

Fyfield Focus

December 2017/January 2018

*Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year from all at the
Fyfield Focus*



Memories of 2017



CIN Fyfield Feat Team



Village Hall Opening Day



Dan and Rachel
Lamprecht on their
Wedding Day (30
Aug 17) with Daisy,
Isla, Leo & Esme.



The New Clubroom



Remembrance Sunday Flowers



Scouts at Halloween Fund Raising event



Kingfisher in Fyfield



Well Done West Essex Ramblers

What a fantastic job West Essex Ramblers have done over the past month. They have cleared public rights of way and fixed bridges in Fyfield so that we can all enjoy walking without hindrance. The Green Lane from Cannons Lane down to the Tun Bridge has been transformed and the Dole Path is now a delight. The credit for all this goes to Cllr. Les Lamb who has engaged with this group and assisted them in other areas of West Essex. In addition to this, the Moreton & Fyfield Scouts have volunteered to maintain the Dole Path and The Green Lane from Cannons Lane down to the Tun Bridge in their current cut back state. Good news all round!

Walkers Take Care

Anyone who walks the footpath from the Sports Field in the direction of Herons Farm will know the foot bridge that goes over the drainage ditch to the Roding. This is now rotting and becoming unsafe and has been reported to Essex Highways Department who are planning to replace it with a new structure after the Harvest next year. In the meantime please be aware and be careful when crossing.

A Christmas Tree for Fyfield

This year there will be a Christmas Tree in Fyfield!



The idea of Fyfield having a Christmas Tree in the centre of Fyfield comes from Fyfield Resident, Marion Alcock. The tree is being sponsored by L & J Hall Digging

Services Ltd (Les & Jan Hall), Smallworks (Chris Hayes) and the lights by Marion Alcock.

Watch out Oxford Street, Fyfield has arrived!

Speeding Check Volunteers

Cllr. Toby Wallden is organising a group of volunteers who will be trained to operate hand held speed cameras in an attempt to reduce the number of speeding vehicles passing through Fyfield. If you would like to volunteer please contact: Toby at tobywallden@hotmail.co.uk

Village Diary 2017/18



05-Dec	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
09-Dec	Fyfield Christmas Lunch	Village Hall, 1pm
07-Dec	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
10-Dec	St. Nicholas' Church Carol Service	The Church, 6pm
11-Dec	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
15-Dec	Christmas Carols at The Black Bull	The Black Bull, 7.30pm
08-Jan-18	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
10-Jan	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
11-Jan	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
01-Feb	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
06-Feb	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
12-Feb	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
14-Feb	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
21-Feb	Church Lunch & Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
24-Feb	Bingo Night	Village Hall, 7pm
01-Mar	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
12-Mar	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
21-Mar	Church Lunch & Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
24-Mar	Magic Night	Village Hall, 7pm
21-Apr	Quiz Night	Village Hall, TBA
23-Apr	Parish Assembly	Village Hall, TBA
12-May	Fyfield Festival	The Church, 11am

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Our very festive Christmas and New Year publication has been sponsored by Nikhil Patel the owner of our Village Store and Post Office and we are very appreciative of his

generosity. I think I speak for a lot of people that our Village Store & Post Office is a very valuable asset and we appreciate what Nikhil does and with such a friendly and pleasant manner along with his wife Gita. It is so good to have Sharon Levine back after nearly 2 years; we have missed her daily cheerfulness and help and she is a real asset to the Village Store and to our Village as a whole – welcome back Sharon.

We are also fortunate to be a village with two thriving Pubs which are a pleasure to visit and enjoy and add a lot to the look of our village – thank you to Tony & Nikki and Sheila, Dan & Rachel.

This publication is brimming with news of a strong community spirit – I don't think I have ever felt it so strong and it has left me with such a warm and comforting feeling about the place we call home. There has been so much that has been achieved during 2017 and so much success which as we know doesn't just happen.

Our Clubs are thriving and continue to provide a variety of interest and are very welcoming to new joiners and add a lot of value to our community. Our Village Hall facility, where most of our Clubs meet, goes from strength to strength and it is admirable what the Committee have achieved this year both in relation to the refurbishment that has taken place, the take-on of the full management of the

facility and sports field and the variety of events they have held to raise money and provide opportunities for the community to socialise.

This year the Church has seen the arrival and licensing of our new Priest in Charge, Reverend Christine Hawkins. Chris has introduced a number of new services which have been rather special and Chris wants people to feel their village church is open and available to everyone. Church building works is near completion and internal refurbishment continues. The Coffee Mornings and Lunch and Afternoon Teas continue to be well supported and we have enjoyed two quite different concerts.

Our younger residents are in very good hands both at Dr. Walkers' School and at the Scouting Group. I never tire of reading about what they are exposed to – it is just wonderful and brings a huge smile to my face.

Huge thanks to our Parish Council for all you have done this year (see the list in the Chairman's Report) and for looking after our interests. We know there are still lots to do and there will be new challenges ahead but the progress this year is very impressive.

I hope you enjoy the In Conversation with Wendy Henshaw article – I am sure you will agree Wendy is a fine example of someone who has given and continues to give so much to the community. You will also learn some interesting history about the village.

Have a Happy Christmas and all the Best for 2018.

Cheryl Hadley,

Editor

Countryfile Ramble for Children In Need 2017

Fyfield Feat Team



Fyfield Feat Team Ready for a 6 mile walk for Children in Need



A happy band of 14 walkers and 5 dogs met on the Sports Field at 1.30pm on the afternoon of Sunday 12th November. We had registered as **Fyfield Feat** to join the Countryfile Ramble Sponsored Walk for Children in Need.

A six mile walk was planned taking us from Elmbridge, via Cross Leys Farm and Bundish Hall (*where we found water and biscuits left out to refresh the dogs – thank you Brenda!*), down to and over the Cripsey Brook, along the path parallel with the Ongar/Moreton Road, which took us behind Wood Farm. At this point we lost Archie, who is used to being kennelled there, and was found, at the door of the kennels begging to be allowed in!! (*We expect this to be mentioned in Archie's*

column!) Just before Moreton we took the footpath sweeping up to the right and then turned right to go across the Sheilings and so back to Cross Leys Farm and home.

We were so lucky with the weather, which was fine although with a very cold NW wind.

Astonishingly, with sponsors and donations, between us all, the **Fyfield Feat** team managed to raise an **amazing**

£1,240 plus £160 Gift Aid

So an enormous thank you to everyone who supported us.

Sally Wallden

Christmas Carols At The Black Bull



Friday, 15th December
From 7.30pm

Get into the Christmas spirit and sing Christmas Carols at The Black Bull over a drink (mulled wine will be available)

Reverend Christine Hawkins will be leading the Carol Singing

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Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins



My husband's favourite Christmas hat has 'Bah Humbug' emblazoned across it. He wears it every year at his office party because he loves to pretend that he

doesn't like Christmas! I dislike the hat and have often tried to "lose" it because its sentiments are so negative, but somehow it always reappears. We got it out of the loft the other day and as I looked at it, I was reminded of this 'Christmas Parable' written by Louis Cassels many years ago:
ooOoo

Once upon a time there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He wasn't a Scrooge. He was a kind and decent person, generous to his family, upright in all his dealings with everyone. But he didn't believe all that stuff about Incarnation which churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend that he did. He told his wife, who was a Christian, "I simply cannot understand this claim that God becomes man. It doesn't make any sense to me."

On Christmas Eve his wife and children went to church for the midnight service. He declined to accompany them. "I'd feel like a hypocrite," he explained. "I'd rather stay at home. But I'll wait up for you."

Shortly after his family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to

the window and watched the flurries getting heavier and heavier. "If we must have Christmas," he thought, "it's nice to have a white one." He went back to his chair by the fireside and began to read his newspaper. A few minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound. It was quickly followed by another, then another.

He thought that someone must be throwing snowballs at his living room window. When he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the storm. They had been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window. "I can't let these poor creatures lie there and freeze," he thought. "But how can I help them?" Then he saw his barn across the yard - where the children's pony was stabled. It would provide a warm shelter.

He put on his coat and wellies and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the door wide and turned on a light. But the birds didn't come in. "Food will lure them in," he thought. He hurried back to the house for bread crumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction - except into the warm lighted barn.

"They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself, "and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me. If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety."

Just at that moment the church bells began to ring. He stood silent for a while, listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. Then he sank to his knees in the snow. "Now I understand," he whispered. "Now I see why You had to do it."

ooOoo

In the churches of the benefice this Christmas, we will be celebrating the story of the Incarnation – the Word become flesh; God become human in the form of a tiny, vulnerable baby in order that we may no longer be afraid but that we may be lead to safety and brought back to Love.

To help us prepare, we observe the season of Advent in the four weeks leading up to Christmas Day. It is a season of waiting with hopeful anticipation. Sadly, these days, Advent is barely acknowledged in wider society, save for the commercial nod to the season through Advent Calendars or candles. However, if you would like to experience a few hours of peace between now and Christmas, please see the advert for the Advent Quiet Mornings elsewhere in the magazine.

This Christmas, I pray that the peace of that baby – Emmanuel (God with us)– will pervade your celebrations, whether you are spending it alone or with loved ones and friends. May you find amidst the tinsel, the turkey, the presents and the stresses and strains that often arise at this time of year, some time to reflect on the true meaning of the season. On behalf of the community of St. Nicholas, I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Now – where's that hat...

Every blessing,

Chris.

*Reverend Christine Hawkins
Priest In Charge
The United Benefice of Bobbingworth,
Fyfield, Moreton & Willingale
The Rectory
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Want some time for peace and quiet before Christmas?

I will be holding 3 Advent Quiet Mornings on the Mondays in Advent – 4th, 11th and 18th December at my house – The Rectory, 6 Forest Drive, Fyfield. CM5 0TP. The morning starts at 09.30 and ends at 12.00 Noon. We will be focusing on the 'O Antiphons' – seven special titles for Jesus which feature in our Advent prayers. The Quiet Morning consists of a brief introduction from me; music and some prayer. There will also be time for reading, snoozing, and (adult) colouring-in! Please contact me if you would like further information.

*Rev Chris Hawkins
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Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Priest in Charge: Reverend Christine Hawkins: telephone: 01277 286113
 Churchwardens: Marcus Dain telephone: 01277 899590
 David Bessell telephone: 07886 075889

Dec	3	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	10	6:00pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
	17		Services at Bobbingworth & Moreton
	24	11:00pm	Midnight Communion
	31	10:00am	United Service at Matching Church
Jan	1	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	14	11:00am	Holy Communion
	21		Services at Bobbingworth, Moreton & Willingale
	28	11:00am	Family Service

St Mary's Church, Moreton

Dec	3	9.30am	Holy Communion
	17	6.00pm	Carol Service
	24	9.30am	Family Communion with carols
Jan	5	9.30am	Holy Communion
	19	9.30am	Family Service

St Germain's Church, Bobbingworth

Dec	3	11.00am	Family Service
	17	4.00pm	Carol Service
	24	4.30pm	Pilgrimage to Bethlehem
Jan	7	11.00am	Family Service
	21	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Christopher's Church, Willingale

Dec	10	4.00pm	Carol Service
	25	10.00am	Family Communion
Jan	14	9.30am	Family Service
	21	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	28	9.30am	Holy Communion

Tribute and Farewell to Helen Simpson

Family, friends and neighbours of the late Helen Simpson, together with her family and relations (some travelling from Germany to be present) gathered at St Nicholas Church on Friday, 13th October for a Memorial Service, conducted by the Rev Christine Hawkins. It was a lovely day to celebrate Helen's life and as the sun shone through the stained glass windows, Mark, Helen's son, shared memories of family life, both in the Midlands and then in Fyfield where Helen and Brian relocated in the late



Helen and Wendy at the Fyfield Bridge Club
14 May 2009

80s. Helen's four grandchildren were present; the youngest, Lucy, played a musical tribute on the clarinet and the eldest, Jordan, spoke lovingly of time spent with his Grandma. A beautiful poem, chosen by Helen's close friend, Rita Barnard who was unable to attend, was read by Howard Nicholson and represented the thoughts of absent friends.. Everyone was invited to a Reception at the Village Hall where photo collages of Helen with her family and friends over many years prompted many happy memories and shared experiences.

It was a lovely tribute to a lovely person.

Patti Nicholson

Congratulations and Thanks

I'm sure I speak for everyone who uses the footpath to the school and our sports field when I say a huge Thank You to Les Lamb who worked tirelessly for two solid days, clearing, pruning, sweeping and disposing of all the greenery the whole length of the path. As you look up the path from Queen Street you can now see a clear footpath, inviting you to walk it. Thanks again Les.

Jenny Stone

Blooming marvellous!

Well done to those responsible for the magnificent flower baskets and tubs outside the village hall this year. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Margaret Dines

Congratulations to Dan and Rachel on the news of their wedding which took place on 30th August at Gougane Barra, West Cork, Ireland. Please see the photograph of Dan and Rachel with Daisy, Isla, Leo and Esme on their special day. Wishing you continued happiness.

Fyfield Focus Readers

Church Lunch & Afternoon Tea

A successful end of year gathering with Triple Layer Coffee & Walnut Cake, Victoria Sandwich, a seasonal mince pie tart, Jacket Potatoes with various fillings and a Full afternoon Tea on offer.

We don't meet in December and we will not be meeting in January so we hope to see you on 21st February 2018 from 1pm. Due to demand we have decided to continue with serving lunches so have changed our name to Church Lunch & Afternoon Tea.

Thank you to all our customers who regularly support our gatherings and to the Church Lunch and Afternoon Tea team for making it such an enjoyable and successful monthly event.

Recent fund raising has bought a new Tea Urn for the Church and paid for the cleaning of the large window at the back of the Church which not only looks better but has made a huge difference to the light in the Church. Other donations to charities and community initiatives will be reported in the February Focus.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and All The Best for 20018.



Dr Walkers C of E Primary School

Remembrance Week



During the lead up to November 11th the school spent time specifically reflecting about Remembrance Day and what it means to families and how soldiers still wanted to take

part in worship amid the onslaught of battle. The children were shown how soldiers are able to create a makeshift altar from drums – known as the Drumhead Ceremony. We ourselves held our Collective Worship using a set of drums borrowed from the Epping Cadets, which was much appreciated.

Let us not forget that many soldiers, airmen and sailors have put their lives on the line for us all and continue to do so to enable us to have the freedom we enjoy today. Many wish to pray to God during times of conflict which enables them to worship God, to ask for guidance and how to show compassion

and to have courage to face whatever the future holds for them.

A Bible reading taken from John 15:13 demonstrates this clearly:

‘No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for ones friends.’

During the same week Badgers Class attended a workshop held at the Zinc Arts Centre in Ongar to learn more about the First World War and helped produce clay poppies that were then put on display on November 11th.

SIAMS Church Inspection

I am delighted to report that following a visit on Tuesday 7th November from a Church Inspector to look at our school in relation to our Christian Distinctiveness and how we promote our Christian values as well as teach RE, the school has been graded ‘Good’. We are delighted with this outcome and the Governors and I would like to thank everyone for their dedication and hard work.

Fiona Reid
Interim Head



Dr. Walker's School - Harvest Service - Flower Posies

When Carol Cox rang to say Dr Walkers School had asked if the St Nicholas' Church Flower Arranging Ladies could help the children to make posies for their Harvest Service, we had to get our thinking caps on! 93 or so children to cater for....mmmm, quite a challenge! We had to organise flowers and the necessary materials and think how we could achieve this in the limited time the 93+ children had to complete their posies. But like the loaves and the fishes with everyone on the team bringing all different components (cellophane, flowers, greenery, rubber bands, floral foam) we had it covered. All the children really enjoyed making their posies and were delighted when they saw their posies decorating the church when they went to their Harvest Festival service.

Here are just some of the posies surrounding the font...don't they look lovely? (insert photo)

Each one representing one of the children.

Jenny Stone



Security of Garden Sheds

In response to a request for guidance on the best way to secure a Garden Shed, Tony Ellis, Crime Prevention Assistant, gave the following advice:

'Wooden sheds, by their very nature, are difficult to physically protect. Most bolts or hinges can be crowbarred off if the thief has time.

In my view a better solution would be a shed alarm which you can buy quite cheaply from B&Q or Homebase. They are battery operated and work by

detecting movement in the shed. You set them by punching in four numbers as you leave the shed and it arms after around 30 seconds. To deactivate as you enter the shed you just punch in the same four numbers. A decent alarm will sound at around 130 decibels. Make sure you go for an alarm which detects movement inside the shed and not one that has to be moved itself before it activates. Hope that helps.'

Tony Ellis
Crime Prevention Assistant
Epping Forest District
Essex Police



**St Nicholas' Church
Fyfield**

Welcomes you to our
Carol Service
Sunday 10th December
6pm
Mulled Wine
& Mince Pies

ASHLYNS BEAUTY AND AESTHETICS

Local resident Amy Harris has recently taken over the beauty salon at Ashlyns in North Weald. After a complete refurbishment, Ashlyns Beauty and Aesthetics is now a stunning setting for a relaxing pamper session. Friendly staff greet you with complimentary tea or coffee as you arrive, and as you make your way up to the second floor treatment rooms the soft pastel shades and elegant decor add to the luxurious, welcoming atmosphere.



Amy is keen to make the experience of going to a beauty salon more child-friendly, and has introduced a brand new nannying service. The salon's qualified nannies Gemma and Amy can be booked at the same time as your treatment, and will entertain your children at Ashlyns Softplay next door to the salon. This service aims to support busy mums, letting them really relax and enjoy their treatments, without having to organise separate childcare.



The salon's extended treatment list now offers advanced treatments, including facials by leading skincare brands Epionce and Agera, and a range of aesthetic treatments. Amy has been a nurse since 2003, and has trained in aesthetics (advanced beauty therapies including botox, dermal fillers, and intravenous vitamin therapy) since 2012. These advanced treatments are becoming more and more popular, and at Ashlyns Beauty and Aesthetics they are performed to the highest possible standards. You can visit the website at ashlynsfarmshop.co.uk/beauty for more information on all treatments.



With Christmas just around the corner, Ashlyns Beauty and Aesthetics' extended treatment list contains everything you need to get ready for the holiday season!

*The salon is currently running a special offer for Fyfield residents in the run up to Christmas and the New Year. Simply show your copy of the Fyfield Focus at the salon to receive **10% off a manicure or pedicure!***

Ashlyns Beauty and Aesthetics
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Commonwealth War Graves Commission –

Fyfield Churchyard

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) was established by Royal Charter in 1917 as the organisation charged with the care and commemoration of those Commonwealth Armed Forces who died during the two World Wars. They currently care for the graves and commemorations of 1.7 million men and women worldwide and have war graves at over 12,000 locations in the UK alone.

As part of the centenary of the First World War, the Commission has launched a project to erect Commission signs at as many sites as possible that contain war graves. The aim of the initiative is to increase awareness of war graves in the United Kingdom and to remind the public that they need not travel abroad to find Commonwealth commemorations.

The people of Fyfield have played their part in full in defending our country and twenty-three villagers have lost their lives in the two world wars and the Falklands War and their graves are in many places. Fyfield churchyard has one Commonwealth War Grave, justifying its inclusion in this new project. That war grave commemorates Private Henry Blowes of the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment who died one hundred years ago this month, on Tuesday, November 7, 1917, aged 32. He was the son of Isaac and Sarah Blowes of Clatterford End and was baptised in Fyfield Church on November 22, 1885.

A small Memorial Plaque will be mounted by the CWGC some time next year on the wall next to the entrance gate to the churchyard.

*Marcus Dain,
Churchwarden, St Nicholas' Church,
Fyfield*

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Fyfield Past & Present

Dole Path – An Historical Note

The mediaeval word Dole or Dool refers to a narrow strip of unploughed land used as a boundary marker, typically, but not exclusively, between adjacent fields. The word was first recorded in the early sixteenth century but it probably originated five-hundred years before that, in the period before hedgerows began to supplant ditches as the normal means of separating land-holdings.

In 1881, the first six-inch Ordnance Survey map of the area showed a well-established path running west from the corner of Fyfield Street (now Queen Street) along the boundary between two eight-acre fields until it met the Ongar Road opposite Gypsy Field (Gypsy Mead); just as it does today. For travellers from the Willingale Road heading towards Ongar, the Dole ran in a convenient straight line, bypassing the dog-leg created by the necessity to pass along the Street. * This can be seen clearly on the extract of the map accompanying these notes.

By the turn of the twentieth century, houses had been built on the west side of the Street, but people continued to pass along the narrow Dole, between the newly built Fairview Cottages and Roden (nowadays, respectively, Roden Cottages and Roden Villa), either to reach the Ongar Road or to get access to the small holding land and orchards behind them, which today are occupied by the village field (Sports Field) and the houses of Walker Avenue.

Some and possibly all of this land was in the ownership of Mr Henry Lindus who had been recorded as a farmer and brick and tile maker, resident in Fyfield, from at least as early as 1882. Correspondence with the recently formed Parish Council in 1896, concerning an

obstructed footpath, indicates that by that time he was living elsewhere, although retaining his property interests in the village, which were now under the day-to-day supervision of a manager.

Six years later, in 1902, and with a frustrating lack of explanation in the available records. Henry Lindus, now of South Woodford, donated to the parish a strip of land 140 feet in length and 2 feet wide in order to widen the Dole between Fairview Cottages and Roden. The width of the path today suggests that, until the extra strip of land was donated, the Dole was narrow indeed. What is more likely is that the Dole had no formal breadth, nor legal status as a footpath up to that time but that common usage had established the path much as we find it today and that Mr Lindus' gift may simply have regularised a situation which had existed on the ground from time immemorial.

*Note on Map: Reconciliation of the topographical contents of this map with the date of its printing (about 1881) is a task I have not attempted. However, the first sheet published by the Trigonometrical Survey of England & Wales was for Essex, in 1805, based upon triangulations made principally in 1798/9. Thereafter, updated editions were made by revising the older plates. Thus some of the information shown, including the Dole, could have been recorded up to eighty years before the advertised date of printing.

*Marcus Dain,
Wheel Cottage,
2004.*

*Map can be found on the Fyfield Parish Council website under About Fyfield.

FYFIELD & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PROGRAMME 2018

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 President on 01277 899367 if you need more information.

January 11th.	Michael Benning	A Quiet Day at the Airport
February 1st.	Mrs Carol Allen	A Love of Textiles
March 1st.	Members Meeting	
April 5th.	Pat & Barbara Elliott	Make Do And Mend
April 19th.	CRIPSEY GROUP MEETING	
May 3rd	ANNUAL MEETING & RESOLUTIONS	
June 7th.	Mrs Margaret Mills	Skeletons in their Cupboards
July 5th.	Mrs Sheila Gunson	Bag Lady(2)
August	NO MEETING	
September 6th.	Miss Lorraine Ely	Mostly Musicals and Me
October 4th.	Mrs Barbara Faulkner	See a Pin and Pick it Up
November 1st.	Mrs Jane Malyon	The English Cream Tea
December 6 th .	Paul Clancy	The Art of Magic

St. Nicholas' Church – The Story of St Nicholas – Wall Art

In the last Focus we showed a picture of St. Nicholas giving a dowry to three poor maidens. This was one of the first recorded stories of our St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas is not only our Patron Saint but also of children (Santa Claus) of sailors and many others and our wall art illustrations depict this. This month we have a picture of St. Nicholas embroidered by Jacque Galise.



Our next workshop will be at Cheryl Hadley's on 27th January, 2018.

Wendy Henshaw

Remembrance Service at St. Nicholas' Church Fyfield



On Sunday, 12th November the church was full of people who came to pay their respects and remember the men and women who laid down their lives in the many conflicts since World War I. At this special service we were joined by the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers (who behaved impeccably particularly as this was not a short service as it included Holy Communion) and had paraded down to the Church from their Scout Headquarters in Fyfield. David Bessell

gave a moving and informative sermon about the various battles which included staggering figures of the number of fallen. Everyone was very generous and the collection amounted to £251.94 which has been sent to the Royal British Legion.



The Church is starting to look cared for again now that the scaffolding inside the church has been taken down and we can start to appreciate all the internal improvements that have been made.

Wendy Henshaw

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Fyfield Art Group

We are struggling along with fewer members this term; however we enjoy our quiet morning sessions drawing and painting and sometimes bringing in other crafts. We would very much like to open our doors to some more members (which would also help pay the rent). Our last meeting this term is 4th December and we will have a break over Christmas and start again in the New Year. If you would like to join us do please contact me on 01277 899367 for details.



Wendy Henshaw

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Fyfield Village Hall



On the 29th November the Village Hall celebrated a landmark when it invited all residents to see the recent improvements to the Hall. 2017 has seen a great leap forward in the Village Hall, its responsibilities and its physical appearance. It has not been an easy year and many of the



committee, one in particular, have felt like they have been hitting their head against a brick wall! However, the good news is that with the aid of financial grants from EFDC and CIF, we have added a new Disabled toilet and utility area formed from one of the large storage cupboards in the Monica Cooling Room. The Village Hall documentation and files are now housed in the old Sports Store Room on the outside of the Monica Cooling Room. The old sports and social club Clubroom and Bar has been completely gutted, redecorated and furnished. In addition, the room that used to house the draft beer pipework has been reutilised as a Kitchenette for users of the Clubroom and the disabled toilet has been reorganised to include a shower for use of football referees. A new shower system has



been fitted in the shower rooms and the Gents toilet has been upgraded and will be completed by the time that you read this. The opening event was well received and our guests enjoyed complimentary drinks and canapés. The canapés being provided by Paul Ovel (Call Paul) and members of the Village Hall Committee. After giving ourselves a well earned rest we intend to start work on planning the new kitchen and entrance hall. You won't be surprised to hear that this will not be this year! There are a number of events planned for next year including:



24th February - Bingo Night
 24th March - Magic Night
 21st April - Quiz Night



So, it's time to sign off for 2017 and from all of the committee, Marie, Elaine, the two Debbie's, Ann, Patti, Penny, Wendy, Mary and Ian, a very, very merry Christmas and a wonderful and healthy 2018.



Ian Hadley



100 Club Winning Numbers			
Oct. 1st.	103,	2nd. 130,	3rd. 56
Nov.	65	10	120

In Conversation With -

Wendy Henshaw
23rd August 2017



Wendy Henshaw is a well-known and respected resident in the Village. If you haven't met Wendy you will have heard of her or seen her name appear many times in **every** publication of the *Fyfield Focus*!

Wendy Henshaw (nee Fairweather) was born in Ilford in 1934, attended Gearies Primary School then went to Ilford County High. After leaving school Wendy went to work at Shell Petroleum in the City and was based in the Library of the Advertising Department. In 1958, whilst working at Shell Petroleum, Wendy got married and after nine years she left Shell Petroleum to start her family. Wendy and her husband David moved to Fyfield in October 1965 to a new house in Walker Avenue where Wendy continues to live today. All the houses in Walker Avenue were new back in 1965 and there were many young families living in the road. Wendy and David have three grown-up children – Michael who was born in Buckhurst Hill, Terasé in Barkingside and Timothy in Fyfield.

Wendy went to her first Fyfield Social event at the Old Village Hall which was situated on Dunmow Road and met a number of new faces and also went to the coffee mornings held by Joan Worley (who was married to a local Estate Agent) at her home in Clatterford End. In 1966 Wendy joined the Tennis Club which had a grass court on the Sports Field where the Basket Ball Net is today. (Note: The Old Village Hall was an old Nissan Hut with a corrugated tin roof and Wendy thinks it was in use from around 1922 and consisted of a British Legion Room (known as the Legion Room), Main Hall (which had a stage), Kitchen and Storage Room. You can see the site where the Old Village Hall used to be; it is a small piece of land next to York House on Dunmow Road.)

In 1966 or 1967 Wendy joined the Fyfield & District W.I. which met in the Legion Room at the Old Village Hall; she and Pat Turnpenny were invited to join the W.I. by one of its' members Mrs. Harwood. The Fyfield & District W.I. continues to meet but in the new Village Hall and Wendy has held the position of President during 1980-1982, 1984-1986 and is the current President and has been since 1995!

Wendy started a Brownie unit in Fyfield in September 1970; the unit was registered in December 1970 and Wendy obtained her warrant in May 1971. The unit attracted 36 young girls from Fyfield and Willingale and Wendy was helped by Jean Dwyer and Carol Bailey. Wendy was fundamental in a Guide unit being set-up in Fyfield in 1971 by Vera Wright and Liz Read. The Brownie and Guide units had to move out of the Old Hall in late 1976 or early 1977 as the electrics

were condemned so they spent approximately 6 months meeting in various locations (one being the old school site situated in Queen Street where I now live) before moving to the newly built Village Hall in September 1977 situated on the Sports Field and which we all enjoy today.

Wendy's previous guiding experience as a Guide Guider during 1952-1960 and getting a Camp permit in 1957 made Wendy an ideal candidate to be a unit leader and she was a warrant holder until she

was forced to retire from active Guiding in March 1999 as she had now reached the Guiding retirement age of 65 .

However, during the time she was a unit leader (Brown Owl) and since she retired from active Guiding Wendy's achievements in the Guiding Association are many and extensive. In 1984 Ann Russell persuaded her to undertake the necessary training to become a Pack Holiday License Holder which she did and every year until she retired from active Guiding they had a one week pack holiday in Suffolk and Norfolk. Wendy's other Guiding Association roles and achievements are:

Ongar North District Commissioner 1977-1986

Quartermaster certificate 1983

Essex West County Young Leader Adviser 1986-1988

Epping Forest North Division Commissioner 1988-1995

Division Pack Holiday Adviser 1995-1998

District Secretary – a position Wendy took on when she retired from active guiding in March 1999

In autumn 1999, along with four other retiring Guide Leaders, formed the Ongar & District Trefoil Guild which started in 2000 and Wendy took on the role as Chairman

Appointed County Vice-President 2008

Presented with a Good Service Award from the County Guiding Association

2015

Gained the Bronze Voyage Award from the Trefoil Guild 2016

In 2001 was invited to the Queen's Garden Party for her Services to the Community and was accompanied



by Mary Ellis.

Wendy became a Fyfield Parish Councillor in the 1994 by-election and was a councillor until 2008 having also been Chairman of the Parish Council possibly during 2000-2006. During her time as a Councillor Wendy considers her most satisfying achievements were being involved with the creation and implementation of a Village Appraisal and obtaining a £17,000 grant to purchase and install the Teenage Basket Ball equipment on the Sports Field. The Fyfield Village Appraisal was published in 2008 and Wendy feels it was a very good community project and it resulted in a lot of value and benefits to the village. Wendy has been involved with the Fyfield Village Hall Committee since 1970. She was the Brownies

Representative during 1970-1971 and has held the positions of Chairman and Secretary. She cites her main achievements on the Committee as obtaining various grants to: refurbish the Ladies Cloak Room, the building and furnishing of the Monica Couling Room, the conversion of a storage cupboard in the Monica Couling Room into a Disabled Toilet and Utility Room, refurbishment and furnishing of the Club Room, conversion of a store cupboard into a kitchenette off the Club Room and installation of a shower in the disabled toilet and refurbishment of the Gents Toilets. Currently Wendy is working on a grant application for the movement and refurbishment of the Kitchen and new Village Hall entrance.

Wendy is a regular member of the congregation at St. Nicholas' Church and is on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and is the PCC Book Keeper and was the PCC School Governor for fourteen years. Wendy has helped with two Fyfield Festivals; the first lasted a week and the second a long weekend. For thirteen years acted as Secretary and Co-ordinator for Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail (currently known as the Fyfield Festival). Helped with the Millennium Hanging in the Church and at present is working on the St. Nicholas Fabric Wall Art Banner. For a short time, before her youngest son was born, Wendy was employed by Dr. Walker's School as a mid-day assistant based in the old school and has also been a volunteer at the School and read stories to the infant class. Wendy was

employed in 1970 as a teacher's assistant in the morning's to help Mrs. Ellis (Mary) with the children who were taught in the Old Village Hall during the morning and the Old School in the afternoon. When all the school (except the infant class) moved to the new school in October 1970 Wendy's hours were increased. Due to the increase in numbers in the infant class they remained at the Old School until a large enough classroom was obtained. When Mrs. Monk, the School Secretary, retired Wendy was offered the position and

remained until she retired in March 1999. Wendy received a Long Service Award from Essex County Council. For a number of years Wendy was the Parish Council representative for Dr. Walker's Trust.



Medieval Day, Dr Walker's School - 1987

Wendy is involved with the Fyfield Christmas Lunch which in the early days was funded by some of the money raised in the Harvest Fetes. Wendy took over the organisation of the Luncheon Club Cooking Teams from Jan Francis and was part of one of the Cooking Teams. Wendy has passed on the organisation to Jan Hall and this year retired from one of the cooking teams but still takes the bookings and organises the annual Luncheon Club Outing. Despite continuing to be heavily involved in the community Wendy still finds time to pursue her own personal hobbies and has been a member of the Fyfield Hand Bell Ringers which she thinks she joined in the early 1980's. As a result of The Village Appraisal, Wendy went to Bridge Classes and joined the Fyfield Bridge

Club (which was set-up by Cheryl and Ian Hadley), with Carol Bailey started the Fyfield Art Group and acts as Treasurer and Secretary and is a member of the Fyfield Gardening Club and WD50 Exercise Classes.

Wendy's closest friends are Pat Turnpenny and Mary Ellis. Pat and Brian Turnpenny moved to Fyfield three months after Wendy and David (moving into the house opposite them in Walker Avenue) and Pat has remained a very good friend ever since. Wendy and Mary became friends soon after Mary and David Ellis moved to the village in the Spring of 1969 as David Ellis was the new Head Master at Dr. Walker's School. I asked Wendy what achievements have given her the most pleasure to which she replied 'The Village Appraisal, obtaining the £17,000 grant for the Teenage Basket Ball equipment and the Guiding Association achievements. In particular the Good Service Award, The Bronze Voyage Award, becoming the Epping Forest North Division Commissioner and attending the Queen's Garden Party

at Buckingham Palace.' I told Wendy that her passion for the Guiding Association really shone through during the discussion and Wendy agreed this was her biggest love and she thinks this is because she was very shy and through her Guiding Association involvement it gave her a lot of self-confidence. I also asked Wendy what she thinks has changed the most in Fyfield and her answer came back immediately which was the low number of children in the village compared to when she moved to Fyfield in 1965. Wendy said the school catchment area (Fyfield, Beauchamp Roding and Berners Roding) was over 100 and in 1985 Willingale School had to close due to low numbers with 12 children transferring to Dr. Walkers. My final question to Wendy was 'what has driven you to be so involved in the community' to which she replied 'I can't say no'. My immediate reaction was 'thank goodness for that and how lucky are we'.

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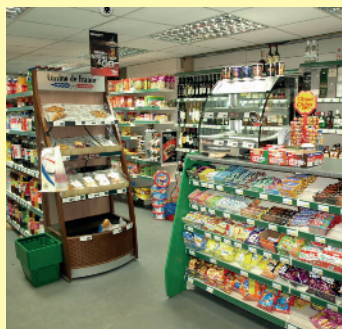
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The members continue to enjoy and appreciate their support and it was my pleasure to present them with a handmade Christmas Card and Present as a thank you from the Luncheon Club Diners.

The menus for 2018 are in place, the rota for the Luncheon Club Teams have been agreed and published and the members of the teams have been thanked for all they do to make the lunches so enjoyable for our diners.

So all that remains is for me to wish everyone involved with keeping the Luncheon Club going and the diners who attend each month a Merry

Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to the first lunch on 10th January.

Jan Hall



Daniel and Rachel Lamprecht with their Christmas Card and Gift from the Luncheon Club Members

I missed lunch club in October but gather as usual it was an excellent meal with mince cobbler (one of my favourites) with a choice of desserts all served by Julie Robinson, Fran Homersham, Linda Seels and Jan Hall. In November we had chicken and leek pie and apple cake with ice cream to follow. This was served up by Carol Cox, Margaret Cox,



Trish Jones and Marion Adams. A big Thank you to the Queen's Head chefs and to the volunteers for providing us with lovely meals and a chance to socialise. No lunch until the Christmas lunch in December but January please book in on 899367 for Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Wendy Henshaw

St. Nicholas' Church - Fyfield Festival

12th May 2018, 11.00am to 5.00pm



The Fyfield Festival date for next year is the 12th May.

In the New Year I will be arranging a Planning Meeting for all volunteers to meet so we can discuss and agree our arrangements and actions for the festival.

The Fyfield Festival is the Church's biggest fund raiser to keep the Church doors open for business.

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Our October talk by Tim Whitelock was about Canal Art. Tim brought slides of various types of barges gaily decorated with different patterns; the most popular were roses and castles. Tim gave us a short history of the barges and bargemen. When the railways arrived trade declined and bargemen were unable to pay for hired help and were not able to pay the rent on their houses, so families started to live on the barges and they all helped including the children. To make it more homely families began to decorate their barges in bright colours, also their utensils. Tim runs classes teaching Canal Art and he brought along decorated bowls and buckets to show us.

We were delighted to welcome a new member Ann Jackson.

We were pleasantly surprised that so many people came along to enjoy our Just Desserts, it was agreed that it was very successful both socially and financially.

In November John Watkins gave us a very professional power point presentation entitled 'What a wonderful World', and what a wonderful show it was. John has been taking pictures mainly of wild life for over 50 years and has put together a

marvellous programme of photographs and music.

He started with Louis Armstrong – 'I see the treeswhat a wonderful world'. We saw 8 sequences with appropriate music, the shots of the birds were incredible, and views with wild flowers and woodland scenes were beyond description. Members all agreed it was one of our best afternoons. John ended with 'Time to say goodbye' with birds migrating and close ups of insects collecting pollen.

We were pleased to welcome another new member Barbara Saward and two visitors Jenny and Maureen from Elmbridge Gate.

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch at the Axe and Compasses and our December meeting on 7th December we will be entertained by Saul Watts, SWING (music and song); a good start to the Christmas season. If you would like to come along we meet at 2p.m at Fyfield Village Hall.

Our January meeting is on the 2nd Thursday on 11th January speaker: Michael Denning, subject: A quiet day at the airport. Competition either a photo or model of an aeroplane.

Wendy Henshaw

Fyfield Christmas Lunch

This year's Fyfield Christmas Lunch is on Saturday 9th December 12.30 for 1.00p.m. at Fyfield Village Hall. The cost is £8.00 per head and we can take bookings up to the week before so please phone 899367 if you have not already booked. Christmas lunch is open to luncheon club members and all over 60 who reside in Fyfield and the surrounding area. Guaranteed one of the best Christmas lunches in town!



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Out of Focus

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



Well, not long now for the time of year when we all eat too much, drink too much, sleep too much, spend too much and moan too much. The time of year when some of the Christmas TV adverts are better than the programmes. What would we do without Christmas and New Year. The good news is that we are that much nearer to the spring and from 21st December the nights become less dark. When I was a young man working in the City, it seemed that Christmas started on December 1st. These were the days of long lunch hours, office parties and corporate entertainment (both giving and receiving). By close of play before Christmas itself we were all so jaded that we needed the break and the last journey home from Liverpool Street to Shenfield was a blessed relief from over indulgence. There's no way that I could do that nowadays thank god.

Is this the end of the line for Ongar? I notice in the Ongar News a mention of a bypass to ease the traffic problem. Fifty years ago Ongar was rejected in favour of Stansted as the new third London Airport. Twenty three years ago the Central Line withdrew its service to Ongar. Before the M25 was built, Ongar and the B184 was the main route to the Tilbury Ferry which preceded the Dartford Tunnel. With a Bypass, Ongar will solve the traffic problem but be in danger of becoming a ghost town. On the other hand, Fyfield residents will benefit by having a faster route to Brentwood and the larger variety of shops there. The Ongar

Sainsbury will, of course, close down due to lack of customers.

It's been a year since he has been in office and we are all still here unless he and Mr. Kim do something unspeakable before you get to read this. Although I am starting to suspect Kim is the more reasonable of the two. Could be that he is behind all of the cold calls that I seem to be receiving. People seem to think that I need a new boiler or my oven cleaned. I have tried everything to stop the calls but they still come. I am beginning to think that I am on some kind of black list that contains those who have been rude or plain nasty (or blown an Acme Thunderer down the mouthpiece of the phone). They use this list in their spare time to annoy people like me by constantly ringing.

If you use Facebook and thought that your photos were only on view to your 'friends' then think again. All it takes for your photo to be all over Facebook is for one of your 'friend's' to post a photo that includes you in it. In turn, their 'friends' will also see you and so on and so on.

Sometime in 2014 a Signet landed on the Mill pond and stayed with us until summer 2015. When he left I wrote 'Best of luck Fyfield Swan wherever you are, have a good life and call back again if you ever pass this way.' Well, he has! It may not be him but I like to think that it is him returning to the place of his youth as they do I am told.

I usually review my Out of Focus items for the year about now but when I look back I can summarise as follows: Trumpageddon, Russian Girls wanting to marry me, Seeing Canary Wharf from Fyfield, Diesel cars and the usual references to Relyonair and Quesyjet.

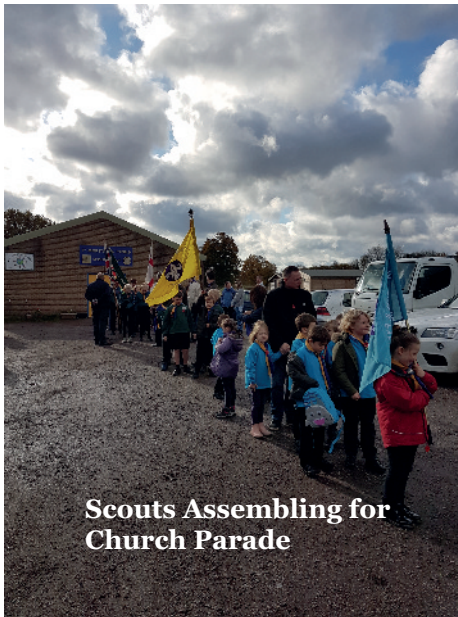
As for 2018, my crystal Ball indicates that: Ongar gets a new bypass. Not only does it bypass Ongar but it does it via a flyover from the Four Wantz directly to the M25 at Brentwood meaning that the Sugar Hut is now only 10 minutes away.

In Fyfield, the government compulsory purchases the airfield to use it as a maintenance terminal for a new Cross-rail route that goes to Stansted from Shenfield. The Crossrail track will also be built on a viaduct so high that mobile phone masts can be attached.



Many thanks for following this column, dear reader. Have a restful Christmas and a stonking New Year and 2018.

Ian Hadley
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Scouts Assembling for Church Parade



Flowers at Harvest Festival

Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)



Hi, Archie here!



Us Jack Russell's (yes, I did say *us*, that's the way us dogs speak) have tails like other dogs and even cats. We used to have them cut off but

now only working dogs can have that done to them thank goodness. But apart from being useful for being pulled out of holes when we get stuck after chasing small furry creatures, I am not really sure why we have them. Humans lost theirs a long time ago although some look like they might still have one! My tail wags a lot especially when I smell food. Sometimes it wags so much that it stays still and my body moves back and forth. Something about the tail wagging the dog I think! Anyway, in the age of ECO sustainability I am going to offer the energy produced by my tail to help power the national grid. All I need in return is a constant supply of Jammy Dodgers. I suspect that no cat would ever offer anything like that.

On the subject of cats, I often go out with my Dad in his car which is named after a cat. I am so embarrassed should any friend see me. I can't think of any car named after a dog other than Rover so I will suggest he changes to one of them.

Went for a long walk the other day to raise money for Children in Need. On the walk we passed near my Country

Club at Wood Farm so I went over to the back door and tried to get in but with no luck. Shame because I could hear the other dogs at choir practice.

As its Christmas I would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of my friends (real friends, not Facebook friends). So, in no particular order as they say: My close neighbours, Jesse, Mac, Tilly, Sampson, Buzz & Pepper. Martha, Dizzie, the Brown Boys, George, DJ, Drake & Gus (the Gun Dogs), the two Germans, Peaches, Poppy, Molly, Lucky, Pip, the dogs from the Queen's Head, my choir mates at Wood Farm, the Ducks, Geese, Horses and even Cats. And especially the Fyfield Swan.

Anyway, I'm off to set up a charity called 'Dogs in Need'. I will ask Mr Patel to put a box in the Village Store so that people can donate biscuits for hungry dogs. - like me!

*Bye for now.
Archie*



Letter from the Chairman



As we are nearing the end of the year I thought I might list some of the items that we have dealt with or are dealing with.

The Fyfield Public Rights of Way and the progress made in clearing and signing them this year. Many thanks to Cllr. Les Lamb and the West Essex Ramblers.

New Play area equipment and picnic benches (coming soon).

Our new Neighbourhood Watch Group and Fyfield Grapevine.

Taking responsibility for the maintenance of the Sports Field.

Efforts to counter irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul on the sports field and across the village without clearing up after them.

The ongoing fight to combat speeding motorists on our roads.

The provision of a defibrillator in the Village.

Financial support to the Village Store and Post Office enabling it to keep providing us with a vital service.

Whilst the council cannot claim that this was one of our ideas, the suggestion of having a Christmas Tree in the centre of the Village by Marion Alcock was welcomed.

I'm sure that 2018 will bring us more challenges but for now here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy new year from all the councillors.

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Shedding (some) light on the mysterious world of Town Planning

Many of us may have heard dark tales on how the local planning process works. Often there are sinister suggestions that the process is driven by brown envelopes stuffed with used notes or that the whole thing is predetermined and the views of local residents are simply ignored.

As your parish clerk with well over 30 years experience in Local Government I can assure you that the truth is completely different. (Now I can already hear you all saying “he would say that wouldn’t he - and how did he afford that shiny new car?”)

Nonetheless bear with me while I try to give you a whistle stop tour and make a plea for you to get involved when the strange world of planning casts shadows over your corner of Fyfield.

We do not see a large number of planning applications here and most are fairly unconventional, usually related to extensions or similar changes to our homes. The Planning Authority for the area is Epping Forest District Council and copies of all applications in the area are notified to your Parish Council to consider. The Planning Authority is obliged to also advise those who are likely to be affected by an application and so you may see notices on lamp columns or receive a letter from the District Council if there is an application nearby.

Anyone can comment on an application (you don’t have to live next door or wait

for an invitation to comment from Epping Forest District Council). If you have access to and are comfortable using the interwebnet thingy you might want to look there – address below:

<http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building/planning-development-control>

You can leave your comments with them on the website or you can just write to them if that is your preference. The important thing to have to hand is the planning application number which will look something like EPF/1234/17 where the last two digits are the year and the four figure number simply represents the application number. Each year the number count goes back to 0001 and so far this year we are already looking at applications in the 2000’s. Although we don’t have many applications in Fyfield across the Epping Forest District there’s plenty to keep the planners occupied.

I’ll admit I don’t have a huge amount of sympathy for the planning officers, (they are paid a lot more than me), but when it comes to timescales I have to admit that I do feel sorry for them. Whether your application is to build a conservatory or a whole new street of houses, it is likely that the planners have just 8 weeks for the whole process (required by planning law). So if you hear about an application and you want to have your say DO IT NOW. Leaving it till later risks missing the opportunity as consultation period has to be short to complete that whole process within 8 weeks.

Back to your Parish Council which does look at applications at its’ monthly

meetings. Details are provided in our agendas which are posted on our website about 5 days before our meeting. You can read these on our website or on the noticeboard outside the village shop. Sadly we do not have any power to veto or modify planning applications, but our opinions are listened to. To help us it is really important to have your views. You can come and talk to us at the monthly meeting or bend the ear of a local Councillor (or me) if you bump into us. Otherwise if you are writing to the Planning Authority perhaps you could send us a copy too.

Similarly, if you want to respond to a planning application and need some help, please tell us. We are always happy to help. You can contact me by email on caliban@gmx.co.uk or call me on 0778 350 5906. General advice on the planning process is also available from Epping Forest District Council on 01992 564000 (I would suggest you ring between 10:30am and 1:30pm when the Duty Planning Officer is available) or give us a call and we will do our best for you.

Ultimately applications are determined by planning arguments with reference to

the agreed and published policies. It may be tempting to resort to petitions to demonstrate levels of support for your view, but in the mysterious world of planning this may have less impact than you think. The best thing is to explain what and why you feel the way you do. You don't need a solicitor or a degree in planning, but simply we need your views and arguments.

So whilst it is true that the planning system has flaws and exists in a rather strange academic bubble detached from the real world, it is all we have and I would urge you to take part should proposed developments risk impacting on your future and that of the village.

Now there's a whole world of planning out there that we haven't touched on here such as planning appeals, listed buildings, tree works, permitted development and the Local Plan (the Local Plan is 'the rule book' on general planning policies and objectives). Perhaps if you are having trouble sleeping I can always say more on these!

*Derek Farr
Clerk to Fyfield Parish Council*



FYFIELD ONGAR & DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB

Our AGM is now a distant past event and our new Committee is looking forward to our third year. How time has flown, it does not seem like two years since we started and a lot has happened since then. Through demand we have expanded to two sessions every week, Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings and both are well attended.

In mid-November, we joined nearly 2000 other players from 8 countries in a charity competition for Children in Need. We had a bumper turnout and raised nearly £300 for this worthy cause. The pre-set hands provided for many head scratching moments but we all enjoyed the challenge and, at the time of writing, we are very proud that one of our pairs is currently lying 13th and another in the top one hundred.

We are going through the throes of moving to an electronic scoring system. Delivery of our system is imminent and after training for our Directors and

Scorers, we hope to introduce it to the club in the New Year. The system is tablet based but should prove easy enough for even the most IT shy players.

We are always looking for new members starting from the beginner upwards. Don't worry if your skills are a bit rusty as we are a very friendly club and can assist if necessary. We have run our own in-house beginners course and have refresher sessions throughout the year.

All players of any standard are welcome to come along to either of our sessions which are held on Monday afternoon with a 2.00PM start or Thursday evening at 7.15PM. We meet at Fyfield Village Hall off Houchin Drive and the hall has plenty of Car Parking. Our details for contact are on our website or you are invited to call either Barbara 07751 485514 or John 07847 521170.

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West With The Night

Beryl Markham

Most people have heard of Amelia Earhart, but how many have heard of Beryl Markham? Beryl Markham was the first woman to fly solo East to West over the Atlantic, the first Kenyan trained pilot to obtain a commercial pilots license and she became the first licensed female racehorse trainer in Kenya at the age of 19. A truly amazing woman.

In a letter to Maxwell Perkins, Ernest Hemmingway wrote “She can write rings around all of us who consider ourselves writers”

This book is not an autobiography as such because there was so much of her life she omitted to mention. The fact that she was married three times, that she had a child, and that she became the lover of Denys Hatton after he split up with Karen Blixen (Meryl Streep and Robert Redford in “Out of Africa”). This book is more a description of her life and love of Kenya and its people. It chronicles adventures dreamed of by many, but only lived by few.

Markham was born in England in 1902 and in 1906 moved to what was then British East Africa (now Kenya) with her father, an adventurer, horse breeder, and farmer. She grew up hunting and playing barefooted with the native Nandi Murani children in the Rongai Valley and forests of the Mau Escarpment. She apprenticed under her father before he

lost the farm and moved to Peru to find work with other horses and their owners. Markham moved to Molo to assume a career on her own as a racehorse trainer. She lost some races, won more, and eventually hung up her tack and took up aviation to become one of the very first pilots to scout for game. When she wasn't a scout, Markham was flying mail, medical supplies, tools, and people to the remote corners of the Sudan, Tanganyika, Rhodesia, and beyond, before taking the challenge of the East west crossing to the United States.

This book is serious, funny and poignant in parts and I would recommend it to anyone and everyone.

Brenda Walker

The Ferryman

By Jez Butterworth

The Gielgud Theatre

15 November 2017

The Ferryman is a new play written by the highly acclaimed playwright Jez Butterworth. It transferred to the Gielgud following its very successful premier at the Royal Court in April this year.

The year is 1981 and apart from a brief prologue the play is set on a large farm in County Armagh, Northern Ireland, which is owned and farmed by Quinn Carney, a reformed IRA Activist, who lives on the farm with his wife, Mary Carney and their Seven Children. Also living on the farm is the wife and son of Quinn Carney's missing brother

(another reformed IRA Activist) and Aunt Maggie and Aunt Patricia Carney. Uncle Patrick Carney is a close family member and is ever present and an English Farm Hand Tom Kettle is kept close due to his learning difficulties and the compassion of the family towards him. The play centres around the run up to the evening's Harvest Feast and what unfolds is more than the usual gaiety and feasting but shadows of the past, the

discovered body of the missing brother and secrets of undisclosed love. The play is deep, political, contains scenes of violence is compassionate and funny; the script is brilliant. It is over 3 hours long and I was gripped throughout. I suspect this will become a major classic - just wonderful.

Cheryl Hadley

Letters to the Editor

Dog Fouling

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Brenda Walker's letter in your October/November edition.

She says 'dog walkers at Elmbridge have a habit of throwing filled poo bags over the hedge onto a field where it either lands up in the crop or hanging on the hedge!'.
She appears to be saying that the dog walkers of Elmbridge are responsible for this.

Well as somebody who lives at Elmbridge and regularly walks his dog there, I can say that the dog walkers I often see who live at Elmbridge and some from beyond dispose of their dogs mess and the black bags in the correct manner. Unfortunately you do see poo bags hanging from the hedges etc, but not only at Elmbridge, which is a shame. We all love the wildlife in the area and should all do our bit to help

protect it. Throwing poo bags into hedges doesn't help.

If Brenda thinks the residents of Elmbridge do it, I believe she couldn't be further from the truth.

*Barry Nevill
Elmbridge Resident*

My sincere apologies for any offence I have caused to Barry Nevill and all the responsible dog walkers of Elmbridge (both residents and non-residents) who do dispose of their dog's waste in the correct manner. Also, I realise that one can't "stick and flick" into a hedge or ditch in the middle of a community field or shouldn't on a public pavement. However, it is the preferred option on footpaths by organisations such as the Forestry Commission, who say "Find a stick; pick a spot, flick into the bushes so it can rot."

Brenda Walker

Cookery Section



I am sharing with you two recipes which can be prepared and frozen in advance and enjoyed over the Christmas Period. One is a Salmon, Prawn and Leek Lasagne which is perfect for a tasty supper dish on Christmas Eve when you don't want a three course dinner the evening before Christmas Day. The other is a healthy but nonetheless very tasty Red Pepper and Butternut Squash Soup which you can serve for lunch with crusty bread on Boxing Day after a nice walk.

Salmon, Prawn and Leek Lasagne

2 small leeks, trimmed & finely sliced
1lb salmon fillet, skinned
½ pint white wine
8 oz raw headless tiger prawns
1½ oz butter
1½ oz plain flour
½ pint milk
Salt & freshly ground black pepper
8 sheets of egg lasagne
2 medium size eggs
150g carton natural Greek Yogurt
1oz fresh parmesan cheese, finely grated
1 tbl spn freshly chopped dill
Serves 4-6

Put salmon in a large pan, pour over wine and bring gently to a simmer. Cook for 8-10 mins then remove the salmon & leave to one side. Add the prawns to the

wine and simmer for 5-6 mins until the prawns have turned pink. Remove with a slotted spoon and allow to cool. Boil the wine until reduced by $\frac{3}{4}$. Remove from the heat. When the salmon is cool, flake into chunks removing any bones. Peel away the shells and tails from the prawns and discard. Melt the butter in a large saucepan and stir in the leeks & fry for 4-5 mins. Stir in the flour and cook for 1-2 mins. Remove the pan from the heat and gradually blend in the milk stirring well. Return to the heat and bring gently to the boil stirring continually until thickened and smooth. Season to taste and stir in the reduced wine. Gently stir in the salmon flakes and tiger prawns. Preheat the oven to gas mark 4. Grease a shallow ovenproof dish. Spoon half the sauce into the dish and smooth level. Lay 4 sheets of the lasagne on top of the sauce and repeat. Beat the eggs with a fork in a mixing bowl and add the yogurt, cheese and dill and beat together. Pour the mixture evenly over the layer of lasagne sheets. Bake in the oven for 30-40 mins until the topping is golden brown and the lasagne is tender.

Cheryl Hadley

(This lasagne is different & delicious and if you have a crowd over for dinner on Christmas Eve why not serve a variety of lasagnes – Beef Lasagne and Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne all of which you can make ahead & freeze. Any left-overs can be portioned up and frozen again.)

Red Pepper & Butternut Squash Soup

1 Red onion, chopped
1 red pepper, deseeded & chopped
450g butternut squash, peeled & chopped

Good pinch of cumin seeds
600ml stock made with 1 vegetable stock cube

Heat a lidded non-stick pan, mist with cooking spray and add the onion. Cook for 5 mins or until softened, then add the pepper, squash, and cumin seeds (put the cumin seeds in the palm of your hand and rub your hands together to release the flavour from the seeds. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 15

mins or until the vegetables can be easily pierced with a sharp knife. Add the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 5 mins or until the veg is soft enough to blend. Using a stick blender or food processor & blend to a smooth consistency and season.

Cheryl Hadley
(Can be frozen in portions for up to 3 months.)

Fyfield Footpaths Update

With help of the West Essex Ramblers we have cleared the vegetation from several key paths in our parish. It was hard work and the volunteers were so grateful for the very positive comments they received from passing villagers. The paths cleared are the Dole Path north of the sports field, The Green Way east of the Tun-Bridge, path to the west of Elmbridge Gate and path to the east of Lampetts Farm. Along with several

overgrown bridges west of Norwood and south of the sports field.

We still have lots of work to do clearing paths and installing missing or broken waymarker posts. Also next year we will replace 3 broken bridges.

On the Fyfield Parish Council Website (www.essexinfo.net/fyfield-parish-council/) under About Fyfield you can see the Public Rights of Way Map and the List of Public Rights of Way.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this work please do get in touch.

Les Lamb



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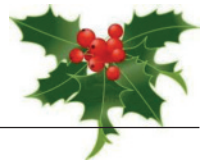
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The Club also holds social events and outings

Further information from Patti Nicholson (899504) or June Phipps on (899942)

Carpet Bowls Club



It is amazing that another year is nearly at an end! Our club, at the moment, is going strong,

with 15 members. Not everyone attends every week, but we have a good compliment most weeks.

On 1st October, Dot Letchfield and Mary and Roy Wilkinson travelled to Braintree to play in the Essex triples. They played well but did not get into the final rounds. Dot and Mary were at Braintree again on Sunday 15 October for the Top Ten Team Bowl. They both enjoyed the day bowling in a team with members from other clubs, even though their teams were not lucky enough to win. They will be back at Braintree on Sunday 19th November to take part in the Essex Pairs Competition and I will let you know how they got on in my next report.

November saw four of our members celebrating birthdays – Roy Wilkinson, Howard Nicholson, Ron Barker and myself. A previous long standing member, Geoff Letchfield, also had a birthday in November, so many happy returns to them all.

On the County Squad front, on Sunday 24th September, the season got under way with the Eastern Counties Team Bowl, held at Litteport in Cambridgeshire. Essex performed well and finished in second place out of six,

which was a lot better than last year, where we finished in 5th place! On Saturday 30th September sixteen of the squad travelled to Birdham to play our yearly friendly match against West Sussex. It was a great day, in pleasant company. Essex came out on top, winning the day 10 points to 6, and everyone went home happy. Essex were competing again on the weekend of 9th to 13th November. This time it was the National County Championships held at Potter Resort in Norfolk. Nine Counties took part and Essex were lying in second place by midday on Sunday. However, three teams had to play Norfolk in the last session of the day and unfortunately lost all three games which dropped us down to 4th place. Suffolk won the tournament, with Norfolk second and Cambridgeshire in 3rd place, with the other five counties bringing up the rear behind Essex. The first Eastern Counties League match of the season is away on Sunday 26th November against Norfolk and Essex will be out for revenge! Again, I'll let you know how we got on in my next report.

That is all I have to report on. I hope that everyone has a good Christmas and I'll catch you again in the New Year!

Jacky Brown

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Light Hearted Monologues from a Local



Gutzon Borglum a name to be conjured with and on everyone's lips? No? Of course! He was the son of Danish immigrants who moved to Idaho territory in the U.S.A. where he was born in 1867. After studying in San Francisco, Paris, Spain and England his dream of carving gigantic figures, as did the ancient Egyptians, was realized when he was commissioned to create an enormous image of General Robert E. Lee on the face of Stone Mountain in the State of Georgia U.S.A. Work on the project started in 1923 and Borglum completed the head of Lee in 1924. After a dispute he abandoned the site taking all his sketches and models with him. Perhaps prompting the phrase "don't lose your head" which came into vogue. Augustus Lukeman, the second sculptor later incorporated Jefferson Davis and Thomas J. Jackson into the memorial making this the largest bas-relief sculpture in the World. Typical bas-relief are designs/illustrations as found on coins and medals. The area carved covers three acres and is equal to five London Buses high by two and a half long; larger than a football field.

In 1925 Gutzon (remember the name?) began another commission which is perhaps more widely recognized throughout the World. Originated in 1925 but actually started in 1927 is the Mount Rushmore National Memorial to four presidents that we see today. Trying to sketch the outline on the surface of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of Dakota caused the delay? The heads that were carved of presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt

are 60 feet tall. Each is four Red London Buses high. 450,000 tons of rock were removed and left in a heap, still observable



today, at the base of the heads. Over 400 men and women were enlisted for drilling and blasting the

rock with dynamite. More serious carving was done with pneumatic pick hammers using chisels

One English stone cutter working on the site was Arnold Westcott from North Yorkshire. Carefully shaping the last rough area of Roosevelt's nose, which would complete the memorial, a final tap from his chisel was followed by a loud "crack" which sent Theodore's almost 20 feet tall nose crashing to the rocky pile below. Panic ensued but luckily this large rock had settled in one piece. Pulleys and cranes were assembled to hoist this nose back on to the statue. Convoys of tankers bringing super glue arrived. Perhaps "Rush More" glue really cemented the mountain's name. You would have to look extremely close up now to see where the join on his head is. Widespread speculation remains that dynamiters blew his nose too hard which made it run. "Teddy" never did have a head for heights but always had a nose for trouble. This secret occurrence is why we tap the side of our noses with our fore finger when asked an invasive question. Remnants of Arnold's leather shoes are still firmly stuck on a ledge.

Barry Betteridge

1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group



Well Done to **Ed Collop** our Assistant Cub Scout Leader who ran the Chelmsford Marathon on October 22nd. He has raised £619.00 towards our much-needed replacement Mini Bus. Thank you so much Ed we all appreciate the effort this took. Ed managed to complete this in 7 hours and 12 minutes.

The Beaver Scout Colony - 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8 years - Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

The Beavers have had lots of fun so far this term. They have been finishing their photographer badge and at the same time working on their communicator badge. This involved knowing how to make an emergency call to the fire brigade, police, or ambulance. They had to know their address and telephone number and to be able to say this information over the phone. They then had to address an envelope to themselves. We also had a visit from Stella Howell and she taught the Beavers to sign their own name and to sign the Beaver Scout Promise all in British Sign Language. They have also been learning what is good food and what is bad food. The Beavers also learnt about exercise and how important it is. They also visited the wood and made leaf and bark rubbings. At Halloween the Beavers

dressed up each other to make Mummies and played apple bobbing and lots of other games. On the 7th November they made bonfire cakes to take home. We also invested five new Beavers. They were Dylan Curtis, Ava Grist, Finlay Grist, and Charlie Cook.

Cub Scouts - 8 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years - Thursday 7.00pm to 8.30pm

The Cubs have been on several visits this term. Before the first trip out, the Cubs followed the rivers on ordnance survey maps from the source to the mouth of the local rivers. Then the first event was a day on the River stork on a Barge. This was with Canalability who runs courses for Cub Scouts on nautical skills and spending time on the water. This involved learning some knots and how to work the locks on the river and how to steer the Barge. The Cubs really enjoyed their day on the river. The following week they visited St Christopher's Church in the village of Willingale. This was a very interesting evening which they all enjoyed. On the next week the Cubs visited the town of Ongar. They were carrying out a survey of public amenities' and disability access within the town. They finished the evening with Akela buying them all some chips; which of course went down well. On

the 19th October Adam Littler talked to the Cubs on the environment and how they could help, and we had Joanna Ludlow the Flood Assets Officer from Essex County Council give a talk and presentation on "Where does all the water go Project" which was tracing all the water courses within the Fyfield and Moreton area. The Cubs will start carrying out surveys in the spring term.

On the 2nd November the Cubs made 3 Guy's one for each six. They all had fun doing this. They then went and set fire to them. Each Cub had bought in a firework and David and some parents set them off. They all finished the evening with sparklers - another fun evening for them all. The following week the 9th November Akela talked to the Cubs about Remembrance Sunday and then they tried to do activities that injured military personnel would have to do. They tried being blindfolded and then just using sign language and then trying to do different things with just one arm or leg. The following week they are playing cub games from other countries and memory games.

Scouts - 10 to 14 years - Friday 7.30pm to 9.30pm

16 Scouts and their leaders went to Criccieth in North West Wales in Snowdonia for their summer camp. The theme for the camp was Harry Potter

which went down well with all the Scouts. There was a game which ran all week and each patrol gained points on all the activities they took part in. They had to solve a puzzle gaining answers throughout the week. They took part in a coastal hike, a visit to Criccieth Castle and went crab fishing in Pwllheli. Scouts took part in a treasure trail from Portmadoc to Pwllheli. They enjoyed the Cresta Run near Llandudno. Climbing part of Snowdon was an amazing day for them all. Lots of memories for them. On the Friday they went to an old slate mine to an activity called "Go Below" which is now an adventurous activity centre inside the mine. They climbed through waterfalls, rode on zip wires, canoed across an underground lake and abseiled down rock faces and then had to climb up an underground river to get out. Everyone achieved all sections of this great day. On the final day of camp, the patrol had the final clue to solve to finish the competition. The winning patrol for the House cup was Ravenclaw with Jack Quinlan Patrol Leader, Jacob Franklin, Assistant Patrol Leader, Emma Wheldon and Jessica Dutnall. It was a very successful camp and a great achievement for all the 16 Scouts that went.

At the beginning of the winter term, eleven of the Scouts went Micro lighting with the Kent air activity team; a fantastic day for them all. The

troop were entertained one evening by the five girls that went on the expedition to the South Downs Way and gave a report to the troop on what they had done and what they achieved that weekend. Jacob Franklin then also showed a video of the summer camp to Snowdonia; this was very exciting especially the climb of Snowdon and Go Below.

Scouts also this term have been training for the Scout National Air Rifle Shooting competition at Bisley. The team was selected in July and they practised each Monday over several weeks before the competition. They all had a brilliant weekend and



Shannon Watkins being awarded the Scrolin Cup

Shannon Watkins was awarded the Scrolin Cup for the most improved junior Pistol shot. Well done to Shannon.

The Scouts have also been learning and practising knots and lashings which culminated in each patrol building a sedan chair and each member of the patrol being carried around a route in the hall. Then points were awarded for the fastest patrol. On the last weekend of half term some of the Scouts helped raise

money towards our Mini Bus fund by running stalls at a Halloween event run by one of the Scout parents in High Roding. One of the stalls was a crockery smash stall.

After half term we got the Scouts to draw up a new Code of Conduct for the troop. They highlighted Acceptable and Non-acceptable behaviour. The week of Remembrance Sunday the Scout Troop completed a Collage of a battle field from World War one.

The weekend of the 18th/19th November the Scouts are taking part in a Back to Basics Camp at the King Edward Scout site in Danbury. We have nineteen scouts and two young leaders going plus five leaders. I hope it will not be too cold for them all.

Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years - Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm

Seven members of the Explorer Scout unit and their two leaders travelled to North West Wales to the Snowdonia area. They had problems as they started out very early on the Saturday morning. They got as far as the BP garage filled up with diesel and then our poor old mini bus gave up. So, Simon their leader spent all the first morning obtaining another mini bus from another scout group in Loughton. They all set off a day late. Once they arrived at Criccieth they pitched their tents and then relaxed before attempting their first hike which was

to Devils Kitchen the weather turned very misty and wet, so they climbed back down by the same route. A two day wild country walking and camping experience was their next task to achieve. This gave them the opportunity to be self-sufficient for the two days. They all worked well as a team and looked after each other. They had a great week visiting several local towns - Criccieth and Betws-Y-Coed, tobogganing at Conwy and also went to a swimming pool which had lots of water slides at Aberystwyth. They joined the Scouts on the last night for a BBQ. Then the long journey back.

The Explorer Scouts have been practising for the Bisley National Scout rifle championship, which took place in half term. Since half term they had a bonfire and firework and BBQ night. They have also met up with the members of the Waltham Abbey Explorer Scouts for a Bowling evening. We have five Young Leaders within the group four of them are also Explorer Scouts. The Young Leaders are undertaken a training programme and putting the Young Leader time towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteer section. Three of them have attended a Scout County Training weekend. Once they have completed their training the young leaders then have four missions to complete to gain their full Young Leader Award. They

are extremely useful for the Scout section leaders as they assist in games and getting equipment ready for activities and they take part in planning meetings as well. They are a valuable part of the leadership team.

World Scout Jamboree 2019

Four of our group decided that they would like to put themselves forward for an opportunity of a lifetime to attend the next World Scout Jamboree 2019 in the USA. This was an open invitation for everyone whose age was between 12 and 16 years. The four of them Matthew Wadey, Caitlin Clark, Chloe Bellsham and Daniel Woollard all entered application forms to the Royal Forest District selection weekend in September. They took part in several scouting activities there and had to cook for themselves. This all took place at a camp site in Epping Forest. During the weekend each of the applicants had to give a five-minute talk about themselves to the rest of the applicants and the District team selectors. After the weekend they were notified by letter that they had all got through to the next stage which was the County selection. This was held on the weekend of the 11th and 12th November 2017. We now have a long wait until we know if any of our Scouts and Explorer Scouts has gained a place.

**Remembrance Parade Sunday the
12th November 2017**

At 10.15am on the 12th November 10 Beavers, 7 Cubs and 18 Scouts and many leaders and some parents paraded through the village to St Nicholas Church Fyfield for the Remembrance service for 2017. Many parents were also there and as it was a communion service many of the young people went up for a blessing. After a very moving service the parade formed up and marched back to the Head Quarters to be dismissed.

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Ed Collop - with his medal for the Chelmsford marathon



BeaverCharlie Long practising making an emergency call as part of his communicator badge



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.



Troop with the completed collage



Parade of Scouts at church

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. Two publications are special colour editions (subject to receiving the necessary sponsorship) and focus on Spring (April/May) 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. All requests for advertising should be directed to the Editor by the 10th of the month and 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 (370 copies) is done by a team of volunteers (16) 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 1st 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 17th of the month and 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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Fyfield Useful Contacts



Bell Ringers - Hand	Pat Turnpenny	899223	Parish Council		
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Fyfield Focus	Cheryl Hadley	899840	St Nicholas' Church	Rev. Christine Hawkins	286113
Funtime Friday	TBA	TBA	Warden/Allotments	Marcus Dain	899590
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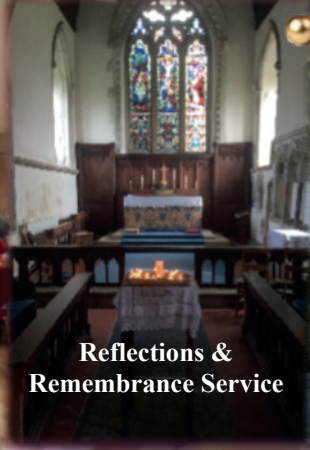
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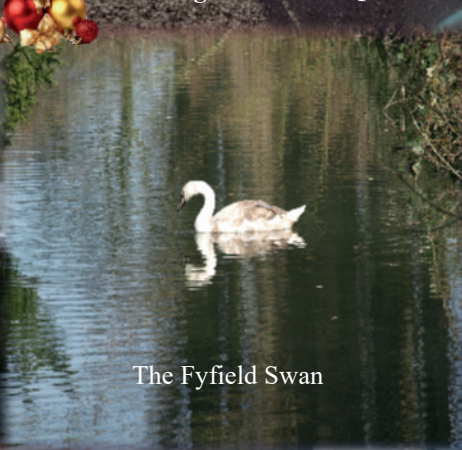
Leaving the Scout HQ



Xmas Lunch 2016



Reflections & Remembrance Service



The Fyfield Swan



December 2016 Church Coffee Morning - Children from Poppets



Rev. Chris with Mary & Mick Bacon after receiving their special award



*Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year*

*from Nikhil, Gita & Sharon
at the Fyfield Village Store
& Post Office*

