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# Fyfield Focus



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# Fyfield Village Store

### What's it Worth to us?

In the last issue we told you about the Village Store being on the market. Since then the Parish Council have been investigating ways to assist in ensuring that we do not lose our shop and Post Office. This is ongoing but regardless of this we cannot be complacent and need to support the shop as much as we can by using it whenever possible. If we don't use it we will lose it!



### **Farewell**

After four successful years the Garret Sessions at the Queen's Head is bidding farewell. The final session was held on 6th October and featured the Irish folk singer, Sean Keane.

Please see the Art Section review.

# Draft Local Plan

Please do not forget that if you would like to make a comment about the EFDC Draft Local Plan then you should do this directly to EFDC by Monday 12th December. You can do this online at

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The draft plan can be viewed at http://www.eppingforest.consultation online.co.uk/

# Open Gardens Returning Next Year?

If residents are in agreement then the Open Gardens weekend and Scarecrow Trail that happened regularly in the past may be planned for 2017. Please see the Gardening Club Section for more details.

See the Focus in Colour On-Line at www.fyfieldfocus.org.uk

# Village Diary 2016/17

01-Dec	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
03-Dec	Fyfield Christmas Lunch	Village Hall, 12.30pm
04-Dec	Carols at The Barn	Appleby, 7pm
06-Dec	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
10-Dec	Christmas Cheer - Christmas Fayre	The Church, Noon-4pm
10-Dec	Xmas Bingo - Help for Heroes	Village Hall 7pm
12-Dec	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
18-Dec	Carols by Candlelight	The Church, 6pm
11-Jan	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
18-Jan	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1.30pm
07-Feb	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
18-Feb	Village Hall Quiz	Village Hall, TBA
13-Mar	Gardening Club Talk - Plants of Seasonal Interest	Village Hall, 3pm





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



Welcome to the Christmas & New Year special colour Fyfield Focus which we hope you feel is a pleasant start to the Festive Season and which has been made possible by the continued

support of our commercial and charity/community advertisers and our sponsors and donors.

The Christmas festivities start with the Fyfield Christmas Lunch at the Village Hall on 3rd December followed by The Carols at The Barn on the 4th which is a fund raiser for St. Nicholas' Church, Fyfield, which has been organised by David & Jude Bessel and was a huge success last year - see their advert and the Village Diary for details.

The very successful Church Coffee morning is on the 6th December and on the 10th there will be a Christmas Cheer Christmas Fayre in the Church - please see the Village Diary. Don't forget there is no Coffee Morning in January but there will be Afternoon Tea. Help for Heroes continue to fund raise and are holding an Xmas Bingo night on the evening of the 10th at the Village Hall - see their advert and the Village Diary. On the 18th December, in the evening, our lovely St. Nicholas' Church will be lit up and welcoming everyone to 'Carols by Candlelight' with mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine being served - further details inside. The cookery section has a very festive dessert and two other very

tasty and recommended recipes for you to create over Christmas and New Year.

Many thanks to our very own Fyfield poet laureate, Jacky Brown, who has sent us a lovely & humorous Christmas poem which is featured on the inside back page. Jacky is a long standing member of the Fyfield Carpet Bowls Club which over the last couple of months has been very successful in a number of competitions - particularly club bowler, Dot Letchfield. A number of Club members have been celebrating birthdays - some special birthdays (Jacky & Roy). So happy birthday to Jacky, Roy, Geoff & Ron. The Fyfield Gardening Club member Martin Baxter tells us about his successes and challenges this year on his allotment and Marion Alcock, on behalf of the Club, is reaching out for support to hold an Open Garden and Scarecrow Trail in 2017.

A very moving Service of Remembrance took place on 13th November which was well supported with the Scouts in attendance looking very smart having paraded down to the Church through Fyfield from their Headquarters. Their leaders and parents must have been very proud and the congregation certainly appreciated their presence. Les Lamb captured the event with his camera and we have published some of his photographs for you to enjoy.

There are some new activities planned for early in the New Year so do have a look at the village diary. From November we expanded the Focus Online Noticeboard to include the Village Diary for the months in the year you do not receive a Focus (March, May, July September & November). Please do keep checking the

Online Focus Noticeboard for breaking news and for details of new additions to the Village Diary. A paper copy of the Village Diary is also available on the Parish Council Noticeboard, at the Village Store and in the Bus Shelter.

Many thanks to our advertisers, sponsors, everyone who regularly provides material to the Fyfield Focus and to our delivery team who deliver the Focus in all weathers. Also many thanks to Rev. Albert Watson who has kindly provided Church News for the last couple of months and we look forward to continuing to see Albert and meeting the new Priest in Charge, Christine Hawkins.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and warmest wishes to Tony Boyce, our District Councillor, and his family. Our thoughts continue to be with you Tony during your recovery.

Cheryl Hadley Editor





#### Letter from Rev. Albert Watson

Associate Priest at Bobbingworth, Fyfield, Moreton and Willingale.

I am very pleased to announce that the new priest-in-charge for Bobbingworth, Fyfield, Moreton and Willingale is the Rev. Christine Hawkins, who will take up her new post early in the New Year. Christine is an experienced priest who combines warmth and humour with learning and holiness. My wife Pam and I have known her for some years, and we feel sure that we can happily work with her - which is a great relief, because we don't want to leave these villages!

Christine is married to John, and they have a grown-up family. Her last job was as a team vicar in Louth, in Lincolnshire. Before that, she was chaplain to Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow. They will be moving into the Fyfield Rectory where Christine's predecessor the Rev. Vernon Ross lived. I hope that in the next magazine, she will say more about herself, but I know that all of you - and not just the churchgoers! - will give Christine and John the same warm welcome you have given to Pam and me.

In other church news, Rev. Vernon Ross has been promoted and will be moving to be an Archdeacon in Westmorland. We pray for him and Francesca every happiness and success in this new challenge.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a hopeful New Year. You would, of course, be very welcome to join us at any of the carol services in the four parishes -

Bobbingworth (4 p.m. on Sunday December 11th); Moreton (6 p.m. on that same date); Willingale (4 p.m. on Sunday December 18th); or Fyfield (6 p.m. on that same date).

On Christmas Eve, Bobbingworth invites you to a family-friendly Pilgrimage to Bethlehem service at 4.30 p.m. and Fyfield will have a midnight Holy Communion beginning at 11.30 p.m.

On Christmas Day itself, Willingale has a family Holy Communion service at 9.30 a.m. Both of these last two services will be celebrated by the Ven. Martin Webster, who is retiring next year from his post as our own Archdeacon.

There will be a service on New Year's Day at 11 a.m. at Bobbingworth.

Enjoy the festive season, and help us to put the Christ back into Christmas!

Love, Albert.



## SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, FYFIELD

**Priest in Charge:** The living is currently in interregnum but a new minister is

expected to be appointed shortly

Churchwardens: Marcus Dain telephone: 01277 899590

David Bessell telephone: 07886 075889

A full pattern of services is in place for the duration of the interregnum, with special services, such as the Service of Nine Lesson and Carols, substituted as appropriate.

Dec 4	11:00am	Morning Prayer
11	11:00am	Holy Communion
15	9:30am	Dr Walker's Carols Round the Tree
18	6:00pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
24	11:30pm	Midnight Communion led by the
	_	Venerable Martin Webster, Archdeacon of Harlow
Jan 8	11:00am	Holy Communion
22	11:00am	Family Service

**SERVICE of REMEMBRANCE** The church was packed on Remembrance Sunday to remember the Fallen of this parish from both World Wars and also the Falklands conflict. An impressive parade by the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers was followed by the silence, the end of which was marked with the Last Post. Following David Bessell's poignant sermon on the theme of "sacrifice", wreaths were laid by the Parish Council and the various Scouting units. As always, the collection taken at this service will be donated to the Royal British Legion and this year we will be sending them a cheque for our highest amount ever -£323:70p. Thank you to everybody who contributed to making this special service so successful, especially the ladies for refreshments afterwards.

**FOOD BANK** Thank you to everybody who continues to support this important charity. In addition to the box for food donations in the church, you can also leave food donations in a Food Bank collection box in Fyfield Stores.

#### ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH - ROOF REPAIRS

I am pleased to report that the Faculty authorising us to commence repairs to the spire, chancel roof and the roof of the north porch of the church has been granted. These repairs are the final stage of the program of work on the church started 14 years ago and completion of this job will at last leave your village church in a fit state to hand on to the next generation. Commencement of work is still dependent upon the success of our grant applications for the £85,000 it will cost but we anticipate getting the job under way next spring.

Marcus Dain,

Churchwarden.



#### St Mary's Church, Moreton

Dec	4	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11	6.00pm	Carol Service
Jan	15	9.30am	Family Service
	29	9.30am	Holy Communion

#### St Germain's Church, Bobbingworth

Dec	4	11.00am	Family Service
	11	4.00pm	Carol Service
Jan	1	11.00am	Holy Communion
	15	11.00am	Family Communion

#### St Christopher's Church, Willingale

Dec	11	9.30am	Family Service
	18	4.00pm	Carol Service
	25	10.00am	<b>Christmas Day: Family Communion</b>
Jan	8	9.30am	Family Service
	15	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	22	9.30am	Holy Communion

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I am very pleased to announce the Queen's Head have agreed to continue providing the main course for next year's monthly lunches. We really appreciate their generosity and the quality of the food they provide to our community Luncheon Club diners.

The Christmas Lunch team look forward to providing our guests with an enjoyable Christmas Lunch in December and wish all the Luncheon Club Team Members, Dan and the Team at The Queen's Head and our regular Luncheon Club guests a Merry Christmas and all the best for The New Year.

Jan Hall, Luncheon Club, Team Co-ordinator.



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# BLOWING IN THE WIND

Did anyone else hear the unmistakeable tones of the bagpipes floating over Fyfield on the bright Saturday morning of 22 October?? This handsome figure of an Irish piper was to be seen heralding the forthcoming marriage of Shana Waters and Dean Cochrane at our church. What a splendid sight and I'm sure we all wish Shana and Dean every happiness for the future.

Jenny Stone



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## St. Nicholas Church – Tapestry (Fabric Wall Art)

Using the altar frontal as a palette of colours, a group of us had great fun choosing the fabrics for our Tapestry. On Saturday 8th October, our tutor Becky, helped us with working out how to start the construction (including the cutting out of the fabric) of the applique work for our illustrations. The illustrations we agreed on using have been drawn to scale by Margaret Cox who spent many hours and days doing this and for which we are extremely thankful and very pleased with.

We divided into small groups and have taken work home to prepare for our next

class on January 21st, 10.00a.m. till 1.00p.m. in the Church when we hope to be able to begin to applique (stitch) the designs onto the calico backgrounds. This is the first stage of the wall art, and we will then have to have another excursion to purchase the material for the 'arches' to frame the illustrations and finally in several months' time we will be creating the final long background. We still have some illustrations not yet started so if you are interested in joining us please come along to the next workshop. Any queries please contact Mary tel 899533 or Wendy 899367.

Wendy Henshaw





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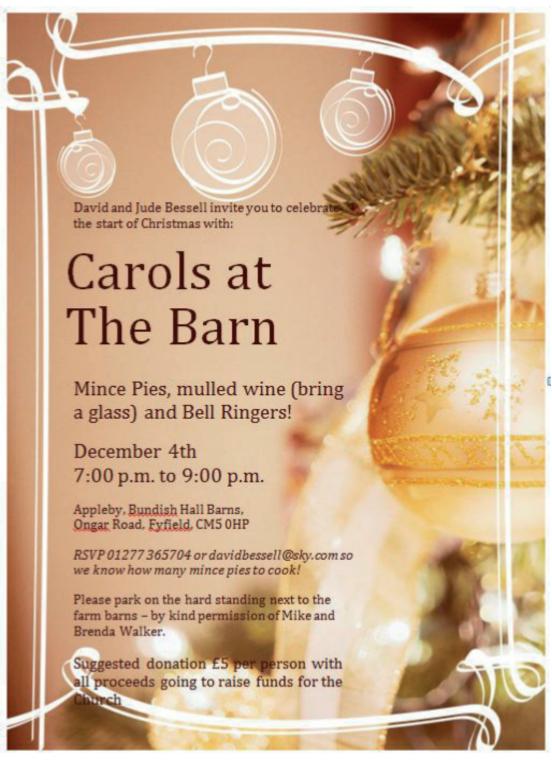
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## **Fyfield Footpaths Update**

The survey of our footpaths, bridleways and byways has been completed and in October a report issued to The Fyfield Parish Council. In our ramblings we discovered 93 way markers within our parish with most being in good condition with clear direction markers. However, there were some in poor shape with broken posts or direction markers missing or unclear. In several places where you would expect a way marker none was present. Bridges and styles were in generally good condition and we could not find any obvious health and safety problems. We did however have a shock with some long horn cows that didn't seem happy to see us. We gave them a wide berth!

The majority of the paths themselves were in very good condition with only one being completely blocked by brambles. Please note we plan to conduct another survey before next year's harvest to see if any paths are blocked by growing crops.

We have 2 paths in our parish that are classified as National Trails. These are the Three Forest Way and the Essex Way. The Three Forest Way comes up from Ongar

along the River Roding and crosses a Tun-Bridge before tracking north up through Fyfield towards Norwood End. The Essex Way comes up the River Roding and over the Tun-Bridge tracking north east towards Willingale. We identified a few problems with both these National Trails, mainly concerning signage.

At the time of writing we have recorded a total of 25 issues that need fixing and have reported these to Essex Highways. Our contact there says the work will start within the next few weeks and has promised to contact me when he authorises it to begin.

On our travels we saw farmers feeding cows, sowing, ploughing, spraying, trimming hedgerows and cutting grass. Despite being a very busy time for them every one we met was friendly and waved from their tractors or stopped for a chat. One farmer told me how important maintaining the paths was to him and his daughter said that they plan to plant new hedgerows. A big thumbs up to them and all the landowners.

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# **Fyfield Village Hall**



The Fyfield Village Hall Committee has had a busy year with several successful fundraising events. We have increased our regular clubs after losing the Mother and Toddler group and now have two lettings for 0-4 year's mini-movers to music, and baby sensory classes. Pilates now have an extra class and we have a circle dancing group and in the New Year yoga classes will be starting on a Monday evening. All our other regular clubs continue to meet at the Village Hall except afternoon bowls which unfortunately have had to close through illness of four-five of the members leaving only four to carry on. In addition to the regular Clubs hiring the facilities we have let the hall for weddings, christenings, parties and outside groups' fund raising events.

The Committee (trustees) meet roughly once a month to deal with all the day-to-day management of the hall and as reported last month we now have all services at the Hall checked and in place.

We look forward to another successful year with our first event being the Annual Quiz with John Jewiss on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. We are planning another Bingo evening hopefully in March. If you have any ideas of events you would like us to arrange do let one of the committee know.

We would like to thank you for your support during 2016 and hope that you will enjoy coming to our events in 2017. *Wendy Henshaw* 

## **Fyfield Luncheon Club**

Once again our grateful thanks to the Queen's Head for donating two absolutely delicious meals, mincemeat pie in October and beef casserole (with dumplings!) in November. They will have a break in December when Jan and Julie's team will be cooking our Christmas lunch on Saturday 3rd December 12.30 for 1.00p.m.

Our thanks to the two teams in October & November for their delicious desserts; Julie, Fran, Linda and Jan in October and in November Carol, Margaret, Trish and Margaret who served the largest number of people we have had attend one of our lunches - 30 - and provided a lovely apple crumble.

The next lunch in the New Year is on Wednesday 11th January at 12.30p.m. Please phone me on 899367 by Sunday 8th January to book a lunch.

Wendy Henshaw



### **Fyfield Art Group**

We are pleased to welcome one new member this term. However, our numbers remain low as one or possibly two of our members will be leaving us as they are moving away from the area. So if you would like to enjoy a relaxing morning painting or drawing you would be made very welcome to join us. Our last meeting this term is on Monday 5th December and we will reconvene on January 9th, with a further January meeting on 23rd. Our February meetings will be on the 6th & 20th. All sessions are at 10.00a.m. to 12 noon in the Monica Couling Room at the Fyfield Village Hall.

Wendy Henshaw

### **Fyfield in Flower**

How lovely it is that all our flower baskets and boxes have been planted up for the autumn/winter.

Our thanks to the Queen's Head for sponsoring and planting up the new wooden flower boxes on the refurbished Bus Shelter. Many thanks to the Parish Council for organising the refurbishment of the bus shelter. Thanks to Cheryl Hadley for sponsoring and planting up the flower troughs on the bridge and thanks to the combined efforts of the Fyfield Village hall Committee for the planting up of the boxes and hav baskets - Ann Jackson for purchasing on our behalf the compost and plants, to Marie Apperley, Debbie Smith and Elaine Tunnard for removing the old plants and compost and refilling with new compost ready for Mary Ellis and Wendy Henshaw to plant up.

Wendy Henshaw



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## **Fyfield Gardening Club**



Here is advance notice that on Monday, March 13 next year, at 3pm in the Village Hall, the Gardening Club will be presenting a talk on "Plants of Seasonal Interest" by Tim Carter of Long House Plants, Noak Hill. If you are interested, save this date. More details will be given in the next Focus in February.

This month we have articles from two members of the Fyfield Gardening Club. Martin Baxter writes about his allotment challenges & successes for this year and Marion Alcock would like to gauge interest in supporting the Fyfield Gardening Club re-introducing the Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail.

March has arrived and we are experiencing some of the coldest days of the winter; just right for the ill prepared amateur allotment holder. The winter has been that wet the only beneficiary is Commander Bob who now has a chance of getting his submarine up river for the Fyfield Regatta! The winter has been very kind to the voracious wildlife of Cannons Green. devouring anything eatable or nibble able while my back was turned. The culprits, Tom, Dick and Harry entered and left via tunnelling under the sunken wire of my fence. I am sure they didn't use items of cutlery and carry the spoil out in their trouser legs. These were furry creatures with tunnel boring machines - cross rail might yet reach Fyfield.

April and May are knocking on the door, panic, what shall we grow this year? Spuds – can't go wrong – fill number two's bedroom with chitters, sow seeds in office by patio window, lots of multi-coloured beans, peas getting a second chance, tomatoes,

beetroot, pak choi, weird varieties of squashes, artichokes, leeks etc., etc. Who will survive? Tom, Dick and Harry have been blocked off with broken down tube trains - thank you Boris. Ground dug over spuds chitted and planted, peas planted and eaten by whom? The Grazer spray did not stop the flying critters but it worked really well against the rabbits in my garden. June and July all going well except for peas - not growing them again. Wonder of wonder I have artichokes and was a trial after holidaying in France the previous year when I sowed some seeds in September and history has been made - the World's first artichoke on Fyfield allotments! The usual summer problem came up, and up and up – weeds whilst on holiday. The best way to combat the excesses of a holiday growth is pull up weeds which beats the gym and it's free with two finished products – food and a millimetre off the waist line.

We are now into August and September and are enjoying lovely new potatoes, pink, white, black, black and white, broad, French and has beans - yum yum. Although the summer has been very dry the beans have done well – beanz meanz ...... Lovely lazy, happy and peaceful days with no underground saboteurs.

In October our band of friendly sowers, planters and weeders are tackling the unused area of the allotment site. I am still lifting potatoes and picking squashes of the weird variety. Following recent visits to Spain there will be even more weird varities next year.

The allotment has its' good days and very good days! We wandered up there on Boxing Day last year (surprisingly it wasn't raining) to pick the only veg the tunnelers left – a few leeks to go with the Christmas

left-overs. There were tidings of good joy, as other dedicated growers were present, so out came the kettle and a bottle of Gluwein and no more digging. That's what allotments are meant for – socialising and whinging about furry creatures.

Martin Baxter, Amateur Allotment Holder.

# Fyfield open gardens and scarecrow trail



Do you remember a few years ago when we decorated the village with scarecrows and we opened our gardens to the public? It was an opportunity for both children and adults alike to show their creative side and as for the gardens, whether they be manicured,

modern, wildlife friendly, cottage style, postage stamp size or rolling acres ,people came for both inspiration and to chat all things gardening.

Previous village days have been fun and enhanced the community spirit no end and, under the auspices of the Gardening Club, I am hoping to resurrect this particular two-day event on a weekend sometime late June or early July 2017.

Admission to the gardens is nominal but there is the opportunity for individuals/organisations/clubs to use the event to raise funds for a favourite charity with a cake/craft stall etc. or just to clear out clutter with a garage sale, the possibilities are endless.

In order to proceed further I need to gauge whether the village has sufficient on offer to entice people in and keep them interested for at least 2 to 3 hours each day. In addition, as not all areas are within easy walking distance, it would be wonderful if there were at least say three gardens/events in each of the outlying areas of Elmbridge Gate, Dacres Gate and Fyfield Grange for visitors to make the extra effort to visit worthwhile. I know that Christmas shopping is on everybody's mind right now but if you were willing to participate in any way, would you please e-mail me as soon as to alcock123@btinternet.com.

I will let you know the outcome in the February Focus.

Marion Alcock

Allotments: It is a quiet time on the allotments but ideal for preparing one for next season. For enquiries about the allotments or anything else to do with the Gardening Club, please contact Pat Dain on 899590.

www.fyfieldgardeningclub.co.uk



# Fyfield Footpaths - a big thank you to Herons Farm

I wanted to communicate a great example of how one of our landowners has taken considerable time and effort to improve a badly neglected bridleway that crosses his land. Grant Perry at Herons Farm has a



section of the Three Forest Way crossing his farm. As a bridleway it was pretty much inaccessible for horse riders and for walkers it was always awkward underfoot and extremely boggy near the River Roding. Despite being a National Trail the bridleway has been quite neglected by the authorities so Grant and his team used a digger to clear it of vegetation and dig out the blocked ditch running alongside. It has made such a difference but until the grass grows and the water clears it will remain boggy near the river. While it is settling down Grant has

given permission to walk along his field parallel to the path (please do keep dogs on leads). Please see photo of the cleared path and ditch.





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# Fyfield & District W.I.



Fyfield WI ladies meet on 3rd November, when Mrs Carol James reveals her guilty secrets with Confessions of a Jewellery Junkie, but she has a hard act to follow! At the October meeting, Members were enthralled with the speaker, Mrs Brenda Harley who related how she became a Reel Old Sew and Sew. Now retired to Roydon, this elegant lady, wearing a very smart outfit tailored by herself, also modelled some of the beautiful jackets she had made, as she spoke, introducing her talk with a very amusing poem of her own, written in Pam Ayres style. Her family had its roots in 1880s East End and built up a very successful drapery business. Although very bright, Brenda loathed academic subjects, but excelled at Art, but she was put to work in an office, which she hated. Married at 21, after three years she fell ill with TB and was admitted to Brompton Hospital where a perceptive Occupational Therapist running dressmaking classes recognised Brenda's flair and skills and helped her to develop them. Brenda then set up her own bespoke dressing making business which flourished. Her more unusual clients included drag artistes, dresses for the eight enormous wives of a rich Jordanian, and after retiring to Roydon, she found herself a new business, Hare of the Dog, making stuffed hares for use on dog racing tracks all around the country! Brenda gave us such a wonderfully entertaining talk; we were all sorry when it ended.

Wendy Henshaw

In November, Fyfield WI members enjoyed an entertaining afternoon hearing Carol James confessing that she was a 'bit of a Jewellery Junkie'! Carol, born in the 50s, has always loved jewellery and using examples from her huge collection to illustrate her talk, Carol described the development of costume jewellery from the 50s to the current fashion for Body Art – Piercings and tattoos! From adornments made of china, plastic, glass, crystal, mosaics, shells and metals we were reminded of the fashions of each decade and how they influenced jewellery design. It was a very interesting and enjoyable presentation.

Patti Nicholson

All Aboard for Santa's Grotto is the theme on 1st December when Mrs Ann Hardy leads the proceedings. Visitors and new members are always welcome at Fyfield WI – just phone Jo Balcombe on 01277899141 to say you are coming – and arrive at Fyfield Village Hall by 2.0pm

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# FYFIELD & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUE PROGRAMME 2017

# Meetings are held on the first Thursday in the month (second in January) at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Our programme for the next year is interesting and varied. New members very welcome. Just come along or contact the Secretary on 01277 899141 if you need more information.

Kay Ball Skin Care 12<sup>th</sup>. January February  $2^{\rm nd}$ . Margaret Mills Skeletons in their Cupboards Members Meeting March  $2^{\rm nd}$ . April 6<sup>th</sup>. Deborah Hart Willow in the Landscape 4<sup>th</sup>. ANNUAL MEETING & RESOLUTIONS May June 1 st. Linda Ketteridge History of Audley End  $6^{th}$ . Maggie Piper National Memorial Arboretum July August NO MEETING September 7<sup>th</sup>. Georgette Vale 3d Fabric Flowers Tim Whitelock October  $5^{th}$ . Canal Art November 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Watkins What a Wonderful World December 7th. Saul Watts Swing (music and song)

# Out of Focus (It can't get any worse, or can it!)



I cannot help but notice that Donald Trump is triumphantly trumpeting how he trumped all of his opponents and is trumpeting it all over town being very careful not to make an audible release of wind (Trump). In the meantime Teresa May, or may not or may never accept Nigel Farage as Trumps UK special relation.



John Lewis has opened its doors in Chelmsford and about time too. I for one am fed up with my house being used as an unofficial ware-

house for their goods! For years now there has been a constant stream of deliveries from them. I have concluded that we must be a satellite warehouse as no normal person could buy that amount of product, could they?

I had Gigaclear fibre broadband installed earlier in November and am now one of the 2% in the UK experiencing Ultra Fast Broadband. I have opted for the 100mgb service and find it like grease lightening compared with my old BT service which often ran at 0.5mbs - snail speed. However, there is one thing that you need to remember. If you connect your PC directly to the Router by cable you will achieve the speed that you pay for. In my case 100mbs, sometimes more and sometimes less depending on the time of the day and the overall load

on the system. If you connect to your router using WiFi then you will be restricted to the capability of the device that you are using. For example, if you are using a smart phone or tablet you will be unlikely to get anywhere near 100mbs. My iPhone4 gets around 24mbs as it uses an older WiFi system. Many laptops also use this older system but can be updated to the later system for about £10 and will boost the speed by about 40%.

To summarise, if you are able, connect your device/s by cable. This is the best way especially for PC's and smart TVs. With TV now beginning to be delivered via the internet by Amazon, Netflix, Now TV etc you need to have reliable connection that cannot be upset by other devices in your home such as cordless phones and blue tooth gadgets.

As I write, literally, I have received an eMail from Gigaclear informing me that there will be a 3.6% price increase from January 1st. Do you ever get the feeling that you just can't win!

Ian Hadlev ianhadley@gmx.co.uk

## Prices



# Archie's Column

## (Tails from the Riverside)





Hi, Archie here!

I think that I must be related to hedgehogs! This time of the year is not good for me; I am constantly

being bathed to remove mud and things that smell and then being barred from my normal living area until I have dried out. A much better solution would be to hibernate for the winter. That way I could stay in bed in the warm, not get muddy and



not be bathed. I would still eat of course and pop outside now and again but do nothing else until the Spring. Well, I might make an exception for Christmas, I like Turkey and Christmas presents. Thinking about it I also like New Year's Eve. I really like snow and log fires as well. Maybe I will rethink this. Hedgehogs can't have much fun can they.

Now that a few of the footpaths have been cleared of trees and things, I can at last see rabbits in the distance. Trouble is, they can see me as well so I don't get a chance to creep up on them. I know, if I roll in mud I should blend in with the landscape. On the other hand, that means that they will bath me when I get home! A dog can't win nowadays.

Anyway, I'm off to the shop to buy some Brexit biscuits. I'm not sure whether to get the hard or soft variety. I know that the hard ones take time to get used to and can make you feel poorly in the short term. However, with the soft ones you don't really get what you paid for and you might have well stayed on your old biscuit.

Bye for now. Archie



# Letter from the Chairman



Another year coming to an end and much has happened in the months since the local election on May 5th this year. One of the big differences from the previous council is the regular attendance of residents to the monthly council meet-

This is a very welcome change and one that, I hope, indicates that there is a growing interest in what your council is doing and the number of important issues that we are currently dealing with. Especially important is the confirmation of the ownership of the sports field and the validity of the Village Hall being located on the sports field at all. Both of these items, as you may be aware, have been disputed recently by some residents, councillors and Sports & Social Club members. However, after taking legal advice, the sports field has been confirmed as belonging to the residents of Fyfield and the Village Hall has a valid lease to be there. Who could possibly think otherwise! The meeting on Monday 14th November covered many topics with the main ones as follows:

**Draft Local Plan** - this was discussed and all residents were encouraged to make their views made to EFDC. It was also noted that the proposed plan could also be the catalyst to make other desirable improvements to our environment. The introduction of up to 90 new homes in the

area will have a knock on effect to our infrastructure and we must not let this opportunity to leverage further improvements pass us by.

Village Store - Cllr. Balcombe presented a report on what the council could do to assist the Village Store in its fight to stay a viable business. There are a number of options and the investigation is still continuing with a further report at the December meeting.

Sports Field Ownership - Three motions were passed regarding our recent legal advice on the ownership of the Sports Field. There was to be a meeting between the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and the Sports & Social Club plus legal representatives to discuss outstanding issues. Unfortunately this meeting was abandoned as the Sports & Social Club declined to take part.

The first motion was to remove the name of the Clerk to the Council in 1950 from the Title Register. This is incorrect and no longer relevant.

The second motion was to update the lease from the Parish Council to the Fyfield Village Hall. This lease covers the land and the buildings that the Village Hall occupies for a period of 99 years. However, it has not been updated to include the Monica Couling Room nor is it registered against the Title Document held by the Land Registry.

The third motion was to formalise the use of the Sports Field by issuing a license to use the sports field. This has never been done in the past as can clearly be seen by the current dispute over ownership and authorisation of activities. Prior to a licence being granted the Parish Council will issue an Invitation to

Tender (ITT) which will be passed to interested parties who will be invited to apply. The successful applicant will have met all of the stipulations in the ITT plus any value added ingredients that they may offer. Formalising the use of the sports field by way of a licence will protect both parties by documenting the agreed terms of use thereby avoiding future disputes.

**Play Equipment** - The installation of recently acquired play equipment was discussed and a contractor selected to install the equipment in the children's' play area.

#### Items noted included:

The Public Rights of Way assessment currently being undertaken by Les Lamb and the value of this to Fyfield and Essex County Council who will use the information to enforce any changes that are required to keep these public footpaths open and safe for everyone.

The repainted Post Box outside of the Village Store, the renovated Bus Shelter and a review of flood areas. Unfortunately, one of the newly refurbished benches on the Sports Field was damaged by a tractor that was cutting hedges and has now been removed to

be repaired/replaced by the Sports & Social Club.

It was also noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman emptied the waste bins on the Sports Field in the absence of the current arrangement not being carried out.

This was quite a long meeting and following the vote on the third motion, Councillor Perry produced a letter of resignation due to business commitments. There is now a vacancy on the Council and EFDC will be following their process to identify a replacement.

From all of the Parish Council to all of the residents of Fyfield, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and a very comfortable Christmas and New Year to a very special person, Tony Boyce. Get well Tony, everyone is thinking of you and your family. We wish you continued success in your recovery. We miss you.

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# **Light Hearted Monologues from a Local**



#### Shellfish with Ginger and Seaweed....

To promote crime prevention week Lionel "Seaweed" Flanagan, now a free man after official confinement, visited a studio to appear in a T.V. programme detailing his time as a member of the gang led by the notorious Crab Twins - Dennis and Donald.

All raised in Norfolk, they were often called the Cromer Crab gang. Flanagan earned his nickname when he tried, unsuccessfully, to market barrows full of North Sea seaweed to Chinese restaurants in the county. Crispy Chinese style Seaweed is produced from dark green cabbage leaves or bok choy. Nowadays gelatinous substances are extracted from harvested seaweed for use, among other things, as food additives; not widely known then. Lionel's true identity was hidden for fear of retribution for spilling the beans. Following a lot of publicity this exposé of his experiences and others was to be broadcast live every night for a week as incidents happened during the day which might have influenced the items being covered that evening. He was to refer to his forthcoming book, written under a pseudonym,"Dodgy Sideways walks with the Crabs" which shaped the direction of the questioning. Lionel's voice was spoken by an actor during pre-recorded chosen extracts from the book detailing some infamous crimes which included the following:

London Bridge was legitimately sold to an American Tycoon in 1968 and exported to Arizona. Capitalising on this, three groups of overseas tourists were sold Tower Bridge by the gang following the London Bridge departure. They still await delivery. Other schemes included a spectacular Christmas tree plantation in Nottingham - cut your own trees, best done at night to avoid traffic. A hundred brand new top of the range executive cars

needing collection from the bottom of the English Channel - may need valeting. A working cruise ship for sale - which turned out to be the Isle of Wight ferry. On offer to collectors by mail order - a rare plastic copy of the Queen's crown bought from Marty's novelty and magic shop in case of emergencies at Royal ceremonies. Boxes of silent dog whistles - for deaf dogs. Cases of trainers, all left fee, handy for people with temporary right foot ailments. Lorry loads of sand awaiting collection from Southend -on -Sea - suitable for home-made beaches in back gardens.

Other members who were finally arrested with him, as they attempted to steal a safe abandoned on a grass verge which turned out to be an electric street light junction box, included Jack "Springer" Kelly, who hopped everywhere as he was raised by Kangaroos in the Australian bush. Plus Morris Hipton, the brains of the outfit, recruited after looking for a Scottish Island for 15 years until the elusive Island turned out to be a coffee drop stain on his map.

Calamity occurred during the live broadcast. Trying to suppress a sneeze Lionel accidentally kicked over a studio spotlight and hitherto seen in a black silhouette was now facially lit up, his ginger head of hair illuminated. What Sonia Mein the Sound recordist playing the taped commentary did next added to the fun. In her rush to stop the tape she turned the recorder to fast playback making "The Seaweed's" voice sound like Bugs Bunny. Sensational headlines and photos from the T.V. screen mean that he will now have to go into hiding with a changed identity - join the Foreign Legion, or be a volunteer for early Space travel; one stop to Mars!

Barry Betteridge

### **Arts Section**

#### Sean Keane

6th October Garret Session, Queens Head, Fyfield.

Sean Keane, the Irish folk singer from County Galway, arrived at the Garret Ses-



sion after a flight and was feeling tired and suffering from a cold; I only know this because he told us so. I had not seen him before so I had nothing to compare him with but I found his voice and the whole performance great. He was accompanied by Pat Coyne on guitars and vocals & Fergus Feely on mandola and vocals who gave the whole session an infectious drive that could be felt every bit as much as the after effect of our superb Queen's Head meal. As well as singing, Sean played his selection of whistles and flutes, not at the same time of course. Whenever I hear the whistle played it makes me visualise immigrants from northern Europe travelling over to the new world not knowing what lay before

them, tall trees on cold mountain sides and sparkling rivers.

This was a special performance in more ways than one. It was the last Garret Session as it is a victim of its own success with the fees of the calibre of artists per-

forming becoming prohibitive.
This is not to say someone might in the future organise a 'one off' session but for now this is the end. A great loss to those of us who have been attending the



Garret Sessions since it started four years ago, a great loss to the prestige of Fyfield and a great loss, I am sure, to the many artists who performed here and loved the intimacy, the welcome and warmth and, of course, the food and hospitality. Thank you Gerry for putting on the shows, Sheila, Dan, Rachel and staff for making the evening complete and the Queen's Head for adding the Garret Sessions to your long history.

Goodbye old friend, long may you be remembered.

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#### No Man's Land

by Harold Pinter 17th October Wyndams Theatre

Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart return to the UK stage in Sean Mathias' acclaimed production of No Man's Land; one of the most brilliantly entertaining plays by Nobel Prize laureate Harold Pinter. This was indeed a special occasion with these two



masters of their art eclipsing all around them for miles. Even the long silences were masterful and profound.

Patrick Stewart as Hirst and Ian McKellen as Spooner were awesome with

Owen Teale and Damien Molony providing strong but not overpowering support to the masters. The plot is simple but deep taking up the ground between drunkenness, dreaming and the reality of a life passing by quickly with the failures and disappointments almost remembered when sober. It is funny, moving and sad all at once. I will not attempt to describe the plot, I could not do it justice. It is on at the Wyndams Theatre in Charing Cross Road until 17th December. Treat yourself this Christmas, go and see it. You will not be disappointed.

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## **Cookery Section**



This month three recipes which you will find particularly useful over the Festive season. A dessert which can be made in advance and is impressive during the run up to Christmas & over Christmas. Also a very impressive & tasty hot starter (or could be used as part of a light lunch) and a classic main course which has an Italian twist which would be wonderful for a New Year's Eve Dinner party - enjoy!

#### Mushroom & Walnut Tartlets

1slice stale bread
1oz shelled walnuts
Hand-full of parsley
2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
\*1lb 2oz mushrooms
2tblsp olive oil
1oz butter
500g pack ready-made shortcrust pasty
150g wedge Roquefort of other blue cheese
\*a mix of chestnut mushrooms and ceps is
perfect
Serves 6

Butter 6 x 150ml ramekins and line the bases with baking parchment (cut into discs to fit the bottom of the ramekins). Tear bread into chunks & blitz with the nuts, parsley & garlic until the mix looks like fine crumbs. Wipe, trim & slice the mushrooms. Heat the oil and butter in a frying pan, add the mushrooms and fry quickly until starting to soften. Season well. Remove from the heat & stir in the

crumbs. Dived the Roquefort into six & put one piece in the centre of each ramekin. Roll out the pasty and cut into rounds a little larger than the ramekins. Press the pastry rounds over the mushrooms, curving any excess pastry up the sides. Make a hole in the centre of each. The tartlets can be prepared to this stage and chilled for up to 24 hours.

Bake the tartlets for 15-18 mins. While they cook prepare the garnish by putting some lamb's lettuce or rocket on 6 plates and sprinkle with 1oz of roughly chopped walnuts and drizzle with walnut oil & lemon Juice. Loosen the edges of the pastry and turn each tartlet out onto a plate. Peel off the paper and serve warm or straight from the oven.

#### Lynne Evans

(I find 150g of blue cheese can be too overpowering if it is very mature but I do prefer it with the cheese as it gives it a lovely bite. I also prefer a French dressing rather than walnut oil and lemon juice. This is a very impressive and tasty starter which comes from my very close friend Lynne who has supplied the Focus with a number of recommended recipes over the years. She was Lynne Nowlin until October last year when she married her long term partner Stephen who is also a superb cook; you would pay good money and be very privileged to dine at their home The Stable Door!

## Roasted Lamb Shank in Red Wine Sauce with Italian Mashed Potatoes

4 lamb shanks

1 carrot, cut into chunks

1 white onion, cut into chunks

3 sprigs fresh rosemary

3 sprigs fresh thyme, plus 4 for garnish

10 whole black peppercorns 1 bottle of good quality red wine 3 red onions, quartered 3 tbl spns recurrent jelly

#### Mash:

8 large floury potatoes, peeled & quartered 150ml full-fat milk 100g salted butter 50g freshly grated Parmesan cheese 100g sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained & finely chopped Salt & white pepper Serves 4

Place the lamb shanks, carrot, white onion, herbs & peppercorns in a large casserole. Pour over the wine, cover and leave to marinate in a cool place for 5 hours, stirring every hour.

When ready to cook preheat the oven to gas mark 5. Place the casserole on the hob and bring to the boil. Cover with the lid and cook in the oven for 2 hours. For the second hour slightly uncover the casserole to allow the sauce to thicken. Remove the casserole from the oven, and transfer the lamb shanks from the cooking liquid into a roasting tin. Spoon over 4 ladleful's of the liquid to keep the meat moist and add the red onions to the tin. Return the lamb to the oven and roast for 25-30 mins. or until the meat starts to fall off the bone; basting occasionally. Strain the cooking liquid into a small saucepan and reduce to half its volume on a low heat. Add the recurrent jelly and stir until melted. Meanwhile prepare the mash. Cook the potatoes in plenty of boiling salted water until tender. Drain well and leave to cool slightly. Press the potatoes through a ricer back into the saucepan, add the milk and return to a low heat. Stir continuously for 3 mins. using a wooden

spoon. Add the butter, cheese and sundried tomatoes and continue to stir for a further 5 mins. Season with salt & pepper. Serve a generous spoonful of the mash in the centre of each serving plate, place the lamb shank on top and drizzle with the delicious recurrent sauce. Garnish with a sprig of fresh thyme and serve immediately.

Cheryl Hadley (An Italian twist on a classic Autumn/Winter dish and the mash is a little different to the norm so would make an everyday dish a bit more special and it would go well with other roasted meats or casseroles and would be a perfect dinner party dish for New Year's Eve.

#### Snowball

11oz can mandarins
2oz sultanas
2ox raisins
2tbl spns sherry
3oz glace cherries
4oz butter
4oz icing sugar
2oz ground almonds
8 trifle sponges
5 fluid oz double cream
2 tbl spn milk
Serves 8-10

Lightly butter 1 pint pudding basis. Drain mandarin oranges, reserving the syrup. Place sultanas & raisins in a small basin and add the sherry or 2 tbl spns mandarin syrup. Cut cherries into quarters & chop mandarins. Cream butter & icing sugar together until light and fluffy. Fold crumbled sponge cakes into mixture & fold in mandarin oranges, sultanas, raisins, almonds & sherry or mandarin syrup.

Place mixture in pudding basin & press down firmly, level top, cover with foil and chill overnight (Fridge for up to 4 days, freezer up to 3 months.

Just before serving place cream and milk in a basin and whisk until cream just holds its shape. Remove foil from pudding, run knife around tope of the pudding to loosen from basin. Place basin in hot water for about 30 seconds if frozen, invert onto a serving place & spread cream over pudding and swirl it with a palette.

Lynne Evans
(A delicious dessert for Christmas in particular and can be prepared well in advance.)



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## **Fyfield Carpet Bowls**



I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. The evening session of the carpet bowls club closed for

Christmas and didn't start again until 5th January. I was away in sunny Madeira for the first week in January and didn't get back until the 12th, so I haven't got anything to report this month, but I am sure the rest of the club have met and have enjoyed themselves!!

On the County Squad front, I can't remember what game I reported on last, but the 2015/16 season has begun with Essex meeting Cambridgeshire at Braintree on Sunday 22nd November 2015. Essex put up a good show with a final score of 17 points

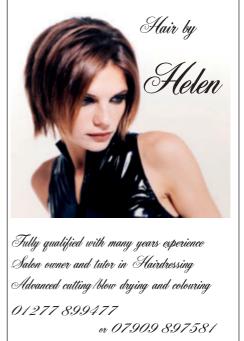
to us and 19 to Cambridgeshire. We then went away to Bedfordshire on Sunday 13th December 2015. We again played well and won the match 22 points to 14. Our Captain, Peter Orrin, was very pleased with us!! Our next match is away to Norfolk on Sunday 17th January 2016, so we are hoping for another good result. I will let you know more in my next report.

Again, if there is anyone out there that wants to join us, please come along either Tuesday afternoon 2pm – 4pm, or evening 7pm – 9pm.



Jacky Brown





## The New Fyfield Bridge Club



At the Club's AGM in November, the winners of the Endeavour Cup were announced. Joy Harding and Ray Rulton stepped forward proudly to

accept their trophies that they must keep polished and shiny until next year. At the time of writing this (November) members will be enjoying a pleasant evening playing Duplicate Bridge in the comfort of the Monica Couling Room at Fyfield Village Hall. The Club continued a tradition by supporting Children in Need in November with a special evening of Bridge play – entry fee £5 of which £2.50 went to the charity. So that's good! Doug Brown hosted a Bridge Refresher evening during November with guidance on using the

Losing Trick Count. The Club is holding its Christmas Social on Thursday 15th December, and will be closed for a Christmas break over the period 22 – 29 December inclusive, returning on Thursday, 5th January 2017– refreshed, probably overweight - and full of New Year Resolutions to diet and play better Bridge! If you play Duplicate Bridge, why not come along and meet fellow bridge players at our regular Club night, Thursdays from 7.00 – 10.30pm, play starts promptly at 7.15pm Further information from Janet Brindley, Club Secretary, at fyfieldbridge@icloud.com.

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## 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

Remembrance Parade on Sunday November 13th was attended by 52 Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts and their leaders plus many parents. The group assembled at the Scout Group Headquarters in Fyfield. They then paraded from Houchin Drive into Walker Avenue, down to Queen Street and finally arriving at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield. After a very moving service in which Emma (Scout) and Harvey (Cub Scout) Wheldon showed the congregation a photograph of their Great Grandfather who served in the 2nd World war and gave a short talk about what he did which was to drive a petrol tanker to supply the troops. They also explained that their Great Grandad was attending the remembrance service at Good Easter church. James Dickenson then read a poem to the congregation. After the service, there were refreshments which the older children helped to distribute and then they paraded back to the Scout HQ and the parade was then dismissed.

Many thanks to Rolf Bassnett our Scout Leader and our other leaders for organising the parade to the Church and back Mary Bacon Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group 01277 899052

#### **Beaver Colony**

The Beavers had a fantastic sleepover at Skreens Park Scout Activity Centre in Roxwell. They took part in the Bouldering wall which is climbing sideways and it took a lot of courage for some of the Beavers but everyone enjoyed the experience once they took part. Everyone, including some of the leaders, took part in the caving simulator. Archery was great and all the Beavers did

very well. On the Sunday, they took part in a bush craft exercise making shelters and climbing around the fallen trees. They had a campfire although sadly this was inside as the rain was quite heavy but they still enjoyed it. There was a BBQ before they left on the Sunday and the opportunity to toast marshmallows on the fire. At the closing ceremony, everyone received badges. We also invested five new Beaver Scouts and Reece Speller was awarded his Chief Scout Bronze Award. So well done to all the Beavers and a huge thank you to the leaders and parents that ran the camp it was a great weekend.

Other activities the Beavers have done since then are learning how to tie shoe laces, how to stay safe with fireworks and making fantastic firework pictures. At Halloween the Beavers made pasta skeletons and painted them with glow in the dark paint. As part of the Air Activities badge the Beavers went on a visit to the North Weald Airfield Museum. They all enjoyed this and we had quite a few parents who stayed and enjoyed the evening as well. Beavers are now making gingerbread houses for the German night on the 26th November.

#### **Cub Scouts**

At the beginning of October, we had 5 Cubs take part in the over the rope ceremony to meet the Scouts. They had an exciting night with lots of games and challenges to complete. They have also learnt about the Countryside Code. They played apple bobbing team games at Halloween and on firework night they had made a guy and had a bonfire and everyone brought along a firework and there was a great display The

Cubs made wreaths for the Remembrance Day parade. They have painted glass jars for our German evening and will be baking Apple Strudel for this event as well.

## The Scout Troop and Explorer Unit

The Scouts were very busy preparing for the National Rifle Shooting Competition at Bisley. There were 8 explorer Scouts, 7 Scouts and 3 leaders who attended this event. The events they took part in were 10 Metre shot, Pistol shot 6 Metre, Field Target and Biathlon. We took a Bronze medal in the field Target. There were over 300 entrants in this class so well done to Owen Keating for gaining third place. Whilst the 7 scouts were at Bisley the rest of the Scouts carved pumpkins using saws and hand drills as well as knives. This was followed by team games in the dark apart from nightlights in the pumpkins. The rest

of the Scout evenings have been preparing for the German night on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. This has included the designing of place mats and pictures to display on the wall. The cooking starts in earnest from the week before the event.

Mary Bacon Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group – 01277 899052 marychristinebacon@aol.com



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## 1st 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.

#### **Fyfield Focus - Advertising and Editorial Details**

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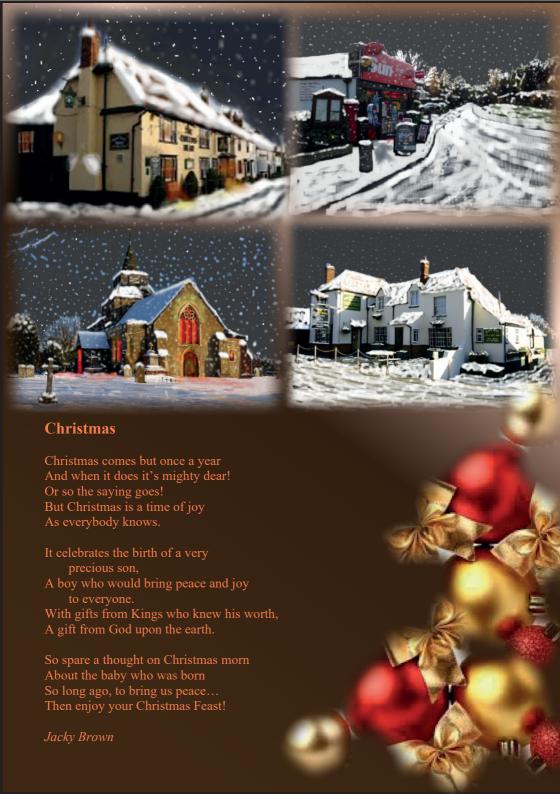
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