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Editorial

I love the Autumn when the sun is shining. No matter how cold or windy or that the garden is covered in fallen leaves, when the sun shines on the brilliant gold and copper foliage it is breath-taking. Here in our Village, with Hatfield Forest alongside, we have the opportunity to enjoy to the full nature's colour.



Other people, I know, prefer Spring with all the sense of new life, but for me it has always been Autumn, perhaps because I was born in this season.

But the real qualifier is the sunshine, even in Winter. Think how beautiful is the tracery of bare branches in winter against a bright blue sky or a hoar frost on the trees in the sunshine.



The joys of living in Great Hallingbury.

Editor

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

11th September 2017

Present: Cllr A Townsend (Chairman), Cllrs D Barlow, M Bloomfield, A Pinnock, K Juggurnauth, A Noble and T Streeter, Mrs F Townsend (Clerk) and Mrs U Sydee.

Public Footpath Way Post

The Clerk had made enquiries about the public footpath way post which was opposite the church, but is still awaiting a response. These matters are not dealt with by Uttlesford as before but a message had been left with P3 at Highways. The Chairman will work with the new Clerk to get this resolved.

Great Hallingbury WI

The Chairman has received a letter from the WI asking for a donation, saying that their expenditure is high. The Council felt that more information was needed. This would need careful consideration in order that a precedent is not set. The Chairman will meet with the WI asking for more details and report back to the Council.

Stansted Airport

Copies of the minutes from the NWEHHPA AGM and the SSE Parish & Town Liaison Group meeting, held at the end of June, have been distributed to councillors.

An invitation to the Parish Council Forum has been received from Stansted Airport. There are three meetings to be held and two representatives of the Parish Council can attend. Advance notice of topics that they wish to discuss and names of attendees must be given. Cllr T Streeter agreed to attend one meeting to discuss noise, night flights, congestion and pollution.

Bedlars Green Curb

A reply from Chris Stoneham regarding a curb at Bedlars Green has been received. The

definite boundary needs to be established and, once that is done, the details will be passed on to Essex Highways.

Memorial at Anvil Cross

The Clerk has written to Highways with regard to the crash barriers obscuring the memorial at Anvil Cross. We are requesting either physical or financial help to raise the memorial so that it can be seen again. A reply is still awaited.

Pothole near Hop Poles

Cllr D Barlow asked the Clerk to chase progress on a repair to the big pothole near the pub.

Affordable Housing

Cllr A Noble reported that details for the full planning application are almost complete and he hopes it will be received for comment in the near future.

Assets Of Community Value

Our named Village Assets are St. Giles' Church, the Village Hall, The Hop Poles pub and the Village Hall field and car park. The list expires in December this year and UDC has asked if we wish to re-nominate any of these assets. The Chairman reported that the pub is for sale. The Council is not in a position to buy it nor are there any groups in the Village who might do so. The six week moratorium finishes on 20th September. The new buyer wants to run the pub. The Council agreed to re-nominate all the named assets.

Notice Boards

Notice boards at Bedlars Green, Tilekiln Green and Woodside Green have all now been replaced. Cllr A Pinnock was thanked for the work done.

Bedlars Green

Work on Bedlars Green is still ongoing. It was agreed to lay new bricks around the pump exactly as they were.

Hallingburys' Speedwatch Group

A Speedwatch Training afternoon run by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership was

held on Tuesday 15th August, attended by 13 volunteers. It was agreed by all at the meeting that this should be run as a joint venture between the Hallingburys and volunteers from each village would be available to cover both villages. Jackets and signs were obtained. It will start to operate when teams are formed.

Police and Crime Commissioner

Essex's Police and Crime Commissioner is to take on responsibility for the county's Fire and Rescue Service too. Roger Hirst is to become the UK's first combined Police and Fire Commissioner in October. He proposed the step to the Home Office following a public consultation and endorsement from all three local authorities in the county. The government hopes the changes will result in better collaboration between the police and fire services.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

A letter has been received from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance thanking the Parish Council for the donation received last year and asking for a grant for this year. The Council is happy to support them again but a decision will be made in November.

Planning

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

Application No.//Site and Development//Decision
 UTT/17/1364/AV // Thremhall Park // Erection of 2 no. Halo illuminated letters and logo fascia signs, 2 no. internally illuminated freestanding totem signs and 1 no. non-illuminated vitreous enameled branch nameplate sign // Consent (no objections)
 UTT/17/1496/HHF & UTT/17/1440/LB // White Lodge, Latchmore Bank // Erection of two bay cart lodge. Proposed replacement of concrete drive to gravel, extension to driveway and replacement of existing garage doors // Consent (The Parish Council was pleased to see that their comments on the previous application (UTT/17/0394/HHF & UTT/17/0395/LB - withdrawn) had been taken into account with this new application.

No objections raised.)

UTT/17/1536/FUL // Thremhall Business Park // Installation of a 30m lightweight lattice mast with 3 antennas and 2 microwave dishes, 3 equipment cabinets and a meter cabinet and development ancillary thereto, all within a weldmesh fence compound // Withdrawn.

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

UTT/17/1691/LB // Thremhall Business Park // Installation of a 30m lightweight lattice mast with 3 antennas and 2 microwave dishes, 3 equipment cabinets and a meter cabinet and development ancillary thereto, all within a weldmesh fence compound // Consent (no objections)

UTT/17/1862/FUL // Stables south of The Old Elm // Demolition of old stable block and replaced with residential dwelling retaining existing vehicular access // Consent (no objections)

UTT/17/1954/HHF // Woollcott House // Proposed replacement single storey rear extension // Consent (no objections)

Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group

UTT/17/1113/FUL // Land to South of Howe Green Road // Section 73A Retrospective application for the erection of walls and gates // No objections raised.

UTT/17/2082/HHF // Building adjacent 3 Moat Farm Cottages // Section 73A Retrospective application for the erection of a conservatory // No objections raised.

UTT/17/1951/FUL // Land to the south of Bowling Lane // Construction of grassed playing pitches, drainage works, pedestrian footpath link and other related development including land grading works // No objections raised.

UTT/17/2035/FUL // Land at 3 Moat Farm Cottages // Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling // While no objection in principle

the land lies outside development limits which may contravene Policy S7 of the Local Plan. However, due to permission having been given to conversion of the building on adjacent land to the east and existing buildings to the west of the site, this could be seen as infill of the site which may meet the criteria under Housing 6.13 of the Local Plan.

Superfast Broadband

Cllr K Juggurnauth had contacted MP Kemi Badenoch regarding the delay in installing Superfast Broadband in the Village. It was proposed to invite MP Kemi Badenoch to one of the future meetings (January) if no reply is received by then.

Defibrillator

Cllr K Juggurnauth agreed to take over defibrillator checks.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Council agreed in principle to expenditure for Neighbourhood Watch signs and small bells that can be put on purses. The topic will be discussed further.

Building behind the Hop Poles

A cart lodge type building can be seen behind the Hop Poles. A question was raised whether building permission is required. The Clerk will check with UDC to see if there was a planning application.

2018 Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show in its 80th Year!

Next year is the 80th Anniversary of the Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show. It will be held on Sunday, 15th July, at Harps Farm, Great Hallingbury, and will be a big celebration so watch this space for more information.

In the meantime, do please put the date in your 2018



Hallingbury Flower Show Donation

Presentation to Great Hallingbury Village Hall



Great Hallingbury Village Hall is the happy recipient of £1,000 from the Hallingbury Flower Show. Village Hall Chairman, Martin Mugele, received the cheque from Flower Show Committee member, Alan Pinnock, at the October Village Hall Quiz Night.



Similar cheques have been presented by the Flower Show Committee to Little Hallingbury Village Hall and to Little Hallingbury School.

The funds are the fruit of this year's magnificent Hallingbury Flower Show in July. So that

money you spent at the Flower Show has come around to benefit the Village.

The Village Hall Committee will use the money towards installing mains drainage at the Hall.





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Three Cheers for Bill!



Bill and Fred, two friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems.

One day Bill didn't show up. Fred didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something.. But after Bill hadn't shown up for a week or so, Fred really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Fred didn't know where Bill lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him.

A month had passed, and Fred figured he had seen the last of Bill, but one day, Fred approached the park and - lo and behold - there sat Bill!

Fred was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said, 'For crying out loud Bill, what in the world happened to you?'

Bill replied, 'I have been in jail.'

'Jail!' cried Fred. What in the world for?'

'Well,' Bill said, 'you know Sue, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?'

'Yeah,' said Fred, 'I remember her. What about her?'

'Well, the little gold-digging witch figured I was rich and she filed rape charges against me; and, at 89 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pleaded 'guilty'.

'The judge gave me 30 days for perjury.'

Jack and the Beanstalk

by Alan P Frayn

Wednesday 24th
January - Saturday
27th January 2018



By the time you are reading this, rehearsals for our 35th pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, will be well under way. Directed by Julie O'Brien, performances will take place from Wednesday 24th January to Saturday 27th January. Please note that the Wednesday night performance will begin at the earlier time of 7.30pm and that there will be only one matinee performance on the Saturday.

The Box Office, kindly run by Karen Thorpe, will open on Monday, 6th November 2017. Please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Karen ('The Nest,' Goose Lane, Little Hallingbury) can be contacted by email: pantotickets@karenbookkeeping.com or by phone: 07754 032852 (with answerphone) or 01279 722372. Cheques should be made payable to *Little Hallingbury Pantomime Group* or, if you prefer, you may pay by BACS. (Sort Code: 20-36-98, Acc: 53119068) However, please contact Karen to book tickets before making a payment.

Times of the performances and ticket prices are outlined below:

Wednesday	24th	7.30 pm	£6.50 *
Thursday	25th	8 pm	£6.50 *
Friday	26th	8 pm	£8.00
Saturday	27th	3 pm	£6.50 *
		8 pm	£8.00

* = Concessions available at £5.50

Please continue to support your local pantomime. We look forward to seeing you there....oh yes we do!

Mark Hutley (Chairperson)

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The Arts Society

Many of you will know - or are a member of - NADFAS (the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts). The name has now changed to The Arts Society. Why the change, nationally? Because few people understood the acronym and the most frequent response was that we studied flower arranging!



What do we do?

The Arts Society is a leading arts education charity with 385 Societies, which bring people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. Our events provide welcoming places to hear expert lecturers share their specialist knowledge on a wide range of subjects. The Arts Society is a great way to learn, have fun and make new and lasting friendships.

Where can you find a group?

There is an active group in Bishop's Stortford but I am told there is a waiting list for membership. However, there is another group in Harlow where you would be welcome.

Harlow Arts Society Activities

Recent lectures at The Arts Society Harlow have included:

- Man Ray: The Magic Man
- The History of the British Theatre
- Pots and Frocks: the World of Grayson Perry
- Three Great Families and their Gardens
- The Wallace Collection

Trips and visits

The Arts Society Harlow arranges organised trips for members. Recently these have included:

- A Guided visit to The Houses of Parliament
- A Holiday to Hereford, Worcester and Gloucester
- The Purcell Choir Conducted Evening Tour of Westminster Abbey

- A visit to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey)

So if you want to know more about paintings, ceramics, architecture or furniture and don't know your Moores from your Monets, please join us:

THE ARTS SOCIETY HARLOW

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at St John's Arts and Recreation Centre (The Arc) St John's Walk, Old Harlow, CM17 0AJ. Lectures start at 8pm, with coffee/tea served from 7.15pm

Annual Membership fee is £45.00 for 10 lectures and much more! Guests £7.00 at the door. Non-members please telephone 0208 508 5694 or contact harlow@theartsociety.org

Details of lectures for 2018 will shortly be available on our website www.harlowdfas.org.uk.



The Wallace Collection 2016

Early Cracker Joke

Why did the mechanic sleep under the car?

He wanted to get up oily in the morning

Puns for Educated Minds

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whisky-maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
7. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
8. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
9. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
10. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
11. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
12. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
13. A backward poet writes inverse.
14. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
15. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
16. A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an aeroplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
17. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

Parish Clerk Retires

Freda Townsend

30th September, 2017, brought the end of Freda's term of office as Clerk to the Great Hallingbury Parish Council. She had served for 24 years and had become a bit of an institution in the Council and the Village.

She will be sadly missed but we know she will continue to be active in many village activities, retiring so young as she has.

Freda had served under the chairmanship of Norman Mead, Martin Mugele and finally Alan Townsend, her husband.

Her retirement party on September 18th at the Village Hall was well attended by many villagers. Our recently retired MP, Sir Alan Haselhurst, attended and Mrs Urška Sydee who has now taken office as the new Clerk.

Freda responded to an informal speech by her husband and was presented with a framed certificate recognising her length of service and various gifts including jewellery.



Andrew Noble

New Clerk

Mrs Urška Sydee has taken over from Freda as Clerk to the Great Hallingbury Parish Council. She will also have a similar role for Little Hallingbury Parish Council as Freda has done. She has had previous experience in the role with another council.

Urška lives on the border of the Village, overlooking Hatfield Forest. You may contact her on 07432 297142 or at greathallingburypc@outlook.com

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Student Who Obtained 0% On An Exam

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Q1 In which battle did Nelson die?

** his last battle*

Q2 Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

** at the bottom of the page*

Q3 River Ravi flows in which state?

** liquid*

Q4 What is the main reason for divorce?

** marriage*

Q5 What is the main reason for failure?

** exams*

Q6 What can you never eat for breakfast?

** Lunch or dinner*



Q7 What looks like half an apple?

** The other half*

Q8 If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?

** Wet*

Q9 How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

** No problem, he sleeps at night.*

Q10 How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

** You will never find an elephant that has one hand.*

Q11 If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?

** Very large hands*

Q12 If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men?



** No time at all, the wall is already built.*

Q13 How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

** Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.*

Spread some laughter, share the cheer

Are You Relying On An Old Style Enduring Power of Attorney?



It is important that people realise the limitations of an old style enduring power of attorney (which is only valid if made before 1 October, 2007) The drawbacks are:-

1. they only allow the attorneys to make decisions about property and financial matters and not health and welfare;
2. enduring powers must now be registered if the donor loses capacity but enduring powers can't be registered until the donor lacks mental capacity which means there could be a long delay waiting for registration at a time when it is needed to be used;
3. the new lasting powers of attorney (LPA) give more protection and extra options and can be registered straightaway in readiness for future use;
4. if the office of the Public Guardian is not content with the enduring power and considers it has been improperly made you will only know this when registration is applied for (when the person has lost mental capacity) and at that point it will be too late to amend it.

Those with enduring powers of attorney could consider just making a LPA for health and welfare to sit alongside the existing enduring power but for the reasons given above I would advise them replacing the enduring power with a new lasting power of attorney for property and financial affairs as well.

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

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Litter Picking in October

On 1st October we held our twice yearly litter picking event. Initially, the weather looked grim and the outlook was rain but luckily it held off and we had a very pleasant and successful morning.

Some Success

We seem to be making an impact on the overall litter accumulation in the Village. Despite looking really hard in the undergrowth we were only able to collect 51 bags of rubbish, less than half the amount collected on the first occasion.

I am sure that is due, to a large extent, to the support from all those across the Village who got out in advance to clear the areas around their homes. This really does make a big difference on the day. A very big thank you for your support.

Thanks to Volunteers

Due to the poor weather forecast and the absence of some of the regulars, I was really fearful that only a handful of people would turn up.

I should have more faith. As well as the regulars, press ganged family and friends, we had a number of new volunteers. A very big thank you to everyone who helped and special thanks to the hardy regulars. Particular thanks go to Alan Pinnock who organised the Village Hall group and Lawson Gray who put out all the warning road signs in advance and gathered them up again, as well as collecting the bags up in his old truck Doug, which is a bit of celebrity, appearing in *Midsummer Murders* from time to time.

We were also joined by Kim Perry, from Hallingbury Manor Hotel. The local managers are keen to contribute to the community and establish a better relationship with locals. Thank you for supporting us.

Over a very welcome lunch, thanks to the help of Sue Gray and Heather Pinnock, Kim was able to offer those who participated a



Only 51 bags!



Searching deep into the undergrowth



Time to sit down for some lunch





Two of the litter pickers



Photographs courtesy Maggie Spellman



Vicky Wing picking litter

Some of the strange things found



discount on the new Sunday lunch menus at the hotel, which was well received.

Builders' Waste

We are still finding all sorts of odd things dumped by the road side, especially builders' waste. If you chance to see this happening, can you please take a photo of the vehicle with your phone and post it to me with the details.

Later Start Next Time

Finally, given the reducing quantity of litter collected we have decided that next time we will start later, at 10.00am. I am provisionally booking 11th February, 2018, for the next litter pick. Please put the date in your diary. New volunteers will be very welcome and we look forward to having a chat over lunch.

Vicky Wing
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Chatting over lunch

Early Cracker Joke

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Museum Piece

October's Object of the Month at
Saffron Walden Museum



It's a mechanical calculator, which probably dates from the 1930s or 1940s.

Mechanical calculators used a series of gears and pinwheels to calculate sums and were popular until the electronic calculator became more affordable.

And yes! I'm old enough to have used a more compact one during a holiday job around 1960.

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Great Hallingbury History Society

Visit to The Abbey, Coggeshall



Oh what a treat we had when a group from the History Society visited The Abbey in Coggeshall.

On arrival, we were greeted by a most genial host, the owner of the house, Roger Hadlee. Now retired from his art dealing business, Roger and his wife bought the property some 18 years ago and embarked on an amazing project to restore much of the buildings.

There is an essentially Tudor house in which they live. In the 16th century, this house had been the property of Thomas Seymour, brother of Henry VIII's third wife, and later by the Paycockes, a noted Coggeshall family. We were welcomed into a room with original wood panneling which they had recovered, restored and installed, as well as many artefacts which he excitedly described to us.

Other restoration work included opening up new windows on the first floor (blocked up to avoid window tax, introduced in the late 17th century) and the elaborate chimneys.



Advertised as *one of the finest medieval buildings in the country*, it was these older parts of the buildings that were astonishing - a vaulted cloister where you could see the different types of bricks used in its original



construction, including local Coggeshall bricks, and the abbot's house with its original roof beams.

Roger's latest project is the restoration of a near derelict medieval building and part of his



fascination is trying to determine its original use. It could have been a chapel that was destroyed at the reformation or the building where the monks gathered to discuss the business of the abbey or The windows in this building are very similar in design to those at Rievaulx Abbey in Yorkshire which would date the building to the 12th century.

Restoration of this kind is an enormous project but Roger's enthusiasm in telling us with whom he has been discussing various aspects of the building to determine its use and its date was fascinating and stimulating.

From the outside, one can see how the floor levels have moved over the centuries and the River Blackwater runs alongside which was, of course, one of the determining factors for the location of the abbey.

It was an altogether fascinating afternoon.

Christine Coultrup
Chairman, Great Hallingbury History Society

Little Hallingbury School

Amazing Projects



Through the financial support of the PTA, using funds raised by the generous support of parents and friends at successful PTA events, Little Hallingbury C of E Primary School has been able to transform the Key Stage 1 play area, build a new library and give the school a wonderful spruce up at **Ground Force Day!**

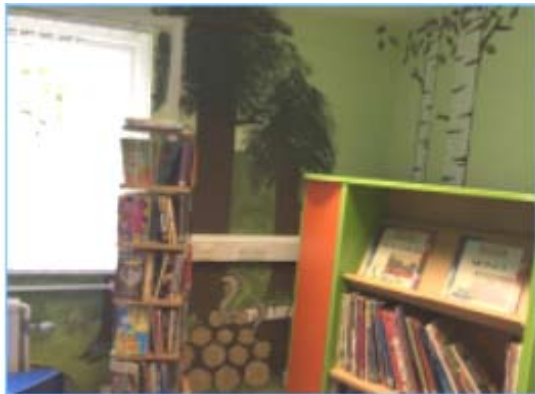
In May, a large number of parents volunteered to give up their weekend to give the school a mini **Ground Force Day** makeover. Fence painting, jet washing, gardening and general DIY made a visual improvement for all to see.



Parents also played a big part in clearing and preparing the Key Stage 1 grounds, ready for a new and creative play area which was built in August. The results are fantastic!



The most recent project was the refurbishment of the school library in September. With the use of clever angles and designs, a reasonably small and plain room has transformed into a colourful Gruffalo adventure where the children can lose themselves into the world of reading.



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events and helped to make these projects a success.

From the LHS PTA



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Great Hallingbury WI



It was *Members Evening* in August. Each year our members organise the evening as a Thank You to the Committee for all they do throughout the year.

The Village Hall was full of colour with beautiful table arrangements created by Anne Bell & Janet Aston.

Our speaker, Vicky Connolly, demonstrated and displayed her painting talents on glassware, pebbles and other items, including member Jenni Williams' fingernails!



It was soon raffle time - a great selection of prizes including the table arrangements and a wonderful home grown marrow by Jenni Williams.

Continuing the Centenary celebrations of Essex WI's, we enjoyed taking part in a flash mob held in Chelmsford Shopping Centre.



What great fun it was to surprise shoppers in this way and to highlight that the WI is not all about jam making.

Essex WI organised a walk that brought members from across the county to Hatfield Forest - the weather stayed fine and it was our pleasure to serve the walkers with hot soup at the end of their enjoyable walk through the beautiful forest on our doorstep.



At our October meeting we welcomed the Phoenix Ukele Group - what a joyful evening it was. We all sang along with the band as they strummed and entertained us.



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

You will be given a very warm welcome
Refreshments are served - £3.00 for Visitors



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Beverly Moore

Test for Smart People

This short quiz consists of 4 questions and will tell you whether you are qualified to be a professional. The questions are NOT that difficult but answer the question before reading the answer.

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator? Wrong Answer.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory.

Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4 There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the animal conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

THE
FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF
EASTON LODGE

News From The Gardens Of Easton Lodge

The season has now ended, as it began, with the sun shining and the bees busily out and about. And what a year it has been!

The colour still in the gardens is testimony to there having been rain as well as sunshine. In the autumn, the michaelmas daisies have been particularly good, alongside vivid dahlias and the soft pink sedum; while the brilliant blue monkshood has been as tall and vibrant as we can remember.



The weather has been good enough for us to welcome a record number of visitors on Open Days and required us to bake a bigger than ever range of cakes! Visitors have loved our new treehouse and seeing the second half of the walled kitchen garden become established. In wet weather the restored rill has flowed over its new flint lining.

Badgers, bats and bees have been on display at Open Days, with experts on hand to answer questions. We have found there are seven bat species in the Gardens. Large numbers of butterflies and dragonflies have feasted in the Gardens and we have had regular sightings of hummingbird hawk moths. New information boards are now in place to tell visitors about the bats, birds and butterflies in the Gardens.

So, a great year and the challenge is on for next season ... Contact us to get a copy of our calendar for 2018, full of lovely pictures of the Gardens (call 01371 876979 or email enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk). And watch this space and log into our new website over the closed season to get hints of what's coming up for 2018!

Jill Goldsmith

James Cracknell (1886 - 1917)

Commemorated on the Great Hallingbury War Memorial

James was the uncle of David Sylvester

James Cracknell was born in Bishop's Stortford in 1886. He was baptised in Holy Trinity Church, Bishop's Stortford, on 26th September 1886. He was the second son of Charles and Eliza Cracknell.

Charles Cracknell had married Eliza Curtis in St Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury, on 17th September, 1881. They had possibly twelve children: five boys and seven girls. Their youngest child was Fanny, born in Lower Edmonton in 1907. Fanny was the mother of David Sylvester.

In 1891 the family was living in Browns Cottage, The Village, Little Hallingbury. In 1901 the family was living in Edmonton. James, aged about 15 years, was a farm labourer. His father, Charles, was a horseman on a farm.

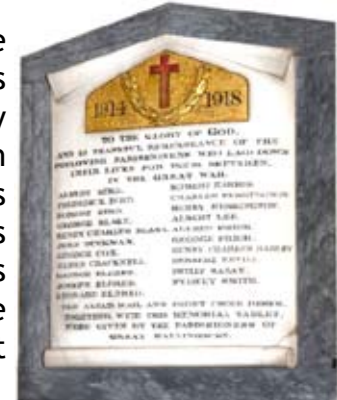
In 1911 the family was living in 112 Beldams Lane, Great Hallingbury, in a thatched cottage lying between Beldams Lane and Jenkins Lane. James' occupation was given as a farm labourer.

James Cracknell enlisted in Tottenham and served as a Lance Corporal in the Worcester Regiment. He died on 10th June, 1917, and is buried in Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, Belgium.



1,010 Commonwealth servicemen of the Great War are buried or commemorated in this cemetery.

The commemorative certificate for James Cracknell, issued by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, states that his parents were living in Rose Cottage, Great Hallingbury.



Great Hallingbury War Memorial on which James Cracknell is listed

Charles and Eliza Cracknell must have moved to Rose Cottage after 1911. The boundary between Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury during the First World War was The Brook, near Brook Cottage, in what is now Little Hallingbury and therefore Rose Cottage, Latchmore Bank, was part of Great Hallingbury in 1917.

Three cousins of James Cracknell also died in the Great War.

James Cracknell's paternal Grandparents were William (1813-1891) and Ellen (1833-1912) Cracknell. William Cracknell married Ellen Young in 1850 and they had 8 children: five boys and three girls. Their second son was Charles Cracknell, James' father.

Their third son was Frederick Cracknell (born 1862). Frederick Cracknell married Emily Palmer (born 1865) on 13th November, 1886, in Sawbridgeworth. They had 8 children: four boys and four girls. Two sons, Henry (born 1895) and William (born 1889) died on the same day in the Great War, 9th August, 1916. Henry died in Ypres. William died on the Somme. A third son, Frederick (born 1887), died on 29th March 1918 in Arras. All three sons, cousins of James Cracknell, are commemorated on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial.

Philip Hays

(One of a series remembering especially three soldiers from the Hallingburys who died in 1917 and whose relatives are living today in our local area.)

Tips for a crime free Christmas shop



Start before you leave your house, after all you don't want come home to find the house broken into.

1. Garden tools securely locked away in the shed. Burglars will be happy to use your tools to break into your house.
2. Create the illusion your home is occupied - radio and lights on a timer in rooms you would normally occupy or use a device called "Fake TV"
3. Lock up properly - not just windows and doors in the house but also any gates and outbuildings.
4. Choose a **Park Mark** car park where you can <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/> . Park Mark@ Safer Parking facilities are car parks that have been vetted by the Police and have measures in place to create a safer environment for both you and your vehicle.
5. Leave nothing in sight within your car, remove the **Sat Nav** cradle and clean the mark on the windscreen.
6. When you lock your car with the remote look for the light flash confirmation or better still try the door handle before leaving the car.
7. Now you're starting your shop, watch your

purse, wallet, mobile phone and handbag, especially in busy places, don't leave them on display in bags or on counters while you pay and while you're paying watch that no one is watching you entering your PIN when making purchases or withdrawing cash.

8. Time to stop for lunch or a cuppa, don't drop your guard. Mobile phone on the table, shopping by the chair, wallet or purse visible, coat, jacket or handbag over the chair. If a thief sees it, a thief will steal it.
9. Need to off load some of those purchases in the car, look around, are you being watched? Back to (5 & 6) above again.
10. Time go home, don't fall for any distractions while you load the car e.g. *you dropped some money* pointing to cash on the ground, holding a map *can you tell me the way to....* . While you are engaged the second person steals from your car on the other side. Close and lock your car before speaking to anyone.

Further crime prevention advice can be obtained by contacting Stephen Armson-Smith, the Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer, on extn 407110 or see <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> .

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Great Hallingbury History Society

Programme Spring 2018



King Henry VIII in Essex

by Dr James Bettley
Wednesday, 14th
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Some Essex Country Houses and their Owners

by Ben Cowell
Historic Houses Assoc
Wednesday, 14th
March



Essex's Role in the Magna Carta Story

by Robert Rose
Braintree Museum
Wednesday, 11th
April

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Our Village Roads

Where I live right on the bend at Bedlars Green, I often see people walking along the road or I'm driving home and meet pedestrians along the way. The most frightening is when someone is walking at night, dressed in black, and walking on the left hand side of the road.

Great Hallingbury's roads are narrow and we have very little pavement, so knowing the safest approach to walking along the road is important.

Highway Code has the answers

Highway Code Rule number 2

- *If there is no pavement, keep to the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic. You should take extra care and be prepared to walk in single file, especially on narrow roads or in poor light*
- *Keep close to the side of the road.*
- *It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.*

Highway Code Rule number 3

- *Help other road users to see you. Wear or carry something light-coloured, bright or fluorescent in poor daylight conditions. When it is dark, use reflective materials (eg armbands, sashes, waistcoats, jackets, footwear), which can be seen by drivers using headlights up to three times as far away as non-reflective materials.*

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Alexandra is married with teenage children. She was a partner in a London law firm for 14 years before leaving the City to spend more time with her family.



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Easy Eating

Brisket Pot Roast

Having had no luck with a brisket joint ever being tender when roasted in the oven, I took the advice of the butcher and pot roasted it.

Depending on the size of the joint, use a large and roomy saucepan. In the bottom of the pan put in chunks of onion and carrot and any other root vegetables or celery as liked. Place the meat on top of these and then fill the pan with water to cover the meat and put on the lid.

Bring to the boil and simmer for 35 minutes per pound/500grams, plus an additional 35 minutes.

After this time, put the meat on its own in a roasting tray and brown off in a hot oven for 15 minutes. Then leave to rest before slicing.

Use some of the liquid from the pan to make a delicious gravy. I cheat and use powdered Bisto to brown and thicken the gravy, but you can use flour and a stock cube.

Serve with roast potatoes or mash and other vegetables as desired. The carrot and onion from the pot can be used also.



*** For the best (and not too unhealthy) roast potatoes**

Peel and cut into chunks or slices, boil for 10 minutes. Put about a tablespoon of Crisp & Dry Rapeseed Oil into a deep roasting tin. Drain the potatoes and put them in the oil, turning until coated on all sides. Drizzle over more oil if desired. Roast on 180° for 50 to 60 minutes.

ENJOY!

Warning - if you serve the pot roast with roast potatoes, three other veg, yorkshires and gravy, followed by apple pie and cream, and all accompanied by a good wine, you will find it difficult to move for an hour or so!!!

Kemi Badenoch MP for Saffron Walden



Local Policing

We are lucky that, in this area, we don't suffer from excessively high levels of crime. Other areas of the country, and even Essex, are far more affected by it than us. But that doesn't mean we don't want to feel safe in our homes.

That's why I will be working to increase the policing resources allocated to the Hallingburys and the rest of the Saffron Walden constituency - but I need your help.

At some point or another, we have most likely all witnessed or been victim to some instance of minor crime which we haven't reported for fear of wasting police time. Several constituents in rural areas like this have told me that, even when subjected to significant crimes, they don't bother to report it because they don't believe the police will have the resources to be able to help.

But the resources allocated to us are calculated based on the number of crimes reported.

This vicious cycle means that, by not reporting crimes because of a belief that the police don't have the resources to help, we are actually making it more likely that those resources will decrease even further.

The answer? Report every instance of crime, no matter how minor. The various methods of reporting criminal activity, including online, make it easier than ever and giving the police an accurate picture of crime in this area means they can more effectively allocate resources and respond efficiently whenever called upon.

We may sometimes feel forgotten, or isolated, or far from help, but collectively we have the power to change it.

Kemi Badenoch, M.P.

The Hundred Parishes Society

Red Pillar Boxes



We are in an age of texts and emails but I'm sure we all use the local post box from time to time. What a lovely sight those bright red boxes are.

Britain's first roadside pillar boxes were installed in 1852, in St Helier in the Channel Islands, following a recommendation by Anthony Trollope, then clerk to the surveyor of the South West District of the Post Office. Since then there have been many different styles. Wall boxes were introduced in 1857 and boxes attached to lamps in 1896 to serve more rural communities.

Queen Victoria was the first monarch to have her royal cipher, VR, displayed and each monarch since has had their own design. Even during the brief reign of Edward VIII, 161 pillar boxes were cast. Many are still in use but, as far as I'm aware, there are no ER VIII boxes in the Hundred Parishes.

At least fifteen VRs are still in service around the Hundred Parishes, all in our Essex parishes. As far as I know, we have no round, standalone Victorian pillar boxes. All are wall boxes, built into a wall, including a tiny one at Roast Green, Clavering, and in Great Hallingbury, of course, near the old school.



Following the 2012 Olympics, pillar boxes in the home towns and villages of gold medal winners were repainted in gold. In Elsenham, a gold box celebrates the show jumping gold medal won by Ben Maher.

When you are out and about, I encourage you to see how many different types you can spot. And do leave feedback on our website if you find a VR or ER VIII.

Ken McDonald, Secretary
www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The White Lie Cake

Have you ever told a white lie?



Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa but forgot to do it until the last minute.

She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angelfood cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack for scout camp.

When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat, the cake was horribly disfigured and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there's no time to bake another cake!"

So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake.

She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper. She plonked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect.

Before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her Mother.

Alice was horrified - she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracised, talked about, ridiculed!

All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who

continued next column

Venture 85 Equipment Loan Service



Venture 85, a registered charity, provides a nursing equipment loan service for the Village e.g. wheelchair, commode, zimmer frame or other walking aid.

It must be emphasised that this is for a short term emergency situation or whilst a person is waiting to be assessed by social services for more permanent equipment. If asked for an item post hospital discharge, I will liaise with the occupational therapist that it is the correct and safe equipment for the person.

There is no charge made but voluntary contributions are always welcomed and used to buy further pieces of equipment or replace old ones. All equipment is borrowed at the person's own liability.

Monica Swann
Organiser and Distributor 01279 653820
Sheila Bently Treasurer

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more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa but, having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south and, to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for desert!

Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "what a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."

2017 Poppy Campaign



We have had a busy campaign this year which has been very competently organised by our new Area Organiser Jeanette Beet. Thanks to some very hard work by local collectors, it looks as though we are well on track to raise over £800 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. With donations still coming in the total already stands at £450.

This year there were two coffee mornings in the community held at the beginning and end of the campaign which enabled more people to attend. Thanks to Donna Sewell and to Howe Green House School for holding these.

My thanks to everyone involved with the Poppy Appeal.

Gill Sewell
Great Hallingbury Organiser

Unexpected visitors to St Giles' Harvest celebrations - the local guinea fowl

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Stop Stansted Expansion



New Government Figures Undermine Airport Claims On Expansion Need

Claims by Stansted bosses that the airport's growth potential over the next decade is being severely limited by the present cap on numbers at 35 million passengers per annum (mppa) are being called into question by Stop Stansted Expansion following the publication of new Government figures.

While the airport's owners, Manchester Airports Group (MAG), predict that Stansted will be bursting at the seams by 2023 and needs an increase in permitted numbers to be able to accommodate 43 million passengers in 2028, the long-awaited UK Aviation Forecasts, published by the Government at the end of October, reveal this to be a gross misrepresentation of the reality.

The Government's central forecast for Stansted is that it should expect to handle just 31 million passengers annually by 2030 and 35 million by 2033. These figures take full account of the fact that the Government expects Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and London City Airports all to be 100% full by 2030, based on no additional runways and current planning caps remaining in place.

Furthermore, if, as planned, a third runway is built at Heathrow in the next 10 years, the Government projects that demand at Stansted would actually decline, from 24mppa in 2016 to 22mppa in 2030, and that even by 2040 the airport would still only be handling 32mppa, i.e. less than the present cap, which would not be reached until 2043.

According to the new forecasts, therefore, it is clear that needless damage would be inflicted on the local environment by additional building at Stansted when these won't be needed for at least another quarter of a century and, potentially, never.

SSE Press Release

Airport Compensation Eligibility to Claim



If you have claimed compensation under the airport's latest rules, no doubt you are still waiting for their protracted response. However, there is a group of householders who are being denied the right to claim.

Stansted Airport has eventually admitted that the works triggering this round of compensation were completed in 2007 and residents could claim compensation if they were living in affected areas between 2002 and 2007. STAL is now refusing to accept claims from residents who lived here during that period but have since sold their property without first claiming compensation. But no one was able to claim compensation until after the court case on the matter in 2016!

A former Great Hallingbury resident has taken the matter to STACC, a watchdog body set up to scrutinise Stansted Airport, requesting they ask STAL to account for its *unreasonable behaviour*. It seems there may be some 88 properties in Great Hallingbury alone affected by this ruling.

STACC has asked the airport for a full report clarifying their position.



**Stop
Stansted
Expansion
CALENDAR
2018**

available
from Little
Hallingbury
Post
Office and
elsewhere

#CrimeNotToCare

Getting rid of your rubbish

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste - anything from fridges or washing machines to black bin bags and boxes - and it's a growing problem in Essex. In the past twelve months there have been 17,547 fly-tipping incidents, costing over £1million of taxpayers money to clear up.

#CrimeNotToCare is helping ensure residents do the right thing with their rubbish and to reduce the amount of waste that is fly-tipped by rogue traders who offer to take people's waste away for money and then dump it. Giving waste to a man with a van who offers to get rid of it cheaply could end up proving costly for people and result in a criminal record.

Remember - your waste is your responsibility.

If your waste is found dumped, even if someone else has done it, you could be held responsible for the crime if you have not checked and recorded who took your waste.

Protect yourself by following these tips:

- Ask to see a trader's waste carrier registration number issued by the Environment Agency
- Check with the Environment Agency directly on 03708 506 506 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information>
- Don't be afraid to ask questions or for paperwork that shows where your waste is going. If in doubt, don't let them take your waste.
- Make a note of who you have given your waste to, their waste carrier number and vehicle details.
- Ensure that you receive a transfer notice or receipt before your waste is taken away.

Householders must make reasonable checks and businesses who produce commercial waste must keep waste transfer notes to comply with their waste duty of care.

You should never leave any waste such as an old washing machine or scrap metal on your drive or in the street for someone to remove. They may not be a registered waste carrier, and could take the bits they need and dump the rest.



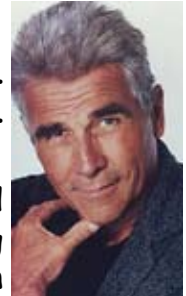
If you have unwanted items, donate good quality units to local reuse organisations or charity shops. You should never leave items out for others to re-use as these could end up being dumped.

Ensure you don't fall foul of the law, visit <http://www.recycleforsex.com/crimenottocare> for advice.

Love Essex, a partnership of councils, businesses and the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, runs the #CrimeNotToCare campaign.

Dream On

I'm in my 70s, with a straight back, a reasonably flat belly and most of my hair, albeit grey. As I entered a crowded train one evening at rush hour, I noticed an attractive young woman sitting near the door. Our eyes met and she gave me a charming smile.



"Well," I said to myself as I returned her smile, "I guess you still have what the ladies like."

At which point she stood up and offered me her seat



Recycling at its best

Book Corner



Book Corner

A REDBIRD CHRISTMAS by Fannie Flagg

Diagnosed with terminal emphysema, Oswald T. Campbell leaves wintry Chicago for a friendly little town in Alabama recommended by his doctor. *Lost River* seems as good a place as any to spend his last Christmas on earth.

(Don't worry! - this may sound depressing, but it gets better very quickly.)

A rescued cardinal named Jack, the redbird of the title, is hand-fed by Roy Grimmit, the strapping owner of the local grocery/bait/beer store who doesn't care who thinks he is a sissy. Then there's Patsy, a sad, sweet little kid from the trailer park up in the woods who takes to dropping by the store and falls in love with Jack. Roy and Patsy are only two of a cast of small-town characters who take Oswald to their hearts and, before long, Oswald feels right at home and enters into the spirit of the community.



This is quite a short book but on nearly every page there will be something that will make you laugh or give you a lump in the throat - and, with the requisite Christmas miracle at the end, it would be a lovely little present to find in your stocking this Christmas!

Latest Music Releases

All or Any Genre

We would like to have a *Latest Music* report in future issues. I hope that one of our readers might like to take this on, either on a regular or time-to-time basis. Please contact the Editor on 01279 655144 or at highlights@coultruponline.com.



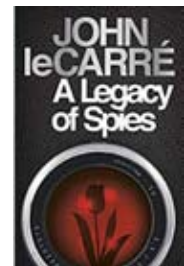
A LEGACY OF SPIES by John Le Carre

This is Le Carre's first *Smiley* novel in more than twenty-five years but, even if you have never heard of George Smiley, it is still a riveting *page-turner* of a book.

His narrator this time is the long-retired secret agent, Peter Guillam, once the staunch colleague and disciple of George Smiley. Now living a bucolic and peaceful life in France, his life is about to change dramatically - and not for the good! A letter from the British Secret Service summons him to London where he is asked questions about a Cold War operation that went badly wrong.

During the mission - many decades ago - British agent, Alec Leamas, and his girlfriend, Elizabeth Gold, were shot dead at the Berlin Wall. And now, Leamas's son and Gold's daughter have joined forces to sue MI6 for the wrongful deaths of their parents. For Guillam it becomes a battle between old and new as present-day MI6 bureaucrats try to pick a way through the lies and half-truths of a decades-old spying operation.

We first met Alec Leamas in *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* (back in 1963) so *A Legacy of Spies* could be regarded as a sequel. However, it stands alone in its own right as a superb example of the classic spy novel.



Early Cracker Joke

What do you call a crate of ducks?

A box of quackers

The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



A big "Thank you" to Amanda Trim, who provided us with a splendid "Al fresco" lunch on September 6th. The day was rather windy and a little cool but in the gazebo we were very comfortable. Donations totalling £40 were raised to go to Macmillan Nurses.

In October, Marion King provided us with a general knowledge quiz which produced some mirth and was much enjoyed by everyone.

The Olive Branch meets on the first Tuesday of each month and always welcomes new members. Dates of meetings are included in the Calendar on the back page.

Nita Sylvester



St Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury

Christmas Fund Raiser

at Monica Swann's
Timbers, Clockhouse Drive, Howe Green,
Great Hallingbury

December 1st from 10.30 am

Ploughman's lunch as well as
tea, coffee and cake!!

Christmas gifts, raffle,
seasonal flower arrangements

ALL WELCOME



St Clare Hospice Light Up A Life Services



St Clare Hospice is preparing to come together to celebrate the lives of family, friends and loved ones – along with hundreds of local people – at a series of **Light Up A Life** services over the festive season.

Light Up A Life services give everyone, whether they have a personal connection with St Clare or not, a very special way to remember those who will be missed over the festive period and to honour their memory in a very personal way.

Sarah Thompson, Chief Executive of St Clare Hospice, extended the invitation to the services to the whole of the charity's local community: *St Clare has been bringing warmth and love to the lives of people across West Essex and the borders of East Hertfordshire for more than 25 years. The care and support we offer does not end when someone dies, and our Light Up A Life services are just one of the ways we continue to support people when they need it most.*

New for 2017, St Clare has launched an online **Light Up A Life Book of Remembrance**. This allows you to put the name of your loved one and a short personal message into the Online Book, and if you wish, to make an online donation to the hospice charity.

Dates and times of the December services are:

*Saturday Dec 2 – Methodist Church,
Loughton @ 7:00pm*

*Thursday Dec 7 – St Martin's Church,
Chipping Ongar @ 4:30pm*

*Tuesday Dec 12 – St John's the Baptist
Church, Epping @ 7:00pm*

*Wednesday Dec 13 – St Clare Hospice,
Hastingwood @ 7:00pm*

*Saturday Dec 16 – St Clare Hospice,
Hastingwood @ 4:30pm*

Date and location TBC – Great Dunmow

Just like St Clare Hospice's care, participation in **Light Up A Life** is free of charge. However, if you would like to make a donation alongside your loved one's dedication, it would be so appreciated by the patients and their families. With very limited funding from the NHS, St Clare relies heavily on the support of local people.



Carols in Candlelight

The 1st Great Hallingbury
Brownies invite you to their

Carol Service

on

Monday 4th December 2017

at 6.15pm in Great

Hallingbury Village Hall

Bring and Buy Christmas Stall

in aid of a charity chosen by
the Brownies

Coffee and Christmas Cake
will be served.

**We hope you will be
able to join us**



Services in the Hallingburys

December 2017 - March 2018

G = St Giles' M = St Mary's

M	Dec 3	10 am	Advent Family Service
M		4 pm	Christingle
	Dec 4	6 pm	Brownies' Carols by Candlelight
in Great Hallingbury Village Hall			
G	Dec 10	10 am	Morning Prayer
M	Dec 14	7.30pm	Christmas Commemoration
M	Dec 17	10 am	Holy Communion
		6 pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
	Dec 24	3 pm	Crib Service
G	Dec 24	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
M	Dec 25	10 am	CHRISTMAS DAY Family Communion
G	Dec 31	10 am	Family Service
2018			
M	Jan 7	10 am	Family Service
G	Jan 14	10 am	Morning Prayer
	Jan 21	10.30 am	Christian Unity Service with Communion
in St Mary's, Hatfield Broad Oak			
G	Jan 28	10 am	Family Communion
	Feb 4	10 am	Education Sunday
in Little Hallingbury School			
G	Feb 11	10 am	Morning Prayer
M	Feb 14	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
M	Feb 18	10 am	Holy Communion
G	Feb 25	10 am	Family Communion
M	Mar 4	10 am	Family Service
G	Mar 11	10 am	Mothering Sunday Service
M	Mar 18	10 am	Holy Communion
G	Mar 25	10 am	Palm Sunday Communion



**Seasonal Greetings to all our
readers, contributors and
advertisers and all good wishes
for a happy New Year**

Calendar

December 2017

- 1 Christmas Fundraiser for St Mary's (see page 34)
- 2 Hallingbury Choir - Christmas Music, Songs and Readings - Little Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 4 Brownies' *Carols in Candlelight* - Village Hall 6 pm
- 5 Olive Branch - *Christmas Lunch*
- 12 Friendship Club
- 13 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 13 St. Clare Hospice - *Light Up a Life Hastingwood* - St. Clare Hospice 7pm
- 27 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm

January 2018

- 2 Olive Branch *AGM and Communion* - The Rectory at 2.15 pm
- 8 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 7 pm
- 9 Friendship Club
- 10 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 24 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 24 - 27 Little Hallingbury Panto - *Jack and the Beanstalk* - Little Hallingbury Village Hall (see page 9)
- 24 WI - New Year Lunch

February 2018

- 6 Olive Branch
- 7 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 11 Great Hallingbury Litter Pick (tbc)

- 13 Friendship Club
- 14 History Society - *Henry VIII in Essex* - Village Hall at 8 pm
- 21 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 28 WI - Village Hall 7.30 pm

March 2018

- 5 Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7 pm
- 6 Olive Branch
- 7 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 13 Friendship Club
- 14 History Society - *Some Essex Country Houses and their Owners* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 21 Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35 - 1.55 pm
Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
- 26 Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall 8 pm
- 28 WI - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm

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

**Monday, 8th January 7 pm Village Hall
Monday, 5th March 7 pm Village Hall**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR ALL
VILLAGERS - 26th March at 8 pm**