

Great Hallingbury Highlights

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Greater Spotted Woodpecker
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- Think about the position of your shed
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- Make sure the shed is firmly anchored to the ground - it has been known for sheds to be lifted to let thieves inside.
- Firmly secure shed door and windows.
- Fit a wire cage inside the shed where more expensive items can be locked away. No thief wants to hang about longer than they have to so make it more difficult for them.
- Secure hinges with coach bolts not screws.
- Secure a lockable box to the floor or wall of the shed to store power tools.
- Anchor a thick cable to the floor, attach valuables to it and secure with a good quality padlock.

Great Hallingbury Village Hall



The major project at the Village Hall to increase storage space and install an enlarged, industrial quality kitchen has been successfully completed. We have purchased very efficient hot air hand dryers for the wash rooms; we have a large screen and projector stand donated by the History Society and a new sound system.

It is a lovely, well proportioned Hall with a very useful side room; a top quality facility with a large hard surfaced car park. It truly deserves the accolade of the *nicest hall in the area*.

It is ideal for most clubs and society meetings, birthday parties, weddings, anniversary parties, business meetings and conferences, funeral receptions and many other kinds of meetings.

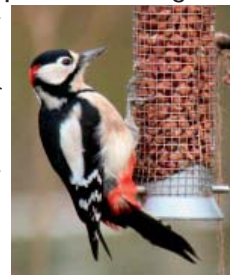


It is a village asset which must be sustained by continuous hirings so we ask everyone to keep their ears open for anyone who might be needing such a facility and recommend them to call Rita Storr on 01279 659220 or email rita.storr@btcontact.com.

Editorial

Why the photograph of a Greater Spotted Woodpecker (Latin name *Dendrocopos Major*) on the cover? Well, firstly it is a good photograph taken by Shirley Goodlife in her garden and it is a change from yet another Robin, whose pictures usually flourish at this time of year.

Venturing further into the Woodpecker's lifestyle, we learn that the mature male has a distinctive crimson patch on the back of his head, on the shoulder is a white patch and the wings are black and white stripes. Largely it is an inconspicuous bird but it has a spectacular flight with eye catching flashes of white and crimson. You are, of course, more likely to see a Robin (population 6 million) than the Woodpecker (population 140,000) but both are resident the whole year. When you see a Woodpecker in flight, clinging to a tree or your garden nut feeder, you feel privileged to see one of these beautiful creatures with which we share our rural countryside



Your Parish Council is very serious about safeguarding the environment that is Great Hallingbury and spends much time scrutinising planning applications which are received regularly. We seek to have a vibrant village whilst maintaining its rural aspect and any new building should be sustainable and discreet.

The Parish Council will be involved in the consultation on the new plan to meet Uttlesford's housing needs which the Government has assessed as 10,400 in the period 2011 to 2030. The consultation has to be completed by 13 January, 2014. If you have a computer, go into their website www.uttlesford.gov.uk/planning or call 01799 510461, 01799 510454 or 01799 510637.

Meanwhile, seasonal best wishes to all our readers, with special thanks to the deliverers of Highlights.

Editor

My new neighbour

She's single...
She lives right across the road.
I can see her place from my porch.

I watched as she got home from work
this Evening.

I was surprised when she
walked across the street,
up my driveway and knocked
on my door.



I rushed to open it. She looks at me and
says, "I've just got home and I feel so
lonely! I have this strong urge to have
a good time, get drunk and make love all
night long! Are you busy tonight?"

I quickly replied, "Nope, I'm
free. I have no plans at all!"

She said, "Great! Could you
watch my dog?"



Being a senior citizen,
really sucks!

Puns for Educated Minds

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews
it....

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home.
Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost
interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the
crepes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does
have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but
it was a Type-O.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic.
It's syncing now.

Autumn Sights



Honey Fungus



Fly Agaric

Woody Nightshade



Acer (on next page)

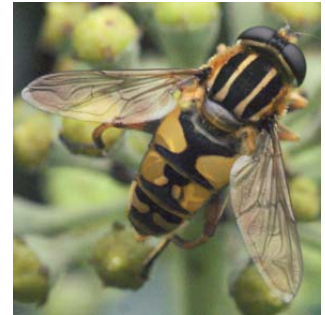
Autumn Reds



Autumn 2013

Here we are coming to the end of yet another year: they seem to go ever faster.

So far it has been a warm time, with only one ground frost, and the Dahlias and a few of the summer plants still have flowers out; much needed when the sun shines and the Red Admiral Butterfly, Bumble Bees and many insects venture forth to gather up the nectar to help them through their winter sleep. The Ivy flowers have been buzzing with them, a very valuable food source and a nice warm place for birds to roost in winter and nest in spring.



This year has seen a great increase in Peacock, Tortoiseshell and the Large and Small White Butterflies. This has been so good to see after the disaster of the summer before.

So what to do now...

All the usual clearing up and cutting down if you don't like to see the seed heads left on. I leave mine for the birds and have a good cut down in spring. Try not to be too tidy and leave some leaves under shrubs for the blackbirds and thrushes to scratch about in and the worms to pull down and enrich the soil.

Bonfires: we all love to burn up the things you can't compost but spare a thought for your neighbours. That fine day might just be the day she has her washing out so be sure the smoke doesn't cause a nuisance and is blowing away from houses.

Time to plant shrubs and fruit trees now, not if the ground is frosted though. Even in a small garden you can plant a fruit tree; there are many Ballerina and Step over ones that suit small plots. Worth a thought if you like apples and pears.

Fruit trees should be pruned and spurs taken back to get a good shape and nice fruit next year. Put grease bands around the trunks or paint with grease to stop the winter moths climbing up to spoil the next year's fruit. There's nothing worse than biting into an apple to find half a maggot.....

Prune summer fruiting raspberries taking out all this year's growth and tie in the new. Don't cut the Autumn fruiting ones until February and those, cut to the ground. Prune back roses to stop the wind rocking them loose in winter.



Dig over spare ground so it's ready for spring, using compost or some well rotted manure to enrich it. If you have a pond, get out as many dead leaves as you can and leave on the side for a day so pond life can crawl back in. A few logs piled up makes a nice home for frogs, toads and newts.

If you haven't done so, plant tulips now along with winter bedding. Keep pots off the ground to prevent water logging.

Lastly, please don't forget the birds. Make sure feeders are kept clean to prevent infections and have plenty of clean water always available for them.

Most of all enjoy your garden as the season changes. Make some coffee, have slice of cake and get that seed catalogue out to try something new for next year.

Shirley Goodlife

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The Police Years

A Home of Our Own



Extra housing points now boosted my chances of a council house. Wooden Swedish houses were being constructed by Dunmow Council at Great Hallingbury and I was offered a house at No.10 The Grove. I took up this tenancy on March 1st 1948, with Mr. Garton's blessing, for he intimated I could always move into his cottage when ready should I so desire. True to his word, when the time came, he did offer me his cottage but by this time I was settled in my new home. This arrangement suited Mr. Garton, for he was then able to house his newly married foreman.

However, my tenancy at The Grove received dissent, not being a Great Hallingbury person but complainants failed to realise my entitlement. A Communist living at Woodside Green made unfounded allegations in a Communist newspaper, inferring my tenancy was the result of influence exercised by Mr. Garton, he having a perfectly suitable house available of his own. It took a solicitor's letter and a published apology in the Communist newspaper to settle the matter.

Changes in Farming and Family

Farming was undergoing a revolution. Although I had renewed my long association with Shire horses, mechanisation was advancing and the Ferguson tractor with hydraulic equipment paid a major part. Not only did it revolutionise farming, but the principle was carried into other industries.



Shire Horses

For me it was a period of lost opportunities. Agricultural colleges opened for those who could afford it and, had I been able, I should probably have remained in agriculture for it is in my blood. Life in other forms, however, had advantages. Nora and I spent our allocation of dockets on sparse furnishings at The Grove and we started a family, with Maureen being born at home in December 1948. I took no part at the birth for Mother was present and I was banned from the room!

At this time, my work on the farm in winter was devoted entirely to carting newly introduced silage to cattle. In every kind of weather I cut the compressed grass from a pit using a hay knife and then took it to cowsheds and meadows by horse and cart. The pits became full of mud, my clothes stank and nightly they were placed round the fire to dry amid Maureen's nappies. My house reeked, yet Nora did not complain.

My second daughter, Sandra, was born in April 1951. It was a Saturday and I had been working on the farm all day, then arrived home to find Nora anxiously awaiting my return. It was obvious she was in labour and I jumped on my cycle to fetch the Nurse. She couldn't be found, so I sent for Dr. Holmes. Nora's doctor at Sawbridgeworth. The said gentleman arrived straight from Wembley, having been to the Amateur Cup Final, a major event in those days. Together we rolled up our sleeves and scrubbed hands and a successful delivery was made. The Nurse arrived much later, puffing and blowing; although expecting our event, she had taken it upon herself to inoculate a friend's pigs!

Farms became more mechanised and horses were used less and less. I took up tractor driving although horses were still used to cart silage during the winter. My horses were moved from Forest Hall Farm to Woods Farm but I continued to supply silage to three



Massey Ferguson Tractor

milking herds on our farms plus back-up cattle. By Thursday of each week I was preparing to get extra silage into position to save work at week-ends.

Uncle Peter and I worked a system for feeding our horses so one of us could have Saturday and Sunday afternoons off alternately which allowed me to play football occasionally. Sometimes I cycled to Bishop's Stortford to keep in touch with 'Dusty' Millar and, in January 1952, he told me of a possible Police vacancy at Bishop's Stortford.

Time had passed. Tenants who gained Council houses with extra agricultural points began to leave the land and the way was now clear for me to do likewise and to apply to re-join the Force.

*Ernie Field
President Great Hallingbury History Society*

Just Four Little Words ...

"I Love You Sweetheart"



A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with your husband.

The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands.

Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember.

The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband: "I love you, sweetheart." Then they were told to exchange phones with another person and to read aloud the text message received, in response.

Here are some of the replies:

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeh, and I love you too. What's up with you??
4. What now? Did you crash the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean?
6. What the heck did you do now?
7. !?!
8. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need?
9. Am I dreaming?
10. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
11. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
12. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she??



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Quiz

Have fun!



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2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. **What does he weigh?**
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, **what was the highest mountain in the world?** 
4. **How much dirt** is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. **What word** in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. **How is this possible?**
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. **Why not?**
8. **What was** the USA President's Name in 1975?
9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, **what place would you be in now?**
10. **Which is correct to say,** "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"? 
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, **how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?**

Answers on page 32

Recording History

October Storm

The Uttlesford History Recorders have gathered notes on the effect of last month's storm in the area.

Great Hallingbury

Power was lost at 7.30 am Monday. Although restored to some of the village the same day, Bedlars Green and The Street were without power (and some without telephones) for 33 hours. Damage in Hatfield Forest.

Great and Little Easton, Tilty, Duton Hill, Stebbing

Lost power Monday 7.30 am until Wednesday at 5.10 pm. That's nearly 58 hours. Take-aways and fish and chip shops in Dunmow did a roaring trade.

Berden

Minor tree damage and no power for at least 24 hours.

Clavering

Trees brought down power lines and no power for 27 hours from Monday morning. Some not reconnected before the end of the week.

Hatfield Heath, Sheering

Some homes waited 65 hours for power to be restored.

Thaxted

Power out on Tuesday and Wednesday and some parts through Thursday.

Felsted

Some homes without power and telephone until late in the week with much tree damage.

Little Hallingbury

Only a few short power cuts but fallen trees blocked some roads which the farmers cleared.

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In Lime Class we have been learning about the harvest, from its earliest beginnings ten thousand years ago to the wonders of the modern harvest.

We have learned how crops have changed over the ages. We have learned how technology has shaped the farming methods of today.

From harvesting, threshing and winnowing by sickle and hand, to satellite-driven combine harvesters, although much has changed - some things are eternal.



The harvest brings us together. It always has done and always will do. When we started growing wheat all those years ago, civilisation itself was formed.

People had permanent homes for the first time. They settled down and communities grew. These communities are still the heart of the harvest.

Harvest time helps us think about where our food really comes from - not from supermarkets but from the soil. The incredible journey that a simple grain of wheat takes seems like a miracle.

Even with the aid of modern technology, it is the more basic things that matter most: the soil beneath our feet, the weather all around us, honest hard work.

Sowing, caring, growing and gathering: these are seasonal tasks that bring us life and health. All around the world (whether it is wheat, barley, maize, rice or any other crop that is grown) it's not surprising that we give thanks for what is shared at harvest time.

We are grateful for having people around us who understand the land.

We are grateful for the good soil, ploughed and harrowed.

We are grateful for the rain and for the sun, for water, warmth and energy.

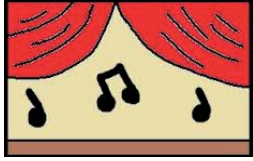
We are grateful for the miracle of life, growing everywhere around us.

We are grateful for the grain, harvested, threshed and winnowed.

We are grateful for those who are stewards and guardians of the land in which our food grows.

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving and of sharing. THANK YOU FOR THE HARVEST.





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Robinson Crusoe

22 - 25 January



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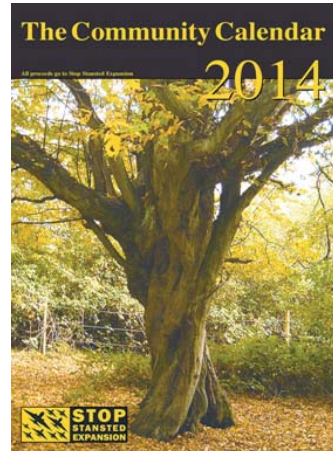


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Stop Stansted Expansion



2014 Community Calendar Launched



The 2014 edition of Stop Stansted Expansion's much-loved Community Calendar is now on sale across the region, featuring beautiful views of homes and heritage in the shadow of Stansted Airport.

Freda Townsend's photograph, previously featured in *Highlights*, is featured in December.

Great Hallingbury Highlights



All proceeds from sales of the calendar will be used in the continuing campaign by SSE to fight off the threat of an extra runway or runways at Stansted Airport.

The Airports Commission currently sitting has received about 50 proposals for extra runway capacity. The new owners of Stansted Airport, Manchester Airport Group, have put forward three proposals for Stansted:

- an extra runway to the east
- an extra runway to the north-west
- a four-runway airport to replace Heathrow as London's hub airport.

SSE argues that these proposals make no economic sense and would be disastrous environmentally.

Priced at just £6, calendars will be on sale at some 30 shops across the area as well as a doorstep sales team. The SSE campaign office can also arrange gift mailing at a small extra charge.

Further details available on the SSE website at <http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com/calendar.html>

Nancy Marion Woodley

01 01 1927 - 29 10 2013

It was with sadness that I felt when Evie phoned to tell me Nancy had passed away on the evening of October 29th. Nancy had been a very poorly Lady for some time and, rather than maybe feel sadness at her leaving us, we should think of her as the character she was.

Born at Carters Farm Stebbing, she grew up in the countryside and was a truly country person. She finished her schooling at Widford and her mother found her a job as a domestic in a large house.

She hated it and would rather have been outside working. However the job didn't last long. One morning she was cleaning out the sitting room fire and put all the fire irons on the carpet which, needless to say, made a very sooty mess on the cream carpet. In vain she pulled the chairs over the dirt and never went back again!

Nancy tried working on her Father's farm but that wasn't successful either so, in 1943, she joined the Land Army and served for seven years between Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire. Nancy wrote a couple of books on her experiences in the Land Army (which has been serialised in earlier editions of *Highlights*) and gave talks about it.

After the Land Army disbanded, she worked for a while at Woolworths and on a chicken farm. Eventually she was employed at the airport in the warehouse delivering stock to Army canteens. Here she had a good time and I remember her stories of what they got up to. Then she joined Freddie Laker's company, driving a double decker bus to London and Southend to pick up crew for the aircraft. These were long hours but I'm sure she had a rare old time.



Land Girl Nancy driving a tractor

In 1958 Evie, her husband and Nancy bought the Old Post Office (as it later became) so they could look after their ailing mother. It became a bustling little shop and Post Office, something we all wish was still here now. Nancy did the paper round and it was a busy time for them. It closed in the early 1990's.



Nancy served as a Great Hallingbury Parish Councillor for 17 years, retiring in 2003. She was a keen church bell ringer, also ringing hand bells, and, of course, loved to play bowls and was a founder member of the Great Hallingbury Carpet Bowls Club. A member of the local history society and the Garden Club at Hatfield Heath, Nancy was always a popular person with a tale to tell.

So that's a little about her life; a very eventful one in many ways. I will always remember her for all the stories she told me when I went to visit and we always had a good laugh. It was a pleasure to have known her. Although sad at her passing we will always remember Nancy as the colourful character she was. May she rest in peace.

Shirley Goodlife

Presentation marking Nancy's 17 years service as a Parish Councillor for Great Hallingbury



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2 September & 4 November, 2013

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County Cllr S Barker, District Cllr K Artus, Mrs F Townsend (Clerk) and members of the public.

Bedlars Green Post Box

A member of the public commented that, with the post box having been removed, the nearest one is outside the Royal Mail's criteria for residents to walk. This is understood to be no more than half a mile to a post box. It seems that action has been taken by OFCOM against the Post Office where other boxes have been removed. The Clerk will write to OfCom.

Start Hill Speed Limit

Another of the public asked about policing the expected 40mph speed limit to Start Hill. Cllrs responded that it is understood there are no Police Officers available for this task. However, the Parish Council does have its own speed gun and can do a 'Speed Watch' but not impose fines. Cllr Streeter has prepared a petition to obtain some additional speed control at Bedlars Green. He also suggested the Council contact Howe Green House School asking for a note in their newsletter requesting drivers to be considerate of the speed limit through the village.

Pot Holes

Pot holes which have been reported to Highways remain unrepaired so the Clerk was asked to expedite.

Deaths Recorded

It was recorded that Revd. Margaret Chapman, former Rector of our Parish, had

sadly died.

The Chairman reported that former Councillor Nancy Woodley had died and he would be representing the Parish Council at her funeral. It was agreed a donation will be made to an appropriate charity.

Woodside Green Farm

A barn of straw had caught fire at Woodside Green Farm and, in the attempt to move vehicles to safety, Jane Schwier had suffered burns to her left arm and leg.

Essex County Council

Cllr Susan Barker reported that she was very pleased to have been re-elected but has stood down from her position on the Fire Authority.

Recycling

Cllr Barker also reported that a recent visit to the Bi-Waters Recycling Plant with Cllr Lesley Wells showed how much is now recycled and is sorted by hand and machine at the plant. The waste paper goes to the Far East to be made into packaging.

Affordable Housing

Progress with RCCE and Hastoe was still very slow. However, there was a proposal from Countryside Properties to develop the Yew Tree Farm land behind Great Hallingbury Manor Hotel to provide 16 market houses and 6 affordable houses for rental or shared purchase. The Council agreed unanimously, with no abstentions, to proceed with this scheme on this site.

Following a meeting with all relevant parties, the next step is a pre-planning meeting with Countryside Properties and Uttlesford and then a planning application will be submitted. Once the plans have been put forward, it is intended to hold an 'open day' for local residents to look at the proposals.

Bench By Phone Box

Although this has been reported to the Highways Rangers for repair, it is possible the bench is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. It was agreed that a bench similar to that by the door to the village hall should be installed whilst preserving

the '2000' from the back of the bench to display somewhere else as it was one of our markers of the turn of the century.

It was subsequently found that a resident has kindly made some repairs. However, Councillors agreed that the new one will be installed and the kind resident thanked for his work.

Superfast Broadband

Essex County Council has sent a Briefing Note on the contract award they have made to BT. It was agreed that we will continue to encourage people to register.

Airport

District Cllr Keith Artus gave a presentation on the progress of the flight path trials. The trials began in May 2013 with navigation points being used on the Dover 04 and Clacton 22 routes. Initially this was for Easyjet but now also includes 3 cargo aircraft. The results show an improvement with aircraft keeping more to the centre of the swathe. More airlines will join the trials once training is given. Updates from SSE on the discussions taking place on further runways at London Airports had been seen by councillors.

Bedlars Green

The Clerk had met with Mr. Andy Streeter who had provided the paperwork he held to help with the boundary dispute at The Old Post Office, Bedlars Green. It was proposed that the Parish Council should not take action at present with regard to the small strip of land by the garage, in order not to incur public expense, although it should be noted that an infringement on the boundary exists. It was agreed that the Parish Council should register the land by the Old Post Office and by the pond. It was further agreed to seek legal advice on the detail of registration. This must then be further assessed as there is a duty of care to look after Parish land. A further meeting with Mr. Bloomfield will be needed and the fence on the triangle in front of the Old Post Office must be removed. These measures are necessary in order not to set a precedent

for any other public land in the village.

Uttlesford Community Travel

Volunteers are being sought.

Salt Bags

The Parish Council has once again joined the 'Salt Bag Scheme' to include a further salt delivery.

Planning

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

Application No.//Site and Development//Decision
UTT/13/0317/FUL // The Old Elm, Tilekiln Green - Conversion of an existing stable block to provide a two bedroom private residence for family members // Consent (Question on permission of second access. Comments as on previous similar application and in accordance with the reasons for refusal)

UTT/13/0773/LB // Thremhall Priory Lodge, Start Hill - Reconstruction of property to include erection of two single storey extensions and porch, insertion of two dormer windows, roof improvements and internal alterations // Consent (no objections)

UTT/13/0936/FUL // Great Hallingbury Manor, Tilekiln Green - Erection of single storey extension // Consent (no objections)

UTT/13/0972/HHF & UTT/13/0973/LB // 75 Woodside Green - Erection of single storey side extension // Consent (no objections)

UTT/13/0974/HHF // 75 Woodside Green - Demolition of shed and erection of detached garage/store // Consent (no objections)

UTT/13/1388/HHF // High Spinney, Church Road - Rear conservatory // Consent (no objections)

UTT/13/1486/HHF // Old Tithe Hall, Start Hill - Single storey front extension // Consent (no objections)

UTT/1580/13/OP // Land adjacent Hop Poles, Bedlars Green - Erection of 4 dwellings // Refused (objection as outside development limits, flood risk, drainage

and road safety)

UTT/13/1718/FUL // Site at Woodside Cottage, Church Road - Erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings (alteration to approved application UTT/0831/10/FUL) // Consent (No objections)

UTT/13/1927/LB // The Forge, Bedlars Green - Conversion and extension of existing forge to form residential accommodation (renewal of UTT/1590/10/LB) // Consent (No objection but request due regard be given to historic nature.)

UTT/13/2093/HHF // Beggars Hall Bungalow, Bedlars Green - Erection of single storey side and rear extension // Consent (No objections)

UTT/13/2163/LB // 75 Woodside Green - Replace window with half glazed stable door // Consent (no objections)

Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group

UTT/13/2052/LB // Street Barn, The Street - Retention of internal alterations, repositioning of doors, replacement window and removal of small modern chimney // No objections raised.

UTT/13/2554/HHF // Grangewood Lodge, Church Road - Two storey side extension // The reduced size is an improvement on previous application. No objections.

UTT/13/2540/HHF // The Willow Tree, Tilekiln Green - Side extension and roof alterations // No objections raised.

100 Parishes Website

The History Society has confirmed it will provide information for the '100 Parishes' website.

Ward Boundary Changes

The Electoral Commission has accepted that Bush End will remain in the Broad Oak & The Hallingbury's Ward which will also encompass Great Canfield.

Uttlesford Housing Requirements

The Government has now ruled that a further 2,000 houses are required in Uttlesford. This is in addition to the previous plan and numbers agreed and covers the period up to 2030. There will be future consultations for

the preferred options.

Highways

Another incident has occurred at the bridge over the brook in Church Road with some fencing and posts knocked down and the railings pushed further into the growth over the brook. The 'Kissing Gate' at Woodside Green has still not been fixed and the drainage gully outside Lewis Mead, Tilekiln Green, is still blocked which leads to flooding in the road. The Clerk will report these matters to Highways.

Dog Warden

Following complaints from residents the Dog Warden at UDChas been contacted regarding dogs at a residence adjacent to a public footpath. An investigation will be made.

Superfast Broadband

We've got to get ourselves connected

Superfast Broadband should be coming to Great Hallingbury but to make it sooner rather than later you need to follow these instructions.

- Go to: www.google.co.uk on your web browser.
- In the Google Search box type "surveys essex insight "
- Click on the " Superfast Broadband - Getting Essex Connected" Link



- Complete the survey form. There are actually only 2 pages and it only takes a minute.

**Thank
you**



Great Hallingbury History Society

The Codebreakers of Bletchley Park

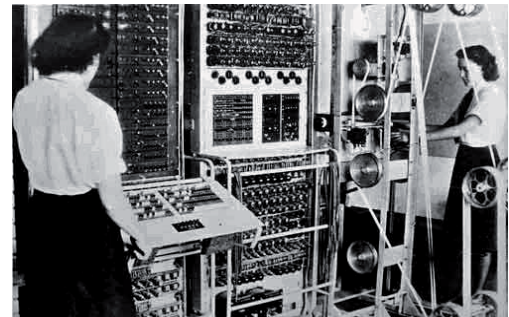
When did you first hear about the code breakers of Bletchley Park and their incredible activities during World War II? It will probably be much later than you think. It was a well kept secret until 1974 and it was only after the Berlin Wall came down in 1989 that it was officially admitted that we broke the German codes during the war and revealed the impact it had on the winning of the war. Bletchley Park (now on the outskirts of Milton Keynes) was the destination of the History Society's latest outing.



Enigma Machine

The work of the people at Bletchley Park was outstanding and is credited with having shortened the war by two years, and possible four years, by breaking the German codes. The German *Enigma* machine used rotors - initially three rotors and later four - to scramble messages into cyphertext and the rotor settings were changed daily. By early 1940, the British had their first breaks into deciphering the code by recognising data repetitions or stock phrases, such as message number, which became a crib. A bombe machine, developed by Alan Turing and Gordon Welchman and built at Bletchley Park, allowed the rapid processing of the many possible rotor combinations to produce tenable hypotheses of the day's settings. Once taken through the next stages, if plain German text resulted, then they had the solution for that day.

Having got our minds around these concepts, we were then told that the Germans also used a Lorenz machine sending encrypted messages using teleprinter code with obscuring additions from rotor wheels. These messages were recorded on punched tape. A Cambridge graduate, then at Bletchley, used mathematical analysis and established how the Lorenz machine must work. The first attempt to build such a machine was an Heath Robinson affair but then a brilliant Post Office electronics engineer designed Colossus, the world's first electronic digital and information processing machine - the forerunner of the modern computer. Colossus was driven by thermionic valves or vacuum tubes, as used in the early wirelesses (radios).



Colossus computer

We wandered over the whole site at our leisure and saw the machines, including the original Colossus computer, and had a demonstration on an Enigma machine. We experienced the atmosphere of the various huts where people worked,



Our group had a very good guide

isolated from the outside world, and were all absolutely fascinated by what we saw and marvelled at (and were grateful for) the work done at Bletchley.

At its peak, around 10,000 people were working at Bletchley Park, many of them women. Apart from the incredible mathematicians and engineers (that Post Office electronics engineer was Tommy Flowers, whose niece is a Great Hallingbury resident), there were people who intercepted the

messages, deciphered them once we had the rotor settings and translated them. Then came the analysts, intelligence officers and support staff.

The Great Hallingbury History Society does go to interesting places! Why don't you join us next time?
*Christine Coultrup,
 Chairman*

Great Hallingbury History Society

FUTURE EVENTS

Men of Bad Character

As wages fell, attacks on farms and fiery protest rose in 19th century East Anglia



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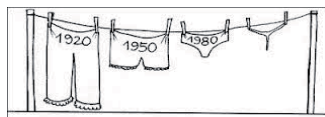
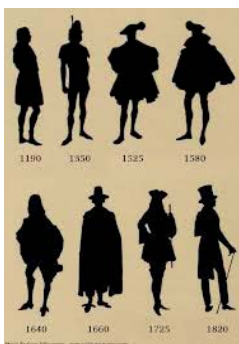
Jeffrey Page



**Wednesday,
 12th February,
 2013**

Clothes our Ancestors Wore

An Informal look at the types of clothing worn by our ancestors



by **Audrey Gillett**

Wednesday, 12th March, 2014

**Meetings held in Great Hallingbury Village Hall
 at 8 pm**

Entrance £1.50 members £2.50 non members

Everyone is welcome, so do join us

Kings of Essex

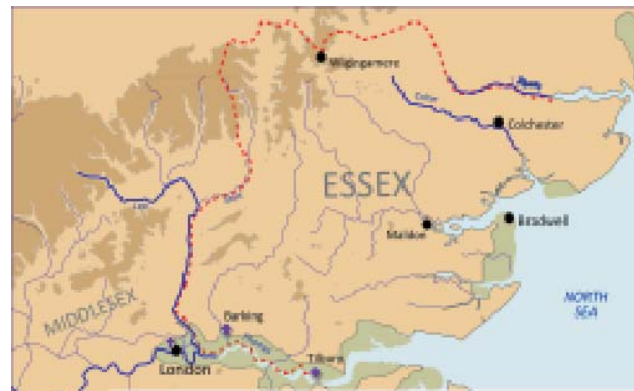
From the 6th to the 9th centuries, the East Saxons - Essex (give or take the current boundaries) - were an independent kingdom. The throne often passed to the strongest, rather than the oldest, son or cousin in the house of **Sleddingas** and sometimes there were joint monarchies which were divided territories or sub-monarchies. You probably don't know their names, especially as the spelling is variable, so here they are.

Aescwine	527 - ?
Sledda	587 - ?
Saerberht	604 - 616
Seaxred	616 - 628
Saeward	616 - 628
Seaxbald	616 - 628
Sigeberht 1	? - 653
Sigeberht 11	653 - ?
Swiohelm	? - 664
Swiofrio	? - 663
Sigehere 1	664 - 688
Saebbi	664 - 694
Sigeheard	694 - 709
Swafred	694 - 709
Offa	694 - 709
Swafberht	709 - 738
Selered	709 - 746
Swioered	746 - ?
Sigeric 1	746 - 798
Sigered	798 - 831
Sigeric 11	? - 839



King Aescwine

Around 825, the East Saxons were defeated in battle and became subsumed into Wessex which was ruled by the family of Alfred the Great, King of Wessex 871 - 899 AD.



Newspaper Headlines to Enjoy

Worker suffers leg pain after crane drops 800-pound ball on his head

CHARLESTON (AP) — The state Division of Highways granted contracts to a worker who said he has trouble walking and suffers leg pains.

Man Accused of Killing Lawyer Receives a New Attorney

By Scott Stenslev
A man accused of killing his former attorney has been appointed another lawyer from the public defender's office. The man was charged in the murder of his former attorney, Miguel Trujillo, in a drive-by shooting. Trujillo was murdered Aug. 13, 1999, a few blocks from his South Charleston office.

Miracle cure kills fifth patient

By The Associated Press
A fifth volunteer died Tuesday from an experimental drug touted as a miracle cure for hepatitis B, beyond medical rescue even as scientists unraveled the mystery of what went gravely wrong in a clinical trial. Agonizingly, the first clue was in plain sight a year ago, but researchers at the National Institute of Health said they were not ready to interview describing the horror of realizing the drug was killing people months after they stopped taking it. "The dreadful thing [is] waiting to see what will happen," he said, his voice trembling, before learning of the most recent death. "I just hope we're over the worst." The drug, Fialuridine, is still in use, scientists would discover that in Louisiana, FIAU steadily attacks the very building blocks of cells in livers, kidneys and nerves. Five people treated with FIAU have died of liver and kidney failure, despite liver transplants for three of them. On Tuesday, a 37-year-old woman succumbed after two months in

Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.

Mary Anne Tebedo, Republican state senator from Colorado Springs (contributed by Harry F. Ponce)



Meeting on open meetings is closed

Starvation can lead to health hazards

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My weight is totally over the top. I am 5 feet 7 inches tall and weigh 300 pounds. It is difficult to meet daily protein, vitamin and mineral requirements. Get to a dietitian for diet

Parents keep kids home to protest school closure

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Parents kept 200 elementary school students home from school for an entire day in a parent-organized protest of the district's plans to close the schools. Parents kept the students home even though most of the students didn't, and that it was largely business as usual for the remaining students who studied in small classes.

Bugs flying around with wings are flying bugs

By Wayne Hansen
Redwood Co. Extension Educator
"I've got these bugs that look like ants with wings flying around my house. What are they and how do I get rid of them?"
bugs. Anthracnose continues to develop on many green ash, oak and maple trees. Small spots and blotches are the typical symptoms and are often accompanied by defoliation. NOTE: Do not use



City unsure why the sewer smells

By KRISTIN HAY
H-P Correspondent
Stickland said he will discuss the strategy of putting a non-toxic smoke into the sewer to detect the



Help from your MP

Sir Alan Haselhurst, your M.P. for the Saffron Walden constituency holds regular surgeries for the benefit of the public whom he serves.

Anyone can come along and have time with Sir Alan to discuss issues on which they feel he may be able to help them.

Forthcoming surgeries are shown below. No appointment is necessary but it is advisable to phone 01799 506349 to confirm times have not been altered.

Friday, 29 November, 2013

THAXTED Guildhall 5.45 pm
SAFFRON WALDEN 7.00 pm

The Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street

Friday, 10 January, 2014

BOREHAM Village Hall, Main Road 5.15 pm
DUNMOW Foakes House, 6.30 pm

Town Council Office, 47 Stortford Road

Friday, 31 January, 2014

STANSTED 5.45 pm
Parish Council Office, Crafton Green
SAFFRON WALDEN 7.00 pm

The Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street

Friday, 28 February, 2014

BROOMFIELD Village Hall 5.15 pm
DUNMOW Foakes House, 6.30 pm

Town Council Office, 47 Stortford Road

Friday, 28 March, 2014

THAXTED Guildhall 5.45 pm
SAFFRON WALDEN 7.00 pm

The Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street

Rock Salt

Be Safe on Icy Paths

A supply of rock salt is available for villagers to use in icy or snowy weather.



If you would like to collect a supply from Parish Council Chairman, Martin Mugele, please call him on 01279 654270

UDC Ward Boundaries

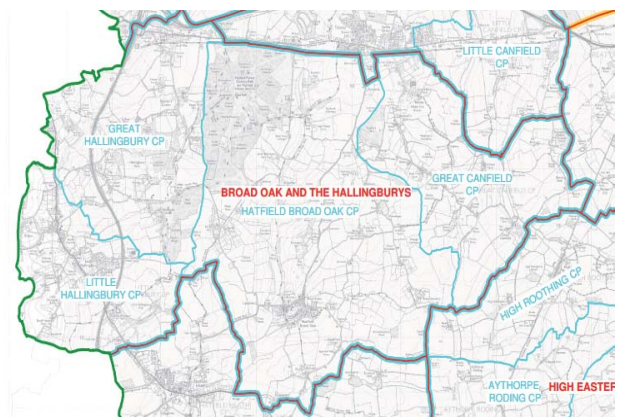


As you know, Great Hallingbury is part of the ward of **Broad Oak and The Hallingburys** which is represented by two District Councillors, Keith Artus and Lesley Wells (shown in the photograph below).



Over the last year or two, the Electoral Commission has been reviewing the ward boundaries within Uttlesford with the aim to reduce the number of councillors from 44 to 39. There has been a long process of consultation and re-reviews. One area on which your Parish Council commented was that Bush End should not be moved into the Takely Ward but should remain as part of Broad Oak and the Hallingburys as all its natural ties lie with Hatfield Broad Oak.

This process is now over and for Great Hallingbury there is no major change. Bush End remains within the ward which has now increased in size to incorporate Great Canfield but still retains the same representation of two councillors.



St. Clare Hospice



UDC Employees Support St Clare Stock Drive

Staff at Uttlesford District Council have been raiding their cupboards to help support St Clare Hospice's seven charity shops.

The response from council employees to their stock appeal absolutely thrilled the St Clare personnel, with about 100 bags and boxes of pre-loved items donated in just two days! Items ranged from clothes, bags and shoes to children's toys, books, bric-a-brac and even a hockey stick.

In early November, the St Clare volunteer van drivers, Paul and Martin, stopped at the civic offices in Saffron Walden to collect the donations from council leader, Cllr Jim Ketteridge and chief executive John Mitchell.

St Clare Hospice retail sales manager Fiona Eaton said, "We were absolutely delighted with the amount donated by the staff at Uttlesford District Council - they really rose to the challenge and their generosity has given our stock levels a big boost.

"Our shops are an important source of income and it's wonderful to have so many new good quality donations that we can sell to raise money for St Clare."



My SatNav



I have a little Satnav
It sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend
It tells you where you are
I have a little Satnav
I've had it most of my life
It is better than the normal ones
My Satnav is my wife
It gives me full instructions
Especially how to drive
"It's thirty miles an hour", it says
"You're doing thirty five"

It tells me when to stop and start
And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever
Safe to overtake

It tells me when a light is red
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively
Just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front
And all those to the rear
And taking this into account
It specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car
It still gives its advice

It fills me up with counselling
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it
And get a quieter sort?

A well, you see, it cleans the house,
Makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things
And - keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these dvantages
And my tendency to scoff,
I do wish that once in a while
I could turn the damned thing off.



Accurate Memories?

November always strikes me as being a month of memories. On the very first day we remember All Saints Day, then there is the 5th November when we remember the unsuccessful Gunpowder Plot. But of course at 11 am on 11th of this eleventh month of the year we remember all those who have made the supreme sacrifice of being killed in active service, protecting their country or trying to maintain peace and stability elsewhere.

But how accurate are the memories we have? We are very aware that some of the saints that are recorded in history have a great deal of myth included in the stories we have of them. It is very easy in a comparatively short period of time to forget the truth or to elaborate on it. Having been at someone's home the other day and looking at photograph albums that had belonged to their mother, I was made more aware of this as the names of many of the people whose images we saw in black and white and who had obviously been of importance to those who had placed them in the album, had been forgotten.

We so quickly forget the ordinary and mundane and yet it is all part of our history and that is something that the BBC understood when they created a website on which, between June 2003 and January 2006, people were invited to contribute their own memories of World War II. They created a vast archive which will be of great interest to the historians of the future as the stories contained there, whilst not necessarily of national importance, capture images of the times and how war impacted on the lives of ordinary people.

A gentleman, named Ken Long, has an article in this archive, *Growing Up in London 1939-45*. After telling of his experiences he added the following comment, 'I do feel that during the war years the British People were at their best as never before or since. It was indeed their finest hour. For the first two years they

stood alone in Europe, then they were on the rack for almost six years, but most people neither sought nor gloried in



Great Hallingbury's War Memorial

war and they gained nothing from it, they still deserve acknowledgement and respect.' What he doesn't say, but I have heard others say, is how people, in spite of all the hardships, worked together and how there was a real sense of community.

It strikes me that when there is a common enemy or a common focus, as in the celebrations of the Queens' Diamond Jubilee or the Olympic Games of last year, a sense of community is generated that builds up and can be built upon for the benefit of everyone.

As I thought about this letter I read the following text from Luke 11:17, an account of Jesus' life written not too long after his death and based on eye witness accounts. Jesus says, "Any country that divides itself into groups which fight each other will not last very long; a family divided against itself falls apart." How true this is and how important therefore it is that we all strive to work towards a common goal and build our community into something that will benefit all.

Revd. Janice Green



WANTED

Someone who will carry out small household maintenance work in a home in Great Hallingbury

Telephone: 01279 507354

George Bramston Archer-Houblon

One hundred years ago, on 9th November 1913, George Bramston Archer-Houblon, the last Lord of the Manor of Great Hallingbury to live in Hallingbury Place, passed away at the age of seventy years. He had inherited the estate in 1891 on the death of his uncle, John Archer-Houblon, changing his name by Royal Licence from George Bramston Eyre to George Bramston Archer-Houblon. Like his uncle, Colonel George was held in great esteem by a wide circle of acquaintances and he proved a worthy successor to his uncle John as Lord of the Manor, playing an important role in the life of Great Hallingbury in the years immediately before the First World War. This article sets out to remember his life and explore his achievements in this, the centenary year of his death.



Welford Park

George Bramston Eyre was born at Welford Park, Berkshire on 26th June, 1843. His father was Charles Archer-Houblon who himself had been born in Great Hallingbury on 13th October, 1806, three years after the birth of his elder brother John Archer-Houblon, the Victorian Squire of Great Hallingbury. When the father of John and Charles died in 1831, John inherited Hallingbury Place and Charles inherited Welford Park, taking the name Eyre. In 1834, Charles served as High Sheriff of Berkshire and a year later, in 1835, he married Mary Anne Leyborne-Popham, daughter of General Leyborne-Popham of Littlecote, Wiltshire. Mary was a pretty young wife, described at a party as *snow-white, arms, neck and all*. She travelled frequently with her husband to Italy, where they wintered in Florence or Rome, due to her delicate health. In Italy her beauty and wit attracted many around her. Mary gave birth to four sons, but three died young and only George, born in 1843, survived. Mary sadly died in 1855, when George was only eleven years of age.

George, like his father and uncle, was educated at Harrow and Christchurch, Oxford. After university he pursued a career in the army, joining the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment in 1871 and becoming Lieutenant Colonel in 1887. On 17th April, 1872, he married Lady Alice Lindsay, the daughter of the 25th Earl of Crawford, who was an avid art collector and travelled widely, studying art. As a young man, George Bramston Eyre was a keen sportsman and a "fine shot". Like his uncle, he was a keen angler, fishing in the River Lambourne, which ran through his Berkshire estate. He also travelled a great deal, spoke both French and Italian and showed a great interest in art and architecture. In his later life his profound interest was in agriculture. Again like his uncle, he was a typical English Squire who took his responsibilities as the local landowner very seriously, both in Berkshire and Essex.

Having inherited Hallingbury Place in 1891 on the death of his uncle and changing his name from Eyre to Archer-Houblon, George Bramston played a prominent part in the life of Great Hallingbury. In 1894, when the Parish Council was first formed, he was elected Chairman. (For the first few years, the Council seemed mainly to deal with complaints of the smell from the Bishop's Stortford Sewerage Works.)

George was a Justice of the Peace in both Essex and Hertfordshire and in 1903 was elected Chairman of the Bishop's Stortford Bench of Magistrates. He was the patron of the living of Great Hallingbury and a devoted churchman, serving as Churchwarden for many years

until 1902, when he expressed a desire that others associated with the church should fill the office. He was a manager of both Great and Little Hallingbury Church of England Schools and a co-trustee of the Eden Cottage Hospital, Hatfield Regis. In 1892, in succession to his uncle, he was elected President of the Bishop's Stortford Conservative Club. In 1898 George served as High Sheriff for Essex.

Colonel George, together with his wife, also took a great interest in the welfare of those they employed. They seemed to have been good kind-hearted employers, as shown by the fact that Lady Alice was elected in 1904 as President of the National Union of Mistresses. The rules of this society, according to a report on 26th August 1904 in the Manchester Guardian, included that *Members shall endeavour to make the conditions of service pleasant, healthy and moral for both men and women servants. Servants who are obliged to rise early must not be kept up till midnight.* Lady Alice was also the family historian, publishing in 1907 "The Houblon Family, Its Story and Times". Much of our knowledge about the Houblon family comes from this book.



George and his wife, Alice, also took a great interest in the Arts and Crafts Movement. C. R. Ashbee (1863-1942), an English designer, architect and entrepreneur and a prime mover in the Arts and Craft Movement, designed and decorated a new billiard room in Hallingbury Place. This included an elaborately modelled ceiling, combining all the coats of arms of Houblon inter-marriages with the white pinks, which were the emblem of the Essex Guild, a group of craftsmen based in Essex House in the East End of London. To celebrate the completion of the work in September 1901, members of the Essex Guild visited Hallingbury for a cricket match against the village team, which they strongly expected to win. However, far from thrashing *the yokels*, the Essex House was *royally beaten. Never was there such a licking.* Members of the Essex Guild made up for their disappointment by enjoying a splendid tea served on the lawns of Hallingbury Place, where they mingled with the villagers as well as the Archer-Houblons, a golden day in the history of the Essex Guild as well as in the history of Great Hallingbury.

In many ways, the cricket match seems to have been the high point of the old order in Hallingbury Place. Events in the next decade foreshadowed the decline of the Houblon family fortunes and the great house of Hallingbury. In 1906, we learn from the church magazine that *it was with great universal regret that the parishioners heard of the departure of the Colonel and his family from their midst for a lengthy period. We all however hope that he and his will benefit from their sojourn abroad.* The family seemed to have resided in France for a few months, although George crossed the Channel every fortnight to fulfil his obligations as Chairman of the Bench of Magistrates in Bishop's Stortford. It is not entirely clear why the family moved out of the great house, whether for health or financial reasons. George seems to have been in good health, so we can only assume that the estate was suffering from the effects of the long steep agricultural depression which began in the early 1870s when the price of grain fell dramatically as railways opened up the American prairies and cheap bulk ocean transport further reduced costs. Essex was one of the counties worst affected by the agricultural depression, the result of which was that Britain between 1870 and 1910, to all intents and purposes, virtually ceased to be a serious agricultural producer.

Philip Hays

To be continued

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Stick Dressing as a Hobby

As someone who has always lived in the country and followed country pursuits, I, like many others, have cut myself a forked stick from the hedgerow to use as a walking stick. But over the years I have admired the far fancier sticks made by someone with a little more skill than my early efforts. This led me to trying to be a little adventurous with my own efforts.

I started out with the very basic short walking stick where one only had to shape and polish a single piece of hazel or ash that had a knot or bend at the root. Although very simple, a quite acceptable stick could be produced with simple surform tools and some hard work with the sandpaper for a smooth finish. A good yacht varnish would enhance the wood grain and give an attractive appearance. The secret was to leave the wood to dry for at least a year before you started to produce the stick.



I will start to search for my sticks at the end of November and not cut any after the end of February. This means there is no sap in the wood and it will dry out and be much firmer for your sticks. It will also mean that the bark is dry and firm and will stay on the stick for a better finish. My usual choice for the wood is hazel or ash as they are the easiest to find and usually the straightest. Blackthorn makes a beautiful stick as does fruit wood, apple, pear and cherry but these are much harder to obtain.

I have now moved on to making full length staff sticks with heads made from Deer Antler or Rams Horn. These do take longer to produce but the end product can be a delight.

I start the process by selecting one of my dried sticks and checking to see how straight it is. If it has a small bend I straighten it by placing it in a vice and heating the bend with a paint stripping hot air gun. As soon as the wood has reached a good heat I bend it slightly past straight and then spray it with cold water from a plant sprayer. I then hold it in position till it has dried. I then select the handle for the top by cutting a piece of antler to size. I then drill a hole into the antler base and the middle of the stick about one and a half inches deep. I cut a three inch piece of threaded metal bar and select a horn spacer about quarter of an inch thick. I drill a hole the same size through the spacer and check the fit when they are pressed together. If all is OK, I then mix some epoxy resin glue and stick them together.



After leaving them to dry for twenty four hours, I then start the polishing and blending process. My main tools are a Black and Decker Wizard with a sanding drum and a B&D electric power file. This can take quite a time to blend the shaft to head and then polish the coronet top. If the piece of antler needs capping, I will use a piece of walnut or some African Buffalo horn; both polish to a lovely finish. Finally, I apply two coats of yacht varnish and you have great looking walking stick.

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Why It Works

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Beware the scammers!

Christmas Refuse Collection Dates	
 	Friday, 20th December
 	Saturday, 28th December
 	Saturday, 4th January

Correspondence *Geese and Buzzards*



Editor

Last year, I wrote to you regarding Stansted Airport's policy on the possibility of bird strike within the engines of aircraft using the airport. To prevent this, it was deemed necessary to cull grey-lag and Canadian geese. A special licence was obtained from Natural England (part of DEFRA, the Department of the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs) and some geese were exterminated.

At the time, I said that I would not be surprised if buzzards became the next target of Natural England. During the Spring of 2013, this nightmare scenario actually occurred. Stansted Airport obtained a special licence from Natural England enabling them to shoot and kill 4 buzzards at the airport !!

Buzzards are a conservation success story but we cannot take their return for granted. Most of us would probably celebrate the fact that Buzzards can be regularly seen locally as they soar on thermals or move long distances quickly as they hunt within their territories.

Despite a ministerial re-think following a public outcry over DEFRA's research proposal to destroy buzzard nests (eventually shelved), this Spring, Natural England also issued the first ever licence for the destruction of buzzard nests at the request of a pheasant shooting estate somewhere in the United Kingdom. The RSPB believes that it is wrong to kill a native bird of prey to protect a non native game bird, especially as only 1 - 2% of pheasant losses are attributed to birds of prey and sparrowhawks, goshawks and owls are more likely to be the culprits.

I agree with this wholeheartedly. Make up your own mind.

David Barlow

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Irish Luck

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.'

'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

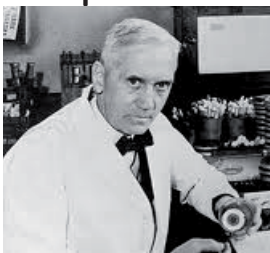
'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked.

'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly.

'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and, in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin.



The name of the nobleman?
Lord Randolph Churchill ...
His son's name?
Sir Winston Churchill.



Even the Great Must Wait *Plaque Unveiling*

It is little known that Mr Winston Churchill was the MP for Epping & Harlow between 1924 and 1945 and before that, in 1923, he spoke at Old Harlow's Victoria Hall Theatre calling for the penny post and pensions for widows.

It has taken until 4 October, 2013, for the civic campaign, headed by Robert Halfon, the current MP for Harlow, to honour Sir Winston Churchill. The last three MPs for Harlow - Stan Newman, Bill Rammell and Robert Halfon - together with the chair of Harlow Council unveiled the blue plaque to honour the great man.





Carols at The Hop Poles

The choirs of St.
Mary's and St. Giles'

Tuesday, 17th December at 7.30 pm

Do come and join us

Answers to Quiz on page 9

1. The third child was called Johnny, of course
2. Working in a butcher's shop, he weighed Meat.
3. Mount Everest has always been the highest mountain; it just wasn't discovered yet. [You're not very good at this are you?]
4. There is no dirt in a hole.
5. Incorrectly is always spelled incorrectly
6. Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere
7. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.
8. The President's name in 1975 was the same as it now - Barack Obama. [Oh, come on ...]
9. Well, if you passed the person in second place, you would be in 2nd place, not first.
10. Neither is correct, the yolk of the egg is yellow [Duh]
11. If the farmer combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one, so the answer is one.

Green Waste Skip



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until 15th December

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A new schedule will be issued by Uttlesford for services after 30th March, 2014

Working at the Zoo

A bloke starts his new job at the zoo and is given three tasks. First is to clear the exotic fish pool of weeds. As he does this a huge fish jumps out and bites him. To show who is boss, he beats it to death with a spade. Realizing his employer won't be best pleased he disposes of the fish by feeding it to the lions, as lions will eat anything.



Moving on to the second job of clearing out the Chimp house, he is attacked by the chimps who pelt him with coconuts. He swipes at two chimps with a spade killing them both. What can he do? Feed them to the lions, he says to himself, because lions eat anything... He hurls the corpses into the lion enclosure.

He moves on to the last job which is to collect honey from the South American Bees. As soon as he starts he is attacked by the bees. He grabs the spade and smashes the bees to a pulp. By now he knows what to do and shovels them into the lions cage because lions eat anything.



Later that day a new lion arrives at the zoo.. He wanders up to the other lions and asks, "What's the food like here?"



The lions say, "Absolutely brilliant. Today we had Fish and Chimps with Mushy Bees"

Hatfield Forest

October Storm



On Monday, 25th October, shortly after the storm hit Hatfield Forest, power was lost to both the lake area and the Estate office. Despite this, a survey was undertaken which revealed extensive and widespread damage which required immediate attention.

The next morning, an emergency tree surgery team was assembled to clear some of the worst hit areas, especially those which are used most by our visitors. Our effort paid off and the forest was partially opened to the public on Wednesday, with a lot of work still remaining. Tree surgery continued throughout the week and is ongoing in efforts to make the forest safe. However large parts of the forest, especially gravel pit coppice where many of the ancient coppice stools and pollards have sustained heavy limb damage, still pose a threat to the general public so remain shut. Unfortunately a 250 year old Black Walnut, the only one in the forest which we believe to have been planted during the ownership of the Houblon family, was lost during the storm.

On a positive note, all our half term events managed to go ahead with a few alterations to routes taken. The café re-opened on Thursday, much to our visitors delight, just in time for our Halloween walk.

Looking forward, we are now gearing up for Father Christmas' visit to the Forest in early December. The elves are getting busy with the present wrapping! The Forest will be open for walkers over the festive period but waterlogged grass will limit car parking. The café and shop will be open throughout the Christmas holidays (café closed Christmas Day, shop closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day).

Fiona Harrower

Visitor Experience Manager, Hatfield Forest

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**250 year old
Black Walnut
Tree destroyed
by storm,
October 2013**

The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



On 3rd September, Kate Fuller gave us a very entertaining talk about millinery. Hats can be made of straw, silk, felt or coconut fibre. Straw used to come from East Anglia but now has to be brought in from abroad. Rabbit fur is used for felt. Kate uses a fairly-traded coconut fibre called Sinamay which comes from the Philippines. There is a selection of blocks for different shapes of hat. Kate advised that when straw or Sinamay hats are being taken by car, they should be kept cool in the car boot. After telling us about hat-making, Kate let us try on her selection of really beautiful hats and fascinators.

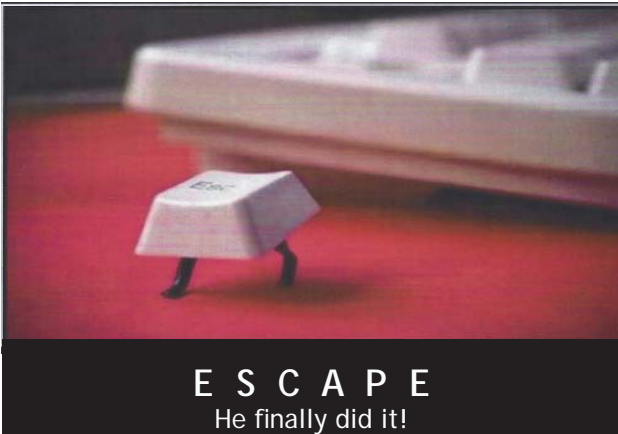
In October, Mr Brian Beaumont gave us an interactive talk about maths, with a few puzzlers for us and some very interesting facts. He showed us how to work out on which day of the week we had been born and how the wind-chill factor is worked.

A light hearted quiz, prepared by Mr Donald King, was the feature of our November meeting.

Our next gathering will be on 3rd December which will be our Christmas Lunch at 12.30 for 1 pm in St. Mary's Church.

The Olive Branch normally meets on the first Tuesday of each month except August, starting the New Year on 7th January, 2014, with our annual general meeting and communion.

Nita Sylvester



Harvest Festival

Flower Festival Weekend

Once again held inside St. Giles' Church in September, the Flower Festival had a really happy atmosphere. It was wonderful to see so many people visiting St. Giles', to look at the beautiful flower arrangements and partake of cream teas. Friends of St. Giles' Church contributed to the colourful floral displays and many people commented on how beautiful the church looked.

On Sunday, pupils from Howe Green House School took part in a well attended Harvest Festival Service, singing a Harvest Hymn, reading the lesson and leading the prayers. The choirs from our United Benefice sang a Harvest Anthem.

The Festival Weekend raised £1,055 to go towards the general upkeep of our beautiful church.

Harvest Supper

The next weekend, a Harvest Supper for the United Benefice was held in Great Hallingbury Village Hall. This was a very happy occasion, enjoyed by all who came. Everyone appreciated the fish and chip supper, followed by home-made apple pie and cream.

We were superbly entertained by Pat Larby, Shirley Mackrill, Don Cooke, Members of the Panto Group (Alison and Mark Hutley, Freda and Alan Townsend and Di Aitken). We also enjoyed a "sing-a-long" led by Philip Hays and the evening concluded with a Harvest Prayer/Poem read by Heather.

A grand total of £240 was raised for the Harlow Foodbank to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Our sincere appreciation goes to everyone who in any way helped and supported both events and helped to make them such happy occasions.

Heather Hays, Churchwarden

CAROLS IN CANDLELIGHT



The 1st Great Hallingbury Brownies invite you to their Carol Service

on Monday 2nd December, 2013 at 6.15pm
in St. Giles' Church, Great Hallingbury

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Coffee and Christmas Cake will be served.



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



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St Giles' Services December 2013 – March 2014

Dec 1	8 am	Holy Communion ***
	4 pm	Christingle service
Dec 2	6.15pm	Brownies' Carols by Candlelight
Dec 8	10 am	Morning Prayer
Dec 12	7.30pm	Christmas Commemoration in St. Mary's (tbc)
Dec 15	8 am	BCP Holy Communion
Dec 22	10 am	Family Communion
Dec 24	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Dec 25	8 am	Holy Communion
Dec 29	10 am	Family Communion at St. Mary's (only service in the Benefice)
2014		
Jan 5	8 am	BCP Holy Communion
Jan 12	10 am	Morning Prayer
Jan 19	8 am	BCP Holy Communion
Jan 26	10 am	Family Communion
Feb 2	8 am	BCP Holy Communion
Feb 9	10 am	Morning Prayer
Feb 16	8 am	BCP Holy Communion
Feb 23	10 am	Family Communion
Mar 2	8 am	BCP Holy Communion
Mar 9	10 am	Morning Prayer
Mar 16	8 am	BCP Holy Communion
Mar 23	10 am	Family Communion
Mar 30	10 am	Mothering Sunday Service

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.

Calendar

December 2013

- 2 Brownies *Carols by Candlelight* - St Giles' Church - 6.15 pm
 3 Olive Branch - *Christmas Lunch* - St Mary's Church - 12.30 for 1 pm
 3 Meeting Place - Little Hallingbury Rectory - 5pm - 6.30pm
 4 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
 Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
 6 Little Hallingbury School - *Christmas Fair* - 3.30 pm - 5 pm
 10 Friendship Club
 13 *Christmas Cheer* - Timbers - 7 pm *see page 35*
 14 Hallingbury Choir *Music around Christmastide* - Little Hallingbury Village Hall - 7.30 pm *see page 12*
 17 *Carols at the Hop Poles* - 7.30pm
 18 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
 Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
 19 Essex Police Beat Surgery - Little Hallingbury Village Hall - 10 - 11 am
 20 Refuse/recycling as normal
 25 Eden Surgeries closed
 26 Eden Surgeries closed
 28 Saturday refuse/recycling collection

January 2014

- 1 Eden Surgeries closed
 7 Olive Branch AGM and Communion in St. Mary's Church at 2.15 pm
 4 Saturday refuse/recycling collection
 13 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 7 pm
 14 Friendship Club
 15 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
 Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
 22-5 Little Hallingbury Panto *Robinson Crusoe* - Little Hallingbury Village Hall - *see page 12*
 23 WI - *New Year Dinner*
 29 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
 Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm

February 2014

- 4 Olive Branch - St Mary's Church - 2.15 pm
 11 Friendship Club
 12 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
 Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
 12 History Society - *Men of Bad Character* - Village Hall - 8pm
 23 Snowdrop Sunday - Easton Lodge
 26 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
 Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
 27 WI - Village Hall - 7.45 pm

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Monday, 13th January - 7 pm

Monday, 3rd March - 7 pm

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