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Dog Roses

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Stop press editorial

It was my intention to concentrate this editorial on historic anniversaries that fall this year. The most widely celebrated, if that is the word, is the beginning a hundred years ago of what was known as the *Great War* and then called *World War One, WW1*. It is also 70 years since *D-Day*, a critical milestone of *WW11*, and 500 years ago *Saffron Walden's Royal Charter* was granted, allowing it to be a Market Town.

Much closer to home was the realisation that the first issue of the *Great Hallingbury Parish Council Newsletter* was published in 1996 with the object of informing villagers on the work of the Parish Council. It soon began to attract other news and articles and, after attending a course on producing small magazines run by the RCCE which was worth every penny, the Newsletter became the *Great Hallingbury HIGHLIGHTS* in 2002. Which neatly brings us to the **STOP PRESS EDITORIAL**.

As many readers will recall, the prestigious



magazine *Essex Life*, together with the the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) organises annually the *Essex Life Community Magazine Awards* which are also sponsored by the Church of England Diocese of Chelmsford. The objective is to encourage local village magazines which are recognised as the most successful way to communicate with the populace.

There are over 60 village magazines in Essex and a large majority enter the competition. *HIGHLIGHTS* has been successful in the past and this year we were invited to attend a reception for those reaching the final round.

This was held at an unusual venue; the West Street Vineyard, located in a beautiful setting overlooking the River Blackwater in Coggeshall. It is a mini Vineyard opened last year on St George's Day. The awards reception was held in a contemporary open plan eco-barn where it is possible to dine



on local produce and sample 20 different wines from East Anglia. We found them very good.

The reception was well attended. There was some tension behind the outward bonhomie and smiles from the contestants waiting to hear whether or not they have been successful in winning an award. After announcing the Best New Entry award, which this year went to the Parish Magazine covering Terling, Fairstead, White Notley and Faulkbourne, the names of the top six magazines were revealed.

There were three merit certificates and then the third prize was awarded to *Great Hallingbury HIGHLIGHTS* which frankly amazed us. Second prize went to *Writtle News* and the best community magazine in Essex awarded to the *Theydon Bois Village News*. We were, of course, very delighted but still totally surprised at achieving third place, particularly after we had viewed our competitors' magazines. They were really excellent. They were, of course, mostly from larger populations, often more than one village and sometimes five times larger than Great Hallingbury like, say, Stansted Mountfitchet.

It was noticeable this year that there was a greater use of colour and more photographs. A number were compiled and produced by professional printers so we had good reason to be amazed on seeing the excellence of the competition.

But the **STOP PRESS** is the news that *HIGHLIGHTS* achieved third place in the County of Essex and we trust our contributors and supporters feel as pleased as we do. One last thing, you may notice that Christine is missing from the photograph. That is because she was actually taking the pictures and in our rush to print we used her photographs. I can assure you that when we receive the official photographs, Christine will be included and hopefully you will see that in our next issue.

Editor

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We Will Remember Them

The Men of Hallingbury

The *Great War*, the centenary of whose outbreak we are commemorating this year, had far more effect on world history than any other four-year period in the history of mankind. The world after 1914 was so different from the world before 1914. The number of Britons who served in the war meant that there were very few families in the United Kingdom that were not affected by the conflict and this was especially true for Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury.

It is difficult to appreciate the devastation caused by the terrible conflict on nearly every family in the two villages, from the Lord of the Manor, Henry Lindsay Archer-Houblon, who fought in the war with two of his brothers, to the family of the farm worker in Woodside Green. Every parent's nightmare is to lose a child as *it confounds the natural order*. Imagine, then, the utter horror of losing more than one child, as occurred in the First World War to several people in the Hallingburys. Today, we feel the agony of the families when we see the return of coffins from Iraq and Afghanistan but the pain of those who suffered multiple losses in the *Great War* ricochets down through the decades. It is the last untold tragedy of that *war to end all wars*. So please, spare a thought for the following families in Great Hallingbury who lost more than one son during the Great War:

William Bird, a platelayer living in Start Hill, and his wife, Lizzie, who lost two sons, Albert, aged 24, and Frederick, aged 21.

Arthur Blake, also a platelayer living in Start Hill, and his wife Susan, who lost two sons, George, aged 24, and Henry, aged 30.

Joseph Eldred, a domestic gardener of 167 Church End, and his wife, Eliza, who lost two sons, Joseph, aged 24, and Leonard, aged 23.

James Prior, a farm horseman of Beggars Hall, and his wife, Ruth, who lost two sons, Alfred and George, aged 21.

And in Little Hallingbury, two families lost three sons during the *Great War*:



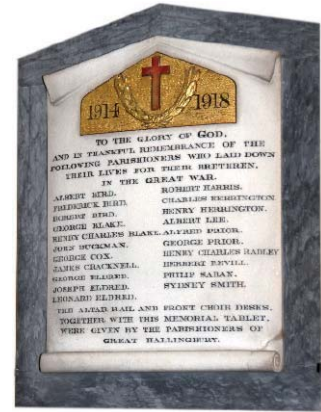
Ernest Dorrington
Awarded Military Medal for
Gallantry

Alice Dorrington, a widow living in Bursteads Farm, who lost three sons, Albert, aged 21, George, aged 34 and Thomas, aged 26.

Frederick Cracknell, a horse man living in Woodside Green, and his wife, Emily, who lost three sons, Frederick, aged 30, Henry, aged 26 and William, aged 20. Their loss was even greater as two sons died on the same day, 9th August, 1916. Henry was killed in action and William died of his wounds.

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.***

We owe it to these soldiers and their families that we should remember them; not to celebrate the *Great War*, certainly not to glorify it, but out of respect and awe for their bravery,



**1914-18 War Memorial
in St Giles'**

their perseverance and endurance in such testing times. The names on the war memorials in Great and Little Hallingbury are names of sons, brothers, husbands, even fathers, who were born, went to school and worked in the Hallingburys. One way we can remember them is to find out as much as we can about them: when were they born? who were their parents and siblings? what occupation did they have? when did they die and where are they buried? or, if they have no known grave, where are they commemorated?

In this centenary year of the start of the *Great War* I have been keen to undertake research into the names of those commemorated on the War Memorials of Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury. Sue Meyer, Chairperson of the Little Hallingbury Village History Society, has kindly shared with me information relating to men commemorated on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial to complement my research into the background of the men commemorated on the Great Hallingbury War Memorial.



Frank William Bayford
Died 3rd May, 1917
Sergeant in the Bedfordshire
Regiment
Awarded the Military Medal
for Gallantry

At the time of the *Great War* the boundaries of Great Hallingbury were very different from the present day boundaries. The Brook, near Brook Cottage in what is now Little Hallingbury, seems to have been the boundary between the villages. The George Pub was therefore in Great Hallingbury, as well as the Walburies and Spellbrook. Woodside Green, now part of Great Hallingbury, was part of Little Hallingbury. Any research into the names on the memorials in Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury immediately overlaps and any analysis of the casualties in the *Great War* therefore needs to focus on the **Men of Hallingbury**.

There are 21 names commemorated on the Great Hallingbury War Memorial. Records have been found for 17 of these soldiers. (As yet, no military records have been traced for George Cox, Alfred Prior, Henry Charles Radley and Sydney Smith). In addition, we have information relating to one other soldier, Tom Morris, who is buried in the churchyard of St. Giles' Church and whose grave is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, but whose name is not on the Great Hallingbury War Memorial for those who *laid down their lives*.



Little Hallingbury War Memorial

There are 33 names on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial. In addition, we have information relating to one other soldier, Frank Breed, who is buried in the Little Hallingbury Burial Ground at Gaston Green and whose grave is mentioned on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website but whose name is not on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial. Records have been found for all 34 of these soldiers but three names, John Buckman, George Prior and Herbert Revill, are also commemorated on the Great Hallingbury War Memorial. At present, therefore, we have records for 49 **Hallingbury Men** who died during the *Great War*.

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>Great Hallingbury</i>	<i>Little Hallingbury</i> <i>(excluding three men commemorated on the GH War Memorial)</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
1914	4	1	5
1915	2	1	3
1916	2	13	15
1917	9	11	20
1918	0	5	5
1919	1	0	1
TOTAL	18	31	49

Years In Which Hallingbury Men Died

The pattern of casualties, as seen from the chart, closely follows the events of the *Great War*. The men who died in 1914 were part of the British Expeditionary Force which was deployed to Europe at the beginning of war. Several of those who died in 1914 had been serving, according to the 1911 Census, as regular soldiers in far flung parts of the British Empire, maintaining law and order in India and South Africa. The year 1915 was a learning phase for both sides as they adjusted to trench warfare and the British Army began training its new recruits. 1916 and 1917 saw major attempts by the allies to break down the German line, hence the large number of casualties in those years. 13 of the deaths in 1916 were in the second part of the year when the Battle of the Somme, which lasted five and a half months, began on July 1st, 1916. September 1916 saw the highest death rate of any month for the Hallingburys: six men died in that month alone. Of the six men who died in 1918 and 1919, three died after the war had ended, presumably from their wounds, and are buried locally in the Hallingburys.

<i>AGE AT DEATH</i>	<i>Great Hallingbury</i>	<i>Little Hallingbury</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
40+		1	1
30-40	4	5	9
20-30	14	21	35
Below 20		4	4
TOTAL	18	31	49

Ages at which men died

Most British casualties in the Great War were men of military age, 19 - 34, and this is reflected in the data for the Hallingburys. Only three casualties were aged over 34. The oldest casualty was Arthur William Baker, son of the rector of Little Hallingbury (Revd. John Julius Baker; Rector from 1880

to 1915), who died in July 1916 at the age of 40. (Incidentally, Charles de Cerjat, the son of Charles Rowland Wynne de Cerjat, Rector of St. Giles' Church from 1903-1917, also fought in the Great War). The youngest casualty was Frank Lionel Eldred of 61 Church Green, Little Hallingbury. He died in September 1916, aged only 18. In the 1911 Census he was still at school, aged 13. Arthur Baker and Frank Eldred are both commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, remembering those who died in the Battle of the Somme.

Records show that four of the Great War casualties were married. John Buckman, commemorated on both War Memorials, married in 1906 and had at least three children. David Cochrane (or Cockrane), commemorated on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial, married in 1907 and had at least one child. Two other men commemorated on the Little Hallingbury War Memorial were also married: Jeffery Thurgood (married in 1915) and George Dorrington (married in 1916). George and his wife, Gertrude, are both buried in the Little Hallingbury Burial Ground at Gaston Green.

Of the 49 Hallingbury Men who died, 25 men have a known grave. 21 are buried in France or Flanders, 3 are in the Burial Ground at Gaston Green and 1 is buried in St. Giles' Churchyard. 24 men have no known grave but are commemorated on foreign war memorials; 21 in France or Flanders (of whom 9 are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial), 1 man on the Jerusalem Memorial, 1 man on the Basra Memorial in Iraq and 1 man was lost at sea during the naval Battle of Jutland.

14, over a quarter of the men who died, served in the Bedfordshire Regiment and 9 men in the Essex Regiment. 3 served in the Royal Horse Artillery and the others were in 19 different regiments.



*Philip George Saban
Died 2nd November, 1917
A gunner with the Royal
Horse Artillery*

Occupations of those who died (1911 Census)

From the 1911 Census we can derive some information about the occupation of at least 44 of the men who died. Not surprisingly, 26 of the men worked on the land as labourers, gardeners, game keepers or in occupations related to farming. 5 were soldiers at the time of the 1911 Census and 2 were clerks. 6 of those who died were attending school in 1911.

The research into the lives of the men named on the War Memorials of Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury is still ongoing. Sadly, but not surprisingly, it has been easier to trace the records of those who died during the *Great War* rather than focusing on everyone who served. Members of both Great and Little Hallingbury History Societies are keen to continue their research. If anyone has information about their family relatives who served in the *Great War*, or photographs, we would be very pleased to hear from you.



George William Jennings
Died on 11th August, 1917
Killed whilst engaged as a
stretcher bearer bringing in a
wounded comrade

OCCUPATION	Great Hallingbury	Little Hallingbury	TOTAL
Soldiers	4	1	5
Agricultural or Farm Labourers	6	14	20
Game Keepers	2		2
Domestic Groom	1		1
Gardeners		2	2
Steam Ploughing Engine Labourer	1		1
Bricklayers	1		1
Clerks / Junior Clerks		2	2
Errand Boy	1		1
Plumber		1	1
Grocer's Carman (Carter)	1		1
Butcher's Porter		1	1
Scholars		6	6
TOTAL	17	27	44

There is still much to be done: we have begun by looking at the usual civil and military records, including census returns and soldiers' service records. We intend to broaden our information through research at the Essex Record Office, where a First World War Memorial Book, including notes, photographs and news cuttings about men in Little Hallingbury killed in the Great War, offers the prospect of new information to help piece together the jigsaw of information that we already have. We also need to look through copies of the Herts and Essex Observer for the years 1914-1920 for obituaries and photographs of some of the casualties.

The soldiers who died in the *Great War* are often called the *Lost Generation*. The country was said to have been robbed of a whole generation: the *flower of youth* and *the best of the nation* had been destroyed. It is surely appropriate, in this year when we remember the centenary of the start of the *Great War*, that we do all we can to ensure that the *Lost Generation* is not the *Forgotten Generation*.

Philip Hays

GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday, 4th June, 2014, at 8 pm

Do you have any artefacts, medals or memorabilia of the First World War from your family? Why not bring them to the Village Hall that evening and share them with us all.

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Out of this World

Opulence

Cookery section

Lots of jams, chutneys, cakes

Cake made by a man

Needlework

Children's classes

Scarecrows

Schedules will be available soon from the usual sources.

Have a look and try to enter something to make this show a success

GOOD LUCK

Fortune Teller

A woman goes to visit a fortune teller. In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the mystic delivered grave news. "There's no easy way to say this, so I'll just be blunt. Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken, the woman stares at the fortune teller's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She took a few deep breaths to compose herself. She simply had to know. She met the fortune-teller's gaze, steadied her voice, and asked her question: "Will I be found guilty?"



Things Confucius did not say

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.

Lady who goes camping must beware of evil intent.

Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion

Man who eats many prunes get good run for money.

War does not determine who is right, it determines who is left.

Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.

Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.

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Annual Parish Meeting



The Chairman reported that during the last year, the Parish Council has held six meetings and one extraordinary meeting. Individual councillors represent the Parish at the Uttlesford Community Forum meetings, the SSE meetings and Uttlesford's Highways Committee on which Cllr Alan Townsend also represents the Executive Committee of the Uttlesford Association of Local Councils. The information gleaned at these meetings enables the Parish Council to be informed and comment on proposals relating to District, County and Local Government issues.

Finance

Your Parish Council has been able to give an additional donation to St. Giles' Church for necessary work on the trees in the churchyard and purchased a new bench to replace the wooden one by the phone box. Nevertheless, as last year, we do not need to raise the precept (part of Council Tax).

Planning

The Parish Council has considered and commented on twenty seven planning applications over this past year. Whilst in general we do not object to the proposals, some require comment to ensure that consideration is given to neighbouring properties and the surrounding area. We also have to comply with the policies in the District Plan.

Housing

The scheme for affordable housing in the village is moving very slowly, currently in a consultation phase before submitting a planning application. The site agreed is behind Hallingbury Manor with the possibility of sixteen market houses and six affordable houses which will be offered to Uttlesford District Council at no cost. This was supported by the Parish Council.

Airport

The Council had responded in April of last year to a further Night Noise Consultation, pointing out once more that night flights should be for essential services only with no increase in numbers at Stansted and that the night period should be extended. A meeting of NWEHPA in June still raised concerns on possible expansion at Stansted, but, since then, government decisions for expansion elsewhere have made this less likely - we must keep our fingers crossed. SSE continues to update us on all airport matters.

Last year, Keith Artus gave a presentation on flight path trials using way-points to keep aircraft nearer to the centre swathe of the flight path. These are currently in operation and appear to be successful.

Highways

Various pot holes and other road defects continue to be reported to Essex County Highways using their website which gives each one a reference number, enabling progress to be tracked. Any member of the public can report road defects on this site.

Hallingbury Brook: Your Council has obtained the support of our Essex County Councillor and the latest information is confirmation from Essex that their Engineering Team accepts responsibility but they have yet to fix a date for the work to be done. This may well mean another road closure!

A 40mph speed limit had been proposed, by Highways, from Bedlars Green to Start Hill, something for which your Council has been pressing for a long time.

Great Hallingbury is still on the Highways Panel list to have a solar powered permanent speed sign.

Leapers Lane - Footpath 15

The footpath from Leapers Lane into the Forest has recently been re-instated as a Restricted Byway by Essex County Council. Your Parish Council continues to press for some maintenance work to make it more usable.

Broadband

In June there was a presentation in Little Hallingbury by Philip Wilson of Essex County Council. The main concern expressed was *why is broadband so slow in this area?* Mr. Wilson explained that the normal wiring is all being replaced with fibre optics and that, once the work on the 'green boxes' (along the footpaths) has been completed residents should find it faster. However, some remote areas may not receive a good speed until 2016.

Post Box Bedlars Green

Sadly the post box at Bedlars Green was lost last year. However, OFCOM is being pursued in the hope that we may get it replaced.

Bench by Phone Box

The Millennium bench by the phone box was sadly beyond repair, despite the kind efforts of a local resident. The Parish Council has now replaced it with a sturdy resin bench which will serve for many years without maintenance other than a wash down.

Recycling

It seems that the recycling system brought in some 18 months ago is very successful.

The Green Waste Skip still comes regularly to Little Hallingbury car park each Saturday, 1.15 to 2.15pm.

Thanks

A big thank you goes to Christine and Ron Coultrup for continuing to produce the *Hallingbury Highlights*. This publication goes to every house in the village through distributors and is a good reference for everything going on in Great Hallingbury.

Thank you to all involved in looking after the Village Hall.

Finally, thank you to all Councillors and villagers for their continued support during the past year. Special thanks go to Vice-Chairman, Ron Coultrup, and Clerk, Freda



Townsend, who work so well to lighten the Chairman's load.

*Martin Mugele,
Chairman Great Hallingbury
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The Police Years *by Ernie Field* *Service in Cambridge*



My arrival at Cambridge on February 14th, 1955, was memorable. Taking up 2pm duty, I was immediately assigned to the Royal Coach bearing the Queen, Prince Philip, the Queen Mother and the children. Enroute from Sandringham to London, they were delayed at Cambridge while waiting for the Norwich portion of the train. My first twenty minutes of my first day was quite an occasion!



In those days, both Chipperfield's and Bertram Mills' circuses travelled by train, loaded on special bogies. Sometimes the trains had to be specially turned to allow the last vehicle loaded to be first off at the next destination. For this the train had to use the loop line at Ely. Chipperfield's came to Cambridge soon after my transfer and it was quite a sight to see their huge vehicles unloaded, whilst the parading animals were an added attraction.



Chipperfield's Circus

Life at Cambridge was very much a routine, patrolling, covering three shifts, trudging miles between shunting wagons which allowed very little clearance between the rail lines. All this to check wagon seals. Then make a detour to come back along the other side, for it was too dangerous to duck underneath wagons. Shunted wagons moved silently and with speed and often there

were only inches to spare. Shunters knew we were there and deliberately released wagons to make life as uncomfortable as possible in the hope one would be exterminated under the pretence of an accident. Make no mistake, with so many thieves among staff, an officer did not have friends and it was unwise to take risks. Sunday night duty was the loneliest period with the yards shut down. Patrolling in darkness one knew full well that should misfortune befall you, there was little chance of being found. This type of patrol was monotonous and unrewarding. Too often one found a wagon had been violated and those responsible had flown, leaving much paperwork to be completed.

On May 28th 1955, A.S.L.E.F., the train drivers union, called a strike while I was on night duty. I did not get home until noon the next day and as a result was attached to Bishop's Stortford for the duration. Although the strike lasted until June 20th, my stay at Stortford was extended a further fortnight, while Constable Millar took annual leave.

The Queen and Prince Philip paid an official visit to Cambridge On October 20th and my medals jingled once more. This time I was near to their alighting point, no longer an outcast.

On January 7th, 1956, I dealt with my first passenger death, a Reverend gentleman. Shortly afterwards I dealt with an engine driver who collapsed and expired on his engine while the train stood in the station.

I learned on April 3rd that I had passed the Civil Service examination First Class, taken in London earlier. It was a credit to Church School education but not to my critics at the Correspondence School in Bombay while in the Air Force!

I caught a man stealing books from W.H. Smith's bookstall but prosecution for this type of

offence can only be pursued with their consent, being tenants on railway property. Usually tenants gave consent to prosecute but some were reluctant for fear of adverse publicity. In October, *Dusty Millar* was suspended from duty for hitting his son-in-law with his truncheon. He was charged by the local police and eventually given a Conditional Discharge and re-instated. Meanwhile I sat a Technical Examination for Sergeant which I passed in February 1957 but knew there would be little opportunity for advancement due to shrinkage of the Force in the Eastern Area.

February 27th that year, when speaking to a City Policeman in Station Road, two men came from a bed-sitter opposite and enquired where they could get a meal. Drawing myself up to full height, I said *Mr Baigent, I presume?* It was none other than Frank Baigent, a fellow airman in Iraq from 1940 days. Now living in Surrey, he had just arrived in Cambridge to work on a gas retort. Over the next few weeks we saw one another regularly and thereafter corresponded at Christmas, until his death at Christmas 1981.

I was involved on several occasions that year with Local Police, dealing with crime on railway premises and in June 1957 gave evidence at Quarter Sessions when two railway firemen received prison sentences.

The Lighter Side

Some light relief however was duty on Chesterton railway bridge during University *bump* boat races on the River Cam. Eight man crews try to catch one another and bump, there being no room to pass. The winning crew moves up in the ratings and the loser moves down. At the end of the week one crew emerges with the *Head of the River* title.

Further entertainment was provided by the Universities during *Rag Week*, when huge sums are raised for the Poppy Appeal. Anything and everything seems to be accepted. I once had a pimply young lady, clad only in the smallest bikini, to escort over the railway lines to the Goods Shed, where, amongst wheeling barrows, men made their contributions and were rewarded with a kiss!



Onion Johnny also made an annual appearance, collecting his strings of onions from the goods shed. After swigging French wine concealed in the merchandise he would disappear into the City swaying under his burden as he rode his cycle.

During my time at Cambridge, undergraduates still arrived at term time by train, all with trunks. It was necessary to control queues, which encircled the station yard, while the City's taxis worked flat out taking an allocation of four persons to a taxi. Once I was filmed whilst controlling the queue. This has been shown on television several times when University life is being depicted but I have never seen it.

On Newmarket race days, one did duty at Newmarket Station. Built to accommodate a considerable racing fraternity, it sported huge restaurants, waiting rooms and toilets equal to any London terminal. With the coming of the motor car, Newmarket station was reduced to a 'bus stop' and our duties were switched to Whittlesford and Six Mile Bottom crossings where signalmen were having difficulty in closing the gates due to greatly

increased road traffic. These little excursions broke the monotony of patrol, both for us and the signalmen!

Police Sports, held annually, were a further opportunity for a day out and I decided to enter the mile walk in the Sports to be held in Edinburgh on an August day in 1957. Never having been a *bum waggler*, it was nevertheless an opportunity to visit also the relations of our



next door neighbours, the Lauries. Over the years we had met most of their kinsfolk when they visited from Edinburgh. Nora and I enjoyed sightseeing before the race but the handicapper must have been of doubtful ability for he gave the previous year's third several yards start and I was never able to make ground. However, as I ambled round the last lap, I glanced over my shoulder and was greeted with comforting words of a native child, *You're noo last, mister*. It was my only attempt at competition walking. Arriving at Waverley Station that night for the 10pm departure train, our reserved carriage was surrounded by a Salvation Army contingent serenading a couple who were emigrating to America. They were joined by the band that had played at our sports and we had a memorable send off to the strains of *Will ye noo come back again?*

Plain Clothes Policing

In September that year, the Chief of Police gave Officers at Cambridge an opportunity to serve on plain clothes enquiry work, each doing six months. When my turn came, I travelled out from Cambridge almost daily by train, taking with me an issue cycle, which allowed visits to far flung places in our District. I investigated ticket frauds, parcel losses, bye-law offences and mundane things in an endeavour to bring as many prosecutions as possible. First, I had to learn to type for every report was presented in triplicate. Thus one learns the art of good reporting, *tell them all but tell them nothing*. I enjoyed this type of work tremendously.

On January 3rd, 1958, I journeyed to Newmarket to interview Greville Starkey, a top jockey, who was, at the time, apprenticed to Thompson Jones, the trainer. I had received a report that Starkey had travelled on a train without paying his fare but enquiry revealed that Starkey had been taken by road to the Midlands, instead of flying, because of fog. He had no idea of the station and, as a result, the Travelling Ticket Inspector delayed him long enough at Liverpool so that he missed riding the winner of the first race. This is one example of ticket irregularities not being offences for the element of intent has to be proved before a successful prosecution can be brought.

My six months in plain clothes passed all too quickly and I returned to uniform duties on March 30th, 1958. On April 13th, while on night duty, I saw Sputnik 11 pass overhead. Normally I do not gaze at the heavens for, in doing so, I might miss a three penny bit on the ground! One often found money and my diary bears witness to sixpence handed in to the Booking Office; one never knew who was watching!

I did further relief duty at Bishop's Stortford that year and also a three day Civil Defence Course in London in October. In between I played football for the Police, even though matches usually fell on my rest day. I was now well past my best but one had to keep one's name in lights! I even acted as Steward at Police Sports in Doncaster and that year I became a Parish Councillor for Great Hallingbury.



Ernie W. Field
President, Great Hallingbury History Society

Local Activities

News from local Clubs and Societies

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the Chairman invited representatives to report on some of the activities in the Village, as below. This was followed by time to socialise and enjoy refreshments.

A lot happens in our small village

1st Great Hallingbury Brownies

2014 is a very important year as the Brownie movement celebrates its centenary and, here in Great Hallingbury, it marks 25 years since the pack was re-established! The Brownies will be celebrating the Big Brownie Birthday and working towards the Birthday Challenge Badge in which they will be completing activities to help develop themselves, their community and the world.

The pack now has a parachute so they are able to enjoy new parachute games as well as lots of the old favourites.

Several Brownies have achieved their **Musicians** Badge this year and have been treating the pack to many recitals! They also sampled some wonderful teas as part of the **Hostess** Badge. In the summer months, sunny evenings were spent out on the field leading to **Agility** and **Sports** Badges. Currently they are working towards the **Craft** Badge and have been learning to spin sheep's wool on their own individual spindles, crafted from a wooden dowel and an old CD.

Within the Village, the Brownies helped to run a stall at the Harvest Fayre and again took part in the service for Remembrance Sunday. The annual Carols-in-Candlelight Service raised £300 to support educational projects in Uganda. The Brownies made a



Christmas cake which was then served with tea and coffee after the service.

Helen Hays and Will Guest, who had just come back from six months doing voluntary work in schools in Uganda, talked to the Brownies and showed photographs; it certainly made the Brownies feel very appreciative of the educational opportunities that they have in the UK.

As well as supporting others, the Brownies have opportunities to have fun together. They held a party to mark the end of term in July and another at Christmas.

A number of volunteers were welcomed, many ex-Brownies, to work with us on a placement as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Thanks, too, to Cynthia Collins, who often comes to be an extra pair of hands.

New girls (aged 7+) are always welcome so if you know of someone who might be interested then please do get in touch.

It would also be good to hear from anyone who has any Brownie memorabilia from the last century or who would be interested in coming to a meeting and talking about Brownies in the past. Thanks go to all those in the village who continue to support the pack and the family for their ongoing help.

Brown Owl Heather Hays (01279 651851)

Great Hallingbury Bowls Club

The Club is now in its 26th year with a membership of 16 but sadly lost one of its founder members, Nancy Woodley, last year. One of our lady members is now in her 95th year and still bowls a good wood.



For a change, the Club held its Christmas meal in the Village Hall with food provided by outside caterers which proved very enjoyable for all members.

League games are the main matches during the winter months, travelling to Helions Bumpstead, Great Yeldham, Braintree and elsewhere. Friendlies are mostly played

from April to September with various charity games played all year round.

The Club meets on Friday evenings in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested can go along and will be most welcome, with tea and biscuits provided.

Malcolm Field

Great Hallingbury WI

In the next twelve months, the National Federation of Women's Institutes will be celebrating its centenary and passing a baton through each of its County Federations. Essex will be hosting events in Saffron Walden in November in which members will be involved.

Great Hallingbury is organising a Group meeting for the five Roothings Institutes and, later in the year, our annual Carol Service.

During the past year members have assisted at the Flower Show, the Autumn Church Festival and both Poppy Appeal events. Despite baking and crafting, members have found time to visit Hatfield Broad Oak, Barnston, Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Stansted, High Roding and Great Canfield WIs. And on a glorious afternoon in August, members enjoyed a cream tea whilst drifting along the River Lee on the barge *Lady of Lee Valley*.

Teams entered the County Darts Tournament and the County Quiz, subsidized by two fund raising evenings, a *Flog It* and a *Quiz Night*.

Each month lunch has been organised at one of five local hostelrys and once again the New Year was celebrated at Hallingbury Manor Hotel.

There has been a good variety of speakers at the monthly meetings, for instance the Body Shop, a Milliner, a Travelling Lady, one man and his Canine Partner who provides invaluable help to his owner and a debut speaker from the Great Hallingbury WI gave an illustrated talk on her experiences of designing and producing an exhibit for the Chelsea Flower Show. The Mystery Meeting

took on an American theme, complete with an entertainer from the USA.

To keep everyone abreast of these numerous happenings, three members volunteered to produce a monthly newsletter, which is mainly distributed by e-mail.

Somehow the ladies still found time to knit, sew, flower arrange and garden and to win the Elsenham Rose Bowl for the Co-operative Class at the Village Show.

Membership remains at just over 30 which allows for a close group enjoying meetings and making new friends.

Judy Simmonds



Friendship Club

The Friendship Club started as an over 60's club, but that was many years ago. Today the average age of the 14 members is 92 and both helpers and members agree that it is a very important part of village life. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday in every month and for some members that can be the only time they can go out and meet other people. It is a time to have a chat, catch up on news, even have a laugh which is impossible to do on your own.

Gatherings are held in various venues and the Club is indebted to those who can accommodate them for afternoon tea. In recent times, with the help of generous donations from Stort Valley Rotary Club and Uttlesford Council, the Club has been able to take members for a pub lunch and, since its major refurbishment, the Village Hall has made an excellent venue for meetings.

Transport and afternoon teas are provided by ladies of the village who are thanked for giving their services so generously. Some helpers are old enough to qualify as members, but who is counting.

The Club looks forward to keeping going for as long as it takes and perhaps it will become, in a different sense, a *100 Club*.

Valerie Mugele



Great Hallingbury History Society

The History Society has had another active year with strong attendance at our meetings where the topics covered were again very varied including: *Clothes our Ancestors Wore*; *Men of Bad Character (about attacks on farms and fiery protests in 19th century East Anglia because of low wages)*; *Stansted, 'that unfortunate village' (the religious scandal in 1822)*; *Kingdom of the EaSt SEaXe*; *The Great Flood of 1953*; *Saffron Walden Museum and recent archaeological finds from south Uttlesford*; *Victorian Murders in Essex and the History of Photography and Historic photographs*.

Following a recent talk on *Thames Barges*, members and friends enjoyed an idyllic evening cruise from Maldon down the Blackwater River on one of the old barges and last autumn there was a visit to Bletchley Park, the home of the codebreakers during World War II.

The programme of speakers will continue in the Autumn and more trips are planned.

At our next meeting we are seeking memorabilia from the first World War (*please see page 8*)`

Please do join one of our meetings or trips. Anyone is welcome to come even if you are not a member.

Christine Coultrup, Chairman

Footpaths

The diversion at Jenkins Lane has proved to be good for walkers and Footpath 15 - Leapers Lane - has been reinstated as a Restricted

Byway but it is very much in need of maintenance as it is very wet and overgrown.

Great Hallingbury has a good network of footpaths that are enjoyable to walk.

Geoff Morris, Footpaths Representative



Bishop's Stortford Dog Training Club



The Club meets most Tuesday evenings in the Village Hall which provides a very suitable venue for Club nights and the Companion Dog Show in April which raises money for the local Animal Rescue Charity, better known as Foxdells.

The show offers classes for pedigree dogs and novelty and obedience classes for pedigree and non-pedigree dogs.

Regular evenings start at 7.00 pm with a 30 minute puppy class for a 6 week course. The puppy classes do get over-subscribed and numbers are restricted to only 10 dogs to ensure that the Trainers can give adequate attention to all handlers, so owners should contact the Club as soon as a new puppy is expected to book on a course.

7.30 pm is the start of the first of 3 other 45 minute training classes. The first class suits those handlers and dogs which have completed the puppy course. The later classes add to this basic training and can take a handler through to working in Obedience Competitions if desired.

All Club trainers have, or do still, compete in Obedience work and are led by Sue Jagers who this year (for the second time) competed at Crufts, coming 12th out of the top 22 bitches in the country.

Richard Simmonds (01279 651089)

Other Activities in the Village Hall

These currently include:

- an NCT Toddler Group on a Monday morning
- a Yoga class
- sewing classes
- U3A Table Tennis groups



Great Hallingbury Village Hall

The Village Hall is the responsibility of a committee who are also Trustees. Martin Mugele is the Chairman, Ron Coultrup, the Treasurer, and Alison McCarthy has now taken over as Secretary. Sarah Cox and Val Walker are looking after the bookings diary. The committee is made up of representatives of organisations in the village (all are eligible for inclusion) and there are additional places for elected residents of the village.

The main duties are to rent out the hall, take care of the day to day maintenance and carry out projects to improve the facility. This time last year, County Councillor Sue Barker, opened our new kitchen and storage room and that investment has started paying off with an increasing number of private functions and parties. So when planning a gathering, think of the Village Hall.

The storage room is already full and additional storage space in a container is planned. The base has been laid and once the trees have been cut back the container should be installed. All these projects take a lot of money and the committee has been and will continue to put much effort into raising funds to help make further improvements.

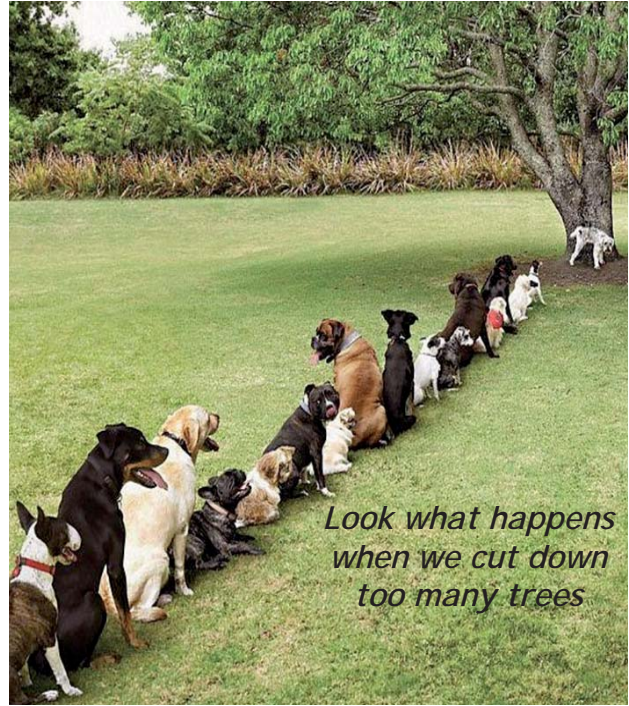
Thanks go to the committee for their support. Rita Storr, who has been the Secretary for a number of years and put a lot of time and effort into the Hall, is now moving out of the village so thanks go to Rita and all good wishes for her new life.

Ron Coultrup

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1. **Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.**
2. **Which famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?**
3. **Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?**
4. **Which fruit has its seeds on the outside?**
5. **In many stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?**
6. **Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.**
7. **There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?**
8. **Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.**
9. **Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'**

Answers on page 33

Little Hallingbury Primary School

News from Oak Class

Cooking

In Oak Class this term we have been learning all about the world around us from animal and plant adaptation to learning the counties of England. One topic that we have particularly enjoyed is learning about where in the world our food comes from and how our food is made. We were very lucky to have a visit from Saira Hamilton who taught us how to make traditional



Bengali dishes including delicious Pakoras and Samosas.

We learnt all about different spices used in Bengali cooking and how these spices

not only infuse the dishes with lots of flavour but also add rich colours to the food to make it look that much more delicious.

We learnt many skills like chopping vegetables,



folding filo pastry, weighing flour and protecting our eyes from onions and chillis!

We are now going to be looking deeper into where our food comes from and base some interesting and informative writing pieces to share the knowledge that we have learnt.



Grandparents and the Great War *by David Barlow*

Part 2: Spending Time with my Grandparents

A recent radio programme contained features celebrating grandparents and commemorating the fact that it will soon be 100 years since the start of World War 1. To me, these two subjects are linked, so I thought I would try to commemorate and celebrate. The previous issue related to my paternal grandfather's war service and my grandparents life together. As I am a grandparent, I do try to impart some of my morals to my grandchildren, as my grandparents did to me. At the same time, they do need to have fun. My grandparents did definitely have a huge effect on me.

When Nanny and Grandad married, they lived in Karslake Road which is off Penny Lane in the Allerton District of Liverpool. Nanny's mother lived six doors away. It is hard to describe but the whole street is terraced, probably 50 or so corporation built houses on each side of the street. You stepped off the street and into the front door. I remember there was just enough room between wall and door for a



small hebe bush. No other greenery. The houses were 3 up, 3 down, but with high ceilings, a stained glass inner porch and strangely.... buttons and bells for the servants' quarters (no, I don't know why either). If you walked out of the back of the house, you emerged into the yard, high walled with enough room for a coal bunker, a tiny shed and the outside toilet. The floor of the yard was red engineering blocks and the only greenery was in pots. There was just enough room to swing a cat! The back gate opened out into the alley which was cobbled. On the other side of that was the mirror image of the backs of another street. This alley was the domain of cats and dogs and the rag and bone



Rag and bone man

man who came down the alley on his horse and cart, collecting old bottles and jam jars and old clothes. I remember lying in bed and being woken by the shout of *raganbones, raganbones* and the clanking of a bell, wondering what was happening. There was also the steady clip clop of the horses feet on the cobbles. Nanny would let us take out old bottles and jam jars to the scary-looking rag and bone man and keep the pennies that he gave us in return. (Early recycling

1970's style.) The knife grinder men and other tinkers also came along the alley, shouting their wares. Rubbish was collected from here also. The only time the alley looked any different was on a Monday, washday, when hundreds of clothes lines appeared followed by all the washing soon afterwards. Kids played games in the alley, but not on a Monday.

My Mum and Dad had moved from Liverpool when I was about a year old but we always spent a week or two at Karslake every year. Nanny and Grandad would also come and stay with us for a few weeks in the summer so, although we didn't see a huge amount of them, they had a huge influence on me and my sisters.

We all loved being up in Liverpool. I would get up early to help Grandad light the fire and breakfast was nearly always toast, done over the open fire. Nanny would cut bread on the bread board but it was more interesting if Grandad cut the bread because he would hold the loaf against his chest with his right hand and, using the longest bread knife I had ever seen, cut towards himself with the knife in his left hand. He hardly looked at what he

was doing but his slices of bread were always perfect! I always ate more breakfast there than at home as Grandad just kept toasting until we were full, all the while listening to the radio. Nanny would be busy buttering toast, just enjoying having the grandchildren with her. When I was deemed old enough, I could do my own toast. Grandad made all his grandchildren their own toasting fork and one of my most treasured items from that time is Nanny's butter dish and butter knife. I use it every day and it always make me think of her.

Whilst at home I would never drink tea, at Karlake I always did. It was from bone china cups and made from the soft water pumped to the city from Bala Lake, in the mountains of North Wales. Much better than the hard water we have here. Until, that is, you had a bath when instead of a handful of shampoo, you only needed a microdot, otherwise you were swamped with bubbles. I always forgot.

Grandad was only about 5'8" tall with a shock of thick white hair (he came back from WWI with white hair). After breakfast, Grandad would fill the kitchen sink with cold water and out would come the Pears soap. He would strip to the waist and wash and then put his whole head underwater. Quickly drying his hair, it would be time for his shave which fascinated me. Out would come the shaving soap, a badger bristle brush and a cut-throat razor. A mug of boiling water was poured and whilst he waited for it to cool a bit, he would strop his cut-throat razor on a thick leather belt hanging from a hook on the back door. I don't know how it sharpened it but it did and I never saw him cut himself.

After that, we would sit by the fire for a while. Often my sisters and I would fight for who got to sit on his lap whilst he listened to the news on the radio. His forearms were like Popeye's. I suppose a lifetime of sawing and planing wood had given him huge muscles but he was always such a gentle man. Sitting on his lap, I used to study the shrapnel scar on the left side of his neck. The surgeons never removed all the shrapnel and what was left appeared as a dirty grey smudge. Fifty odd years after the shrapnel hit him and left him deaf in one ear, Grandad started complaining of pain in his left arm, especially around his elbow. This pain carried on for a while until a lump of shrapnel, the size of a pea, exited his arm just above his elbow. He hadn't been hit in the arm and the doctor said that the shrapnel had spent 50 years travelling slowly through his body. It could have easily gone to his heart and killed him.

Nanny was tiny, only about 4'10" tall. She had a mass of red hair that reached her waist but she always wore it in plaits that were then pinned up somehow to look as if she had short hair. I could never fathom how so much hair could disappear. She cut it short in her seventies when brushing it became too much for her.

There was no heating at Karlake other than the open fire and on cold nights Nanny always asked if we wanted a hot water bottle? Of course we did because she didn't have the normal rubber type hot water bottle but the old Victorian stoneware ones. They were effective but not very cuddly.



Stone hot water bottle

Nanny sent us to do her shopping at the shops in Penny Lane, especially to the bakery. White bread for toast in the morning but, if we were having sandwiches, they had to be made from brown Hovis. The bread ovens in the baker's opened just behind the counter and I used to hang around to watch the batches of loaves as they were taken out. The baker joked that he knew when we were about because Nanny's bread consumption increased by at least 200% while we were there and he had to get up half an hour earlier.

At home, we always had orange squash but Nanny had *Quosh* which came in orange but Nanny had the grapefruit or pineapple version. We used to get that and then we would go to the butcher's for some ham or ox tongue.

I used to like going to Penny Lane and I bought my first LP from the record shop mentioned in the Beatles' song, *Penny Lane*. I went past the barber's shop but never went in for a haircut because the barber looked very fierce with his long black handlebar tache.



Nanny was a good cook and she always put on a good spread. Her trifles were legendary and her rice puddings even more so. Dad would only ever eat his Mum's rice puddings, never *that Ambrosia muck out of a tin*. Now I've never liked trifle (don't like cold custard) and I'm not that fond of rice pudding, Ambrosia or otherwise, but her syrup sponge pudding always did it for me. We also knew that at some point during our visit, we would have roasted stuffed lambs hearts which were fantastic. But, as with a lot of her generation, she could absolutely take vegetables to within an inch of their lives. All veg had to be boiled for at least 20 minutes but that was the wisdom then!

Grandad had an allotment at Greenbank Park which was a 20 minute walk away. Liverpool in the 1970's often seems like another world to us but, as well as the crowded streets full of terraced housing, there were plenty of green spaces. We would walk with Grandad up onto Penny Lane, over the railway line and into Greenbank Lane with its numerous conker trees. Grandad loved playing conkers and we collected them as we walked to the allotments.

Grandad always seemed happy when he was at his allotment. The first thing he did when he arrived was to light his primus stove to brew tea. Now this wasn't the same tea as we had at Karslake. He didn't use milk but condensed milk which was boiled with water and tea in the pan. Known locally as *lonny onny*, this was proper workmen's tea. We might do digging or something but Grandad only seemed to grow four things on his allotment. Huge chrysanthemums covered at least half the space, then rows of lettuce and in the greenhouse would be cucumbers and loads of tomato plants. After the tea was ready, we would sit in the greenhouse with our mugs of tea and consume tomatoes. His penknife would come out for slicing them, then the little glass salt shaker for a liberal dose of salt. Grandad might potter for a while, hoeing or weeding, whistling all the while. We would then select tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce to take back to Nanny while Grandad nattered with his allotment mates. He would cut a huge bunch of chrysanthemums for Nanny and maybe some for neighbours as well. There were always flowers in the house at Karslake. He loved growing flowers for Nanny and she loved having them.



Liver Bird Building

We used to pester Grandad to take us on the bus. The buses in Liverpool were green double deckers and we sat on the top deck, looking out at the city unfolding as we went down towards the river. We used to look out for the liver bird building and the city's two cathedrals, the old Anglican one and the modern Catholic one, known locally as *Paddy's wigwam*.



Liverpool's Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals

We would arrive at the pier head area of the docks,

watching the ships coming in and out, then take the ferry across the Mersey and back again and onto the bus, back to Allerton.

Wherever he went, Grandad always had sweets in his pockets; fruit polos, everton mints or, his absolute favourite, old English spangles which I don't think you can get any more. I used to love unwrapping the white greaseproof paper from them to see what obscure flavour you had inside. Grandad also took me to my first 1st Division football match. He was a staunch Liverpool F.C. fan but always said that Anfield was no place for kids (no seats then) so we went to Goodison Park to watch Everton play. My Dad was an Everton fan so that suited him. All in all, our trips to Liverpool were always full of fun.

Grandad died three days before his 80th birthday and we went up to Liverpool for the funeral. The curtains of the house were drawn shut during the day so that people knew there had been a death in the house. Huge numbers of people visited Nanny in the days before the funeral, bringing flowers, cakes and love. I was shocked by the fact that Grandad was in the house in his coffin on the dining room table for four days, but that's how it happened in Liverpool then (and probably elsewhere too). Even though I was 17, I couldn't bring myself to go to the funeral. I crept down in the night before and sat with him for an hour, talking to him, until Nanny found me and took me back upstairs. The next day was a blur but what amazed me was that all of the people who lived in the street stood outside their houses, heads bowed, in complete silence as the hearse passed by. *Mourning one of their own*, they called it.

Nanny lived for another 20 years, dying at the age of 96, having lived in Karslake Road for most of her life. Both of them had a huge effect on me but my younger sister, Jane, summed it up when she said to me one day, *I'm envious of you because you had an extra four years of Nanny and Grandad.*

David Barlow



Great Hallingbury Village Hall



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Great Hallingbury WI

In February, we had visitors from neighbouring WI's - Bishop's Stortford, Matching, Sawbridgeworth Evening and members of Herts & Essex Boundary Flower Club who enjoyed a very interesting presentation, *Blooming Success at Chelsea*, by our very own Beverly Moore.

Beverly and her friend, Leoni Braz, represented Herts & Essex Boundary Flower Club at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2013 and were awarded a Silver Medal for their arrangement in the floral arrangement class entitled *Diversity*. 2013 was the Centenary of the RHS Chelsea show so, after hours of research, it was decided to depict the Diversity of one plant family, Rosaceae, the Rose Family.

ROSACEAE FLOWERS
Cross Section of Typical Flower



Accompanied by detailed photographs Beverly explained the process from concept through to the



final judge's award. The cross section of a typical rose flower was the inspiration



behind the design of the containers which were covered with laurel leaves. All of the plant material used in the exhibit came from the Rosacea family.

It certainly gave an insight into just what goes into creating an exhibit for such a prestigious show.

April

Great Hallingbury WI is part of The Roothings Group which comprises the WI's from Hatfield Broad Oak, High Roding & Great Canfield, Matching and Sheering. This group of neighbouring Institutes meets once a year

hosted by a different WI. This year it was Great Hallingbury who set the scene on St. George's Day with the Village Hall looking very patriotic with bunting and tables laid for a traditional English Tea Party.



A bottle and jar Tombola proved very popular along with a St. George themed Raffle.



Earlier in the year, participating WI's held a competition for a decorated bra and the finalists were then invited to bring along their exhibits to the group meeting. This certainly gave lots of interest to our visitors and well done to our member, Jenni Williams, in achieving 2nd place with her creative and novel CandelaBRA.

Author Sarah Harrison, our speaker for the evening, entertained us with amusing stories from her childhood together with experiences when writing her many novels.

The evening couldn't go by without reference to St. George in the form of an amusing take, performed by Jan, Sally & Margaret, on the poem, *Not My Best Side*, by U A Fanthorpe and the famous Paola Ucello's painting *Saint George and the Dragon*.

Beverly Moore





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Highlights from the Minutes Of A Meeting Of Great Hallingbury Parish Council

3rd March 2014

Present: Cllr M. Mugele (Chairman), Cllrs D Barlow, , R Coultrup, C Goodlife, A Russell and A Townsend. District Cllr L Wells, Mrs F Townsend (Clerk) and one member of public.

Bench by Phone Box

The new bench has now been installed by the phone box and looks very nice.

The Hop Poles

Sadly our pub closed on Friday, 28th February. Because it is on the Village Assets list, the Parish Council had received a letter from the owner, Mr. Peter Cullen, to seek help to keep the pub open. Unfortunately the Council does not know of a benefactor nor can the Parish Council support this financially.

Uttlesford District Council

Cllr Wells reported that the UDC Budget has been passed and shows that the finances are in good order, resulting in a 2% reduction in Council Tax.

Uttlesford has been voted one of the top 5 best places to live.

Cllr Wells has a sum to distribute from the New Homes Bonus again this year. The Chairman suggested that a suitable project might be the new storage container to be situated behind the Village Hall. The Village Hall should apply to Cllr Wells for a share of the money.

Affordable Housing

Cllr Coultrup reported that Countryside Properties and Uttlesford District Council are still in communication and the Project Manager wants to re-visit the decision on the area. Cllr Coultrup has asked County Cllr Barker to sound out UDC on this.

Highways

The Clerk has spoken to Highways regarding

the bridge over the brook and stressed the danger should another vehicle come off the road there. The engineering team at Highways is aware of this but it is not yet known when the work would be done. Assistance has also been sought from County Cllr Barker.

There has been further correspondence with regard to the 40mph speed limit at Start Hill but there does not appear to be any review of the proposal.

With the exceptionally wet weather there have been many pot holes appearing in the roads which are being reported on the website.

Bedlars Green

The Clerk had contacted the Land Registry again about the land at Bedlars Green but their reply was not particularly useful. The Clerk has also checked the website of the Countryside Agency and has written to them to check the position regarding registering the greens, especially as Woodside Green and Howe Green are shown on their map.

Conservation

The Council received notification from the Conservation Area Appraisals Project of a report by John Bosworth, UDC, on the conservation area in Great Hallingbury. A draft appraisal document has been produced for a consultation period. A public exhibition is to be held in March at the Village Hall to give people a chance to see details of the proposals.

Footpath 15 - Leapers Lane

A letter had been received from Essex Legal Services with regard to the status of Footpath 15, Leapers Lane, to ask if the Parish Council had any documentation on it. The Clerk had sent the rather faded old documents that we had on the laws and restrictions on its use. On 5th February, the decision was received to upgrade the section of Footpath 15 from The Street to Hatfield Forest, to a restricted byway. The Parish Council is requesting some maintenance to this footpath, particularly drainage.

St Giles' Church

The Church has incurred a large expense on necessary tree work in the churchyard. As the Parish Council gives an annual grant to the church for the upkeep of the church yard, the Clerk brought a request from the PCC for an extra grant to help pay for this work.

Planning

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

Application no.//Site and Development//Decision
UTT/13/3039/FUL // Woodside Green Farm - Erection of replacement agricultural yard // Consent (no objections)

UTT/13/3052/LB // 82 Woodside Green - Internal alterations, conversion of bay windows to French doors, addition of new windows // Consent (no objections)

UTT/13/3340/FUL // Anvil Cross Stables - Proposed stable block, store/office and ancillary staff welfare facilities // Consent (No objections but must not be for residential use in future, being outside development limits.)

Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group

UTT/14/0116/FUL // Unit 8, Start Hill - Change of use from open storage compound to open storage, vehicle distribution and servicing associated with storage // No objections raised.

Application dealt with at this meeting

UTT/14/0478/FUL//Anvil Cross Stables - Conversion of first floor of stable block to form staff accommodation and tack/storage room // A similar application had been refused in 2011 and it was assumed the same policies quoted by UDC will still apply. As before there were no objections raised and, whilst not wishing to set a precedent, a condition of any consent must be that the use is strictly related to the equine activities and, should these cease on this site, the use of the related accommodation should also cease.

Alleged Breach of Planning Control

An allegation had been made to UDC that an airport related business had been operating at Rotorua and Marston Farm. An investigation showed this business has now ceased and no further action will be taken.

Flich Way Old Railway Bridge

Cllr D Barlow reported that some residents local to the bridge were still concerned on whether the cracks in the structure are moving. The Clerk will contact the Flich Way and Highways with regard to the safety of the old Railway Bridge.

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Great Hallingbury WI Part Two

Have you wondered what these women get up to behind the closed doors of our village hall?

Tidying up after the St. George's Day meeting, members found four brassieres lying on the floor. All the members assured their President that they were suitably and completely attired so the articles were retained as lost property.

What caused some visitors to return home minus such important items of clothing????

It was later detected that three brassieres were the property of Hatfield Broad Oak members and the fourth was from Canfield.

They remain in lost property. Are the owners too embarrassed to make collection?

Judy Simonds

Answers To Quiz on page 23

1. Boxing.
2. Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. Strawberry.
5. It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle...
7. Full stop, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
8. Lettuce.
9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.



Why We Love Children

A small boy is sent to bed by his father.

Five minutes later.... 'Da-ad' 'What?'

'I'm thirsty. Can you bring a drink of water?'

'No, You had your chance. Lights out.'

Five minutes later: 'Da-aaaad.....' 'WHAT?'

'I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??'

'I told you NO! If you ask again, I'll have to smack you!'

Five minutes later..... 'Daaaa-aaaad.....'

'WHAT!'

'When you come in to smack me, can you bring a drink of water?'



Easton Lodge in June

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On our open day on Sunday, 22nd June, we will be celebrating Easton Lodge's links with the World War II period; especially poignant considering this year is the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

There will be themed craft & nature activities available for younger visitors. World War II vehicles will be on site as well as special displays relating to our links with the RAF. Musical entertainment throughout the afternoon will be provided by *Perfect Vintage*, singing all the classic songs from the wartime era. The Royal British Legion will also have a stall.

There are guided tours of the gardens at 1.00pm & 3.00pm. Hot food will be on sale at lunch time including bacon rolls and sausage baps; hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes will be available all day.

We have new opening hours for 2014 with entrance from 11.30am; the gardens close at 5pm with last entry at 4pm. Entry is still only £3.50 for adults and children come in free of charge making it a very affordable day out, especially for families. Dog lovers are reminded that their pets should be kept on a lead.

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To try and reassure the victim that they are genuine, they will give you a number to call and sometimes a name to contact. They will tell you to hang up your phone and call the number straight away. What you do not know is that they do not hang up their end, so that when you phone the number it connects you back to them.

For your protection

Use another telephone, perhaps a neighbour's, or wait until the next day. Otherwise, call a trusted person first and, if this deception is happening, you will know that the person on the other end of the line isn't your trusted person.

Please Remember

Police or bank officials would never call you by telephone and ask for your full bank details or to withdraw large sums of cash.

Be aware

Trust your instincts if it doesn't feel right.

Always be suspicious of any cold calls.

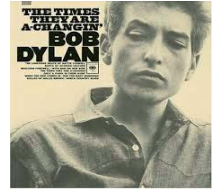
Never reveal your full passwords or login details.

Do not give any details of your domestic security or periods of un-occupancy

Do not hand over possessions or documents.

More than 100 people in Essex have been tricked out of £355,000 and so far the police have arrested 6 people. *Cllr C. Goodlife*

Times, they are a-changin'



Struggling for a subject for a Church Letter, the phrase *The Times they are a-changin'* popped into my head. Looking up this phrase on the internet, I discovered that it was the title of an album released by Bob Dylan in 1964 and of a song that he recalled writing as a deliberate attempt to create an anthem of change for the moment. He said he wanted to write a big song with short concise verses that piled up on each other in a hypnotic way. The civil rights movement and the folk music movement were pretty close for a while and allied together at that time. Perhaps that is why I remember the phrase rather than the words, although on reading them I was very struck by the prophetic first verse that begins, *Gather 'round people Wherever you roam And admit that the waters Around you have grown*, bearing in mind they were written long before the phrase *Global Warming* was coined.

I looked back to the *Rector's Letter* in the Church Magazine for April 1975. Of course, 39 years ago both our villages had a full-time stipendiary clergyman: now you have to share a part-time self-supporting clergywoman! Then the first thing I noted in the Rector's letter was reference to a criticism that the new magazine only mentioned the 10 o'clock services. He wrote that this was intentional, the normal pattern of services being laid out on the *local churches* page and that only if it was found necessary to alter this pattern would Sunday services will be mentioned in the *Forthcoming Events*. Wasn't life simpler then! I often find myself trying to work out in which church I have to be and what service I will be taking and a five Sunday month throws most of us completely. Well done everyone who manages to be in the right place at the right time and many thanks to our webmaster, Chris Harding, for keeping up the website to which we can refer.

Though the Internet has been widely used by academia since the 1980s, it was not until the 1990s that an international network resulted in its popularization and incorporation into virtually every aspect of modern human life. As of June 2012, more than 2.4 billion people, over a third of the world's population, have used

the services of the Internet; approximately 100 times more people than were using it in 1995. *The times they are a-changin'!*

The main message from the letter was advertising an event that the church was putting on. The Rector referred back to the tradition of *Beating the Bounds* when, centuries before on Rogation Sunday, the Vicar and choir would lead the congregation in procession round the parish asking God's blessing on the fields of the local farmers. The choirboys would also be armed with long wands of willow with which they beat the bounds (boundaries) of the parish, thereby learning its extent. At appropriate points, it was believed that the youngest choirboy was turned upside down and his head gently bumped on the ground to drive home the lesson. The PCC had proposed that a procession go through various parts of the village, weather permitting, with singing etc accompanied by a battery operated cassette tape (they are something long forgotten aren't they). More recently, we have walked between the two churches incorporating the Christian Aid lunch in the one where we ended.



Beating the Bounds in Kent 1908

On 11th May at 3 pm, there is to be a special service of dedication of the new hymn books purchased for both St Giles' and St Mary's from a legacy of the Revd. Margaret Chapman and the new garden of remembrance rail, purchased with donations given in memory of Lionel Britten. The Ven. Martin Webster, Archdeacon of Harlow, will be preaching at this service. It is particularly appropriate that we were able to purchase new hymn books with Margaret's legacy as she and I had often discussed changing the books we had and to have both churches *singing from the same hymnbook* is not only very appropriate but the idea would have appealed to her. *The Times, they are a-changin'.*

Revd. Janice Green

This year *times are a-changin'*. The Christian Aid lunch and walk between the two churches will be on June 8th instead of mid-May when we should be celebrating Rogation.

St Giles' Services

June - September 2014

Jun 1	8 am	Holy Communion
Jun 8	10 am	Pentecost Family Communion
<i>For the able-bodied, this will be followed by a walk to St Mary's. Then everyone is welcome to a belated Christian Aid Lunch in St. Mary's at approx 12.30 pm</i>		
Jun 22	10 am	Family Communion
Jun 29	10 am	Family Communion in St. Mary's
Jul 6	8 am	Holy Communion
Jul 13	10 am	Morning Prayer
Jul 27	10 am	Family Communion
Aug 3	8 am	Holy Communion
Aug 10	10 am	Morning Prayer
Aug 24	10 am	Family Communion
Aug 31	10 am	Family Communion
Sep 7	8 am	Holy Communion
Sep 14	10 am	Morning Prayer
Sep 28	10 am	Harvest Festival
There is a midweek service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. every Wednesday at St Mary's.		
Services of Holy Communion are from the Book of Common Prayer unless otherwise indicated		
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.		

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Calendar

June 2014

- 3 Olive Branch - *Summer Lunch* - St. Mary's Church
12.30 for 1 pm
- 4 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
- 4 History Society - *Men of Hallingbury & AGM* - Village
Hall 8 pm *see page 8*
- 10 Friendship Club
- 18 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
- 22 Easton Lodge Open Day *see page 33*
- 25 WI - *Edith Piaf 'A Life in Song'* - Village Hall 7.45 pm
- 26 Essex Police Beat Surgery - Little Hallingbury Post
Office 10 - 11 am

July 2014

- 1 Olive Branch - The Rectory 2.15 pm
- 2 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
- 7 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 8 pm
- 8 Friendship Club
- 16 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
- 20 Great & Little Hallingbury Hallingbury Flower &
Country Show - Harps Farm, Great Hallingbury 12
noon - 4 pm *see page 9*
- 23 WI - *Members Day* - Village Hall 7.45 pm
- 30 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
- 31 Essex Police Beat Surgery - Little Hallingbury Post
Office 10 - 11 am

August 2014

- 1 BOTH Conservatives - *Stort Cruise* 7 - 9 pm *see
page 35*
- 12 Friendship Club
- 13 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
- 16 Village Hall *Quiz Night* - Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm *see
page 27*
- 27 Library Van - Bedlars Green 2.10pm - 2.25pm
Woodside Green 2.35 - 2.50 pm
- 27 WI - *Mystery Meeting* - Village Hall 7.45 pm
- 28 Essex Police Beat Surgery - Little Hallingbury Post
Office 10 - 11 am

September 2014

- 1 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 8 pm
- 2 Olive Branch - The Rectory 2.15 pm
- 9 Friendship Club
- 10 History Society - *The Historic Houses of Saffron
Walden* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 24 WI - *Bishop's Stortford's Ukelele Society Entertains* -
Village Hall 7.45 pm

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Monday, 7th July 8 pm
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Village Hall

Uttlesford

Top Rural Place to Live

Uttlesford tops the *Halifax Rural Areas Quality of Life* survey this year for the first time.



The survey factors residents' health (96.7% people in general good health) and life expectancy (81.8 years), crime rate, weather, employment, school results, broadband access (*glad someone in Uttlesford gets good broadband*) and personal wellbeing. A Halifax director commented, "In terms of personal wellbeing and general good health, Uttlesford residents score among the highest in Great Britain. And while house prices relative to earnings are above the rural average, Uttlesford still performs strongly in terms of average weekly earnings and a high employment rate."

Rural districts are defined as ones in which the majority of residents live in towns or villages, with a population of fewer than 10,000 people. Our neighbour, East Hertfordshire, came fourth.

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