

# Fyfield Focus

April/May 2019



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# Looking Good for Easter



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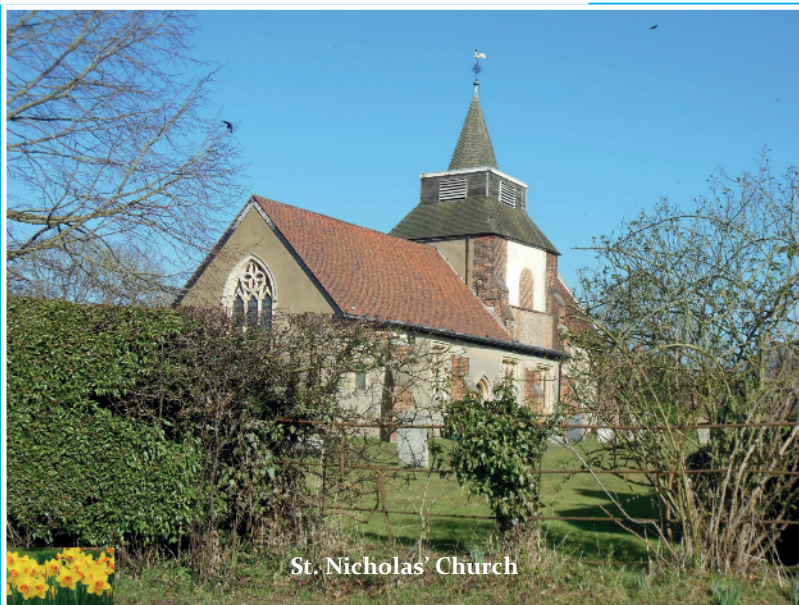
The Tun Bridge



The Roding near the Tun Bridge



Sheep at the Mill



St. Nicholas' Church







## Best Kept Front Garden Time Again

Once again residents front gardens will be judged by a panel of Fyfield people. Expect your gardens to be carefully scrutinised during the month of May with the first three places announced during June. Best of luck.

## BBC Essex Quest Comes to Fyfield

The BBC Essex Quest programme came to Fyfield on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March as the 2<sup>nd</sup> clue of the morning. Cryptic clues are given to the two roving presenters who, with the aid of the radio listeners, have to find the location in the clue which was, 'Pass exams in Whittaker's town. A Caribbean island was Just a Minute'. The answer? Fyfield! Would you have got it?

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## St. Nicholas Church in Crisis

Since the only remaining Church Warden, Carol Cox, decided to stand down, St. Nicholas' Church now finds itself without a warden to administer its physical well being. With an average weekly congregation of only nine people there are serious concerns about its future along with the other Church's in the benefice. As with the Village Store it's a case of use it or lose it.

*See Rev. Chris' letter inside for more information.*

## B184 Flooding Update



Luckily there have been no more occurrences of flooding on the B184 at Birds Green. Last year Essex County

Council agreed to make improvements to prevent any further problems but so far nothing has happened. Consequently, our MP, Alex Burghart, has raised the question with the ECC and the Department of the Environment on our behalf. Watch this space.

# Village Diary 2019

01-Apr	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
02-Apr	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
04-Apr	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
08-Apr	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Church, 7pm
10-Apr	Fyfield Litter Pickers	Village Shop, 9.30am
10-Apr	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
13-Apr	Poppets Day Nursery - Mad Hatter's Tea Party	Poppets, 11 am
14-Apr	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
14-Apr	Holy Communion for Palm Sunday	The Church, 6pm
15-Apr	Ongar Wildlife Society (OWLS)	Jubilee Park Pavillion Ongar, 8pm
16-Apr	Coffee With Cops	Village Hall, 11 am
21-Apr	Benefice Communion for Easter Sunday	The Church, 10am
28-Apr	Family Service	The Church, 11 am
29-Apr	Fyfield Parish Council - Annual Parish Assembly	Village Hall, 7.30pm
02-May	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
07-May	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
08-May	Fyfield Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
11-May	Fyfield Village Hall - Bingo Evening	Village Hall, 7pm
12-May	Fyfield Ramblers - Monthly Walk	Village Hall Car Park, 10am
12-May	Coffee With Cops	Village Hall, 10am
12-May	Holy Communion	The Church, 6pm
13-May	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting - AGM	Village Hall, 7.30pm
20-May	E.F.D.C. - Life Walk	Village Hall, 1.30am
20-May	Ongar Wildlife Society (OWLS)	Jubilee Park Pavillion Ongar, 8pm
26-May	Family Service	The Church, 11 am
02-Jun	Fyfield Festival	Church, 12 noon
03-Jun	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
04-Jun	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
06-Jun	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
07-Jun	Fyfield Village Hall - Family Fun Evening and BBQ	Village Hall 6pm

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## Having the first word....*Having the first word*

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Wendy Henshaw's memorial service took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March and Patti Nicholson has provided a summary of the celebration of Wendy's

Life at this service. Patti, in consultation with Mary Ellis, has pulled together an article 'Remembering Wendy' which is a collection of tributes from many friends Wendy made in the village and across the many activities she was involved in. To go with the collection of tributes is a collage of photos which is in colour on the inside back page. I wonder what Wendy would have thought about all of this!

I would like to draw your attention to two important meetings happening in April. The first meeting is The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Church. Our Village Church is not in a very stable position with regards, to regular congregation numbers, finances and the support of Church Wardens. This is not a unique position across Essex but if you value our village church please read

Rev. Chris' letter inside and consider attending the APCM to hear more details, share any views and ideas and consider standing for election as Church Warden or as a member of the PCC (you will need to join the Church Electoral Roll in order to qualify).

The second important meeting is the Annual Parish Assembly on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. This is a Village Meeting ran on our behalf by the Fyfield Parish Council (FPC). Come and hear what is happening in our village, what is planned for our village and other interesting talks given by the Clubs and Organisation in our Village and by invited speakers. It is an informative and sociable evening and refreshments are available.

There is a lot planned during April and May so please see the various adverts and the Village Diary for details.

Have a wonderful time over the Easter Bank Holiday with whatever you have planned.

*Cheryl Hadley,  
Editor.*



# Memorial Service

## Wendy Henshaw

### A Celebration of Her Life

**St. Nicholas' Church, Fyfield**  
**Sunday, 3rd March 2019**

The day was bright and sunny as Wendy's family, friends, neighbours and representatives from many organizations Wendy had worked with packed the Church to capacity. The service was led by the Rev. Christine Hawkins and Wendy's son, Michael, played the organ beautifully throughout a very moving service that included Wendy's favourite hymns and readings.

Spoken tributes by people from different organisations were made. Ann Russell described Wendy's work for the Brownies and Guides and included some humorous tales of camping trips, followed by the enthusiastic singing of *'This little guiding light'* by a group of Brownies and Guides. Mrs Mary Ellis, a former teacher at Dr Walker's School where Wendy was School Secretary for many years and who worked with her in organising many events (including the Fyfield Festivals), spoke feelingly of their long friendship; Wendy was her best and much loved friend. The Women's Institute was a cause Wendy embraced wholeheartedly. Jo Balcombe, spoke movingly of the enthusiasm and energy Wendy had given as a member and then as President of Fyfield WI for over 20 years, and invited everyone to sing *'Jerusalem'*, which nearly lifted the roof! Music of a different kind followed as Sally Wallden, after describing



Wendy's commitment and enthusiasm as a member of the Fyfield Handbell Ringers, led the team in playing several of Wendy's favourite pieces. Debbie Smith, Treasurer of Fyfield Village Hall Committee, followed with a tribute to Wendy's support over many years for the Village Hall; her persistence and determination in obtaining grants over the years had raised over £100,000 towards improvements that have benefitted the whole community. Ian Hadley, Chairman of Fyfield Parish Council, spoke of the work Wendy had

done in co-operation with the Parish Council to bring about improvements for Fyfield village and parishioners. Finally, the Rev Christine Hawkins gave thanks for Wendy's work for the Church – the Food Bank, the Millennium Tapestry and more recently the wall panels depicting St Nicholas. Wendy had been a great support and friend, working with Carol Cox

and the late Marcus Dain; this was something that Christine would miss very much.

Wendy's grandchildren, Thomas, Megi, Stephanie and Miles then read a delightful Poem dedicated to their Grandma, and the service concluded with a final hymn and Blessing. Everyone was invited to join the family for refreshments at the Village Hall where a wonderful buffet of sandwiches and cakes (baked by the WI) was set out with tea coffee and soft drinks. Old friendships were renewed and memories of happy times shared. It was a wonderful afternoon in honour of a very special lady. Wendy would have been delighted!

*Patti Nicholson*

## Remembering Wendy

On Sunday 3rd March St Nicholas' Church was packed to celebrate the life of Wendy Henshaw. Led by the Rev. Christine Hawkins, it gave Wendy's family, neighbours, many friends and acquaintances the opportunity to remember with



affection this remarkable lady who for over 50 years gave her time, energy and love to the Fyfield village and its people. The saying, 'If you want something done, ask a busy person' described Wendy perfectly. Representatives from the many areas of Wendy's interests made their Tributes most movingly.

The brief reminiscences that follow illustrate Wendy's kindness, determination, generosity and 'can do' attitude to life.

First, a little background from Wendy's brother, Barry Fairweather

*Wendy was born to Stanley and Irene Fairweather in Ilford on 21st March 1934. At the start of WWII the family went to Chelmsford, to stay briefly with Grandad and Grandma. Wendy went to school at Gearies Primary and Junior school and later to Ilford County High school at Gants Hill. Wendy was a Brownie and subsequently a Guide, developing a lifelong interest in the Guiding movement and*

*eventually became a Guide Captain and appeared in Gang Shows put on by the local Church, St Lawrence. On leaving school in 1951 Wendy worked for Shell Petroleum as a Librarian in St Mary Axe, London. Marriage to David Henshaw followed in 1958 and they lived first in Buckhurst Hill, later in Wanstead, Barkingside then moved in 1964 to Walker Avenue, Fyfield.*

### **Barry Fairweather**

Pat Turnpenny moved into the house opposite Wendy's in Walker Avenue at the same time. Here is her brief, heart-felt, comment

*Wendy was my good friend and neighbour for 54 years. We shared our ups and downs over countless cups of tea, put the world to rights and sorted out the WI too; I miss her constant presence just across the road and her ever open door.*

### **Pat Turnpenny**

Mary Ellis taught at Dr Walker's School and became one of Wendy's closest friends and companions

*I first met Wendy when she came to Dr Walker's school with a small child in tow. We soon recognised her ability and she joined the staff when the school roll increased and the Infants Department moved to the Village Hall. I needed another responsible adult to cross the road, and cope with accidents, so Mrs Henshaw became my guiding light and we became close friends – the Tweedledum and Tweedledee of Fyfield School. After our retirement, she became my driver/secretary, telling me when and where I should be at any given time!! We watched each other's families grow, went on trips and outings together and made our mark in the village, being on the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, and the*



Church P.C.C. From the Rev. Peter Turner  
Wendy and I inherited the Luncheon Club –  
bullying various ladies to take turns to  
cook lunch in the Village Hall, once a  
month, for the 'old people' – ourselves  
included! Together we organized the  
Fyfield Flower Festival and Scarecrow Trail  
– growing older and wiser together. I miss  
her.

**Mary Ellis**

Carol Cox remembers Wendy's great faith  
and her support for St Nicholas' Church

*I knew Wendy for 38 years and she was  
always involved with our Open Gardens,  
Fetes and later our Festival Days. I could  
rely on Wendy - come rain or shine – and  
the 'Children's Concert was always her  
'Pet' and for our Flower Festivals, Wendy  
would always be there with ideas and  
practical help. St Nicholas' Church owes  
her so much for her work over many years  
and I will miss her energy, enthusiasm, and  
knowledge*

**Carol Cox, PCC**

Cheryl Hadley could always rely on  
Wendy's support of the village magazine

*In the 6 years I have been Editor of the  
Fyfield Focus, apart from one publication  
when Wendy was poorly, Wendy has  
submitted not just one but many articles,  
notices, news items and adverts across a  
number of different organisations and  
clubs in the Village. There were four of her  
items in the December/January publication  
before her passing away in December. I  
had the privilege to interview Wendy in  
2017 and typical of Wendy when I  
approached her she said 'do you really  
think anyone is going to be interested in  
reading about me'. In the  
December/January publication Wendy  
appeared on the front news page, in the*

*Editor column, in the Village Hall News  
and on the inside back page covering news  
of Wendy's retirement from the Village  
Hall committee. How wonderful that we  
were given the opportunity to tell her how  
special she was and how much we  
appreciated her. Little did we know how  
soon we were going to be missing her in our  
lives.*

**Cheryl Hadley – Fyfield Focus**

Memories from Pat Dain

*I first met Wendy before moving to Fyfield  
when I rang Dr Walker's School to check  
there were places available for my two boys  
and was very impressed with the  
friendliness and efficiency of the School  
Secretary, Mrs Henshaw. Soon after  
moving in, Wendy invited me to help with  
the Brownies which I did for several years  
and can vouch for the enjoyment and  
guidance she gave to the young girls of the  
district, imbuing them with solid values to  
see them through life. Wendy also  
encouraged me to join and take part in  
running the WI.*

*Marcus, a Church Warden, was always  
very grateful for Wendy's regular and  
steadfast support to St Nicholas' Church,  
latterly as acting treasurer; she was a very  
valued member of the congregation and  
instrumental in getting the church  
handbells back into use.*

*Wendy's talents for cooking, sewing and  
handicraft were legendary – she stitched  
several church kneelers and was  
instrumental in organizing the church  
millennium tapestry and also, with Mary  
Ellis, promoted the new banner depicting  
the life of St Nicholas. Through her tireless  
work on various committees and village*

*institutions, never seeking recognition or special treatment, Wendy helped keep the fabric of Fyfield village alive and we owe her grateful thanks.*

**Pat Dain**

**A Guiding Smile**

*As a Guide leader before moving to Fyfield, at the invitation of the Ongar District Commissioner, Wendy soon opened 2nd Fyfield Brownies. Wendy 'Brown Owl' touched the lives of many girls from the village and surrounding areas for many years, leading Brownie Pack Holidays for 15 consecutive years and finding ways to raise funding so that every Brownie could go. Wendy spent summer camps with the Fyfield and Shelley Guides as QM and was renowned for her Summer Pudding and Porridge! Wendy became Ongar District Commissioner and subsequently Epping Forest North Division Commissioner, and on her retirement started the Ongar branch of the Trefoil Guild, continuing to work for the Guiding movement into her 80s. It's often said that some leaders are like a stick of rock - if broken in half you would see Girlguiding written inside. That was true of Wendy.*

**Veronica and Adrian Riches**

*Another of Wendy's great interests was Fyfield and District WI*

*Wendy, as President of our WI, was able to charm members into assisting with the various activities including fund raising events, such as Pancake Day, Lunches, Teas, etc. We relied on her to know quantities required and timings to ensure that all went smoothly. All this was done with a smile and great patience. I remember her as a talented, caring and modest lady who will be greatly missed.*

**Binny Arrowsmith, WI Member**

*.....also Gardening*

*A very enthusiastic lady, keen and knowledgeable about gardening, who enjoyed and rarely missed Garden Club meetings or outings to gardens and garden centres. We visited the Flower Show at RHS Hyde Hall in August, when Wendy walked, aided by a walking frame, around the whole garden with great determination. We will miss her greatly.*

**Helen and Ken Webb and Marion Alcock**

*..... Painting*

*The Fyfield Art Group met on alternate Monday mornings in the Village Hall and was initiated by Wendy who both inspired and managed the group. She painted not because she was especially talented but, like all of us, found painting good for the soul. We enjoyed each other's company and supported each other's aspirations as artists. Recent loss of members, due to moving away or losing the fight for life, made the group unviable. Wendy will be missed but especially because of her ability to make things happen and working to provide opportunities for a wide range of local people.*

**Jo Balcombe**

*.....Playing Bridge*

*Wendy took up bridge just before her 75th birthday when she signed up for the first Beginners Bridge Course in Fyfield in January 2008. Her main reason for taking up bridge was to satisfy a personal Guiding Association Goal of learning something new each year. Wendy's attitude of continuous development and interest in life remained with her until her final days.*

Wendy was one of the founding members of the Fyfield Bridge Club which opened in November of that year and her membership number was 12 and her first bridge partner was Marlene Hunt until Marlene's health issues meant she couldn't play bridge any longer. Wendy was playing and enjoying bridge with her new bridge partner Ron Brown until the week before she went into hospital. She really enjoyed her weekly evening and afternoon sessions of bridge and she is sadly missed.

**Martin Collier and Cheryl Hadley -  
Bridge Club**

The Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee, Burns' Nights & the WD50+ Club

Wendy served on the Village Hall Committee for over 48 years, was a master of sourcing money, and over time got grants and donations for well over £100,000 that helped to build the Monica Couling Room and several refurbishments, Without her expertise, the hall would be nothing like it is today. .... but what drove Wendy was that she cared about the Village Hall, about Fyfield, and about young people as well as the old. She brought people together, she always had a smile on her face and never seemed to tire of the work she did.'

**Marie Apperley, Chair, Fyfield Village  
Hall Committee**

For Burns' Nights Wendy would gather a group of volunteers together in the afternoon for peeling and chopping the veg, scrounging pots and pans to start the conveyor belt of cooking and mashing so that, Come the Night, tatties would be mashed, neeps bashed, and haggis cooked. Then the start of the Wendy chain of distribution; plating up with portion

control (so we did not run out) and serving another successful meal cooked and served to perfection! What a woman!

**Martin & Fiona Baxter**

I was asked in 2004 to put on an Old Time Music Hall event to raise funds for the village hall extension that became the Monica Couling Room and it proved a big success so I was persuaded to join the Village Hall Committee. I appreciated Wendy's help and guidance with many fund-raising events and in 2008 Wendy supported my notion to start an exercise group at the hall for the over 50s – the WD50+Club. Although not immediately enthusiastic herself, Wendy supported the Club, became a member, and attended the Friday afternoon sessions when time and energy allowed, and joined in our social events and outings. We all miss her friendly presence.

**Patti Nicholson for the WD50+ Club**

Fyfield Handbells

Wendy's son Michael was one of the original Fyfield Handbell Ringers and she joined the group after he went to University. She was quite determined that the team would carry on and it is due to her doggedness and perseverance that we are the players we are today. She rang our big bells. They are incredibly heavy, but I didn't hear her complain once, and I came to realise that she encapsulated the ethos of our team with her great sense of humour and her enthusiasm, dedication and sheer enjoyment of playing. She is sadly missed.

**Sally Wallden - Fyfield Handbell  
Ringers**



## Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins

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Looking back at my letter for the Easter edition of 'The Focus' in 2018, I see that I was extending a warm welcome to people of the village to join us in worship at St Nicholas.

Our dear friend, Marcus Dain, had agreed to continue as Church Warden when I wrote that letter and we were approaching our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in good heart at that time, as we knew that Carol Cox had agreed to stand as Warden alongside him. Furthermore, our other good friend, Wendy Henshaw, agreed to stay in her role as *Treasurer/ Book-Keeper* and, although our Sunday attendances were small, it seemed that we had a secure platform on which we could build up the church in Fyfield.

You do not need me to remind you of the chain of unhappy events that were to follow from August through to December 2018, which has removed that secure platform and left our Parochial Church Council (PCC) decimated. We now have only four members left on the PCC, one of whom will, in all probability, be moving away from the area this year. Our finances are not in great shape. We failed to meet our quota of the 'Parish Share' last year, thus Fyfield has contributed to the £1.3 million deficit suffered by The Diocese of Chelmsford in 2018.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful 'Friends of St Nicholas' group who raise

money for major repairs and projects. I am so very grateful to them for all the support they have given down the years, but the Friends' constitution forbids them from making payments towards the day-to-day running costs of the church.

It is hard to see how the church can survive in such circumstances and I fear the PCC will be taking some very difficult decisions in the coming year. We cannot sustain a regular pattern of worship in the parish when the average weekly attendance, since Marcus died (*excluding major festivals*), is just 9 people. It is hard to justify heating, insuring and the expensive maintenance of the church for such a small group of people. In truth, we do have larger congregations at Christmas, on Remembrance Sunday, St George's Day (*when the uniformed organisations join us*), and at village funerals. In fact, the registers show that funerals are our main attraction!

It might be that the PCC decides to designate St Nicholas a 'Festival Church', which means that it will only be used on festival occasions. We have not made that decision yet, but it is an option available to us. However, the cost of maintaining the building will still fall on the PCC even if we are not open for worship every week.

I realise that the outlook seems bleak and our prospects of surviving as a traditional 'village church' which prays regularly for the village, its school, its businesses and its people are slight. This is not a hopeful message.

However, I write as we approach Easter – the season of re-birth and renewal. I believe in God’s Easter promise to make all things new. If you care about the life and witness of your village church, please do join us for the APCM on **Monday 8 April at 19.00** in the church. Please consider standing for election as Church Warden or as a member of the PCC (*you will need to join our Electoral Roll in order to qualify*).

I continue to invite you to join us for worship. Why not come on Easter

Sunday at St Nicholas on **Sunday 21 April at 10.00 am?**

Happy Easter!

*Chris*

*Reverend Christine Hawkins*

*Priest In Charge*

*The United Benefice of Bobbingworth, Fyfield, Moreton & Willingale*

*The Rectory*

*6 Forest Drive*

*Fyfield*

*Ongar*

*CM5 0TP*

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# Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

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## ST NICHOLAS, FYFIELD

April	7		<b>NO SERVICE</b>
	14	18.00	Holy Communion for Palm Sunday
	21	<b>10.00</b>	<b>BENEFACTIVE COMMUNION FOR EASTER SUNDAY</b>
	28	11.00	Family Service
May	5		<b>NO SERVICE</b>
	12	18.00	Holy Communion
	19		<b>NO SERVICE</b>
	26	11.00	Family Service

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MORETON

April	7	09.30	Family Communion
(Friday)	19	14.00	<b>Good Friday Devotions</b> (last hour at the Cross)
May	5	09.30	Family Communion
	19	09.30	Family Service

## ST GERMAIN, BOBBINGWORTH

April	7	11.00	Family Service
May	5	11.00	Family Service
May	19	11.00	Family Communion

## ST CHRISTOPHER, WILLINGALE

April	7	18.00	Songs of Praise
	14	09.30	Family Service for Palm Sunday
	28	09.30	Holy Communion
May	12	09.30	Family Service
	19	18.00	Evening Prayer (1662 Prayer book)
	26	09.30	Holy Communion



**FRIENDS OF SAINT NICHOLAS'CHURCH, FYFIELD**  
(Registered Charity Number 1090313)

## **Annual General Meeting**

**will be held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
at 8.00pm in the church.**

**All members are, of course, invited and other interested persons  
will be welcome to attend and observe proceedings.**

**Any questions with respect to the meeting or to the Friends  
should be addressed to the Chairman, Mrs Julie Robinson,  
on 01277 899557**

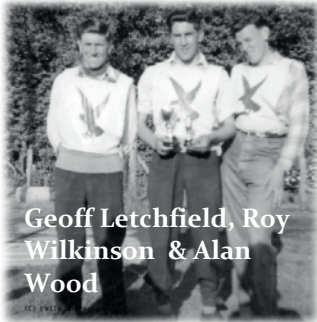
## **Special Dates for April & May**

April 1st	Monday	April Fool's Day
April 6th	Saturday	The Grand National
April 19th	Friday	Good Friday (Bank Holiday)
April 21st	Sunday	Easter Sunday
April 22nd	Monday	Easter Monday
April 23rd	Tuesday	St. George's Day
May 6th	Monday	Early May Bank Holiday
May 18th	Saturday	FA Cup Final
May 27th	Monday	Spring Bank Holiday



## Fyfield Falcons Cycle Speedway Club

Cycle Speedway had its beginnings in the 1920's as an inexpensive version of motor cycle speedway. After the Second World War it flourished on the bombsites and spare land around the country with over 3000 clubs registered. Essex was the top county with an estimated 218 clubs. One of those clubs was the Fyfield Falcons whose home race track was on the south east side of the sports field near the play area. The Falcons raced in the Essex League between 1951 and 1957 and competed successfully with teams such as Willingale Wasps, Ongar Cycle Speedway Club, Chigwell



Geoff Letchfield, Roy Wilkinson & Alan Wood

Choppers, South-end Eagles, Shelley Demons and many more locally and nationally. As time passed, the number of bombsite tracks were built on and the sport became less popular. Today, Cycle Speedway is administered by British Cycling and comprises only 55 clubs nationwide. Many will not have been aware of this largely forgotten branch of cycling but luckily there are many photos of the heyday of this sport.

Below is a list of riders many of whom you may recognise.

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Fyfield Falcons Raced in the Essex League 1951 - 1957.

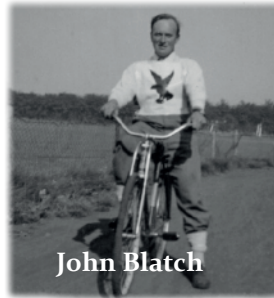
Geoff Letchfield was captain of the Essex B Test Team.

Club Chairman: Mr Frank Bretton JP.

### Riders

Derek Andrews,  
Gerald Barton  
Dennis Bird  
Maurice Bird  
Malcolm Blackwell  
John Blatch (capt)  
Robin Blowes  
Derek Brittain  
Les Brittain  
Ronnie Brittain (mascot)  
Peter Campen  
Dave Eaton  
John Elliott  
Robin Howland  
Geoff Letchfield (capt)

Tony McKeever  
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Bill Tween  
Derek Wilkinson  
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Alan Wood



John Blatch



Easter 1954 at Fyfield Track

# Dr Walker's School



## Spring Term Activities

It has been a busy few weeks here at Dr Walker's school.

## Learning Heroes

We have introduced nominations for Learning Heroes at Dr Walker's. We all know that Learning Heroes are children and adults who learn from their mistakes, persevere when things get tough and take responsibility for their own learning. It was great to award five children and one adult in our school this half term.



## Cathedral Days

The whole school visited Chelmsford Cathedral in March and we all really enjoyed exploring the building and taking part in lots of

great activities. We visited over two days and at the end of each day, we all took part in some big art! All the children really enjoyed it.



## Book Week

We have enjoyed Book Week + 1, where we had an inter-house 'decorate potato as a book character' competition.



This was won by Romans with Sienna's Little Red Riding Hood. During



Book Week, we were also lucky enough to have an author visit us to talk about writing good stories. We opened our outside library and invited the parents in for a reading picnic and book quiz. We all enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day as well.

## Lent - 40 Acts

Reverend Chris came into school on Ash Wednesday to lead collective worship and we all agreed to work hard during Lent to take action to make small changes to make our school community even better than it already is.

Everyone has a challenge card with 40 acts on it that include holding the door open, saying hello to someone new and being grateful for something, to name just a few. Everyone







has their own matchbox and when they perform a small act of generosity, they receive a grain of rice for their matchbox to remind them of their small act. We also have a foodbank collection point for Chess, the

homeless charity in Chelmsford.

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*Miss N. Willis  
Head Teacher*



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## **Best Kept Front Garden Competition – 2019**

The judging for this year's best kept front garden is again being carried out by Cheryl Hadley, Ann Jackson, Kate Lamb and Jenny Stone and will commence at the **beginning of May** with a target of the announcement and presentation to the three winners taking place at the Fyfield Parish Council Meeting (FPC) on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

The first round of judging consists of the four judges independently judging their allocated areas and submitting their chosen top 5 front gardens with comments to the Competition Co-ordinator. The judges will also add comments about any particular areas that really stand out as adding to the attractiveness, tidiness and beauty of the Village of Fyfield.

The Judging criteria is very simple: A front garden that is neat, tidy, clean and attractive with no dustbins in sight. It does not need to have a splendid display of flowers, etc. but obviously this will add to the attractiveness of the garden but is not the main criteria.

In addition to the Judging Criteria, Rules and Purpose of the Competition, Considerations were added and these details can be found on the FPC Website.

The second round of judging is then carried out as a team visiting the 20 gardens. This is where views and thoughts are exchanged before the final debate on which gardens are the worthy top three winners.

Last year the judging had to be postponed due to the heavy rain and heavy winds but we got there in the end and the competition was very, very close indeed. Details of last year's winners, the top 20 gardens and the areas in the village which the judges view as adding to the attractiveness of the village as a whole is also being made available on the FPC Website.

We have some very tidy and attractive gardens in our village so it is a pleasure and privilege for the judges to be involved in this FPC initiative and we are all looking forward to touring the village this May.

*Cheryl, Ann, Kate and Jenny.*

### **The Focus Needs A New Editor and A New Design & Production Manager**

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# Ongar Health Centre PPG



Ongar Health Centre PPG Chair Jenny Juttner recently attended a very productive meeting with team leaders at the surgery to discuss

mutual goals going forward. From this, the PPG has a much clearer idea of where we can be useful to the practice.

Ideas discussed included:

- Setting up a carers' network to help and support carers in our community
- Lobbying to improve the bus service to Ongar Health Centre
- Supporting the surgery in its aim to use Ongar Health Centre as part of the West Essex GP Practices 'Hub' for out-of-hours appointments

We also hope to focus on encouraging patients to understand that we do not always need to see a GP! Just by looking on the Ongar Health Centre website and following the 'Self Help' link, there is information on many common ailments that can be self-managed, often by visiting the pharmacist rather than the GP.

From colds, coughs, earache and flu to heartburn, indigestion, sore throats, sinusitis, warts and verrucas - there are links to the relevant NHS websites, which offer further information about managing some conditions.

If you have not signed up to join the PPG - pick up a form from the surgery, or follow the link on the Ongar Health Centre website <https://www.ongarhealthcentre.co.uk/>

*Ongar Health Centre PPG Committee*

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*Michelle Breavington*





# Fyfield Litter Pickers



Wednesday 20th February was a beautiful day for litter picking with Cheryl picking up one very full and

heavy black bag of litter walking up the road from the shop to the front of Elmbridge Hall and back again to the shop.

Amongst the litter, more wine bottles (at least 3), beer bottles, a filled dog poo bag and an empty delivery box with full details of what it had contained and who it had been delivered to in Fyfield – interesting! Perhaps it never got to its intended destination or maybe it fell off the back of the dustbin truck. Whatever the story the empty box and delivery note ended up on the grass verge on the way out of the village!

Fiona and Heather continued on Morteon Road towards Cross Leys Farm. The layby is clearly being used by commercial vehicles judging by the large empty bottles of oil and screen wash abandoned there. We were disappointed to find more rubbish at the bottom of Moreton Road, which was only cleared a month ago.

Mateus rose wine bottle spotted on the road to Lavers - wonder if it was from the same batch found on Moreton Road last month...

It seems, no matter how much litter we remove, more comes and takes its place. As a society, we really do need to challenge anyone seen dropping litter. It is also disappointing to report that despite an email from the Council thanking the Fyfield Litter Pickers and promising collection of the same – more than 3 weeks later the rubbish is still where we left it in the layby.

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*Fiona Baxter and Heather Porter*





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## Loughton Working To Become Dementia Friendly

The Epping Forest Dementia Action Alliance are working together to make **Epping Forest a Dementia Friendly Community**.

The alliance, which is supported by a group of 16 organisations, many individuals and Epping Forest District Council, have recently piloted a new Business Award Scheme project at Pyrles Lane Shops in Loughton, Essex.

Several Businesses have joined the alliance in working towards becoming a dementia friendly organisation. They have signed up to meet some simple criteria, which has been put together by people living with dementia, to make shopping experiences easier for them and their carers.

The criteria includes businesses looking at things such as signage and lighting and making minor adaptations, as required, to help people living with dementia.

Part of the pilot project involved inviting secondary schools from across the Epping Forest district to take part in a competition to design a logo to feature on a window sticker, that businesses who are working to become dementia friendly can display to let the public know they are working towards becoming dementia friendly.

The logo design brief was to be eye catching, clear to read and related to local businesses helping to make a dementia friendly community.

We were overwhelmed by the number of outstanding creative entries received from various schools. The winning design was from Coral Pask who attends King Harold School in Waltham Abbey. Her design is now featured on the stickers which will be displayed in local businesses who have signed up to the scheme and met the criteria. The funding for the stickers was provided by Loughton Town Council grants scheme.

If you want to find out more about dementia please visit either [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk) or

[https://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local\\_alliances/16879\\_epping\\_forest\\_district\\_dementia\\_action\\_alliance](https://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/16879_epping_forest_district_dementia_action_alliance)

You can also contact Karen Murray [kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk) to find out how you can get involved with the Dementia Friendly Business Award scheme or the Epping Forest Dementia Action Alliance.



Left Coral Pask, Centre Scarlett Wilson, King Harold School and Right Karen Murray EFDC Engagement

# Dementia Friends Information Sessions at Your Local Library in 2019

## What is a Dementia Friend?

A Dementia Friend learns a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action - anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend. The Dementia Friends Information Session lasts about an hour and it is about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about Dementia Friends, to visiting someone you know living with dementia. Every action counts towards creating a dementia friendly community.

We are offering six public information sessions across the district at three local Libraries. Please see below what sessions are available and how to book on.

## Loughton Library Dates:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2pm to 3pm.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2pm to 3pm

## North Weald Library Dates:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

## Epping Library Dates:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Places are limited so please book your place either by calling: 01992 564226 or

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The next dates are as follows:

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 11am-12pm, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 11am,  
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# Fyfield *Luncheon Club*



We had our first get together of the year in February, where we remembered our good friend Wendy, who will be missed by us all. We enjoyed a lovely meal of Fish Pie

followed by Apple Sponge. In March we enjoyed Sausage and Mash followed by Blackberry and Apple Crumble. Many thanks to The Queen's Head who supply our delicious main course, and Jan and her team of helpers for the lovely desserts and great service.

Our next two meetings are on the 10th of April and the 8th of May. If you would like to join us for lunch please contact Sandra on 01277899519



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# Ongar *Wildlife Society* (OWLS)

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In February, we were treated to an entertaining and fascinating talk by Alan Thorpe entitled 'Mediterranean Birdwatching; Three

European River Deltas in Spring.' Professor Thorpe is an authority on birds and his enthusiasm was reflected in his talk and his superb photography. Alan made his presentation even more interesting by including the geography, history and unique animals and plants of the areas.

Alan travels frequently to the Mediterranean with his wife in pursuit of birds to observe and photograph while, at the same time, enjoying the countryside, food and culture. He would recommend the hobby of birdwatching to everyone as it is highly enjoyable yet inexpensive. As he says, all you need is a pair of binoculars, comfortable shoes and a decent camera. You may well capture the picture of a lifetime!



The three areas that Alan travels to and which were the subject of his talk were the Rhône, Ebro and Po Deltas in France, Spain and Italy respectively. His photographs were all excellent but my

favourites were of Greater Flamingos. He explained that their standing on one leg in the water not only rests the leg but also conserves body heat, as doing so places one only one leg in the cool water. However, the most recent explanation is that the one-leg balancing act has to do with a flamingo's brain. Many animals, including flamingos, only turn off one side of their brain when they sleep. This explains why they stand on one leg: the leg controlled by the side of the brain that is awake stays on the ground to maintain balance while the other leg and foot are rested. Then they change sides.

**OWLS Meetings in 2019:** 18 Mar Alaska – Wildlife and More Lynn Rix; 15 Apr Tales from the Riverbank Liz Huxley; 20 May Lichens in Essex John Skinner; 16 Sept Climate Change Brian Eversham; 21 Oct Insect Trends. Is it all bad news? Rosie Earwaker; 18 Nov Wildlife and Landscape Photography Andrew Bailey; 9 Dec Corals Brian Rosen.

All meetings are held at Jubilee Park Pavilion, Love Lane (off High Street), Ongar CM5 9BL You may wish to join OWLS and learn more about other aspects of the natural world. Visitors pay £5, but why not join - only £20 a year for nine talks, a garden party and a New Year party. It's great value and an opportunity to learn about wildlife and the environment. For more information, please take a look at our website:

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*Keith Snow*



# Fyfield *Village Hall*

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I hope this update finds you well and looking forward to spring. We have had a relatively quiet couple of

months since Christmas, but we did hold a very successful Quiz Evening in February. Thank you to everyone that came along and supported us and we hope you had some fun.

By the time you read this, we will have held our AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> March. If you missed it, but have something that you would like to suggest, then please do let us know. We also have a vacancy for a Resident Committee Member, so if you feel you have a little time to spare and would like to work with us to keep the Village Hall open then please do get in touch. We meet once a month and are a very friendly bunch.

Some good news, we have a new Yoga Club that is meeting on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the hall. It is aimed at beginners as well as more experienced practitioners and all are welcome. There is a notice on the Village Hall Notice Board for more information.

The popular Life Walks that are run by Epping Forest District Council are also due to begin again on 20<sup>th</sup> May. They are a great way of gentle walking with a group of people and are designed to encourage people to get out, see the countryside and take part in exercise that is

enjoyable. They meet at 9.30am in the car park, and leave for the walk at about 10am, aiming to return by 11am. For more information, there is a website [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/lifewalks](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/lifewalks) and you can also contact Karen Murray who organises them at [kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

The Village Hall will also be serving teas, coffee and cake at the end of the walk and we really would encourage you to give it a go.

We will be holding a Bingo Evening on 11<sup>th</sup> May, which is always good fun. As usual, our kind friends Christine and Richard, along with Roy and Geoff will be in charge and we can promise you a good evening out. It is £2.50 entrance fee and this will include a mini ploughman's. The cash bar will be open. Why not get a few friends together and come along and you might even win some money! To let us know how many to cater for, please ring either Elaine on 07956 440894 or Marie on 01277 899386 if you would like to reserve some places. Alternatively, drop us an Email [fyfield.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:fyfield.villagehall@gmail.com)

We are looking once again to do a series of Family Fun Evenings and BBQs that we started last year. They will be on a Friday evening starting around 6pm and there will be a BBQ, the bar will be open, and plenty of games and activities for all the family. They proved to be a great social evening last year, so even if you do not have children, come along, have a drink and meet your fellow neighbours. You can walk home so it could not be easier to

socialise! We are hoping that the first one will be on 7<sup>th</sup> June, but we will have more information in the next edition of The Focus.

Finally, from everyone at Fyfield Village Hall, we wish you a very Happy Easter and we hope to see you soon.

*Marie Apperley  
Chair*

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# Fyfield & District *W.I.*



Our final tribute to Wendy Henshaw was to co-ordinate with her daughter, Teresa, and the family to provide cakes and cups of tea at the Village Hall after

Wendy's memorial service. Catering for an unspecified number proved a bit of a headache but the hall was packed and it was 'Friends Reunited' indeed with more than enough refreshments for everyone. Vice President, Myra Amos, thanked members for all their hard work but it was a fitting end to Wendy's remarkable life of service to the whole community, which we think she would have enjoyed.

At our February meeting, Mr. John Watkins paid us a second visit and showed us more beautiful wildlife photographs, accompanied with a soundtrack he had added to enhance the atmosphere. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

At our March meeting, Jane Robinson explained the complex chemical reactions that take place when cheese is produced. Even humidity and outside temperatures can affect the result, making one batch vary slightly from another. So, it is science not magic! We were surprised to learn that making cheese using cows' milk is relatively recent. For thousands of years cheese would have been made using sheep or goats' milk. In some parts of the world even today people can eat the cheese but cannot tolerate cows' milk. Jane brought seven varieties of English cheeses for us to sample which, with some other savouries and cakes too, we finished off during the afternoon, giving it quite a party atmosphere lacking only the wine!

The next W.I. meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the Village Hall. We welcome visitors and prospective new members so if you are interested just come along or contact Pat Turnpenny on 01277 899223.

*Pat Turnpenny, Secretary*

## **Fyfield Coffee Morning** (in the church)

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*2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May & 4<sup>th</sup> June  
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Marion, Carol & Tricia*



# Out of Focus

*(It can't get any worse, or can it!)*

When I started writing this column the title seemed appropriate but as time passes it might be better if the title was 'It May Be Me But '. How come? Well, **'It may be me but'**

- Why are policemen getting younger?
- Is time passing faster
- Has this year gone by quickly so far
- Are more people having tattoos
- Does nobody know what a Scotch and American is nowadays
- Why does non-alcoholic beer taste like WD40 mixed with lemonade
- Is Ongar getting nearer Fyfield
- Are airports getting more crowded
- Ongar High Street seems to be sinking
- Chelmsford town centre is becoming a really nice place now
- My feet seem to be getting further away
- Why are the Ongar Health Centre lights left on at all hours

It's 1.15pm on Sunday 24th February, the birds are singing, the sky is blue and I can feel the heat of the sun on my skin. Where am I? I am sitting in the garden of the Queen's Head along with many other patrons and their dogs having a pleasant drink in the totally unseasonal weather that we had last month. This can't be right, we should be up to our knees in snow or floods, feeling cold and miserable and ready to pack it all in for a

new life in the sun somewhere. Instead here we are with temperatures higher than the Costa del Sol. Mr Trump reckons that climate change is fake news. Maybe you should visit Fyfield Don. On second thoughts, don't bother.

Peter Kay, playing the part of Brian Potter in Phoenix Nights, once said 'I've seen the future! It's garlic bread'. Well, I'm no Peter kay but I have also seen the future, It's bed socks! 'He's lost it', I hear you say. Well that's another question but this is for real and here's why. I have always been a poor sleeper never seemingly getting a full and satisfying night's sleep. I've tried all sorts of remedies from herb tea to Night Nurse which works very well but makes you feel like your head is not in the same room as your body the next day. Anyway, the other week, for whatever reason, I went to bed with my socks on. I seem to remember that we had just returned from holiday in the early hours of the morning and the house was freezing cold. As I can't stand cold feet in a cold bed, I did not remove my socks and I slept well. This maybe was a result of having just travelled from Egypt to Gatwick and being very tired. But a few nights later I tried it again and it worked. I checked this out on the Internet and it seems that wearing bed socks does improve your chances of a good night's sleep due to providing warmth to the feet. What next? How about a Night Cap, both sorts!

*Ian Hadley  
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# Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)



Hi, Archie here,  
Well I don't need to wear socks at bedtime! I can sleep at anytime and anywhere.

Sometimes I have a bit of trouble at the Country Club when another dog decides to bark in the middle of the night and everyone joins in. The Country Club is great for a short break but is nowhere near the standard that I get at home. For a start I don't get put in a cage, I have the run of the house. I have many beds placed in convenient positions around the house. My main bed is a large one upstairs but I have to share this with the parents. My night time bed is in the utility room in a base unit cupboard without a door. This is nice and cosy as it has underfloor heating and thick curtains as a door so that I can block out any light. and any cats that might be about at night. I have a few places in the garden that I like especially by the river where I can keep an eye on the ducks, moorhens, Canada Geese, the Fyfield Swan and anything else that dare enter my domain. I also like laying out in the front garden but get into trouble if the Postman or Amazon man tries to get in and I chase them away. The Postman is ok, I only bark at him and lick him if he strokes me. The last time I came back from a short holiday

at the Country Club, I found that all of the Moorhens in Fyfield had invaded my garden and left their mess all over the jetty. Dad had to get the power hose to get all the stuff off and I thought that it was just as well that it wasn't dogs' mess. The good news is that the moorhens don't come into the garden when I am here.

Anyway, I'm off to check out the Gypsy Mead site to make sure that the developers don't cut all of the trees down. Trees are very important to the planet you know and especially to dogs and even more special to small white Jack Russells called Archie.

Bye for now,  
*Archie.*



## Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

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Mysteries of Brexit votes. For our Russian envoy to Fyfield Yuro Skiptix Brexit talks are never private as there is a whistle blower in the Commons - he doubles as a football referee at the weekend. Political parties use athletes to relay messages and for overcoming hurdles. The discus is discussed at length. They hammer the point home especially the javelin when in flight returning from talks in Paris declaring plaster is fulfilled.

There is much agreement in the Commons over how common the market is. Fish quoters are trying to use the Net and shoal their appointments and man dates. Some fish and chip shops might employ monks-they make good friars.

Some Leavers are studying obstetrics - if Brexit can't be delivered, babies can. Farmers will be taxed on their produce by the in-land revenue with profits cropped. They say give peas a chance and that wheat rye to please. Luckily, they'll plough on. Chickens could egg them on milking the system, perhaps producing furrowed brows.

Scouts will always be busy as they are intense, trying to give Robert employment. Photographers are hurrying, sending pictures of tin cans, for a film festival. Nurses are re-bandaging O-scars after surgical procedures so that actors can show their Awards on screen. Skyscraper builders, as usual, are always telling tall stories - elevating themselves to greater heights.

Timber cutters are saw about this and will log their activities. Some have many branches with roots going deep and wood is plane to see although they are sycamore Brexit options. Oak to leaf now, as too many old chestnuts are trying to conker the willow of the people. Seeds of the May tree are growing.

Chefs do not want to get in the soup. In anticipation, hairdressers are keeping trim and not making waves although they can be cutting. It May be a close shave. As long as train drivers stay on the rails and editors refrain from hitting heads. Electricians are remaining positive and of course, footballers are now folding paper to score along the lines! Our cricketers are doing well although someone poured treacle on the grass - it could be a sticky wicket.

*Barry Betteridge*

# District Matters

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When you look at your Council Tax statement you will see that the EFDC rate increase is zero. Since 2010, the rate has increased only once making EFDC in the

top two authorities in Essex to keep rates low whilst meeting the needs of the residents.

## **New pay and display parking tariffs to support local businesses**

New Pay and display parking tariff structures are being introduced to Epping Forest District Council owned carparks. This is to encourage people to shop in our local town centres and to address pressure put on our carparks from all day parking.

### **The basics:**

- Pay and display tariffs for stays up to 2 hours remain unchanged (Saturday and Sunday)
- Anyone planning to stay more than 5 hours in our long stay carparks will pay £6
- A linear system whereby the price rises on an hourly rate above 2 hours is also being introduced
  - Up to 3 hours will cost £3, up to 4 hours will cost £4, up to 5 hours will cost £5
  - The new long stay parking charges brings the cost of parking closer to the local London Underground station current ticket pricing

- Users of the My-permit scheme will also be affected by the new tariffs

Councillor Nigel Avey with the portfolio responsible for parking at Epping Forest district council commented “Our pay and display parking tariffs have remained the same since 2015 and Epping Forest remains a low-cost area to park in in comparison with surrounding areas. Many local businesses have expressed concerns that all day commuter parking in our town centre carparks impacts on visitor numbers to our local highstreets. By introducing this new tariff structure and keeping short stay tariffs low, we aim to create a greater turnover in our carparks, freeing up more parking spaces therefore encouraging shoppers to visit our highstreets.”

“Revenue generated from our pay and display machines is re-invested into maintaining and making improvements to the council carparks. New CCTV and upgrades to LED lighting are already planned as well as improvements to the surrounding environment. A Feasibility study into whether it would be appropriate to have electric charge points situated in the carparks is also in the pipeline.”

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# Letter from the Chairman



At the February meeting the council members were requested to consider the application to build 24 new homes on the Gypsy Mead site. After a long discussion a vote was taken and a majority decision was taken to object to the plan on the grounds of overloaded infrastructure, suitability of properties and lack of affordable homes. The letter of objection can be viewed on the EFDC Website under planning application reference EPF/0016/19 which contains all relevant documents and drawings.

Our MP, Alex Burghart, has written to the Department of the Environment and is awaiting a response regarding expected co-operation with Essex County Council on the solution to the flooding on the B184 at Birds Green.

On Monday 29th April the FPC is hosting the annual Parish Assembly at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please come along and

enjoy some refreshments and hear what is happening and planned in Fyfield.

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## **Annual Parish Assembly**

**Monday April 29th**

**7.30pm**

**Fyfield Village Hall**

**Come along and hear updates from local groups and plans for the future**

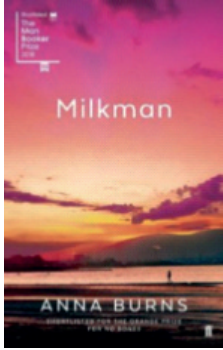
**Refreshments provided**

## **Fyfield Parish Council**

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### Pageturners

**Milkman** by Anna Burns



This book won the prestigious Man Booker Prize in 2018 and made Anna Burns the first author from Northern Ireland to win the award.

Set during The Troubles of 1969-1998, Anna Burns can

draw from her experience of living in Belfast and being raised in the working class Catholic district of Ardoyne. The story charts the voice of the ‘middle sister’ and it uses the conversational language of the area.

This 18 year old keeps her head down, literally, by burying it in a book while she walks. However, this draws her to the attention of a local paramilitary known as ‘The Milkman’ who begins pursuing her. She suddenly becomes ‘interesting,’ the last thing she ever wanted to be especially in such a toxic environment. Chinese whispers are rife in this community and middle sister has her life reimagined by the whisperers.

It is not an easy read. The paragraphs and chapters can be very long and names are deliberately avoided, replaced by character descriptions. Philosopher Kwame Anthony Appiah, who chaired the Man Booker panel, said it was "challenging in the way a walk up

Snowdon is challenging. It is definitely worth it because the view is terrific when you get to the top."

This is definitely a Marmite book and one possibly easier to listen to rather than read. Like it or not though, the book does give the reader a glimpse into how life was for civilians caught up in such a divisive and dangerous environment.

*Margaret Dines*

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# Cookery Section

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Spring lamb is the best and makes a lovely family roast at Easter.

Don't let the length of the recipe put you off it really is easy and the gravy is quite special. The very easy dessert of meringue nets would be perfect to serve with the roast.

## Roasted Shoulder of Lamb with Smashed Veg & Greens

### Lamb:

- 1 lge. bunch of fresh rosemary
- 1 bulb of garlic
- 2 kg shoulder of lamb
- olive oil

### Gravy:

- 1 tblspn plain flour
- 500 ml chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 tblspn baby capers
- 1 big bunch of fresh mint
- 2 tblspn red wine vinegar

### Smashed Veg:

- 750 g potatoes
- 3 large carrots
- ½ a large swede
- 2 knobs of unsalted butter

### Greens:

- 500g seasonal green such as white cabbage, Savoy cabbage, Brussels tops or cavolo nero

Serves 6

Preheat the oven to full temp

Lay half the rosemary into the bottom of a high-sided roasting tray. Break up the garlic bulb, then scatter in half of the unpeeled cloves.

Slash the fat side of the lamb all over with a sharp knife, then rub with oil, sea salt and black pepper. Place into the tray, then scatter the remaining rosemary and garlic on top.

Tightly cover the tray with tin foil and place in the oven. Immediately turn the temperature down to 170°C/325°F/gas 3 and cook for around 4 hours – it's done if you can pull the meat apart easily with two forks.

Meanwhile, peel the potatoes and chop into large chunks. Peel the carrots and swede, then chop into small chunks. Prep the greens by separating out the leaves and finely slicing any tougher stalks.

When the lamb is nearly cooked, put your potatoes, carrots and swede into a large pot of boiling salted water and boil hard for 20 minutes, or until tender.

Drain and allow to steam dry, then smash them up in the pan with a knob of butter. If you prefer a smooth texture, add some cooking water. Spoon into a bowl, cover with tin foil and keep warm over a pan of simmering water until needed.

Once cooked to perfection, remove the lamb from the oven and place it on a chopping board. Cover with tin foil, then a tea towel, and leave to rest.

Put a large pan of salted water on to boil for your greens.

Pour away most of the fat from the roasting tray, discarding any bits of rosemary stalk. Put the tray on the hob over a medium heat and mix in the flour.

Pour in the stock, stirring and scraping all the sticky goodness from the bottom of the tray. You won't need gallons of gravy, just a couple of flavoursome spoonfuls each. Drain, finely chop and add the capers, then turn the heat down and simmer for a few minutes.

Pick and finely chop the mint and add it to the sauce with the red wine vinegar at the last minute, then pour into a jug.

Place the greens and stalks into the pan of fast-boiling salted water and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, to just soften. Drain and toss with the remaining knob of butter and a pinch of salt and pepper.

Shred the lamb to serve

*Marie Hatch*

## Incredibly Easy Meringue Nests



1 large egg white  
4 oz. caster sugar

Preheat oven 180 degrees (fan)

Line a baking sheet with greaseproof paper

Whisk egg white until they form stiff peaks

Gradually whisk in 2 oz. sugar

With a metal spoon, fold in remaining sugar

Spoon 8 small "nests" onto the greaseproof paper, evenly spaced

Bake for 15-18 minutes (They will go a beige colour and 'crack' a little)

Allow to cool before removing from paper  
Decorate with whipped double cream and top with mini eggs for Easter or any fresh fruit

*Jenny Stone*

*(This recipe came from a lovely lady many years ago. You can make the meringues well ahead and store them in a tin. They always go down well. Very naughty but very nice!)*

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**Further information from Patti Nicholson 01277 899504) or  
Liz Bird (01277 899324)**

# Fyfield *Carpet Bowls Club*

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The last two months have flown by!

Fyfield have entered just one competition over

this period, which was the Essex Fours at Braintree on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Mary Wilkinson, Dot Letchfield, Sharon and Hannah Birch made up the team of four. They did particularly well winning their group and progressing to the quarter-final stage, where sadly they were knocked out. Despite this, the club were very proud of them, as this was a great achievement.

The same team were again at Braintree for the Inter-Area Competition, where all the leagues in Essex play against each other. Our league (Chelmsford West) won this competition last year and was hoping to do well again. It was an enjoyable day but unfortunately things did not go to plan and we did not bring the trophy home again.

The next competition this four have entered is the Essex Open Rinks on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Each of the County Leagues take turns in hosting this competition and this year it falls to Essex.

Braintree will host the event and I shall report on this next time.

The County Squad has played two matches. On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January, the team travelled to Littleport Cambridgeshire to play against the Cambridgeshire team. We did quite well here with Cambridgeshire scoring 19 points and Essex 17 points. This was a good result for us against a very good county team and the result could have been in our favour as the games were very close.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Essex was at home to Bedfordshire. Again, we needed a positive result to lift us off the bottom of the league. Essex played particularly well and won the match 25 points to Bedfordshire's 11 points. This result lifted us up one place - Essex is now in fifth position!

We still have a long way to go but we are hoping to get a good result in our last match, again at home, against Norfolk, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We are not going to set the world alight, but Essex may get into fourth place with a decent result. Again, I shall report on this next time.

*Jacky Brown*





## Why Play Bridge?

This is a question often posed by non-players yet to be convinced by the virtues of the game – and sometimes

even by experienced players suffering from a dip in confidence.

The game's origins lie in whist, which can be traced back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century in various guises but it was not until the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century that a duplicate form of whist was played. Bridge, as such, emerged in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, but was transformed into the game we know today by one Harold S. Vanderbilt during a long sea voyage in 1925.

Research by means of a well-known internet search engine reveals that the game has attracted many high profile players since it was first devised – ranging from Churchill and Eisenhower to Bill Gates and Radiohead's front man Thom York.

Author W. Somerset Maugham considered that bridge was "the most entertaining and intelligent card game the wit of man has so far devised."

Well-known actor and exponent of bridge, Omar Sharif pointed to the game's mental challenge when he said, "Many games provide fun, but bridge grips you. It exercises your mind. Your mind can rust, you know, but bridge

prevents the rust from forming." Former tennis champion Martina Navratilova has been quoted as saying: "No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table." In addition, financial guru, Warren Buffet has said, "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players and who were willing to keep the game going 24 hours a day." So, there are at least four good reasons to play Bridge: entertainment, mental stimulation, sociability and enduring fascination.

If I'm preaching to the converted then I can assure you of a warm welcome at our Fyfield-based Club – we meet on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings for most weeks of the year. We meet in the well-appointed Fyfield Village Hall, off Houchin Drive, overlooking the attractive playing fields. If you need a partner – no problem – we have an efficient partner-hosting system in place.

Please visit the 'Welcome' page on our website [www.bridgewebs.com/fyfield](http://www.bridgewebs.com/fyfield) for further information and contact details.

*Martin Collier*  
*Chairman*

# 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Explorer Unit

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## 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group News

### Our new Group Scout Leader

Len Skinner our previous Group Scout Leader left our group in January. Driving from Chingford to Fyfield became a nightmare for him due to prolonged knee problems.

May I therefore introduce Sandra Mead who has now taken on the role of Group Scout Leader or GSL for the 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group.

Sandra has been involved with the Scout group for many years on the Group Executive Committee then as Secretary and Membership Secretary and for the last four years as Treasurer. She has also chaired the Fundraising Committee for the last two years.

In taking this new role she will have to step down as Treasurer at our next Annual General Meeting in the summer.

Sandra is the ideal person to be GSL as she comes along to most section meetings. She knows all the parents and the children and has supported the leaders whenever she can.

### ***Sandra's contact details are***

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## Special evening for the troop and Cub Pack on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

On Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> the Scout Troop, Cub Pack, their parents, siblings & Leaders were invited to this unique presentation for the Scout Group by a local expert. This was a talk & slide show presentation by

### **Major Graeme Cooper Chairman of the Battlefield Guide Association**

It took the form of an interactive evening with audience participation & discussions.

The Topics covered included:-

**Origins of the Great War** - Why it started & spread across the world due to the alliances the countries had in place.

**Privations** - What it was like to live in the trenches and how the soldiers coped with living in sodden conditions whilst under periods of intense shell fire and the effect this had on them.

**Shot at Dawn** - An educational discussion as to why our soldiers were shot by our army. Several original documents were read out from Court Martial records and letters from families on behalf of their loved ones. Copies were passed around for the audience to read and an active discussion took place.

**Behind the Lines** - How soldiers managed to entertain themselves and even have fun whilst waiting to go back to the front line.

**The battle of the Somme** - The offensive began on the morning of July 1,

1916. The use of mines and the example of Hawthorn Ridge was explained. The Ridge was an important German stronghold on it's frontline, about 700 metres to the west of Beaumont Hamel. The blast turned the area into a giant crater, measuring 40 metres wide and 18 metres deep. Slides were show and we heard details of how 19,240 British soldiers were killed on the first day of the battle.

**Illustrations**, slides and log books of the logistical effort & troop movements before major battles were shown.

**The meaning of the 11th November** and lessons learnt and why we should remember those service personnel who gave their lives in order that we might live in a free world.

An active Question and Answer session took place on a wide range of topic's including whether our soldiers played football during the early battles, to the benefits of our army using tanks to dive over barbed wire & trenches.

Major Cooper is a highly experienced military speaker and gave the Scouts the benefit of his personal experiences handed down by his father and left them to consider that he had learnt three things in life.

1. When you wake up in the morning, don't just lie there worrying about what's going to happen but get up and get going because then things will seem better.
2. Make your bed right away.
3. Stand up to bullies.

A Tiffin and Tea break took place during the evening to taste the treats of the time including trench cake, bread pudding and

tiffin and was enjoyed by the Scouts and visitors alike. The Scouts had also constructed a 6' x 3' scale model of the trenches complete with barbed wire, tunnels and model soldiers and this was displayed to great effect.

**Rolf B Bassnett**

*Scout Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Troop*

### **What a week and near future!**

On Tuesday, I visited the Beaver Colony and while standing in the Scout Hut hallway, the front door opened with great force. In rushed a small girl. She left no time to say even the shortest of welcomes. The doors to the main hall were no obstacle to her and she rapidly disappeared into the hall. She was soon followed by more boys and girls equally in a great hurry. When I entered the hall it became apparent what was happening. The programme for the evening was Archery. Several of the Beavers were clutching sheets of paper. These, I discovered later, were the consent forms from their parents for the Beaver to take part in the activity. Beaver Scouts are all about having fun and learning. Various badges are worked on and the current one is the Global Issue Activity Badge. This includes understanding why we recycle things: why Sainsburys sell items with Fair Trade written on them: how to filter dirty water, using a filter made of cotton wool sand and stones, and learning about endangered species.

I asked one of the Beavers what he had enjoyed most at Beavers. expecting him to reply the games, and I got a big surprise

when he told me it was identifying local birds from photographs during the R.S.P.B. Bird Watch, in which the whole Beaver colony took part.

I asked another Beaver what they had enjoyed recently at Beavers. With no hesitation and I was told '*Painting the pig money boxes*'. He explained it was all to do with the Chinese New Year which is the Year of the Pig. He also told me the Beavers had recently had a '*fire drill*' and the Beaver Leader had told them that they had done the best fire drill ever.

Having spent early Tuesday evening with the Beaver Scouts, I stayed on to see what the Explorer Scouts were doing. These are 14 to 18-year olds. Very different to the Beavers or was it? The programme was basically the same. With Scouting the programme is progressive and age appropriate. Certainly, all sections meet their friends and play games. However, with Explorers all the things done in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts come together. The members of this section are expected to have a large input into what they do. The programme is based on the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Queens Scout Award.

On Thursday I visited the Cubs. Like all sections they enjoyed the games which is a great way of learning how to be a member of a group and take responsibility for your own actions. However, this night was different. They were doing part of their Science Activity Badge. Blowing up balloons with a homemade gas generator was great fun.

They also learnt about electrical circuits and constructed a device for signalling. Changing the colour of liquids went down well. They also learnt the difference between acid and alkaline.

Letters were taken home inviting the Cubs to an Activities Day at Skreens Park.

I did overhear the Leaders talking about taking the Cubs on the Waltham Walk. This is an event organised by the Boys Brigade and consists of walking, navigating, doing lots of challenges and camping overnight. All teams will be supervised by an adult who has a current DBS.

Looking ahead the leaders were discussing a visit next term to the Essex Police Museum in Chelmsford and doing a treasure trail.

Well that was a good week - seeing happy young people enjoying themselves and learning, all at the same time.

***Mick Bacon.***

If you need any further information about the Scout Group please contact

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# 19th Australian International Scout Jamboree

After months of fund-raising including bag packing, dish washing, cake sales, fun runs and quiz nights I left for the 19th Australian International Jamboree with around 80 Scouts in total representing the UK.



First stop was Hong Kong where we stayed in HK International Scout Hostel sharing rooms and getting to know each other.

Site seeing included visiting Tian Tan Buddha before moving on to Cairns for New Year celebrations and another four action packed days including exploring the rainforest visiting a crocodile park and swimming off the Great Barrier Reef!

We arrived in Adelaide just in time for the Opening Ceremony and spent 10 days camping in very hot and dusty conditions. The Scouts took part in many activities where we learned teamwork and leadership skills as well as taking turns cooking for our patrols and doing our own washing by hand! The patrols were a mixture of UK and Australian Scouts. Shirts, scarves and badges were swapped and new friends from around the world were made.

The trip ended with 3 days in Sydney with a walk over the harbour bridge and a speed boat ride plus the obligatory souvenir shopping!!

After 24 days of travelling, 7 flights and being halfway round the world, we all returned tired but exhilarated after the adventure of a lifetime.

## Daniel Woollard

Assistant Patrol Leader Lion Patrol  
1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Troop.



# A MESSAGE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

There have been a number of posts on the Fyfield Grapevine about dog poo bags just left lying around.

**Please**, when you pick up your dog's poo, either take the bag with you on your walk, until you find the nearest bin – or remember where you have left the bag to collect it on the way back. Don't just leave it in situ, which as we all know, is inconsiderate and unsightly.



Thank you

*Sally Wallden and other irritated Fyfield Residents*



## Who is responsible for this?

This pile of Poo Bags has been left at the farm gateway on the footpath passing Glebe Cottage near the church. Was it a group of dog walkers? It surely cannot be one dog and dog owner! Who ever it is, you should be ashamed of yourselves.

*Ian Hadley*



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## Fyfield Focus - Advertising and Editorial Details

### Advertising in the Fyfield Focus

The Fyfield Focus is published bi-monthly on the 1st of the month. The publications are: February/March, April/May, June/July, August/September, October/ November and December/January. Three publications are special colour editions (subject to receiving the necessary sponsorship) and focus on Spring (April/May), Summer (August/September) and Christmas (December/January).

Adverts will be accepted in Text format (word etc), Picture format (JPG, GIF, BMP) and PDF file. All accepted adverts will be placed in the Fyfield Focus Magazine and the Fyfield Focus Online website [www.fyfieldfocus.org.uk](http://www.fyfieldfocus.org.uk). All requests for advertising should be directed to the Editor and adverts must be received by eMail no later than the **10<sup>th</sup> of the month** prior to the publication date (i.e. January, March, May, July, September and November). Payment for all adverts is to be received in advance of publication (full advertising terms and conditions are sent out with all invoices). The Fyfield Focus also provides a 'Leaflet Stuffing Service' – contact Cheryl Hadley for details.

Distribution of the Fyfield Focus (**385 copies**) is done by a team of volunteers (**18**) who deliver a copy to every home in Fyfield and to a no. of key community points in Fyfield and surrounding areas. It is the aim of the Focus production and delivery teams to deliver the Fyfield Focus Magazine by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

### Advertising Rates

Size	Per Issue	Per Year
Quarter Page	£8	£36
Third Page	£10	£48
Half Page	£14	£72
Full Page	£26	£144

### Contributing Articles to the Fyfield Focus

Contributions to the Fyfield Focus are always welcome and should be sent to the Editor normally no later than **mid-day** on the **15<sup>th</sup> of the month** prior to the publication date (i.e. January, March, May, July, September and November). Articles will be published subject to space being available. The Editor's decision is final regarding suitability for inclusion and material may be edited for grammatical accuracy and length.

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### *1<sup>st</sup> Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group*



Beaver Scouts	Tuesday	6.00 – 7.15pm	6 - 8 years
Cub Scouts	Thursday	7.00 – 8.30pm	8-10½ years
Scouts	Friday	7.30 – 9.30pm	10-14 years
Explorer Scouts	Tuesday	7.30 – 9.30pm	14 -18 years

All sections are co-educational and meet at Fyfield Scout Headquarters.

For details phone Mary Bacon 01277 899052. Or pop in and see us.



# Remembering Wendy

Playing at Fyfield Bridge Club



Retirement Celebration at Village Hall



WI visitor, Wendy, Helen & Pat



With Marlene & Helen



With Annette

Wendy & Mary at Church Coffee Morning





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**Happy Easter to All  
from Nikhil, Gita &  
Staff**