the north of the village and over a main road and the other 1.0 mile to the south - the total distance between the boxes being 2.2 miles. Using the Royal Mail's own criteria given on their website, namely:

- the distance to and location of the next nearest 3 alternative boxes
- still meeting the needs of customers in the area if the box isn't replaced
- the number of delivery points which may now be further than half a mile from a box

They were failing parishioners in each of these cases.

The Parish Council appealed for help to Ofcom but they were unable to assist. Then, at the beginning of this year, Great Hallingbury Parish Council renewed their assault on Royal Mail and requested that one of the vaunted 2000 new post boxes being installed in mainly rural areas should be in Bedlars Green.

Having enlisted support from our MP, Sir Alan Haselhurst, to whom we are grateful for also pursuing the case on behalf of the village, Royal Mail advised the Parish Clerk that, due to new Health and Safety restrictions, a new post box could not be placed on the original site. However, alternative sites were discussed and we now have a new post box on Bedlars Green, next to the Parish notice board. Collection times are **16.00 hours Monday - Friday and 9 am on Saturday.**

Well done Freda and the Great Hallingbury Parish Council and thank you for getting our post box back.



Our Parish Clerk, Freda Townsend, posts the cheque for the village defibrillator in the new post box on Bedlars Green

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Compensation Claims

As you will have seen from the notes of the Great Hallingbury Parish Council meeting, the question of compensation claims relating to works done at Stansted Airport from 1999 to 2007 has been under discussion.

Since 2002, Stansted has claimed that it has no legal obligation to pay compensation until it has completed everything listed in its 1999 Phase 2 planning consent. Completion of a small part of these works, the Echo cul-de-sac, has been repeatedly postponed - most recently until the mid-2020s - and has thus been branded the **golden rivet** loophole. However, lawyers for Stansted Airport finally accepted this was not a valid excuse at a hearing in the Royal Courts of Justice in March but then immediately argued that claims were now time-barred under the Limitation Act. This gave rise to withering criticism from the judge who remarked: *So, after years of telling people you can't claim until the works are complete, you're now saying tee-hee - you're too late.*

Following the hearing, SSE immediately asked for an urgent meeting with the airport managing director. When it was obvious that Stansted Airport was still stalling, SSE gave them an ultimatum to make a public statement with a commitment to introduce a compensation scheme, failing which SSE would itself make a public statement and do all in its power to safeguard the interests of local residents, including legal action.

At the eleventh hour, Stansted Airport issued a statement confirming that it is willing to consider claims from qualifying residents and will, for the time being, treat them as having been made **in time**.

More details have now been announced.



The map above is extracted from Stansted Airport's *Guide to Residents on Claims relating to Airport Works dating from 1999 to 2007*. The Airport states that if your property lies outside the coloured area on the map they believe it is unlikely that a claim will qualify for compensation. If your property lies within the coloured area, which includes a large part of Great Hallingbury, then you will still need to demonstrate that your claim satisfies all the requirements to qualify for compensation.

The **Guide to Residents** is available on the SSE website (<http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/compensation.html>) or from Stansted Airport Ltd, Enterprise House, Bassingbourn Road, CM24 1QW, together with an application form.

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has been inundated with requests asking who residents might turn to for independent professional advice about whether they may have a valid claim and, if so, for how much, and how to prepare and submit a compensation claim.

As a result of these requests, SSE has held discussions with various firms of professional Chartered Surveyors and the following three firms have indicated that they would

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be willing and able to act for local residents in relation to compensation claims. SSE is not in a position to endorse any of the following firms or to recommend one over another. However, they hope this is a helpful starting point although there will doubtless be other firms too.

The (extracted) text below has been written by the firms themselves, not by SSE.

Land Partners LLP and Weldon Beesly Ltd are firms of Chartered Surveyors based in Braintree and Bishops Stortford who are working together to provide the best possible service for property owners affected by the expansion of Stansted Airport. The four principals of the firms between them have over 70 years' experience of the property industry dealing with a variety of property types and issues including compulsory purchase and compensation. For more information and contact details see www.stanstedcompensation.co.uk

Snow Walker, based in Saffron Walden, has garnered what is probably a unique amount of expertise when dealing with airport claims for loss of value and has previous experience of dealing with Stansted Airport compensation claims. Snow was responsible for pushing the boundaries of the areas of eligibility for compensation and also successfully represented the local authority in this field. For more information and contact details see <http://www.snow-walker.co.uk/> or call 01799 521761.

Thomson Broadbent has represented over 50,000 private individuals in relation to property compensation claims, compulsory purchase orders and blight notices since 1996. Expertise has been gained from negotiating compensation for a wide range of transport and infrastructure properties including airports, highways, railways, tramways and power lines. For more information and contact details see <http://www.thomsonbroadbent.co.uk/>

Smart Alec Answers

It was mealtime during a flight on a British Airways plane:

"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in the front row.

"What are my choices?" the man asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

A lady was picking through the frozen chickens in a supermarket but she couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked a passing assistant, "Do these chickens get any bigger?"

The assistant replied, "I'm afraid not, they're dead."



The policeman got out of his car and the teenager he stopped for speeding rolled down his window.

"I've been waiting for you all day," the policeman said.

The kid replied, "Well I got here as fast as I could."

When the policeman finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.



A lorry driver was driving along on a country road. A sign came up that read "Low Bridge Ahead". Before he realised it, the bridge was directly ahead and he got stuck under it.

Cars were backed up for miles. Finally, a police car arrived.

The policeman got out of his car, walked to the lorry's cab and said to the driver, "Got stuck, hey?"

The lorry driver said, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of diesel!"

78th Hallingbury Flower Show

July 2016



After last year's Show and our bad luck with the weather, we were determined to add a few more attractions to bolster the traditional elements of the event.

The committee has taken a little time to find its feet and, with quite a few new faces on board, we now had the foundation to ensure it was a success as long as the weather was with us.

We decided to embrace the farm and try to emulate it with the new attractions introduced, one of which was a dog show. With the space we have at Harps Farm it was quite easy to provide this and everyone enjoyed having our canine friends around.

The marquee again was up on the number of exhibits we received, for which we say a big thank you. Beautiful flower arrangements by members of the Little Hallingbury Flower Club were on display and were much admired by all.

We had the tea and cakes in the barn and our thanks go to the well-oiled machine that is the Great Hallingbury WI who worked extremely hard keeping everyone fed and watered. We also provided a hog roast, which proved to be very popular.

A ceilidh band and the Bishop's Stortford Ukulele Society added to a great atmosphere and visitors also enjoyed a performance by Phoenix Line Dance.

We tried to reproduce some of the traditional games we had in previous years that were supplied by the late Vi Maile together with Brian Prosser and their friends. We managed some of the games, and they were a success, but it was always wonderful to see Vi's smiling face and her grit at the show to ensure that everyone had a good time. Vi is sorely missed.

All in all it was a fantastic day for the community. When we have totted up everything I'm sure we will be able to give something back by donating to the two Hallingbury Village Halls. Maybe we will have something left to replace some of the tables, which I imagine could be from when the event started in 1948!!

We would like to thank the Streeter Family for their unconditional support again this year and all those that helped at the Show and made it such a success. I personally would also like to thank the committee as I could not be around for certain parts of the build-up: it



shows how versatile we are as a team to be able to come together when needed, working extremely hard in spare time to produce a great show worthy of its historical status.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Gaston House next year. If you would like to help at the next Show, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Cormac Conway
 Chairman Great and Little Hallingbury
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The Picnic

There were these two blondes driving along the highway looking for a place to stop and picnic.

The first blonde says, 'Let's stop here and have our picnic under that tree.'

The other says, 'No! Let's have it right here in the middle of the road.'

They argued about it for a bit but finally agreed to have the picnic in the middle of the road.

All of a sudden, a car comes speeding towards them and has to swerve into the tree to keep from hitting them.

The one blonde says to the other, 'See. If we were under that tree, we'd be dead now!'



Speeding through Great Hallingbury

Everyone complains about the speed at which traffic travels through the Village.



The Parish Council has a speed gun, hi-viz jackets and all the necessary equipment to operate a speed watch. It has proven to be a good deterrent to motorists and slows them down even though we cannot prosecute anyone. Nonetheless, if we find persistent offenders, we are able to report them to the Police who will then contact them and take the appropriate steps.

How you can help

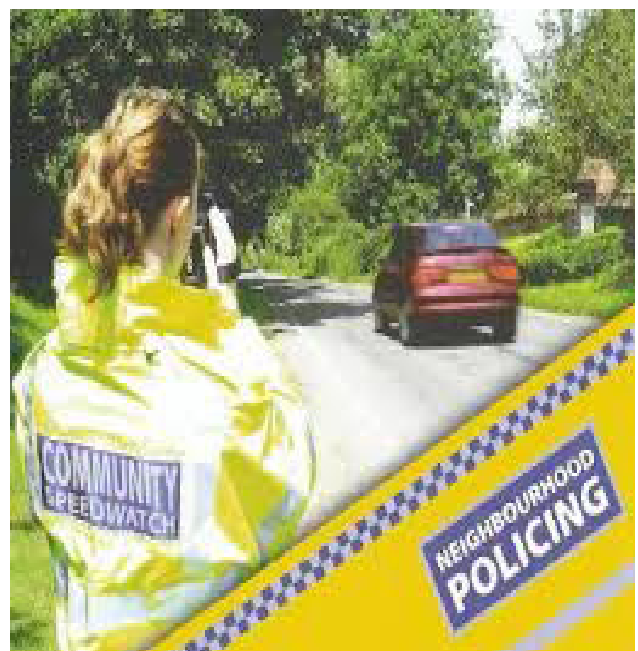
If you want to do something to pacify speeding traffic through the village why not join our Speed Watch Team? It need not be too time consuming. probably no more than once a month, and training will be given.

To help improve your village, please contact Alan Townsend, the Parish Council Chairman, on 01279 465790 or at ftownsendpc@btinternet.com.

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Great Hallingbury Parish Council Website

www.essexinfo.net/great-hallingbury-parish-council/

The village website has been completely re-vamped by Cllr Kaylash Juggernaut and may be found at the above address. Here you will see the agendas and minutes of Parish Council meetings and back copies of this publication and St. Giles' Parish News.

One objective is to make the website the place to find forthcoming activities in the Village so please send information on your organisation's future plans to the webmaster.

Our Webmaster, Kaylash, is also seeking photographs of the Village so that we have a good album for viewing. Many of you have some great photographs so please do send him a few to show the variety and attractiveness of the Village.

All information should be sent to Kaylash on kaylash1@gmail.com who will post it to the website for which all Parish Councillors have a duty of governance.



((great-hallingbury-parish-council/))

Great Hallingbury Parish Council

Welcome to the Great Hallingbury Parish Council Website.



The rural parish of Great Hallingbury lies about three miles to the south east of Bishop's Stortford and was, in times past, largely dependent on the town, with its road and river communications. It was a corn growing countryside, probably mostly barley, which supplied the extensive maltings of Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth and the smaller rural ones.

Please note that some pages of this website are currently under construction.

Walking Stick versus Crocodile

This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed woman with a walking stick against a fierce predator.

Here is her story in her own words:

"While out walking along the edge of a creek, just outside of our house in Darwin, with my soon to be ex-husband discussing our property settlement, kids and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 5 metre crocodile which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging at us very fast with its large jaws wide open.



The Croc must have been protecting her young and her home because she was extremely aggressive.



If I had not had my little £1 Reject Shop walking stick with me, I would not be here today!

Just one hard whack to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took....The Croc got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible and I got the lot.

Great Hallingbury WI



It was a busy time for our WI at the Hallingbury Flower Show back in the summer.

Our members exhibited in several classes and gained prizes for the Co-operative Class, Needlework, Fruit, Flowers, Cookery, Photography and Flower Arrangement, with Carmela Claxton winning the Challenge Trophy for the highest number of points in the Needlework Section.



This year at Harps Farm it was the responsibility of Great Hallingbury WI to keep the visitors fed and watered. The barn was lovely and cool on a hot day and in such pleasant surroundings it was a great place to come and sit and enjoy the refreshments on offer.

With a non-stop stream of people, our team was kept very busy serving cold drinks, cups of tea and coffee and, of course, what we are known for, our *homemade bakes*.



Then in August, twenty of our members enjoyed a leisurely afternoon voyage along the River Lea.

The sun shone for most of the time and onboard the warmth and friendship flowed as we tucked into a delicious cream tea.

We made our way along the river, passing some very desirable properties and houseboats. Everyone was in good spirits, the river was busy with family pleasure boats and plenty of waving from us to the children who waved back. Cyclists, dog walkers and strollers were all enjoying the sunshine as they journeyed along the river bank.

A lovely way to spend an afternoon and as for those scones, yes, they were up to WI standards



We are a lively group of ladies who meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 - 9.45pm

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Let's Keep Great Hallingbury Tidy

Sunday, 16 October, 2016

Join our litter picking group for an hour or two followed by lunch

Everyone enjoyed seeing how smart the Village looked following the very successful litter picking event in the Spring so another is now being arranged for the Autumn.

The Parish council has agreed to to organise this twice a year, after the hedges have been cut. Last time we had 40 volunteers and we're hoping we can beat this in October.

It turned out to be a really enjoyable social event as well as removing over a hundred bags of rubbish from our verges. I met lots of villagers for the first time and the children learnt some valuable lessons in social responsibility. There was lots of



interest, too, in the housing development adjacent to the hotel and we hope that Councillor Andrew Noble will be able to give us an update on the plans over lunch this time too.

We will meet at 9.30 am at either the Village Hall or next to The Hop Poles Pub. Please bring your own gloves and litter pickers if you have them. We will provide bags, litter pickers and gloves plus a free lunch in the Village Hall at noon. *(Thanks to Vicky Wing for generously providing the free lunch. Ed.)* The Village Hall is booked until 3pm to give people a chance to have a good old chat, look over the housing plans and get an update and meet your Parish Councillors.

Hope to see lots of you getting involved. Please drop me an email or give me a call to confirm your attendance so I know how much lunch to provide.

Councillor Vicky Wing
vicky.wing@btinternet.com or 01279 658542



32Last time it was more than 100 bags. How many will we collect on October 16th? HIGHLIGHTS' Editor is offering a prize for the best guess so please turn to page 32 for details

The Police Years

Part 14: New Technology and Famous Travellers



Closed Circuit television was incorporated at the onset of the Euston rebuild. Some cameras were static and a few could be *zoomed*. They were somewhat limited in effect at that stage for personal radios had not then been introduced. Nevertheless, a series of receiving screens were installed in our temporary Police Office but one couldn't gaze at them all the time. Focussing a *zoom* camera on a suspect became an art, especially in a milling crowd. We did, however, catch a suspect parcel thief in the depot upstairs. On bringing him to the Police Office and witnessing his wrongful action, he confessed!

Personal radios were introduced on April 6th, 1967, indeed before many other Forces. Except for some *grey* reception areas, the Duty Sergeant now had more control of his men. Shortly after their introduction there was a fatal accident approaching Euston at which I attended. With the aid of radio and prompt help, I was able to get trains working again within an hour. Likewise, a gang of thieves were arrested operating between the Parcel area and a café in the street and their capture was a credit to our young probationary Officers using this new device.

One night a patrolling Officer witnessed a wagon raid at St. Pancras Goods Depot and I was able to get other Officers to the scene. While controlling events from our cramped temporary office and trying to bring the raid to a successful conclusion, an itinerant Scotsman began banging on the counter, demanding fare to his motherland and refused to stop. The raid had reached a critical stage so I jumped over the counter, dragged him outside and gave him the full force of my authority. At once other itinerants appeared offering to be witnesses against the brutal Police. Unfortunately by this time our efforts failed at St. Pancras and I made a carefully worded record in the Occurrence Book. This entry has been preserved and is produced from time to time to illustrate a point.

In August 1966 three Metropolitan Police Officers were murdered in a shooting incident at Shepherds Bush. The prime suspect was Harry Roberts and the search for him became nationwide. The week previously a raid had taken place in Glasgow and the loot placed in Euston Left Luggage Office, a temporary building adjoining our Police Office with only plasterboard dividing. Glasgow Officers came down and removed the loot without so much as a courtesy call. Instructions were then issued prohibiting the removal of property from Left Luggage without prior consultation with the Transport Police.

It so happened that on August 16th, 1966, at 2.30 pm, Detective Inspector Jack Slipper of the Metropolitan Police arrived with a woman to recover a gun. He was referred to me and together we searched Left Luggage lockers and found the gun. A Police marksman was installed in case Roberts returned to collect it. The woman had lived with Roberts and after the murders she came with him to Euston to deposit the gun and then accompanied him to Kings Cross where he bought camping equipment and joined a Green Line bus to Epping. At Epping, the forest was thoroughly searched without success and almost every Police force in the country received reports of a Roberts sighting. After several months, a break in was reported at Lawrence's in Sawbridgeworth and a Police dog tracked scent to a wood in Thorley. It was there that they found a camouflaged tent. A huge posse of Police eventually caught up with Roberts at Sawbridgeworth and he surrendered without a fight. Apparently Roberts visited Bishop's Stortford regularly and,



*D.I. Jack Slipper
(later noted for
his pursuit of
the Great Train
Robbers)*

ironically, he had been living almost on my doorstep!

Personalities passed through Euston almost every day. In March 1966 the entire Coronation Street cast, including Jack and Annie Walker, were en route for an Australian tour. Previously, in February, Mr. Kosygin, the Russian Premier, travelled to Scotland and back amid rigid security precautions. Each time Euston was thoroughly searched beforehand. Mr Jenkins, then a high government official, was also a frequent traveller. Bad tempered, always in a hurry, he once tried to borrow 10p off me to tip the porter!



Baroness Castle of Blackburn formerly Rt. Hon. Barbara Castle MP

Two regular travellers were Barbara Castle and Harold Wilson, the Prime Minister, who both returned to their constituencies each week. Returning next day, Barbara took it for granted we would take her by Police car to her Hampstead home. At the time, Barbara was campaigning for compulsory seat belts, in fact she ticked off Harold for not wearing his. Not to be outdone, our seat belts were brought into play. Having been trodden on by many dirty feet beforehand they made quite an impression on her pink coat! One Friday I escorted Barbara to her train. Overnight she was promoted to Minister of Transport and next day on her return an official car waited. I shook hands as usual amid hordes of photographers. My greeting was duly reported in the press, especially at her constituency in Blackburn!

Harold Wilson always boasted he slept *like a log* on a railway sleeper car. Not so the accompanying Secretary. Wilson did not like being late or put other people to inconvenience. Should he be late on a Friday, he would phone through and the train would be held. On one occasion, together with his detective, we ran across Euston concourse at speed to catch his train. The press missed that one!



Baron Wilson of Rievaulx, formerly Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson MP (Prime Minister 1964-70 and 1974-76)

December 17th, 1966, started like every other Saturday. Having escorted Harold to his car, he later discovered his case was under the bunk of his sleeper but by this time the train was at Willesden sidings. I received an urgent call from Downing Street and went post haste to the sidings, recovered the case and was then instructed to take it to No. 10. As I approached the famous door, it was opened by his detective just as Harold was leaving to play golf. I was invited into the Cabinet Room and while savouring the surroundings and state of readiness, the official housekeeper came in. Noting my interest, he invited the detective and I to a conducted tour of the building starting with the staircase, adorned with etchings and photographs of previous occupants. Upstairs, one saw the old Cabinet Room with ornate furnishings and the alcove where Lady Churchill slept to be near Winston Churchill while he worked well into the night during the war.



Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Churchill on his 80th birthday at his Prime Ministerial desk in Downing Street

The Housekeeper spoke of the tremendous esteem in which Sir Winston was held, especially on his eightieth birthday. Thousands of presents arrived which were later distributed to hospitals but he treasured a 2/6d (13p) postal order sent by two old age pensioners. This, Sir Winston framed and always showed it to visitors. We were then taken to kitchens which became operational only for functions and banquets. So comprehensive was the tour that the detective was drawn to remark he had previously seen more of the Kremlin than No. 10! As I departed, shaking hands on the doorstep, the crowd outside were busy with cameras. Somewhere, evidence of my visit is now filed in some distant land!

The late Ernie Field, formerly President of Great Hallingbury History Society

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Airport Security

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The Israelis are developing an airport security device that eliminates the privacy concerns that come with full-body scanners. It's an armoured booth you step into that will not X-ray you but will detonate any explosive device you may have on your person.

Israel sees this as a win-win situation for everyone with none of the agony about racial profiling. It will also eliminate the costs of long and expensive trials.

You're in the airport terminal and you hear a muffled explosion. Shortly thereafter, an announcement: "Attention to all standby passengers. El Al is



pleased to announce a seat available on flight 670 to London. Shalom!"



Crazy Toiletry

A Defibrillator in Great Hallingbury

It might save a life



Great Hallingbury Parish Council, with an Uttlesford grant, has purchased a defibrillator for Great Hallingbury.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. This is called defibrillation and it's an essential lifesaving step in the chain of survival.

The Defibrillator has arrived together with the case in which it sits. By the time you read this, its installation on the outside wall of the Village Hall will be underway.

There will be an *Unveiling Ceremony* on Wednesday, 21st September, at 7.30pm after which light refreshments will be served. Then on Monday, 3rd October, at 7.30pm an *Awareness Seminar* and talk will be given by Martin Render, Chairman of The Community Heartbeat Trust. At this seminar *training* will be given on what to do if faced with an emergency situation where a patient is unconscious.

All residents are invited to attend both events which will be held in the Village Hall.

The Defibrillator will be available for emergencies but is only accessible once 999 has been dialled and an ambulance is on the way.



This is another example of how Great Hallingbury Parish Council is providing benefits for all residents. Our thanks go to them and to our District Councillor Lesley Wells for arranging funding from Uttlesford DC.

Rt. Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst MP
Surgery Dates 2016



September 16th 2016 - Town Council Offices, Great Dunmow (6:30pm - 7:15pm)

October 14th 2016 - Parish Council Office, Crafton Green, Stansted (5:45pm - 6:30pm)

November 4th 2016 - Town Council Offices, Great Dunmow (6:30pm-7:15pm)

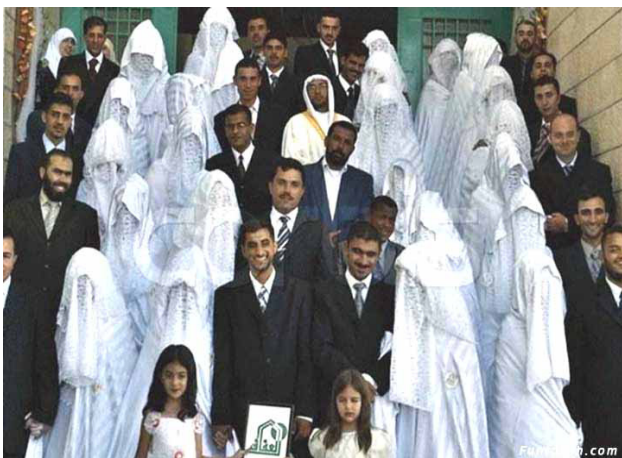
December 2nd 2016 - The Old Armoury, Saffron Walden (7pm-7:45pm)

No appointment is necessary. For further details, please contact The Constituency Office on 01799 506349 or office@saffronwaldenconservatives.org.uk



Greetings

from all the girls you dated before you married



Don't let go her hand!



Sea Story

There's an old sea story about a ship's Captain who inspected his sailors and afterwards told the first mate that his men smelled bad.

The Captain suggested perhaps it would help if the sailors would change underwear occasionally.

The first mate responded, 'Aye, aye sir, I'll see to it immediately!'

The first mate went straight to the sailors' berth deck and announced, 'The Captain thinks you guys smell bad and wants you to change your underwear.'

He continued, 'Pittman, you change with Jones, McCarthy, you change with Witkowski and Brown, you change with Schultz'.

The moral of the story:

Someone may come along and promise 'change', but don't count on things smelling any better.

Air Story



A traveller calls Easyjet to book a flight.

The operator asks "How many people are flying with you?"

The traveller replies, "I don't know! It's your plane!"

More Mileage



Two visitors are reading head stones at a nearby cemetery. One says "Crikey! There's a bloke here who was 152!" "What's his name?", asks the second.

The reply comes, "Miles, from London!"

Crime Alerts

Heating Oil

As it comes to the time when you are thinking about topping up your heating oil tank for winter, with the value of fuel it is worth considering its security. In the more isolated parts of the countryside, it is primarily domestic properties that have been targeted by the heating oil thieves but we have also seen such thefts at farms and other businesses.



There are a number of security devices available that will protect your fuel supplies, details of which can be found via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant. Examples are the GPRS Fuel-Oil Alarm from www.compoundsecurity.co.uk and Tank Commander from www.commandersecurity.co.uk which both have Secured by Design accreditation. These products will detect a dramatic drop in fuel and call you on the telephone. There are other systems which will add on to an existing intruder alarm system whilst others protect the filler cap and there are, of course, the conventional locks.

Other considerations would be defensive planting around the tank to conceal it, restricting access to it by gates or fencing or locating the tank under lighting in view of lived in rooms within the house.

The Illusion of occupancy

As the nights draw in earlier don't forget to use table lamps on timers and there is a product called Fake TV which produces lighting that resembles a television switched on within a room from www.immobilise.com. You can also record serial numbers of products here free or charge. Consider installing external Dusk till dawn lighting and remember to ensure gates are in

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Neighbourhood Watch



The relaunch of our Village Neighbourhood Watch is approaching and I am seeking volunteers to help in various parts of the village.

It is really just a question of keeping your eyes open for any unusual happenings around you and then telling your co-ordinator so that help may be sought from the Police if appropriate. You will not be asked to accost any suspicious person and certainly you will not be endangering yourself.

So, especially if you are at home during the day, could I please ask you to consider volunteering to help make our community a safer place to live. To get us going, I am happy to host lunch for our first meeting when we can talk and work out together what you are comfortable doing.

If you can help, please contact me at vicky.wing@btinternet.com or call me on 01279 658542.

Councillor Vicky Wing

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good condition, closed and locked. A new product available is a movement sensor that activates an appliance plugged into a plug socket; an internet search will find such.

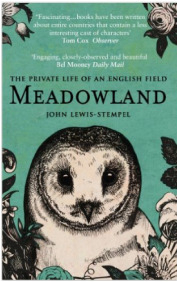
If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/>, the crime prevention website <http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/> or contact your local Crime Reduction Advisor by using the 101 non-emergency telephone number.

Naturally we also ask local people to report any unusual activity to police in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or to Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer

Books to Catch Your Interest

Suggested by Essex Libraries



Meadowland

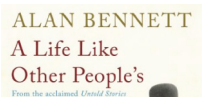
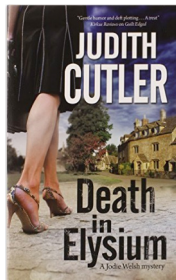
John Lewis-Stempel

Meadowland gives an unique and intimate account of an English meadow's life from January to December, together with its biography. In exquisite prose, John Lewis-Stempel records the passage of the seasons, from cowslips in spring to the hay-cutting of summer and grazing in autumn, and includes the biographies of the animals that inhabit the grass and the soil beneath.

Death in Elysium

Judith Cutler

Unconventional rector's wife and amateur sleuth, Jodie Welsh, was prepared for a dramatic change in lifestyle when she met and married the Reverend Theo Welsh, settling down to an entirely new kind of life as the wife of a country vicar but nothing could have prepared her for the emotional rollercoaster of local church and village politics.



A Life Like Other People's

Alan Bennett

This is a poignant family memoir offering a portrait of his parents' marriage and recalling his Leeds childhood, Christmases with Grandma Peel and the lives, loves and deaths of his unforgettable aunties, Kathleen and Myra. Bennett's powerful account of his mother's descent into depression and later dementia comes hand in hand with the uncovering of a long-held tragic secret. A heartrending and at times irresistibly funny work of autobiography by one of the best-loved English writers alive today.

COMPETITION

Sponsored by

HIGHLIGHTS



How Many Bags of Litter will the Litter Pickers Pick on October 16th?

As you will see on [page 25](#), when Cllr Vicky Wing led a litter picking foray in the Spring more than 100 bags were collected and even more two weeks later when the WI had a similar exercise.

You are now invited to submit your guess on how many bags will be collected on October 16th and enter our competition.

The following rules will apply:

1. To enter the competition, you must take part in the Litter Pick
2. Your entry is required to be given to Vicky Wing in writing or by email (address on page 2) by the end of the working day Friday, 14th October.
3. The entry must state
 - Your full name
 - Address or phone number or e-address or all 3.
4. Your entry must clearly state the total number of bags of litter you expect to be collected on the 16th October.
5. State your age as over or under 16years
6. In the event more than one entry gives the correct or nearest correct answer then the winning entries will be put in a hat for Vicky to draw the name of who will take the **HIGHLIGHTS** Editor's winners award.
7. The **HIGHLIGHTS** Editor's award will be, if over 16 years, a bottle of decent red and a bottle of decent white wine (total of 2 bots.) or if under 16 years of age the winner will get a large box of chocolates.



Editor

A very cold winter!



It was autumn and the Red Indians asked their new Chief if the winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a Red Indian Chief in a modern society, he couldn't tell what the weather was going to be. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he replied to his Tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect wood to be prepared.

But also being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, 'Is the coming winter going to be cold?'

'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold indeed,' the weather man responded.

So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood. A week later, he called the National Weather Service again. 'Is it going to be a very cold winter?'

'Yes,' the man at the National Weather Service again replied, 'It's definitely going to be a very cold winter.'

The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of wood they could find.

Two weeks later, he called the National Weather Service again.

'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?'

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's going to be one of the coldest winters ever.'

'How can you be so sure?' the Chief asked.

The weatherman replied, 'The Red Indians are collecting wood like crazy.'

This is how stock markets work!

GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

Autumn Programme

Wednesday, 14th September

The Peasants' Revolt of 1381 in Essex



a dramatic event in the fight against serfdom led by men from Essex and Kent

Wednesday, 12th October



Thaxted

a familiar medieval town

Wednesday, 9th November

Isambard

Kingdom Brunel

English Engineer and
Inventor



Meetings are held in the Village Hall
At 8pm

Entrance Fee Including Refreshments:

£2.00 for Members

Membership £5 pa

£3.00 for Non-members

Everyone is welcome, so do join us

The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys Summer Lunch



There was the usual lovely weather for our Summer Bring-and-Share Lunch on June 7th and our thanks to Peter and Sheila Davies for once more hosting the event.

Funds raised by the raffle and donations amounted to £110. This is going to J's Hospice, which is situated about four miles from Chelmsford at Great Baddow. When their teen-aged son died from cancer, his parents decided to build a Hospice for young people between the ages of 16 and 40 years as this group was not catered for so well. The Hospice has been running for five years and is for young people suffering from life-limiting conditions such as cancer or neurological diseases. The service is provided at the patient's home rather than at the Hospice as most young people prefer that. There are, however, music and art therapies available at the Hospice as well as social occasions.



Providing hospice and respite care in Essex for young adults with life limiting and life threatening conditions

Our next meeting will be for a Ploughman's Lunch on Tuesday, 6th September, at Langham, Latchmore Bank, at 12.30 pm. We should love to see some new faces.

Nita Sylvester



THE CENTRE
 29 High Street, Old Harlow. 01279 438444
 6 HCPC Registered
Chiropodists/ Podiatrists
Osteopathy
 Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Massage
 (Ground floor surgery also available in Sawbridgeworth)

St Clare Hospice



Christmas Shopping Morning At Little Hallingbury Church

Friday, 11th November, 2016
 9.00AM - 1.00PM

Please come and support your local hospice and stock up early on Christmas presents from some well known favourites such as Phoenix cards, Usborne books, Seres Silk and Silver and Apatchy as well as some other unique local artisan stalls.



Great Hallingbury Village Hall Committee

Flower Arranging Demonstration

POPULAR EVENT

CHRISTMAS FUN

Thursday, 1st December, 2016

1.30 - 4 pm



with afternoon tea and a raffle in Great Hallingbury Village Hall



Tickets £6.50

Contact Valerie Walker
 01279 465663



St. Giles'



Harvest Flowers &



Cream Teas

with stalls

Saturday, 8th October, 2 - 5 pm

Sunday, 9th October, 2 - 4 pm



Please do join us

St Giles' Services September - December 2016

Sept 11	10 am	Morning Prayer
Sept 25	10 am	Family Communion
Oct 9	10 am	Harvest Festival
Oct 23	10 am	Family Communion
Oct 30	10 am	United Benefice Family Communion in St. Mary's
Nov 13	10.50 am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Nov 27	10 am	Family Communion
	4 pm	Christingle Service in St. Mary's
Dec 11	10 am	Morning Prayer
Dec 18	6 pm	Carol Service in St. Giles'
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	3 pm	Crib Service in St. Giles'
	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion in St. Giles'
Dec 25 Christmas Day	10 am	Family Communion

There is a midweek service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. every Wednesday at St Mary's.

Both St Giles' and St Mary's have a Children's Corner with activity packs at all 10 am services and there is a Junior Church held during the 10 a.m. Common Worship Holy Communion at St Mary's.

Please go to our website for up to date information on events and services <http://www.hallingburychurches.co.uk/>



Great Hallingbury Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHT

Raising funds to improve the Village Hall



GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE

Saturday, 12th November, 2016

Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm for 8 pm

£5 per person at the door - table of 6 or 8 or join another group

Reserve from Alex Russell (01279 656647)

Bring your own food and drink

Have another convivial evening

Support the Village Hall

Calendar

September 2016

- 5 Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 8 pm
- 6 Olive Branch - *Ploughmans' Lunch* - Langham, Latchmore Bank
- 7 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 13 Friendship Club
- 14 History Society - *The Peasants' Revolt of 1381 in Essex* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 18 Easton Lodge Open Day - *Apple Day*
- 21 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 21 Great Hallingbury *Defibrillator Unveiling Ceremony* - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 28 WI - *Animal Charity* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm

October 2016

- 3 Great Hallingbury *Defibrillator Awareness Seminar* - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 4 Olive Branch - *Social Meeting* - The Rectory 2.15 pm
- 5 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 8 St Giles' *Harvest Flowers & Cream Teas* - St Giles' Church 2 - 5 pm
- 9 St Giles' *Harvest Flowers & Cream Teas* - St Giles' Church 2 - 4 pm
- 11 Friendship Club
- 12 History Society - *Thaxted* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 14 Closing Date for *Litter Picking competition*
- 15 BOTH Plus Conservatives *Quiz Night* - Village Hall 7.30 for 8 pm
- 16 *Let's Keep Great Hallingbury Tidy* Litter Picking foray and lunch - start Village Hall or Bedlars Green 9.30 am
- 16 Easton Lodge Open Day - *Spooky Halloween Fun*

- 19 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 26 WI - Open Meeting: *Flog It* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm

November 2016

- 1 Olive Branch - *General Knowledge Quiz* - The Rectory 2.15 pm
- 2 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 7 Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7 pm
- 8 Friendship Club
- 9 History Society - *Isambard Kingdom Brunel* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 11 *Christmas Shopping for St Clare Hospice* - Little Hallingbury Church 9 am - 1 pm
- 12 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - *Quiz Night* - Village Hall 7.30 for 8 pm
- 16 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 23 WI - *A Seasonal Surprise* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 30 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm

December 2016

- 1 Great Hallingbury Village Hall - *Christmas Fun Flower Arranging Demonstration* - Village Hall 1.30 - 4 pm

Come to the next Parish Council meetings - ask your questions - give your views. See how the Parish Council works for you.

Monday, 5th September 8 pm Village Hall

Monday, 7th November 7 pm Village Hall