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Editorial



I'm wearing a new hat! Editor of *Great Hallingbury HIGHLIGHTS*.

It's a bit daunting to take over from Ron but I hope you won't find this edition very changed from those of the last few years; just an *Easy Cooking* section and *Book Corner* are new. As usual, this Summer issue contains a lot of information on various groups in Great Hallingbury who reported their activities to the Annual Parish Meeting in March including the Brownies, the Dog Club, the Bowls Club, the History Society, the WI, St Giles' Church and more.

HIGHLIGHTS has always sought to include articles written by residents. We have had historical items from Ernie Field and Philip Hays and fascinating articles from David Barlow on his experiences, both as a young boy and now as he does his daily jobs around the farm.

But we have room for more. Can you write about something you have done? You may not have sky dived or ridden the Wall of Death (although if you have, we would all love to hear about it) but perhaps you could write about what happens in your garden or the pleasure you get from fishing or just about anything that you enjoy. Letters and recipe contributions would also be welcome.

And is there a gardener in the Village who would write some gardening tips as we go through the seasons? We have a lovely village and I'm seeking more photographs that might grace our front cover.

Notices of future events in Great Hallingbury, Little Hallingbury and locally are very important so please let me have these on a regular basis. We have information in this issue on a concert by the *Hallingbury Choir* in June, the *Flower Show* in July, a Village Hall *Quiz Night* in July and a midsummer *Masked Ball* but please be sure to send information

on all events. There are functions at the schools which we could include and probably others but your help is needed to let me know about them.

Our team of distributors is superb - and we thank them - but we need to keep having interesting articles and information for them to deliver so your contributions would be very much appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your help and support.

Editor

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Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show

*Gaston House, Gaston Green
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SUNDAY, 16th JULY, 2017
12 noon - 4 pm



It is amazing to think that the Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show is now in its 79th year. It is a unique event which celebrates village life and offers a whole host of family entertainment, shopping and delicious food and drink. We usually welcome about 1,000 people each year.

As many of you will know our visitors love looking round the Exhibitors' Pavillion which contains the finest blooms, vegetables and fruit our local growers have to offer. For enthusiastic photographers there is a photography section as well as classes for flower arrangements, cookery, needlework and handicraft. We also have a whole section of 10 classes for children ranging from a creature made from vegetables to collage and decorated biscuits to handwriting. There is a section for W.I.s or other similar groups or why not try your hand at making a Scarecrow. The more entries the better and there is something for everyone so please do enter something. There are cups for the winners in each class.

One of our hard working committee has been busy buying up all the local supplies of pretty, old fashioned tea cups and saucers so the Vintage Tea Tent will have a new look. It is always a very popular meeting spot for families to regroup and enjoy some tea and a slice of delicious homemade cake. For the lunch crowd we have a Hog Roast serving local pork in buns and a veggie option.

There are main arena events including dancing, music from the Bishop's Stortford Ukulele Society and the famous and hard fought tug of war between the two villages of Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury.

There are trade stands around the showground selling plants and other wares and lots of fun activities for all the family such as face painting, hook a duck, a bouncy castle, plus more.

It is a great day out for all the family and everyone is welcome.

We are currently really interested in making the shopping experience even better so if you or a friend have lovely things to sell then we would like to hear from them. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help on the day and run a stall, that would be much appreciated.

Schedules are available at the Little Hallingbury Post Office and on the website or, if you contact us at oriel@hallingburyflowershow.com, we can email you a pdf. You can view the schedule and enter online on our website: www.hallingburyflowershow.com

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God's Plan for Ageing

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Work fascinates me, I can look at it for hours

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

What a difference a month makes! In late April primroses and daffodils gave way to bluebells, cowslips and cow parsley and then the common spotted orchids' leaves emerged with flowers to follow. The trees have greened. And the fruit trees and soft fruits in the walled kitchen gardens have borne profusions of flowers. We are keeping our fingers crossed for rain as we cannot water by hand all the new plants, seedlings and grass!

In April we also signed a contract for the building of a treehouse, like the Peto original. Highlife Treehouses have now erected the supporting timbers and sub-frame so on our facebook page you can see how the treehouse will sit above the branches of the original oak. To help with our fundraising, please visit Tesco in Dunmow and use your blue token vote for their *Bags of Help* funding for the Treehouse project; or go to our website and bid in our auction for a week at a beautiful 4* holiday home near Padstow.

If you have time to visit the Gardens on one of our public open days the treehouse should be in place and you will also be able to enjoy our locally renowned bacon rolls and homemade cakes and great performances.

June 25 *Rock Choir*

July 23 - World War II Open Day
Perfect Vintage

August 20
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Great Hallingbury History Society

In her report to the Annual Parish Meeting, the Chairman, Christine Coultrup, noted that the History Society continues to enjoy a varied programme of speakers. In the last 12 months topics have included:

- *Great Dunmow and the English Reformation*
- *To Coin a Phrase - which looked at how some common phrases came into use*
- *The Peasants' Revolt of 1381*
- *Thaxted*
- *The great engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel*
- *Tilty Abbey*
- *The History of the National Trust*

The future programme includes:

- *The Essex Seaside Heritage*
- *The Temple of Claudius in Colchester*

- *Georgina Green will be returning again, this time to talk about Explorers and Traders and their Essex connections*
- *The Meyers of Shortgrove - the estate between Newport and Saffron Walden*

A very varied and stimulating programme.

One or two outings are being planned for the summer or autumn to places not always open to the public.

The History Society meets 8 times a year, missing out the winter months of December and January and also high summer in July and August. There are 20 or so members at present who would be delighted if you would like to join them. If there's one topic that takes your eye, just come as a guest. You will be very welcome.



Next Meeting:

ESSEX PAST: The County Our Parents Knew

A film prepared by the East Anglian Film Archive

Wednesday, 14th June, 2017

Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8pm following the AGM

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

The Gunpowder Plot

and Lord Monteagle of Hallingbury Place

Wednesday, 8th November



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Explorers and Traders - Essex Connections
by Georgina Green
Wednesday, 11th October



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Highlights from the Minutes of the Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting

27th March 2017

Welcome

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Townsend, welcomed everyone to the meeting and held a minute's silence in memory of Ron Coultrup.

Parish Councillors

There are eight Parish Councillors who work as one body but there are also several working groups, such as Planning, Housing, Airport and Neighbourhood Watch.

Councillors have attended various meetings at Uttlesford on the Local Plan and Housing and SSE Parish Liaison meetings regarding Airport matters. The Chairman also attends the Uttlesford Highways Panel through his role on the Executive Committee of the Uttlesford Association of Local Councils. The information gathered from all these meetings enables the Parish Council to know about, and comment on, proposals within the District and County and on Local Government issues.

Finance

There will be no rise in 2017/18 in the precept figure which relates to the Parish portion of council tax.

In this last year donations have been made to Essex Air Ambulance, SSE & NWEHHA and Uttlesford Community Travel plus an occasional payment on the death of a retired Parish Councillor and, with the recent loss of Ron, a donation to St Clare's Hospice. The Chairman proposed that St Clare's is added to the charities regularly supported.

The Parish Council continues to support the Village Hall and St Giles' Church and also now supports the *Highlights* magazine.

Planning

The Parish Council has considered and commented on 27 planning applications over this past year. While generally there are no

objections, relevant comments are made where necessary, whether in opposing the application or in support of it for the good of the surrounding area.

Housing

The plans for the housing scheme proposed, including affordable housing, will be heard at the Planning Committee at Uttlesford next week. The Parish Council has supported this application and will attend the hearing.

Airport

Since February 2016 all daytime flights using the Dover and Clacton routes have been directed to use the Clacton route only. This does mean more aircraft overflying some areas and the Parish Council has asked Stansted Airport for additional acoustic measures for those affected in Great Hallingbury.

Regarding compensation, in July 2016 SSE won a case against Stansted Airport which has conceded that compensation is due. Some of you may have seen your Chairman and Clerk interviewed on ITV Anglia! Residents affected should claim through a Chartered Surveyor; some names of firms were given in *Highlights*.

The Parish Council opposed any increase in night flights, even if quieter aircraft, during a further consultation early this year.

Phone Box

The phone box is looking very smart again and thanks go to Alan Pinnock. There will be a notice board for information and shelves to create a *book exchange* which Heather Pinnock will keep in order.

Notice Boards

The village notice boards all need attention with the one at Bedlars Green having fallen over. Alan Pinnock will replace or repair all notice boards as needed.

Post Box at Bedlars Green

After much correspondence with Royal Mail, and then with Sir Alan Haselhurst, MP, finally the Bedlars Green post box was replaced in July 2016. It was put on the

green as a safer location than the busy road. Once the notice board is replaced and the pump refurbished, Bedlars Green will look a prettier picture, particularly with the post box here too.

Defibrillator

After agreement by the Parish Council early last year, a Defibrillator was installed in August 2016 and went live in September. Thank you to all who attended the opening and Cardiac Response Seminar.

Highways

The first two weeks of April saw road works through the village when pot holes and eroded verges were dug out and repaired. The Clerk has corresponded regularly with Highways on the flooding over the road near Captains where the drainage gully to the brook was blocked. This was eventually cleared between Tom Streeter and Highways and is hopefully resolved.

Flitch Way Bridge was severely damaged in October by a lorry from Dunmow Waste Services with a 14 foot high skip on board trying to go under the 12' 9" high bridge! Flitch Way Country Park has confirmed that the bridge would be made good and, following an insurance claim by Highways, will have permanent repairs made.

Police

The Clerk tried to contact the Police on speeding issues but, after a promise of a speed check being done, all we had were wires placed across the road and no results notified by the police. At a UDC Parish Liaison meeting in March, a guest speaker officer said that we should not expect to see police in our villages.

Litter Pick

Cllr Vicky Wing organized two litter picks with over 100 bags being collected each time along with other larger dumped items. The Chairman thanked Vicky for her co-ordination on this and all the helpers.

Clerks Retirement

The Clerk has given notice of her intention to

retire and a personnel committee is seeking a replacement.

Footpath Representative

Geoff Morris has been our Footpath Representative for many years, walking and maintaining our public rights of way, but he also wishes to retire from this role. The Chairman thanked Geoff and made a small presentation to him.

Great Hallingbury Highlights

The Chairman gave a big thank you to Christine and Ron Coultrup for continuing to produce the ***Great Hallingbury Highlights***. This free publication goes to every house in the village through volunteer distributors. You can find out about most things going on in Great Hallingbury through ***Highlights***.

Thanks

The Chairman thanked all his fellow Councillors and so many villagers for their support during the past year. Special thanks went to his Clerk, Freda.

Village Organisations:

Representatives from village organizations presented reports which are covered throughout this issue of ***Highlights***.

Other Matters

The Chairmen of the Parish Council and the Village Hall have agreed to replace the broken millennium bench with a new one for the car park area, sharing the cost 50/50. When the road was re-surfaced at Howe Green the pot holes were not first filled in and there are several bad areas. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

The Parish has a Speed Gun but there is no team to do a speed check. The Parish Council will seek to resolve this.

The police have been in the village following thefts from cars and garages in the Bedlars Green area and residents need to be more vigilant.

The meeting ended at 8.45p.m. with the Chairman inviting everyone to stay and partake of Cheese & Wine.

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Great Hallingbury Village Hall

Firstly I would like to pay tribute to our Vice Chairman and Treasurer, Ron Coultrup. Over the years that we worked together on projects to update the hall, he would always research where we could obtain equipment at the best possible price. We will miss his wise business approach to running the Village Hall.

The Hall would not function efficiently without a strong team. Alison, our secretary who keeps all the records up to date; Val Walker and Sarah and Lee Cox between them cover the bookings, cleaning and ensure the smooth running of the Hall. Our thanks go to you all, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Income continues to come mainly from hiring out the Hall to local clubs and societies. The main fund raising events have been three Quiz Nights held in October/November, March and July. Sadly numbers attending have gradually diminished. Perhaps it is time for a rethink on dates and advertising to attract more support from the village.

Our Village Hall is an important asset to Great Hallingbury and it is up to all of us to make sure that it continues to be so.

*Martin Mugele, Chairman
 Report to the Annual Parish Meeting*

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News from St Giles' Church

The good news is that the new heating system has been installed in St. Giles' Church and there was a warm welcome for everyone who came to celebrate Christmas in the Church. Churchwarden Heather Hays told the Annual Parish Meeting that it had been a long saga, with constant problems in executing the plans to provide the church with heating appropriate to the 21st century. She said she was very grateful to Ian Irving-Fynn for all his hard work and meticulous efforts to install the new heating system.

The Parochial Church Council thanked the members of the Great Hallingbury Parish Council for their very kind donation of £2,000 towards the cost of installing the new heating as well as for their regular donation towards the maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard. Thanks, too, went to Tom Streeter who began tidying up the churchyard in the autumn and has done an excellent job in cutting back overgrown vegetation.

In December there were Carol Services for Howe Green House School, Little Hallingbury School and the 1st Great Hallingbury Brownies. All three of these services were well attended by approximately 400 adults and 200 children.

Last summer the church continued to be open on Wednesday afternoons for people to visit and reflect and have a cup of tea. There were some interesting visitors including some who had links to St. Giles' Church through family histories. It was especially pleasing to welcome the daughters of the late Ernie Field who often popped in for a cup of tea and a chat about *old times*. They worked very hard during the year to maintain the garden and bench in the Garden of Remembrance, planting cuttings from Ernie's garden in his memory.

During the last year there were several weddings, baptisms and funerals in St. Giles' Church. Memorial or Thanksgiving

Services were held to celebrate the lives of Mair Noble and Ron Coultrup, who were well respected members of the Great Hallingbury Community, participating fully in so many village activities. The number of people who attended their services showed the love and esteem in which both Mair and Ron were held.



The Great Hallingbury Parochial Church Council thanks everyone in the village who has supported the Church during the last year, especially the Harvest Flowers and Cream Teas Weekend in October, and at special services such as Remembrance Sunday.

Thank you also to all the residents of Great Hallingbury who have supported the One Hundred Club. During 2016 £571.50 was given out in prize money and £571.50 was given to the PCC to help maintain the fabric of our beautiful and historic village Church. At present there are actually 102 members which means each month £51 is given out in prizes and £51 is given to the Church. The support of everyone in the village of Great Hallingbury for St. Giles' Church is very much appreciated.

Heather Hays, Churchwarden



Neighbourhood Watch



Cold Calling Burglar Alarm Companies

Residents throughout the county have reported receiving unsolicited telephone calls from companies who say that crime is on the increase and that they are at risk. These companies offer to install a free or a very cheap burglar alarm and claim or imply they are working with agencies such as the Home Office or the police. **This is not true.**

If you are concerned about your security and considering fitting a burglar alarm, your local Police Crime Reduction Officer will give you free advice. The Police recommend that you get at least three quotes from accredited companies found using the web sites www.nsi.org.uk or www.ssaib.org before making your choice, or choose a Trading Standards **Buy with Confidence** accredited company. **Buy with Confidence** companies have been vetted by Trading Standards and have all the right accreditations; have a look at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or ring 0345 404 0506.



Financial Fraud - Take Five to Protect Yourself

In 2016, the UK lost £2 million each day as a result of financial fraud, according to official figures released by Financial Fraud Action UK (FFA UK). The banks have provided the **TAKE FIVE** Campaign, asking customers to help protect themselves from financial fraud by following this simple advice:

1. Never disclose security details, Pin numbers or full passwords - to anyone
2. Don't assume an email request or caller is genuine - people aren't always who they say they are
3. Don't be rushed - a bank or genuine organisation won't mind waiting to give

4. Listen to your instincts - if something feels wrong then it usually right to pause and question it
5. Stay in control - have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for information
(Supplied by FFA UK)

Reduce Risk of Burglary

Three steps to take that will reduce the risk of you being a burglary victim.

1. Is there clear unobstructed access to the rear? Where possible, fit fence and gate access to rear gardens with 1.8m close boarded wooden fencing, topped with some trellis and/or spiky toppings (spiky toppings require a warning notice). Ensure the gate is securely locked. Try defensive planting, something like Berberus, Pyracantha or Hawthorn around perimeter fencing and in trellis.
2. Doors: In addition to the *Rim Lock* fitted to wooden doors, use a five-lever mortice lock. Most UPVC doors, as with windows, use a multi locking system, so make sure you know how to use it. Inside, pulling the handle up will engage all the locks but in some cases this will only lock the centre lock, so to lock all the mechanism correctly you must use the key (if in doubt try it before the burglar does).
3. Become an illusionist and make your home appear to be occupied even when you are out. Simple things, like using lights on timers and *Fake TV* for the evenings - you can now even get a timer that fits over your light switches (search on the internet for light switch timer). During the day leave a radio on, boots outside the back door, vacuum cleaner out with the lead going out of sight (not plugged in though), newspaper over the arm of the chair with a drink on the table and a pair of spectacles, etc, etc



Book Corner



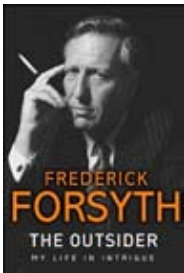
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THE OUTSIDER: My Life in Intrigue **by Frederick Forsyth**

From Frederick Forsyth, the grandmaster of international suspense, comes his most intriguing story ever - his own.

For more than forty years, he has been writing thought-provoking novels of intrigue, from the groundbreaking *The Day of the Jackal* to the prescient *The Kill List*.

But what most people don't know is that some of his greatest stories of intrigue have been in his own life. He was the RAF's youngest pilot at nineteen, barely escaped the wrath of an arms dealer in Hamburg, been strafed by a MiG during the Nigerian civil war and landed during a bloody coup in Guinea-Bissau. The Stasi arrested him, the Israelis regaled him, the IRA prompted a quick move from Ireland to England and a certain attractive secret police agent - well, her actions were a bit more intimate! It is a memoir like no other - a candid look at an extraordinary life lived to the full.



THORNFIELD HALL **by Jane Stubbs**

If the title of this book jogs your memory in some way, the odds are that you've read *Jane Eyre*!

The original story is told through the eyes of Jane herself but, in *Thornfield Hall*, it is Mrs Fairfax, the housekeeper, who gives us an entirely new perspective on the secrets of the house.

This is the story that *Jane Eyre* never knew - a narrative played out both on the top floors of *Thornfield Hall* and *below stairs* as just a few trusted servants keep their master's secrets safe. Jane, in fact, plays a relatively small part in the story as Bertha, the *mad wife in the attic*, Grace Poole, her nurse, and Mrs Fairfax take centre stage in this fascinating re-imagining of the classic story.

And, of course, if you have never read *Jane Eyre*, you will now almost certainly want to - if only to compare the two books!



1st Great Hallingbury Brownies



This has been another busy year for the Great Hallingbury Brownies. Meeting on Monday evenings at the Village Hall, we play games and do badge work which the Brownies really enjoy. Singing and activity games are popular and we also use the Peachey Room for craft work and quieter activities. We have recently completed our Agility Badge and are now working on our Healthy Heart Badge.

The Brownies continue to play a very active part in village life. We took part in the Annual Remembrance Sunday Service at St. Giles' Church as well as in the Mothering Sunday service at St. Marys, where the Brownies sang the song *Supermum* and spoke of their love for their mums. The Brownies have also helped to clean St. Giles' Church. This is always a popular evening as the Brownies turn up with their dusters and aprons and leave behind shiny pews and a strong smell of polish!

The Brownies enjoy craft work and again supported the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary's, Little Hallingbury, where they decorated a tree with their own clay owls. On a separate occasion they also made snowmen by filling a sock with rice. The idea and resources for this were provided by an ex-guider who will be 90 in July!

One of the highlights of 2016 was our afternoon tea for members of the Friendship Club and the Olive Branch to mark the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. The Brownies all helped to make cakes and we also served sandwiches and cream scones to our guests.

The Brownies waited on the tables and then provided entertainment with a variety of traditional and campfire songs, ending with prayers and the National Anthem. Each Brownie was presented with a special gold badge to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday. The Brownies also made a Christmas card



to send to the Queen, together with some photos of our afternoon tea. They were delighted to receive a reply from one of the Queen's Ladies-in-Waiting.

Food often features in our Brownie meetings! Each time a new Brownie is enrolled, another Brownie does her hostess badge and entertains our visitors. At Christmas we enjoyed making our Christmas cake for our annual *Carols in Candlelight* service and each Brownie made their own Christmas wish. More recently we made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We chose our own tasty fillings, enjoyed eating our pancakes and then washed up our own plates. We also played pancake games.

This year our Carol Service was held in the newly heated St. Giles' Church. Following our traditional format of carols and readings by the Brownies, we then invited people to visit our Bring and Buy Stall and sample our delicious Christmas cake. We were pleased to raise £250 which we have since presented to Ann Fuller on behalf of Grove Cottage.

We enjoy joining with other Brownies from across the Hatfield Forest District and in February we attended the District Thinking Day celebrations. We have been fortunate in having had three young leaders helping us for the last year, as they work towards their Duke of Edinburgh and Community Service awards. Two of these young ladies were once themselves Brownies in our pack and it is always a pleasure to welcome back former Brownies.

May we take this opportunity to thank all those in the village who continue to support the pack and our families for their ongoing help and support. I would also like to thank the members of the Village Hall Committee for their support.

Heather Hays (651851) Alison Hutley (503804)

The Great Village Litter Pick

Sunday 26th February, 2017

February brought us a lovely day and the village brought a great turn out. The volunteers were a good mix of new faces and veterans of the cause which meant that as well as being environmentally beneficial, the event enabled people to come together and make new connections.

It was apparent, as everyone worked their way through the village, that some wonderful people had already been out around their homes prior to the big day. This meant we were able to work further afield than before, reaching all the way up to the Audi garage.

After a productive morning, many of the volunteers gathered at the Village Hall for a well earned lunch. The spread was once again impressive and prepared entirely by villagers and paid for by the Parish Council.

The feeling of community spirit at these events and the gratification of seeing clean verges following a morning of everybody pooling their efforts is immense.

Thanks go to all the volunteers who generously gave up their time, to everybody who went even further and helped with the food and finally to Councillor Vicky Wing for arranging another successful day.

Here's hoping that we will see everybody again along with some new faces at the next litter pick in October.

Lotte Notley





The WI in Great Hallingbury

Essex Federation Centenary

At the Annual Parish Meeting, WI President, Val Walker, talked of the centenary celebrations being planned during 2017 by the Essex Federation of the WI. Many events have been organised to mark this occasion. Already five members have taken part or assisted at the county AGM where Anton du Beke was the celebrity speaker and four ladies from Great Hallingbury sit on county sub-committees. In July there is a Federation Show to epitomise the diversity of Essex. Several talented members will be displaying their skills in one of the co-operative classes. There are lunches, teas, a cocktail and jazz evening, a river trip and an aerodrome visit, all culminating in an End of Year Ball. These activities are spread far and wide across our large county to give everyone a chance to participate.

Great Hallingbury WI Activities

Locally, membership has been maintained at 32. Over the last twelve months, the Great Hallingbury committee has organised a New Year meal at the Bishop's Stortford Golf Club and also a trip on *The Lady of the Lee* with a cream tea aboard the barge whilst cruising in peaceful waters.

Speakers have been as diverse as a Vernon's Girl, a contemporary artist, a member of the Chelmsford Ballet Company and a puppy walker from Guide Dogs for the Blind.



WI Members serving teas at the Hallingbury Flower Show in 2016

The outstanding meeting of 2016 was the *Fun Flog It* in October when members were joined by 40 visitors; such is their reputation for banter and bargains! A magnificent sum of £500 was raised.



WI Flog It

The WI has a reputation for giving assistance both at home and abroad. On a beautiful Sunday in July at the Great & Little Hallingbury Flower Show, over 500 cups of tea and hundreds of portions of cake were served. Members also received a cooling shower from a wayward water hose! Great Hallingbury members have also assisted at county events, litter picking in the village and flower arranging afternoons in aid of village hall funds. Our local WI also continues to support the WI Charity, *Association of Country Women of the World* and *George Mills Revival Centre* in the Ukraine and has recently provided washbags for a women's refuge.

The WI Outside the Village

Members enjoy visiting neighbouring institutes including Bishop's Stortford, Stansted, Barnston, High Roding and Great Canfield. From time to time they like to show a competitive side and compete in the County Quiz, the Darts Tournament and flower shows.

The membership of the WI is over 200,000 and new groups are opening up regularly so filling a need for an all female organisation in 2017 and beyond.

Val Walker

The WI in Great Hallingbury



Latest Report

We have had a busy time since our last report with speakers on some very interesting and diverse subjects including Marion Pettet from The Chelmsford Ballet Company, BBC journalist & broadcaster Bill Hamilton and Mione Goldspink from the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.

In March several of our members attended the Federation of Essex WI County General Meeting which is celebrating it's Centenary. The guest speaker was Anton Du Beke and not wanting to miss a photo opportunity Valerie Walker managed to get a great selfie with the Strictly Come Dancing star. Carole Morris and Valerie Walker



also took part in a fashion line up depicting fashion over the past 100 years.

In April it was our Annual Meeting when we heard from Phillipa Croft about the wonderful work of ACWW - Associated Country Women of the World - which is the international charity supported by the

WI movement. It is the largest international organization for rural women and has a uniquely down-to-earth approach, offering mutual support, friendship and practical help to its members. It funds group projects on literacy, health education, nutrition, home economics, agriculture, income generation, water and sanitation, leadership and entrepreneurship. It also funds individual scholarships in social and community welfare. The organization has a membership of nine million through its 365 Member Societies in over 70 countries.

Following Phillipa's presentation it was time

to elect our President and new Committee.

Having served three years as President, Valerie Walker stood down and Janice Baldwin was elected President for the next three years.



Judy Simmonds, a member of GHWI for 50 years and Secretary for many of those years, has also stood down along with Ruth Homan, another long standing committee member of our Institute. Flower arrangements were presented to Valerie, Judy and Ruth for all their hard work over the years and whilst all three are still active members it is now time for them to sit back and be relieved of committee duties.



We have a theatre trip planned and a visit to Hylands Garden Show to look

forward to and of course the Great & Little Hallingbury Flower Show in July.

If you are new to the village or maybe just interested in finding out a little more about the WI, visitors will always be made very welcome.

Our meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Village Hall from
7.30 pm to approx. 10.00pm.
<http://greathallingburywi.weebly.com/>



Beverly Moore

The Hundred Parishes Society



After almost 2,000 years, there is still considerable evidence of Roman occupation of this area. It was not until their arrival in 43 AD that a national network of all-weather roads was built. The first were constructed between the capital, London, and bases used by the Roman legions and were originally built by the Roman army. The network was maintained and extended through almost 400 years of Roman occupation. Main highways were either gravel or paved with stone. They were so well constructed that they could be used in all weathers.

Those in our area included Ermine Street (which ran north from London and in the 20th century was designated A10) and Stane Street (later A120) between Braughing, a substantial Roman fort on Ermine Street, and Colchester, the original Roman capital of Britain. Another substantial fort-cum-town developed at Great Chesterford. Artefacts from there can be seen at Saffron Walden Museum. At least twenty of today's Hundred Parishes were served by a Roman road.

The fact that these routes were well-travelled and linked forts and other settlements means that we have a rich source of Roman remains. Recycled Roman bricks, usually flatter and longer than the modern equivalent, can be found in several parish churches. They include Great Canfield, Great and Little Hallingbury, Sheering, Takeley, Wendens Ambo, Westmill and White Roding.



Roman bricks in the chancel arch at St Giles' exposed during the Victorian restoration

One of the finest Roman burial sites in Europe can be visited at Bartlow where you can climb a wooden stairway to the top of the largest surviving barrow, some 40 feet high.

Ken McDonald, Secretary
www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Walking the Dog



Reportedly, a woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way.

The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind.

A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight..

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her and, calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind lady said, "No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs."

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete stand still when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog for the blind!

Even worse, the pilot was wearing sunglasses!

People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

Have a great day and remember.....

THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR.

Great Hallingbury Housing Development

It was in July 2011 that the land to the rear of Great Hallingbury Manor Hotel was advertised for sale.

I understood that negotiations to purchase were underway with strangers to the village but, as a longstanding resident of Great Hallingbury, I was anxious to preserve the character of the village I love.

I had meetings with the planners at Uttlesford and it was established that the land could be put to good use for affordable housing and market housing which would support the development. I was fortunate in being able to talk to the hotel and land owners to negotiate the purchase and so secure a more controllable future for the area. The acquisition was completed in November 2011.

Such a project in the village had the support of the Parish Council, at that time under the chairmanship of Martin Mugele, and since then, of the current Parish Council chaired by Alan Townsend.

Bernard Lawrence was appointed Architect in 2016 and plans were drawn up for outline planning. These were modified many times until finally an application for 35 units was submitted to Uttlesford District Council in November 2016.

The scheme was considered by the Planning Committee on 5th April this year after their site visit that morning. Consent was finally granted at the afternoon meeting by a considerable majority. From the village there were many responses to the Council in favour of the proposal and none against.

It is hoped and intended that the project, when completed, will attract younger people into the village at the same time as providing much needed housing for senior members who wish to downsize. Throughout the five year run up to the application, interest in the

project has been overwhelming, indicating strong demand.

The scheme will include 14 shared ownership and affordable housing units which will consist of two, three and four bedrooms, and 21 market houses which will range from three to five bedrooms. There will be a minimum of two bungalows within these numbers to meet anticipated demand and all of these will be designed to harmoniously blend in with each other and with the landscape.

A substantial financial contribution will be made to local primary education and to secondary school transportation in the form of an S106 Agreement.

Detailed plans are now being prepared and it is hoped that construction will start in the spring of 2018 and be completed by 2020.

I am fortunate in having a fellow villager, David Milne, in partnership with me in this venture and it is our intention to make sure that the architecture and quality of the buildings matches up to the expectations of the village in this relatively unobtrusive and well screened site.

It just may be that such an influx will add more vitality and sustainability to our delightful village.

Further information on this exciting project will appear in Highlights as it is available.

Andrew Noble





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Emily Davison and Gaston House



Many residents of the Hallingburys will have heard of Emily Wilding Davison (1872-1913), a famous suffragette who fought for women's suffrage in Britain in the early 20th century. She was known for extreme tactics that resulted in her arrest on nine occasions. In her most famous moment of protest, Davison stepped in front of King George V's horse, Anmer, at the Epsom Derby on 4th June, 1913. Her purpose was unclear, but she was trampled on and suffered injuries that proved fatal four days later. At her funeral on 14th June, 1913, thousands of suffragettes accompanied the coffin and tens of thousands of people lined the streets of London. After a service in Bloomsbury, her coffin was taken by train to the family grave in Morpeth, Northumberland.

Childhood in Little Hallingbury

Emily's early childhood was not spent in Northumberland but in Little Hallingbury. She was born in Blackheath in 1872. Soon after her birth, the Davison Family moved to Little Hallingbury to take up residence in Gaston House. We know about Emily's early life from a brief contemporary biography written by a friend, Gertrude Colmore, in 1913 which drew on the testimony of childhood friends and was published by *The Women's Press* shortly after her death. In this biography, Gaston House is described as a *Georgian house three stories in height, with tall, spacious rooms, and on its red brick front the kindly look that some old houses have*. Emily was brought up by a governess, a nanny, two housemaids, a footman and a cook. Here she lived and learned and played for the first nine years of her life.



Emily's father, Charles Edward Davison, had been raised in a comfortable middle-class household in Alnwick, Northumberland, the son of a local landowner and grandson of a gunsmith. He was an urbane gentleman who had sought adventure, travelled extensively and lived abroad; he had also run a number of fruitful businesses. He had met his first wife, Sarah Seton Chisholm, in India, where he was seeking his fortune. Sarah had been born in Calcutta in 1822, the same year as Charles, the daughter of rich colonial settlers. Her father was George Wilding Chisholm. (Wilding was Emily's second name). Charles and Sarah came back to London to raise a family of nine children. Sadly Sarah died at the early age of 44. It had been a happy 18-year marriage, by the end of which Charles Davison had seen his eldest of nine infant children grow up to qualify as a lawyer.

Charles Davison did not, however, remain a widower for long. He married his teenage house-keeper, a Northumberland girl, aged 19 years, called Margaret Caisley. Margaret was from a modest background. Her father was the publican of *The White Swan* in Morpeth. With her father unable to support his daughter financially through adulthood, Margaret had been forced to abandon the rugged hills of Northumberland and take up a service position in Charles Davison's elegant household in Blackheath.

Charles had four children with his second wife. Letitia was born on 15th February, 1868, in Ryton, Durham. Alfred was born on 27th May, 1869, in Morpeth. Emily Wilding was born on 11th October, 1872, in Roxburgh House, 13 Vanburgh Park Road, Blackheath, Kent. Ethel Henrietta was born on 9th July, 1874, in West Blackheath.

From an early age Emily Wilding Davison was high spirited and mischievous. *Miss Emily, would you please return to the nursery*, her nanny would ask her. *Please be a good girl and do as I ask*. Emily's bright eyes would spit defiance. She would stand against the

wall at the top of the stairs, fold her arms and firmly plant her feet. Then she would give her stock reply: *No. I don't want to be good.*

Emily had no interest in dolls, preferring toy soldiers. Emily would make her younger sister, Ethel, play soldiers in the garden of Gaston House. Emily would always be Wellington while poor Ethel took the part of Napoleon. When Emily played with other children, if she didn't get her own way, she would run off in a huff. She was also fiercely bright. By the age of five she was already reading from her father's copy of *The Times* and reciting lengthy chunks of poetry.

Almost from the time she could speak Emily was the leader of the children and the emissary sent on missions of demand or diplomacy. When cakes or sweets were desired, it was Emily who was sent to ask for them. She would go downstairs to her mother and ask for *weet, weet*, the nearest approach to sweet that her lips could manage. *Weet* became one of the names that she would go by. The last postcard she sent to her mother was signed *Weet*.

Emily was particularly close to her younger sister Ethel who was less than two years her junior. The two young girls shared a bedroom during their early childhood and would giggle and sing hymns together after they were put to bed. It was behaviour which showed the odd combination of aspects of Emily's character: religious and pious and yet capable of being unruly. She never changed. Years later, she would sing and chant verses from the same hymns while locked in prison cells up and down the country in such notorious prisons as Strangeways and Holloway.

Sadly the rustic idyll of life at Gaston House ended in tragedy. In 1880 the young children fell victim to an outbreak of diphtheria which claimed the life of Ethel Henrietta Blanche, Emily's beloved younger sister. Emily had always been so protective and

tender towards Ethel that the rest of the family called her *little mother*. Ethel's death devastated her. Emily's grief was profound and her lasting sense of loss remained a heavy presence throughout the rest of her life.

Ethel was buried in the family plot in Morpeth Churchyard, where Emily would later be buried too, another premature death in the Davison family. Following the death of Ethel, the Davison family moved from Gaston House back to London.

Pelly Family

Gaston House was owned during the second half of the 19th Century by the Pelly Family. Census records for 1851 show that Justinian



Justinian Pelly

Pelly (1818-1893) founder of Pelly's (Solicitors), was living in Gaston House with his widowed mother, Mary Ann Pelly, aged 64, with his wife Fanny, aged 24, and with two unmarried sisters, Caroline, aged 31, and Louise, aged 25. The newly opened railway allowed Justinian access to London, from where his firm originated. He had married Fanny Ingleby on 1st May, 1849, and they had ten children, five boys and five girls. His father, Francis Pelly, had been Rector of Siston in Gloucestershire from 1815 until his death in 1844. Francis Pelly had been married twice. Mary Ann Richards was his second wife and they had eleven children, four boys and seven girls.

In the chancel in St. Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury, there are two memorial plaques in memory of members of the Pelly family. On the north wall of the chancel there is a plaque to Mary Ann Pelly, widow of Francis Pelly, Priest, and her daughter Louise who died of consumption, aged 43, on 22nd November, 1869. On the south wall of the chancel there is a plaque in memory of Justinian Pelly and two of his sons, Francis Justinian (1851- 1874) and Lancelot

Ingleby (1869-1906).

Ownership of Gaston House

Justinian Pelly occupied Gaston House until 1870. Perhaps at that time he may have moved back to London to be nearer his business. He leased Gaston House to Charles Davison, probably from about 1872 or 1873. By the time the census enumerator visited Gaston House in 1881, Charles Davison had been replaced as the sub-lessee by Matilda Holland, the widow of the Rev. William Holland (1797-1867) who had been the Rector of St. Stephen's, Cold Norton, from 1824 until his death. William Holland rebuilt Cold Norton Church in 1855. Fortunately Matilda, his second wife, was a very wealthy woman. Matilda Holland died in 1905 aged 90 years. Gaston House was bought from the Pelly Family in 1906 by the banker, Robert Leatham Barclay (1869-1939).

Emily Davison

We have seen that the Davison Family moved back to London from Gaston House following the death of Ethel, their youngest child. From the age of thirteen Emily Wilding Davison became a pupil at Kensington High School. In 1891 she won a bursary to Royal Holloway College. However, she was forced to leave in 1893 because her father died and her mother could not afford the fees of £20 a term. Her mother left London and went back to live in Morpeth. Later Emily was able to enrol at St. Hugh's College, Oxford. She obtained first class honours in her final examinations at St. Hugh's but women were not allowed to take degrees at that time. After university Emily found positions teaching the children of families in Berkshire and Northamptonshire. Emily was appalled at the lack of real opportunities for women in late Victorian society but she was especially angered by the stigma attached to all women by being denied the right to vote. In 1906 she joined the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), founded by Emmeline Pankhurst.

Three years later she gave up her job as a teacher and went to work full-time for the suffragette movement. She was frequently arrested for acts ranging from causing a public disturbance to burning post boxes and spent a number of short periods in jail. She was force-fed on several occasions. Her short life ended on 8th June, 1913, following her most famous moment of protest.

Emily's life was not a happy life. Her happiest years were almost certainly the childhood years which she spent at Gaston House. Emily's environment during the early years of her life provided an emotionally secure and nurturing setting for her development. What developed, right from the start, was not a demure, compliant character, the female stereotype of the age, but a far more strong-willed personality. Emily's cast-iron stubbornness and her taste for mischievousness, for going her own way, seem to have begun when she was a young girl, living in Gaston House in Little Hallingbury.

One wonders whether she remembered these happy childhood years when, in later life, she was imprisoned on nine occasions and suffered the indignities of force-feeding. We can only know a little of the early events in her life. But we can and do remember her life as a whole. A plaque was placed on the Epsom Racecourse in 2013 to mark the centenary of her death.

It reads:
Her lifelong dedication to women's suffrage and the contribution she made to the lives of British women past and present is remembered.

Philip Hays






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

6th March 2017

Present: Cllr A Townsend (Chairman), Cllrs D Barlow, M Bloomfield, K Juggurnauth and A Pinnock, District Cllr L Wells and Mrs F Townsend (Clerk)

Litter Picking

The Chairman thanked Cllr V Wing for organizing another litter pick and all who took part. Uttlesford collected all the bags the next day.

Uttlesford District Council

District Cllr Wells explained that the Parish Council should ask her to *call in* a planning application for it to go to committee but there must be a valid reason for doing so. The officers who deal with planning applications adhere to the rules of the Local Plan.

Health and Well-Being are now part of Uttlesford's corporate plan and they are particularly looking at rural isolation. They are asking for thoughts on how help can be provided for people on their own.

Cllr Rolfe, Leader, UDC, Meeting

Cllrs discussed matters they wished to raise at their forthcoming meeting with Cllr Howard Rolfe including the planning application for Centuries and concerns on the blind bend, Hop Poles B&B units and will the pub be re-opened? And the planning application for houses on land to the rear of Great Hallingbury Manor, to include the needed affordable houses.

Stansted Airport

The Parish Council has responded to a consultation on Night Flights.

Highways

Cllr Pinnock mentioned the broken end post at the bridge over the brook near Captains

(previously reported to Highways). There was discussion on the need for more High Visual bollards and a sign to show this is a *pinch point*. The gravel that washes down from the verges in heavy rainfall is another danger here. The Clerk will report these matters to Highways.

Affordable Housing

It was noted that comments from Essex Highways are not favourable with concerns on the ownership of the access to Bedlars Green Road and sight lines at this junction. The outline application for the proposed 35 dwellings, should go to UDC Planning Committee in April.

Planning

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

Application No. //Site and Development //Decision
 UTT/16/2404/FUL // Land East of M11 Howe Green // Change of use from unimproved grassland and woodland to burial ground including erection of service building, access road, car parking and associated landscaping.// Consent (As with the previous application for this site (UTT/15/2573/FUL) the Parish Council supported the proposals and noted their comments regarding the number of parking spaces had been addressed.)

UTT/16/3382/FUL // Vine Lodge, 66 Woodside Green // Demolition of existing dwelling and barn and construction of new dwelling with integral garage (resubmission of UTT/13/2758/FUL) // Consent (No objections raised.)

UTT/16/3402/FUL // Adj. Centuries, Church Road // Proposed dwelling with double garage and new access.// Refused (The proposed dwelling would be on land adjacent to Centuries which is within the Conservation area for Great Hallingbury and within the curtilage of a listed building. The Great Hallingbury Conservation Area appraisal was approved by Uttlesford District Council on 25th June, 2014. No proposed amendments were made and therefore the boundary remained as originally designated in 1983.

The proposed new building, being within the Conservation Area, would contravene Policy ENV 1 of the Local Plan since it does nothing to preserve or enhance the appearance of the features in the Conservation Area. It would also contravene Policy ENV 2 since the scale of the development would impose on the listed building. The immediate area surrounding Centuries is within the historic core of the village with views between listed buildings being of paramount importance to the character of the area. Consideration must also be given to the access point and its proximity to the blind bend to the north east of the plot. With vehicles both entering and exiting the property, it would prove most hazardous to all road users due to lack of visibility. For the above reasons the Parish Council was unable to support this application.)

Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group

UTT/17/0033/HHF // Woodside Cottage, 82A Woodside Green. // Erection of single storey rear extension // No objections raised.

UTT/17/0084/HHF // Robroyton, 93 Woodside Green // Proposed removal of chimney, erection of two storey rear extension and alterations to roof. // No objections raised.

UTT/16/2265/FUL & UTT/16/2001/LB & UTT/2245/07/FUL // The Smithy, Bedlars Green // Renovation and conversion of Old Forge including construction of two storey rear extension and internal alterations. Amendment to previously approved scheme - revisions to rear flat roof and internal alterations. // No objections raised.

UTT/17/0071/FUL // Church Road Business Centre // Change of use of vacant agricultural barn to seven Light Industrial or Warehouse Units. // No objections raised.

Applications dealt with at this meeting:

UTT/17/0200/FUL // 3 Moat Farm Cottage, Howe Green. // Conversion of existing double garage to form new dwelling (alternative scheme to that approved under UTT/16/0872/FUL). // No objections

raised.

UTT/17/0470/HHF // Woolcott House, Anvil Cross. // Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extension including two balconies. // No objections raised.

Bedlars Green Parking

Cllr Barlow pressed the Clerk to write to the Parking Partnership regarding yellow lines for Bedlars Green. The parking here is very bad and a nuisance to residents.

Telephone Box

Cllr Pinnock proposed putting a notice board in the phone box very soon and also some shelves to make a small library. He will also look at repairs needed to other notice boards and the replacement of the one at Bedlars Green.

Personnel Committee

A Personnel Committee was established, comprising Cllrs Townsend, Juggurnauth and Wing, to look at the applications for the Clerk's position and to interview candidates.

A bus station is where a bus stops

**A train station is where a train stops
On my desk, I have a work station ...**

What more can I say!



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Great Hallingbury Telephone Box

After a re-paint and spruce up of the old GPO telephone box in Great Hallingbury last year, we are happy to announce that the Parish Council has agreed to use the phone box as a community library. The phone box has been fitted out and many donated books are now on the shelves waiting to be borrowed. There is just one rule - please replace any books you wish to borrow with those of a similar condition!

If anyone is having a tidy up, donations of your old books would be welcome, please just pop them on the shelves!

Thanks go to Alan Pinnock and to librarian, Heather Pinnock.

Easy Eating

Classic Italian Lasagne (English version!)

Tried, tested and rather nice!

Meat sauce

- 1 tbsp olive oil or rapeseed oil
- 1 finely chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 12oz minced beef
- 14oz can tomatoes (chop these and take out any hard top stems)
- Half pint beef stock (or quarter pint stock and quarter pint red wine)
- Half teaspoon each of dried basil and oregano
- A very small pinch of cinnamon and a little grated nutmeg
- A little salt and black pepper to taste

Cheese sauce

- 1oz butter/margarine
- 1oz plain flour
- 1 pint milk
- 3 - 4oz grated cheddar

And 5 to 6 sheets lasagne

Heat the oil and gently fry the onion until softened, then add the garlic and fry a little



more before adding the beef. Cook until the meat is brown then add the tomatoes, beef stock, wine if used, tomato puree and herbs and spices. Bring to the boil and gently simmer for 15 - 20 minutes.

To make the cheese sauce, melt the butter in a saucepan and mix in the flour until blended. Reduce the heat a little and, very gradually, add a little of the milk at a time, stirring between each addition until it blends in. If it seems lumpy just stir vigorously until it's smooth. When all the milk is added then put in most of the grated cheese, leaving some for the top of the dish, and stir until smooth.

In a large ovenproof dish arrange layers of the meat sauce, cheese sauce and pasta, finishing with a layer of cheese sauce. Scatter the remaining grated cheddar on the top.

Bake at 180°C or Gas mark 4 for 50 minutes. Serves 4 - 6 people.

Stop Stansted Expansion



North West Essex And East Herts Preservation Association (NWEHPA)

The 52nd AGM will be held on Wednesday, 28th June, 2017 at 8 pm at Priors Green Community Hall, Bennett Canfield, Little Canfield, Dunmow, Essex CM6 1YE. Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) is a working group of NWEHPA and, as such, members of SSE are entitled to attend and vote at this meeting.

Stansted receives planning consent for new arrivals hall

Uttlesford District Council has granted planning consent for a new 34,000 m² arrivals building at Stansted, located between the current terminal and the Radisson hotel. A dedicated building for all passenger arrivals is an alternative to a further extension to the current airport terminal, for which planning consent has long existed. The existing terminal will be reconfigured to cater only for departing passengers. The first phase of works will begin later this summer to create some additional capacity in the short-term. Construction of the new arrivals building is expected to cost £130m and take up three years to complete once work begins late next year.

Stansted - Cambridge motorway upgrade at risk

A Department for Transport proposal to widen the M11 between Cambridge and Stansted Airport to three lanes could be scrapped because its multi-million cost does not represent value for money, according to the National Audit Office. It is thought to be one of 16 schemes on some of England's busiest roads - part of an £11.4 billion investment in motorways and major roads - that must be reconsidered by the summer to ensure it is deliverable and affordable. Neither the DfT nor Highways England would

confirm which projects are at risk, reports the Cambridge News.

SSE's 2018 Community Calendar Your help is needed

SSE has been producing an annual Community Calendar since 2003. This much loved calendar illustrates the beauty, diversity and heritage of the area which would be threatened by proposals to expand Stansted Airport.

We need photographs - These are donated to SSE for no fee but the chosen photographers do receive a complimentary copy of the calendar. Please remember us when taking photographs or you may already have potential images in your files. Interesting features such as landscapes, buildings, nature, people at work, people at leisure and community events, ideally within 10 miles of the airport, would be good. We are often short of good images taken south of the airport.

The landscape images inside the calendar need a width to height ratio of around 1.38. We also need good portrait shape images for the cover. Please send your images to Peter Riding via peter@riding.co.uk as .jpg files giving details of where and approximately when they were taken. The deadline is the end of June but, if possible, please send in your images by 25 June so that we can start making our initial selection.

Sales - The calendar is sold by volunteers as well as a wide range of local establishments but we need a few more volunteers to sell for us this year as one of our long serving sellers is having to hang up his boots. Can you sell 20 calendars to your friends or family? Or maybe sell a few at your village Autumn or Christmas Fete? If you are able to help, please contact Sarah via info@stopstanstedexpansion.com who will be happy to give you more information, help and advice. Calendars are usually available by the beginning of September.

We hope that you are able to help to make our calendar a success for 2018.

Great Hallingbury Carpet Bowls Club



Formed in January 1988 to provide a community club for all ages and disabilities, we play league games and friendlies in an area stretching out to Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. Our membership is around 14 people and the oldest playing member has just turned 98 years young!

We support a wide range of charities including Essex Air Ambulance, Marie Curie Nurses, MacMillan Nurses, St Clare's Hospice and many more worthy causes. We have four members bowling in a *bowlathon* for Great Ormond Street Hospital in June.

Our Village Hall floor creates much amusement to visiting teams as the bowls take a mind of their own on the uneven surface! But - keep your fingers crossed - we are hoping to get funding to rectify this.

New members are always welcome. We play Friday evenings around 7.30 - 9.45 pm. Our membership fee is £5 a year and we pay £2 per night including tea and a biscuit so if anyone is interested please ring me (Alex Russell) on 656647 anytime and you will be warmly welcomed with open arms.

*Alex Russell, Chairman
Report to Annual Parish Meeting*



Masked Ball 24th June, 2017

Great Hallingbury is hosting a Midsummer Masked Ball with a black and purple Venetian theme.

Following the fabulous success of the New Year party, we have been persuaded to organise this event and hope you will support us by attending. It would be really lovely to see more neighbours from across the village to celebrate mid summer.

Please come individually or as a group of family and friends. This is not a children's party, however they are very welcome to come with their parents. Dressing up is not needed but would be welcomed; a mask is required. A fantastic buffet will be provided but please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £20 adult and £5 children.

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The Lone Ranger and Tonto ...

walked into a saloon and sat down to drink a beer. After a few minutes, a big tall cowboy walked in and said, "Who owns the big white horse outside?" The Lone Ranger stood up, hitched his gun belt and said, "I do....why?"

The cowboy looked at the Lone Ranger and said, "I just thought you'd like to know that your horse is almost dead!!"

The Lone Ranger and Tonto rushed outside and sure enough, Silver was ready to die from heat exhaustion. The Lone Ranger got the horse water and soon Silver was starting to feel a little better. Then the Lone Ranger turned to Tonto and said, "Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to complete his recovery." Tonto said, "Sure, Kemosabe," and started running in circles around Silver.

Not able to do anything else but wait, the Lone Ranger returned to the saloon to finish his drink.

A few minutes later, another cowboy struts into the bar and asks, "Who owns that big white horse outside?" The Lone Ranger stood up and said, "I do - what's wrong with him this time?"

"Nothing, but you left your injun runnin!!"

Great Hallingbury Friendship Club



The Friendship Club continues to meet on the second Tuesday in the month. Sadly our membership is down to just nine, but these nine ladies are quite unique as the majority of them were either born in or around the village or they came to Great Hallingbury when they married. Their children went to the Village School so they have a great deal in common. Some even went to school together, others have been involved in the church for many years and some have been neighbours since their houses were built in the 1940s. This is why we continue to keep the club going. They all look forward to an afternoon out together.

We try to arrange a meal out and this year we changed our Christmas Tea to a Christmas Lunch with turkey and all the traditional trimmings. In September we went to Cammas Hall, the pick your own fruit farm in Hatfield Broad Oak, where they served afternoon tea. We would like to thank Heather and Philip Hayes for kindly inviting us to their home where they entertained us with a musical quiz and Ann Fuller who always makes us welcome.

I wish to thank our little team of helpers, taxi drivers, sandwich and cake makers who help to make each meeting an afternoon to be looked forward to - to meeting up with old friends and having a good social afternoon.

Val Mugele reporting to the Annual Parish Meeting



Am I Ancient?

Someone asked the other day, "What was your favourite fast food when you were growing up?" "We didn't have fast food," I informed him. "All the food was slow." "Seriously! Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called home," I explained. "Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work we sat down together at the dining room table and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."



By this time the lad was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I could have told him about my childhood:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore jeans, set foot on a golf course, travelled out of the country or had a credit card.

My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds and only had one speed (slow).



We didn't have a television in our house until I was 25. It was, of course, black and white and the station went off the air at 10 pm after playing the national anthem and epilogue.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. My brother delivered a newspaper, seven days a week. He had to get up at 6 am every morning.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

The Hallingbury Choir

Presents



Songs from the Shows

LITTLE HALLINGBURY
VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 17 June 2017
at 7.30pm

Admission by Ticket £5.00

available from Ann Luke 01279 653025 or any Choir Member

Also at the door



Please bring your own DRINKS and GLASSES

U3A in Sawbridgeworth



The U3A in Sawbridgeworth was started just over a year ago and has grown rapidly. There are now over 400 members and more than 45 interest groups, from antiques to walking. New interests are being added all the time and meetings are held at a time and place agreed by the members.

All General Meetings start at 3 pm and finish at 4.30 pm and are held at the Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall, The Forebury, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9EB

Bishop's Stortford Dog Training Club



The Six Week Puppy Classes are still proving very popular and puppy owners are advised to book their places as soon as they have a puppy so that they can start their course promptly after their puppy is out of quarantine.

All puppies are assessed for the Kennel Club Good Citizens Award Scheme and receive a certificate on successfully completing the course. Those that choose to continue training can stay in this Award Scheme, progressing through the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

As our trainers are volunteers, our charges remain very competitive:

Annual Membership	£15.00
6 Week Puppy Class	£30.00
Weekly Classes	£3.00

The annual Companion Show in 2016, in support of Foxdells Animal Rescue Charity, again raised £1,000 for the Charity.

Richard Simmonds

Reported to the Parish Annual Meeting

**Of course I talk to myself,
sometimes I need expert advice**



The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



For the March meeting, Brian Beaumont, assisted by Pauline, treated us to a music quiz, drawing questions from serious music sources, musicals and the world of pop.

At our April meeting, Hilary Hedderick, who is a member of the West Essex and East Herts Roydon Spinning Guild, gave us a talk about spinning. Although Hilary lives in Harlow, she is known to many of us, as an active member of the Hallingbury Choir and for attending local events with her spinning wheel and showing some of the lovely things she has made. The



spinning wheel which Hilary showed us is from Germany and is very similar to the ones used in Shetland. The wheel as seen in *Sleeping Beauty* is larger and has a large needle sticking out, hence the evil finger-prick. Spinning has been done for ten thousand years or longer and textiles from 5000 B.C. have been found.

When fleece is supplied by Harlow Pets' Corner, the spinners spin on the day and give the Pets' corner a square of their work. Hilary showed us 8 different shades of fleece from different breeds of sheep, one of them a lovely orangy colour. She pulled out a tuft to show the length of the fleece. The length pulled out is called a staple, the shorter ones being more difficult to work. There are 22 main shades of Alpaca with some in between. Llama and camel hair are also used besides goat, rabbit and angora. Hilary has not worked with camel hair nor with flax, as flax requires the use of water.

Some people have asked Hilary to make something from the fur of their cat or dog. There is someone who supplies Hilary with

fur from their dog Sydney, a Samoyed, every six months. While these days carders are used to comb out the fleece, teasels used to be used, as can a toothcomb.

Hilary's group went to show their skill at the Roman Exhibition at the British Museum, where a Roman street was re-created out of cardboard.

We welcome new members so please join us.

Nita Sylvester



**St Giles' Church
is now open for visitors
on Wednesday afternoons
from May to September
in 2017**

**from 2 pm to 4 pm,
beginning on 10th May.**

**Please come and join us
and have a cup of tea in
our beautiful church.**

**Offers of help to act as
stewards in the church
would be very welcome.
Thank you.**

St Giles' Services June - August 2017

June 11	10 am	Morning Prayer
June 25	10 am	Family Communion
July 9	10 am	Morning Prayer
July 23	10 am	Family Communion
July 30	10 am	United Benefice Family Communion
Aug 13	10 am	Morning Prayer
Aug 27	10 am	Family Communion
Sept 10	10 am	Morning Prayer
Sept 24	10 am	Harvest Festival

St Giles' Church will have a gift day on Sunday, 2nd July, when the Church will be open from 2 - 4 pm, serving teas

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 //www.hallingburychurches.co.uk/



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Great Hallingbury Village Hall

SUMMER QUIZ NIGHT



Raising funds to improve the Village Hall

GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE

Saturday, 1st July, 2017

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

June 2017

- 6 Olive Branch - *Afternoon Tea* - The Rectory 3 pm
- 8 General Election
- 13 Friendship Club
- 14 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 14 History Society - *Essex Past - The County Our Parents
Knew & AGM* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 17 Hallingbury Choir - *Songs from the Shows* - Little
Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 24 *Midsummer Masked Ball* - Great Hallingbury Village Hall
- 24/25 St Clare Hospice *Open Gardens Weekend*
- 25 Gardens of Easton Lodge - *Rock Choir*
- 27 Olive Branch - *Outing* with Happy Circle members
- 28 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 28 WI - *Mystery Meeting* - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 28 NWEHPA AGM - Priors Green Community Hall, Little
Canfield 8 pm

July 2017

- 1 Village Hall Committee - *Summer Quiz Night* - Village
Hall 7.30 for 8 pm
- 2 St Giles' Gift Day - open for teas, etc., 2 - 4 pm
- 3 Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
8pm
- 4 Olive Branch - *Social Meeting* - The Rectory 2.15 pm
- 11 Friendship Club
- 12 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 16 **Hallingbury Flower Show** - Gaston House, Little
Hallingbury 12 noon - 4 pm

- 23 Gardens of Easton Lodge - *World War II Open Day*
- 26 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 26 WI - *Bumblebees and your Garden* - Village Hall
7.30pm

August 2017

- 8 Friendship Club
- 9 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 20 Gardens of Easton Lodge - *Woodwind of Stortford*
- 22 Olive Branch - *Outing* with Happy Circle members
- 23 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 23 WI - *Members Day* - Village Hall 7.30 pm

September 2017

- 4 Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village
Hall 8 pm

Advance Notice

- 14 October
Village Hall Committee - *Summer Quiz Night* - Village
Hall 7.30 for 8 pm

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

**Monday, 3rd July - 8 pm Village Hall
Monday, 4th September - 8 pm Village Hall**