

# Fyfield Focus



June/July 2017

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## Mobile Mast at White Chicks Farm

**Last September, EFDC granted permission for a 15m Mobile Phone Mast to be erected on a site at Lower Houchin Field.**

Telefonica UK would have provided the service by this summer. However, there were complications with this location and a further number of potential sites in the village were considered. The chosen site is White Chicks Farm on the Willingale Road.

This, of course, will require a new planning application which will delay any improvement in the service initially by at least 56 days for statutory EFDC approval and then by however long Telefonica take to schedule and build the mast.

## Attempted Theft at the Church

Yet another attempt by thieves to steal lead from the roof of the Church has failed.

*See inside for details*

**General Election  
June 8th  
Don't Forget**

## Fyfield Festival

**This year's Fyfield Festival managed to raise over £2000 for St Nicholas' Church.**

*See inside for more details.*

### RAF Fyfield ?

No, not the WW2 USAF airfield but a WW1 landing strip of our own.

*See inside*

### Canada Geese Parents and their Goslings - River Roding, Fyfield - May 2017



Photo supplied by Marcus Dain who believes this may be the first time they have bred here (well as long as he has lived backing onto the river).

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## Village Diary 2017

01-Jun	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
04-Jun	Evening Concert in the Church	The Church, 7.30pm
06-Jun	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
12-Jun	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
14-Jun	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
21-Jun	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
23-Jun	Bingo Night	Village Hall, 7pm
03-Jul	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
06-Jul	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
12-Jul	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
19-Jul	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
06-Aug	Celebration Cream Teas At The Church	The Church, 2pm
16-Aug	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
07-Sep	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
11-Sep	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
13-Sep	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
20-Sep	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
05-Oct	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
09-Oct	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
11-Oct	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
18-Oct	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
02-Nov	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
08-Nov	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
13-Nov	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm
15-Nov	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1pm
Dec	Fyfield Christmas Lunch	Village Hall, TBA
07-Dec	WI Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
11-Dec	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 7.30pm

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

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Well the sun may not have shone brightly on 13th May but at least it was dry and looking at the photos people have sent me it looks like everyone had a great time at the Fyfield Festival.

I was away for the Festival but managed to see the flowers in the Church - what a wonderful theme 'Man's Best Friend' and the standard was higher than ever - such talent and creativity.

On the evening of 4th June there is another exciting event at our village Church which is a concert being performed by two very talented performers. If you haven't got your tickets yet you still have time - see advert for details. On Friday 23rd June it's eyes down for another Bingo Evening at our lovely Village Hall and if you haven't bought your 100 Club Lottery tickets you can still do so - see the Fyfield Village Hall news for more details. St. Edmunds Church, Abbess Roding, are again holding their annual Trad Jazz picnic evening in June which is always a great musical evening - see their advert inside. Looking further ahead to August, Celebration Cream Teas are being served in the Church and customers will have an opportunity to have

a look around the belfry - see advert for more details. Other events and regular activities are in the Village Diary.

This magazine is full of news from most of the village clubs and organisations (including some special achievements) and it is good to receive a Cricket Club article from their new Chairman, Simon Bryan. I am also delighted that Tony Boyce, our district Councillor for Fyfield and Moreton has sent us an article. Tony continues to make good progress in his recovery and is now attending some of the Parish Council meetings. This publication contains some very varied and interesting articles from Fyfield Residents and also includes a comprehensive theatre review from a very talented Nottingham University Student.

The Fyfield Focus has attracted two new advertisers this month; Sara Housden a reflexologist from Fyfield and also Laura Alice a very creative Dressmaker - please see their adverts for more information.

I hope you enjoy the contents of this publication and what is on offer in our beautiful Essex village.

*Cheryl Hadley,*  
*Editor*

## Fyfield Festival at St. Nicholas Church – Saturday, 13th May 2017

Despite it being a very cold afternoon the Fyfield Festival attracted around 250 people and was a very enjoyable afternoon and a great success. The profit count so far is just over £2,000 with the prospect of more money coming in.

A lot of people are involved with putting on the Fyfield Festival and who give of their time in the run up to the Festival and on the day. Our thanks go to:

Norwood Landscapes for the preparation of the Church grounds with grass and hedge cutting and to The Fyfield Parish Council who continue to pay for the maintenance of the Church grounds. Malcolm Bretton and Carol Cox for filling in the Rabbit holes and Lizzie and Dan Webster for providing a Field Car park and Lesley Wallis for the use of her car park.



**The erection of the marquees:** Les, Jan and Joe Hall, Dave Byrne, Charlie Davis and Richard Stone.

**The Taking down of the marquees and clearing up the Church grounds:** Eric Orros, Peter Taylor, Les & Jan Hall, Julie Robinson, Rev. Chris Hawkins, Richard

Stone, Carol Cox, Marion Alcock, Peter Taylor & Charlie Davis. Les Hall for collecting and returning tables lent by the Scouts who we thank and appreciate their loan of their equipment.

**Stewards on the Gate:** Richard Wallden, Howard Nicholson, Eddie Fancourt, Richard Stone.

**Dog Show:** Joy Davis and her helpers, Roy Wilkinson for putting up the arena, Katherine for the Hay bales and to all who brought their dogs to be judged.

### Stalls:

Games – Steve and Debbie McLaren, John & Angela Clark and Ron Cox and family.

Cake stall - Jenny Stone & Rita Cook who also want to thank the cake makers.



Bottle stall - Margaret Cox and Marion Adams

Plant stall – Val & Dave Donoghue, Jo Balcombe & Jill Clayton

Chocolate Tombola – Carol Cox, Amanda, Alice & Toby Bennett

Stall Hirers – many thanks to all the people who hired a stall

Raffle – Jan Hall & Linda Seels – who wish to thank the sponsors – Linda & Peter Seels, Jan & Les Hall, Pam & Eric Orros, Brett's, Green Brooks nursery, Ernest Does, Carol Gabriel, Trisha & Peter Jones.

**Lucky Programme:** The Black Bull for Sponsorship.





Green, Julie Robinson, Jenny Stone, Liz Bird, Mary Ellis, Marion Adams, Margaret Cox, Penny Oval, Rita Cook and Val Donoghue.

**Advertising:** Posters - Margaret Cox. Signs -Mark Searson. Programmes & Cards for Flower Arrangements – Sally Wallden.

**Entertainment:**

Willingale Ringers brought along a Bell Carillon that was a miniature bell ‘tower’ and many visitors had a go; it was very popular. Fyfield Hand Bell Ringers gave a half hour performance of appropriate tunes continuing with the Dog Theme.

We hope we haven’t missed any one from this long list but give our apologies in advance if we have.

Finally our thanks must also go to everyone who came along and supported this popular annual event.

*Carol Cox and Wendy Henshaw*

**Refreshments:**

In the church – Carol Gabriel, Trisha Jones and Pam Orros

Barbecue –Julie Robinson and her Dad, Ploughman’s – Jude and David Bessell with help from Poppets Nursery.

**Flowers Arrangements In the Church:** As always these were absolutely stunning and the theme was ‘Man’s Best Friend’. Flower arrangers: Carol Cox, Claudine Vaz, Fran Homersham, Helen Llewelyn Jones, Joy

**Thank You**

Many thanks to the boys at Norwood Landscapes who worked over and above their normal high standard on the Church grounds and put in a special effort for us for the Fyfield Festival. Thank you both so much for this - it was really appreciated.

*Warmest Regards,  
Carol Cox.*



# Fyfield Festival Dog Show - 13th May 2017

Another blustery & overcast day for our show but we hope our visitors still enjoyed the afternoon.

Our Judge was Ann Blatchford assisted by Pauline her steward.

## Class Winners:

Best Puppy – Becky with her French Bulldog Daphne

Golden Oldie – Ron with Molly a 13 year old Welsh Springer

Junior Handler – Chris with Olly the Pointer

Prettiest Bitch – Casey a Husky/Samoyed owned by Debbie

Handsome Dog – Drake a black Labrador owned by Fran

Best Crossbreed – Bella the Frug owned by Bella

Best in Show & Waggiest Tail Karen Fullers' Spaniel named Dexter

Once more many thanks to Roy Wilkinson for setting up the ring in its new location in the church grounds. We weren't sure about the move but we have given positive input on the new location.

Thanks to Ann Stockman of Premier Badges who donate the beautiful Rosettes and to Ann & Pauline who run Brentwood District Dog training Club - our new sponsors and able Judge & Steward.

Many thanks to our Registrars Jan & Laura – a grand job in difficult conditions.

Not forgetting our other sponsors House and Jackson Vets, Nikhil at the Fyfield. Shop, Bubbles pet stores in Ongar, Eco pet supplies, Vets Kitchen and Eden pet foods

To Ashlyns & Fuller Family for the wonderful donations for the Festival Raffle.

Finally, many thanks to everyone who took part in the dog show.

*Joy Davis*



# Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins



The Church loves to have festivals. We love to celebrate the lives of the saints as well as other special days in the church's calendar.

On 28<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrated the

Feast of St Germain who is the Patron Saint of the church in Bovinger. Well, that is not, strictly, correct. I *thought* I'd done my research thoroughly as St Germain is one of our more obscure saints. However, when I was preparing the outline for the service, I discovered that I had chosen to celebrate the *wrong* St Germain!

28<sup>th</sup> May is indeed the feast day of St Germain of Paris (after whom the famous Paris St Germain football team is named), but he is not the Patron Saint of Bovinger Church. It seems there are three saints with the name Germain: St Germain of Paris (496 -576); Germain Cousin (1579-1601) and Saint Germanus of Auxerre (c 378-448). The last of these is the real Patron Saint of Bovinger. He is commemorated on 31 July.

Germanus travelled to England in or around 429 AD and came to combat Pelagianism which was a serious heresy in the fifth century and alleged to be rife among the British clergy.

Germanus also led the native Britons to a victory against Pictish and Saxon raiders, at a mountainous site near a river in Mold, North Wales. He put himself at the head of

the Christians as the enemy approached and led them into a vale between two high mountains. He then ordered his troops to shout when he gave them a sign. When the Saxon pirates came near them, Germanus cried out three times, "Alleluia", which was followed by the whole army of Britons shouting the word in reply. Records of the encounter tell us that the echoing sound of this cry made the barbarians think they were facing a mighty army. Gripped with fear, they flung down their arms and ran away, leaving behind their baggage and booty.

That cry of "Alleluia!" has become the title the Bobbingworth & Moreton village magazine. 'Alleluia' means 'praise the Lord!' and is used in our worship. St Germanus appropriated the word as a battle cry, obviously to great effect.

Phrases, words and sacred texts can be misappropriated and used in ways that are unhelpful. The Muslim phrase 'allahu akbar' serves as an example of this. The devout Muslim will recite this phrase as part of his/her daily prayer life. It means "Allah is greater". It is not a battle cry – far from it – but a sacred phrase from the Islamic tradition that has been appropriated by terrorists and used on occasions which have brought fear and terror, death and destruction into our lives.

I am writing just before the General Election. At this time, the airwaves are bristling with sound bites from politicians, pollsters, and focus groups alike. We need to listen carefully to catch the real motives behind the political narrative, because language is nuanced and can often be misappropriated for political ends.

Saint Germain was a politician and a general. Clearly, his use of the word

‘Alleluia!’ was an inspired, intuitive choice on the day of that battle at Mold, and the encounter with the enemy ended without any blood being spilled. Nevertheless, it is worth remembering that, had they died on the battle field, the last word those “barbarians” would have heard was “Alleluia!” ‘Praise the Lord’ – a phrase that must surely have struck a note of fear into their hearts.

In this Easter season, our church services often begin and end with the phrase “Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!” This is a season of joy and celebration when we thank God for new life and new beginnings. May God be the guest at all of your own celebrations and

new beginnings in the weeks ahead and may God guide you to use and interpret language wisely.

*Chris.*

*Reverend Christine Hawkins  
Priest In Charge  
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## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Doug Kelly, a former Fyfield Resident, Fyfield Parish Councillor & Chairman, Epping Forest District Councillor for Fyfield, Moreton and Willingale and Chair of Epping Forest District Council, on his 90th birthday.

*Warmest wishes from friends and past neighbours in Fyfield.*

Many thanks again to Carol Cox for leading the Fyfield Festival team which has again resulted in another successful festival this year. We continue to admire the very effective manner in which Carol always gets everything in place and at the same time is such a pleasure to work with; we are very fortunate.

*From all your friends on the Fyfield Festival Support Team.*

Congratulations & many thanks to the 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and its leaders and to Rev. Christine Hawkins for a magnificent St. George's Day Parade and Ceremony at our Village Church. It is events like this which enhance our village and community and make it the wonderful place we call home.

*Fyfield Residents & Friends.*

Congratulations to Mick Bacon on receiving the Silver Acorn Award and to Mary Bacon on receiving the Bar to the Medal of Merit. Thank you both for everything you have done and continue to do for the Scout Group, the Scouting Association and for Fyfield. We cannot thank you enough for everything you do and we continue to appreciate you both; we are very fortunate to have you.

*Friends, Family and Fyfield Residents.*



We would like to welcome Sienna Mulhare, Annie O'Mahony, Olly Talbot, Kobie Brown, Ola Kozikowska, Otto Portman-Bourke and Archie Brown

Christine for coming along and joining in the fun.

We are currently fund raising for a new play house for the children to enjoy in the garden. If you would like to donate please go on the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fyfieldpreschool>. Many Thanks

*Lisa Carey, Manager, and all the staff at Fyfield Preschool.*

and their families to Fyfield Preschool. We hope they all enjoy their time with us. We had a brilliant Easter show with the children making beautiful Easter bonnets. We would like to say a big thank you to Reverend

## **Celebration Cream Teas**

**St. Nicholas' Church - Fyfield**

**Sunday 6th August - 2pm to 5pm**

To celebrate the works being carried out on the Belfry and Tower of our village Church we are serving cream teas (£4 - Scone, Jam, Cream & Tea/Coffee) and providing our customers with an opportunity to take a look around the Belfry.

Please come along and join in the celebration.

All Funds being raised for Friends of St. Nicholas' Church



# Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Priest in Charge:	Reverend Christine Hawkins:	telephone: 01277 286113
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	David Bessell	telephone: 07886 075889

June	4	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	11	11:00am	Holy Communion
	25	11:00am	Family Service
July	2	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	9	11:00am	Holy Communion
	23	11:00am	Family Service

## CHURCH SPIRE AND ROOF

By the time of publication, work on the roof and spire of the church will be well advanced. These brief notes explain what is being done.

Beginning about fifteen years ago, we started a program of work to address the overwhelming list of problems affecting this 900-years-old, Grade 2\* listed building. In the intervening period, we have re-roofed the nave and both aisles, installed new soakaways to bring the building's drainage up to standard, rebuilt guttering, rewired the entire building and fitted low-energy lighting, installed up-to-date central heating, installed security lighting, a roof alarm and CCTV and redecorated the building throughout. Other work has included repairing the tower rendering, repairing brickwork and buttresses, new timbers in the spire framework, rebuilding the north aisle battlements, rebuilding the roof over the organ chamber, repairing window glass, removing asbestos and insulating the nave roof.

That left only the spire, the chancel roof and the roof of the porch to be restored and those are the jobs that are currently in progress.

The spire was covered in pine shingles which had deteriorated to the extent that water was entering the tower in multiple locations. In addition, the louvres visible on all four sides of the rectangular section of the spire were rotten. Nobody can fail now to notice the new shingles which are being fitted. These are of English Oak – the finest material available for this type of work. At the time of writing, a further 30 square metres of these shingles are being made, ready to complete the bottom section of the spire and new frames with louvres will be fitted by the time this note is published. Sadly, the colour of the oak will quickly weather to a darker shade, but the resulting job will be good for many decades to come. The opportunity has also been taken to upgrade the lightning conductor which, in line with current building standards, now protects the spire through two separate earth straps.

The roof of the chancel was gradually deteriorating but it was difficult to assess the scale of what was needed because there is no access to the inside of it. Now that it has been stripped of the old tiles, we know that the tiles on the north (road) side of the roof were hand-made tiles, while those on the other, less visible side were machine made. This was probably a deliberate economy measure when the roof was retiled about a century ago but the new tiles will all be hand-made. We have also discovered that when the Victorians relined the interior of the chancel roof with dark timber, they left in place the original ceiling, which lies between the exterior tiles and the timber ceiling. Last to be done will be the porch roof, which requires timber repairs before it can be retiled.

The whole job is scheduled to be complete by late June, at which point the bell tower will be reopened to allow the bell ringers access to resume ringing on Monday evenings.

It is reassuring to report that throughout this job, the contractor, Caters, have found the structure of the roof and spire to be in much better condition than is normally found to be the case. These jobs are the final stage of a program of restoration which will render your village church fit to hand on to the next generation.

All of these present and past jobs have been made possible through the fundraising of the Friends of St Nicholas as well as grants provided by external bodies. We are also indebted to the ladies who run the monthly coffee morning, raising funds for other church projects. Well done, everybody!

Readers are invited to contact me if they would like to know more about what we have been doing to their church, or if they would like to arrange a guided tour of its many interesting - and some secret – features.

*Marcus Dain, Churchwarden*

## **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.

Food Bank provides food to families and individuals in desperate need who have nowhere else to turn. Food Bank works in conjunction with organisations such as Citizens Advice who arrange for food to be provided to people who, without it, would have, literally, nothing with which to feed their families.

Partner charities, such as Citizens Advice use the limited time for which food aid is provided to help the recipient back on to their feet. Your kindness in donating to Food Bank is essential to helping people to become self-sufficient once again. Thank you again.

## **PROBLEMS? Nowhere to turn for advice?**

For a start, there is lots of useful information about a wide range of issues on the advice website:

**[www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)**

If you have a problem and have no idea what to do about it, Citizens Advice is there to help you. They are friendly and welcoming and are not judgemental. They offer free, confidential advice on every problem: Debt, Housing, Relationships, Consumer, Employment, Benefits, Law – Rights & Responsibilities, Healthcare, Education and lots more. In addition, they provide support and representation in the County Court for people facing repossession of their homes.

There are Bureaux at Harlow and Epping. Harlow opening hours are:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10am – 1pm (Drop-in plus telephone services) 1pm – 4pm (information)

Tuesday & Thursday: 10am – 4pm (Follow-up appointments and information)

13-15 East Gate, The High, Harlow CM20 1HP; Telephone: 0845 1203717

### **St Mary's Church, Moreton**

June	4	9.30am	Holy Communion
	18	9.30am	Family Service
July	2	10.15am	Rose Festival Service
	16	9.30am	Family Service

### **St Germain's Church, Bobbingworth**

June	4	11.00am	Family Service
	18	11.00am	Family Communion
July	2	11.00am	Holy Communion
	16	11.00am	Family Communion

### **St Christopher's Church, Willingale**

June	11	9.30am	Family Service
	18	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	25	9.30am	Holy Communion
July	9	9.30am	Family Service
	16	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	23	9.30am	Holy Communion

# **Fyfield Village Hall**



## **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**7 for 7.30pm**

**Entrance £2.50**

**Reserve your tickets from Patti on  
899504 or Marie on 899386**

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## Afternoon Tea & Lunch at the Church

The April Afternoon Tea was well attended and it was the first session we offered lunch as well as afternoon tea. On the menu was home made soup with either bread or a sandwich. Due to the success of offering lunch we took advance orders for our May get-together where we will be offering Jacket Potatoes and a choice of fillings.

You don't have to book your lunch in advance just come along and see what is on



the lunch menu and/or afternoon tea menu.

Our regular customers are increasing and it is a very sociable get together and a nice way to raise money for our Church and for local community projects and charities.

We open the doors at 1pm on the third Wednesday of the Month (except December) and everyone is made very welcome.

*Jan Hall.*

## Luncheon Club

One of our long standing Luncheon Club diners, Doug Kelly, celebrated his 90th birthday (which we believe was on Tuesday 9th May). Doug Kelly was a Fyfield resident for many years before moving to his current home in Ongar. He was a Fyfield Parish Councillor then served as the Chair of the Fyfield Parish Council before he became a District Councillor for Fyfield, Morton and Willingale (Willingale is no long part of this boundary). Doug also served a year as the Chair of Epping Forest District Council. The Luncheon Club teams and the Diners send best wishes to Doug and have sent him a birthday card.



One of the Luncheon Club teams retired in April after many years of serving on the Luncheon Club rota. The team members are: Wendy Henshaw (team leader), Mary Ellis, Joan Wager & Wendy Stone. The Luncheon Club and diners thank them all for their Luncheon Club support and service. Wendy Henshaw will continue to take lunch reservations and along with Mary Ellis will continue to be diners at the Luncheon Club.

The new team taking-over for January and May will be Pam Orros, Linda Seels, Trish Jones, Cheryl Hadley and myself.

*Jan Hall.*



## St. Nicholas Church – Appliqué

Work is progressing very well on this project and by the time the Focus is published we will have had another workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> May and hopefully had another trip to look at fabrics for the backing and the arches which will frame our illustrations. We are beginning to see our pictures emerging and the next stage will be to frame them with the fabric arches and put them on the backing material. This will then it will be mounted on a frame which will be put up on the chancel wall.

*Wendy Henshaw*

## Fyfield Art Group

Our numbers remain steady but we would love some more artists to join us.

Next Meetings in June and July are 5th & 19th, 3rd & 17th at 10.00a.m. until 12 noon, in the Monica Couling Room at the Fyfield Village Hall. Do come along for a relaxing morning of painting or drawing.

Wendy Henshaw

*Wendy Henshaw*  
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## Attempted Lead Theft - St. Nicholas' Church Roof

Sometime before 6am on Thursday, May 25, another attempt was made to steal lead from the roof of the south aisle of the church. The thief managed to disable the alarm system and then rolled up one of the sheets of lead. He did not manage to detach it from the roof. The crime was noticed when the builders came on site that morning. The alarm company will visit the church later today (May 25) to establish how the thief managed to disable the alarm system and the

builders on site will repair the damage. The method used by the thief appears identical to that of last August. In respect of that attempt, the Police know the identity of the thief from the finger prints which I collected for them and they had expressed the intention of detaining him the next time he entered the country from Eastern Europe. If anybody saw anything suspicious on this new occasion, please ring 101 and report what you saw under Crime Reference Number 42/74462/17.

*Marcus Dain,  
Churchwarden.*



### Barbara Sutton

We are very sad to advise you that Barbara Sutton has passed away. We believe this was on Saturday, 19th May at a home in Croydon where she had been for a very short time. We also believe that Barbara was 97 on 2nd March.

There will be a funeral service held in Fyfield Church at 2pm on Tuesday, 6th June followed by interment with her late husband, Peter, in the church burial ground.

# Chris & Kellie While

Live at

St. Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Sunday June 4th - 8.00pm

Refreshments available for sale from 7.30pm  
(Refreshments may also be available during the interval)



Mother and daughter come together for a special evening. Kellie is known for fronting two of the country's most successful folk/roots bands, the Albion Band and e2K, as well as being a prolific writer and great guitarist. Chris is known for her work with Julie Matthews as well as for performing with the Albion Band and St Agnes Fountain.

This concert is being performed as a special favour for Jude and David Bessell as the first concert in what they hope will be an on going effort to make the Church at Fyfield more of a focal part of the village

Please come and support the event and take advantage of being able to see this magnificent duo in your own back yard. For a taster of Chris & Kellie While look them up on 'YouTube' and realise what a superb opportunity this is.

**Tickets £12.50 from David & Jude Bessell**

**Tel: 07886 075889 or eMail: [davidbessell@sky.com](mailto:davidbessell@sky.com)**

**All proceeds raised will go to St. Nicholas' Church**

# RAF Fyfield Night Landing Ground



Not many people know this but to combat the Zeppelin and first night bombing raids over London and the south east, the Royal Flying Corps, predecessor to the RAF, set up a number of night

fighter units. Whilst based at key airfields, their work was supported by a large number of Night Landing Grounds which acted as dispersal sites where aircraft could operate from.

39 Squadron was set up to undertake defence duties of London and the surrounding area and for a while was based at North Weald. Supporting this work was a dispersed site just to the south of Fyfield and close to the main road that leads to Ongar (adjacent to Bundish Hall). The 25 acre site had no permanent buildings and was operated

by a small contingent of RFC officers and men. It was opened in early 1917 and was closed in 1919, initially operating Royal Aircraft Factory BE2 aircraft.

The first German Zeppelin to be shot down in the war was over Cuffley in Hertfordshire on the night of 2/3rd September. It was downed by Captain William Leefe Robinson who was based at Suttons Farm airfield later to become RAF Hornchurch which, in the 2nd World War helped to protect the country from aerial attacks along with North Weald, Biggin Hill and other RAF stations in the south east.



*Captain William Leefe Robinson V.C.*

Who knows, Captain Robinson, a real hero in his time who was awarded the Victoria Cross, may have touched down at Fyfield before his untimely death from the Spanish Flu epidemic in 1918.



*Ian Hadley  
ianhadley@gmx.co.uk*

## *What is Dementia?*

As readers of the *Fyfield Focus* may know, the WD50+ Club has for the past seven years promoted physical and mental well-being for the over 50s through weekly supervised exercise and occasional talks on topics relevant to this age group. An offer to have a free talk on **Dementia**, given by professionals with experience and expertise in this field of health, was received and the Club decided to sponsor this as a free event, open to everyone.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> about 40 people gathered at the Village Hall in the afternoon to hear speakers Lisa Bexton and Kristie Baxter from Brentwood Care Home. Both have training, expertise and experience in mental health, particularly in caring for people with Dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Not a 'fun' afternoon, you might think, but we listened and learned some surprising and useful facts about Dementia. Life expectancy has increased hugely over the last century. Living longer has its attractions, but longevity often brings with it problems of physical and mental health. Every day articles on Dementia appear in the Press, and are frequently discussed on TV, radio, and on social media.

The chance of developing Dementia increases with age. Of people over 65, one in 14 has dementia (over 80 it is one in six) but it can also affect younger people. It is more common among women than men. Dementia is not a normal part of ageing. It occurs when the brain is affected by a disease. It affects everyone differently. We learned that there are over 100 different types of dementia that fall into four main types - Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB) or one of the rarer types such as frontotemporal lobe dementia (FTD).

Around 95 per cent of people with a dementia diagnosis will have one of the four main types, as described very briefly below.

*Alzheimer's disease* is caused by chemical changes in the brain that disrupt how nerve cells work so that messages don't travel round the brain as well as they should.

*Vascular Dementia* is the result of problems with the blood supply to the brain and can be caused by strokes.

*Dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB)* is caused through protein developing inside nerve cells, similar to Alzheimer's, and associated with people suffering from Parkinson's disease who may develop dementia. *Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)* is caused by damage to the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain that control behaviour, emotional responses and language skills. It mostly affects people in their 40s 50s and 60s (younger than most people who get Alzheimer's disease or vascular dementia).

What are the symptoms? Lisa described briefly the most common ones:- Memory Loss; Difficulty in thinking things through and planning; Problems with language; Confusion about time or place; and Mood changes (becoming unusually anxious, irritable or easily upset).

Most of us could recognise some of these symptoms in ourselves, which was a bit unnerving, but Lisa reassured us by noting that problems with memory, for instance, are **not** confined to the elderly - everyone experiences difficulties at times in recalling names, remembering where we put our keys, our specs, or what it was we went upstairs to get! It is when lapses in memory become too frequent to ignore, or we become unusually anxious, and start to lose self confidence that we should seek help, visit our GP and voice our fears. Early diagnosis and treatment can make a



huge difference to the lives of those with Dementia but also their partners and families.

Kristie Baxter then described the work of the *Dementia Friends*, an initiative working nationally with the Alzheimer's Society to help create dementia-friendly communities and change the way people think, act and talk about dementia. Everyone was invited to become a *Dementia Friend* and help support this work.

After the talk and refreshments, a Questions and Answers session provided personal insights into the effects of the many different forms of Dementia that people have to face. Lisa drew on her many years of experience in mental health to give helpful advice and information about how problems can be alleviated, if not solved and described the different therapies used with her residents to

improve their quality of life and help their families. The Sensory Bands that Fyfield WI members have been knitting were on display, and Lisa encouraged her audience to join in knitting these Bands as they bring comfort to dementia patients with their warmth, bright colours and varied textures. A Raffle was held and the proceeds were given to the Alzheimer's Association. Lisa Bexton and Kristie Baxter were warmly thanked for their excellent presentation on a very difficult subject.

Information, support and advice on Dementia is freely available from the Alzheimer's Society at [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk) or from the National Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 1122.

*Patti Nicholson*



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# Neighbourhood Watch - lets do this



At the Parish Assembly on 24<sup>th</sup> April, Councillor Tracey Graham gave a talk about the

Neighbourhood Watch scheme that has been implemented in the parish of Matching. She told us that it had driven down crime and had created a real community spirit.

Tracey explained that being a member opened up access to an array of benefits including experts from the fire brigade, talks about computer crime, direct access to a dedicated police liaison officer and much more. The biggest benefit of being in the scheme has been that residents in Matching now actively look out for each other. She told us of several instances where vigilance and neighbourliness had prevented crime and had helped to create a real "team spirit". There was a lot of interest from the audience at the Parish Assembly and residents have since offered help and asked when Fyfield will join.

To get us started, Barbara Seward and Les Lamb will act as coordinators and with help from Tracey we will set-up the necessary routes of communication. We will start a publicity campaign, including road signs and welcome packs, to ensure everyone knows about the scheme, how to report incidents and how to get information on the specific services now available to us.

If you would like to receive updates by e-mail or perhaps become the local coordinator for the area of Fyfield where you live, please send an e-mail to [leslamb@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leslamb@hotmail.co.uk). You can also join our Fyfield Grapevine Facebook group where we will also be publishing information.

Our Parish Council are fully supporting this initiative and will provide the necessary resources to get us started. Finally, a big thank you again to Tracey for her excellent talk and for all her efforts and support for the Fyfield Neighbourhood Watch initiative. By working together we can make this successful for Fyfield and use it to further improve the neighbourliness and "team spirit" we already enjoy in our village.





## Best Kept Village Competition

This year we have entered the Best Kept Village competition organised by the Rural Community Council of Essex (R.C.C.E.). It has taken on a different format and the first stage was to write 500 words on why we think our village has a good community spirit which Ian Hadley and I completed. We have passed the first stage and on 12th May Ken Webb, Patti Nicholson and I met the

judges and took them around Fyfield and talked to them about the activities we have in the village. The number of activities and plans we have for the future, both at the Village Hall and the Church, impressed them. If we have impressed them enough they will make a return visit on 22nd June so please make sure no litter is around the area where you live and pick up any you see elsewhere, thank you.

*Wendy Henshaw*

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## Fyfield Walks – Moreton Loop

I hope you enjoyed the southerly walk to Norton Mandeville featured in the April/May Fyfield Focus. Here is another which will take you west towards Moreton.

### Walk Description

3.8 miles of grassy track taking around 2 hours. The route is fine for children and dogs even after rain. There are a couple of easy stiles to negotiate. No facilities on-route but as well as our excellent pubs in Fyfield there are two in Moreton.

The paths are signposted but please do take the attached map with you just in case. Also a good idea to take the Ordinance Explorer Map #183. The route follows public footpaths and a short section of safe road at Cross Leys Farm.

### Route

The walk starts at Elmbridge Gate (1) which is only a short walk across the playing fields from our village hall. Walk west along the path next to the paddock fence. Turn south at the end of the paddocks (2) into the large open field which was once the sports field for Elmbridge School. Follow the grassy track to the large oak tree then turn west (3) along the farm track towards Cross Leys Farm. Pass to the left of the log cabin then south through the gate (4). Continue along the grass track towards Bundish Hall (5). Walk round the hall keeping the ancient wall on your right. Turn slightly right and go through the old orchard. This can often be overgrown so beware of nettles! Cross the open field towards another lovely large oak and then onto the bridge over Crispey Brook (6). Follow the signs north passing through Wood Farm. Note the stiles here on

the path are very poor but the owner is fine if you take the short detour around the ménage back to the path (7). Follow Crispey Brook then turn north east over the bridge (8). Continue through the gate up to the large tree covered in ivy (9). Turn east along the open field path until you reach the tarmac road (10). Turn south back to Cross Leys Farm where you can retrace your steps to Elmbridge Gate.

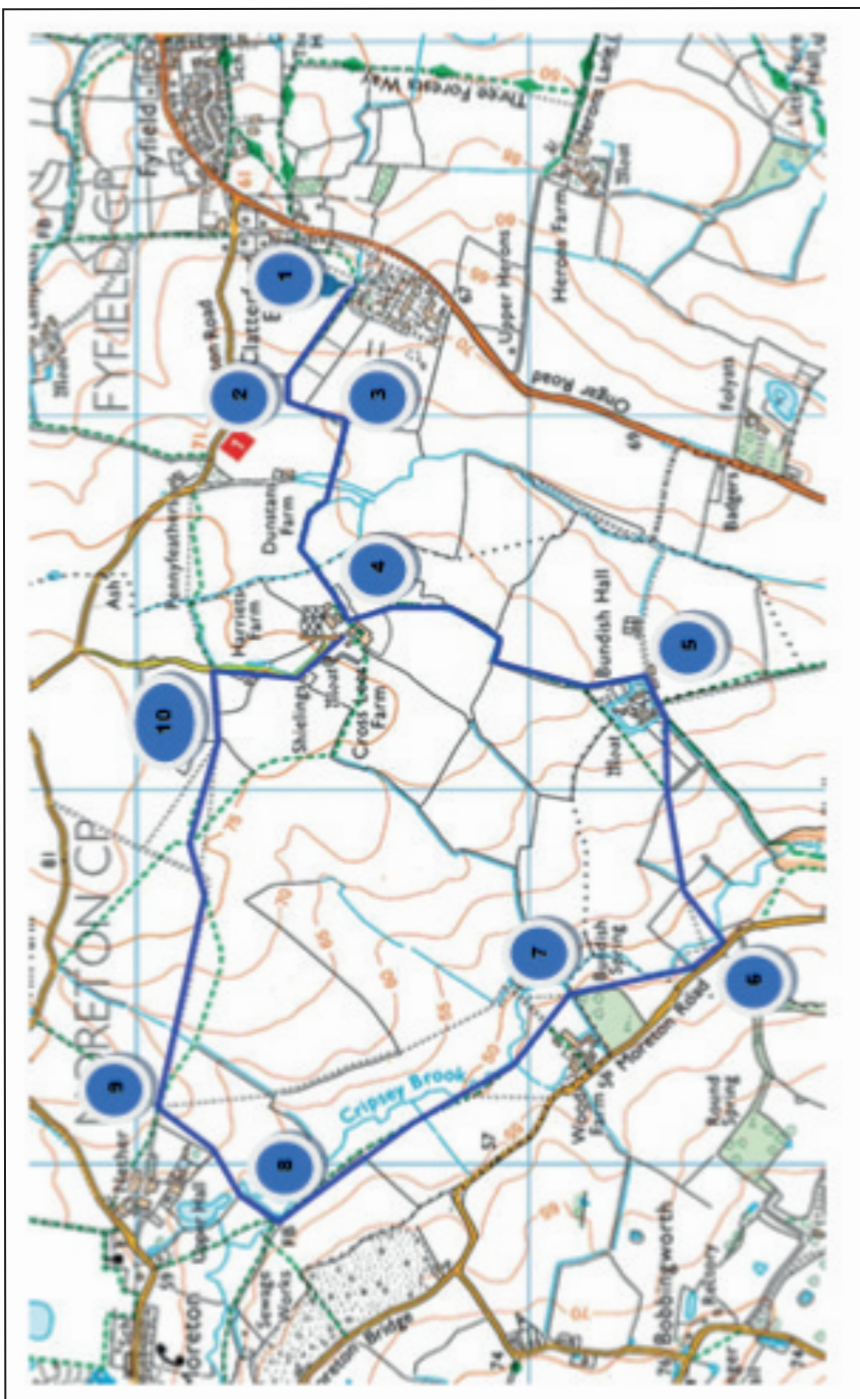
### Special points of interest.

Good view of the back of Elmbridge Hall and old cricket pavilion (looking a bit sad now) across the field. Cross Leys Farm manages cattle, sheep, arable and even turkeys come the festive season. The walk takes you past the fields of sheep and lambs. The farmer here does a terrific job maintaining the paths and hedges. Bundish Hall is an old moated house with an ancient bridge. You will pass some beautifully converted barns often with some equally beautiful cars parked outside. It's worth stopping for a breather at the stunning old oak tree before you get to Crispey Brook. At Wood Farm you pass by the pet cemetery and often see horses being trained in the ménage or dogs being walked from the kennels here. Lots of wildlife along Crispey Brook, especially popular with Herons and often Buzzards overhead. The path back along the ridge has terrific views south west towards Blake Hall and south towards Brentwood. Standing up there you can see almost all of paths you have just walked down below in the Crispey Brook valley. Hope you enjoy the walk. Please contact me if you have a question or would like some company on the walk.

*Les Lamb* ([leslamb@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leslamb@hotmail.co.uk) or mobile 07776178794)

*Route Map on next page*

## Fyfield Walks – Moreton Loop



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# Fyfield Village Hall

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By the time of publication, the new disabled toilet in the Monica Couling Room will have been completed and another improvement to the Hall ticked off. Now we have to move forward with the refurbishment of the clubroom and bar area. Hopefully, we will have some more good news to report in the next edition of the Focus.

In order to support the improvements to the Village Hall we launched another 100 Club to run for the next 12 months. If you have missed the May deadline, don't worry, you can still join, but each number will cost £11.00 to reflect the number of months you will be entered. If you need a form or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. The winning numbers for April were 34, 96 and 59. The winning numbers for May were 101, 94 and 79.

With summer just around the corner, the field is looking beautiful, and the cricket

season is well under way. If you want to know when matches are being played there is a timetable on our new Village Hall Notice Board. This is located at the car park end of the Hall and so look out for forthcoming events and information regarding all of the clubs that use our Hall.

We will also be holding another Bingo evening on Friday 23rd June. At £2.50 entrance, which includes a full ploughmans, it is not only good value but a great night out. We always have a laugh, and the more the merrier. Prizes range from £15 to £30 which makes it very worthwhile. So why not get a few friends together and come along and try something different? Just call Patti on 899504, Elaine on 899306 or Marie on 899386 to let us know how many seats you would like to reserve. We will allow a few entries on the door, but as we need to know numbers for catering, if you could let us know in advance it would be better.

We will also be running other fundraising events later in the year such as a fun family quiz night and a relaunch of the new club room, so watch this space.

*Marie Apperley,  
Chair,  
Fyfield Village Hall*

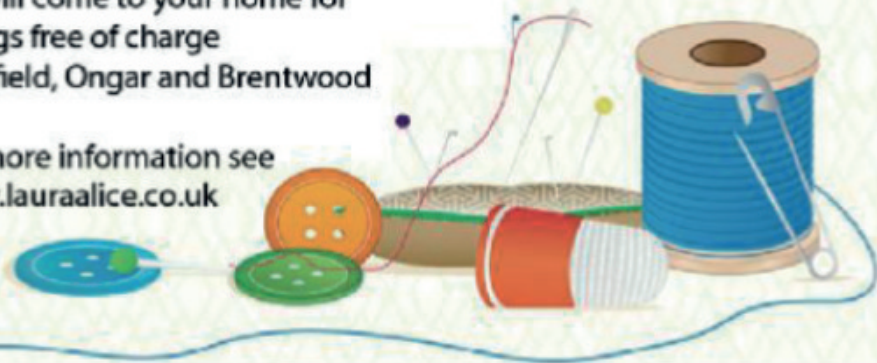
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# Fyfield & District W.I.

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At the April meeting we welcomed speaker Deborah Hart who gave a fascinating talk about how Willow (there are over 500 varieties) is cultivated and used both for weaving and for the best cricket bats in the world! Weaving is an ancient art, a cottage based craft often done by women who made everyday baskets and containers they needed. Deborah brought a huge display of baskets, hats, household tools and structural and ornamental items for gardens – most of which she had made – along with a selection of willows of different lengths and varieties. Deborah explained how willow was prepared, cut, sliced and prepared for use. Using slides we were shown willows in the landscape, both past and present, which illustrated the many different uses of this versatile tree – hedges (correctly called fedges) tunnels, fences, ornamental and animal shapes, river bank reinforcement fencing, and coracles – the list was huge. Whilst talking Deborah wove a willow garden Obelisk about 6 feet high and presented it as a raffle prize.

## Fyfield Luncheon Club

We had good attendance in April and May and enjoyed a delicious Fish Pie provided by the Queen's Head and desserts provided by Carol Cox, Margaret Cox and Trish Jones with Marion Adams coming along to help serve.

At the Annual and Resolution meeting in May, Vice-President Myra Amos in the absence of the President conducted the meeting, welcoming June Ward, W.I.

Advisor. Instead of the usual competition we had a handicraft display where sensory bands knitted by members for people with dementia were also displayed.

Members voted unanimously for the two resolutions – Alleviating Loneliness and Plastic Soup (keeping micro plastic fibres out of our oceans).

June then conducted the nominations for next year's committee, Jo Balcombe is standing down and Brenda Lodge is the new member on committee.

June asked for nominations for President and there being no other volunteers agreeing to stand Wendy Henshaw was elected for a further year.

The next meeting is on June 1<sup>st</sup>. 2.00-4.00p.m. Speaker Linda Ketteridge, talk on the history of Audley End. Visitors are welcome, contact Wendy Henshaw 899367 or just come along.

*Wendy Henshaw*

May -members enjoyed Lasagne from the Queen's Head and desserts by Jan Hall, Pam Orros, Linda Seels and Trish Jones. Thank you to everyone.

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

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The one good thing about Essex is that not many people want to come here, unlike the Cotswolds. I am now convinced that the Keep Essex Unspoilt brigade was behind sponsoring The Only Way is Essex, sorry Essix! It's tough on Brentwood but is a powerful deterrent to prospective newcomers and tourists. We all know the truth but have the sense to keep it a secret unless you plan on moving and want to sell your house. Another group who seem to delight in helping keep people out of Fyfield is, of course, Essex County Council Highways department. Unfortunately it also has the effect of keeping the residents in. Those good folk in Upper Fyfield and Norwood End seem to be the last to know about any road works and closures and especially 'emergency' works that are questionable. It is true that Lower Fyfield and Clatterford End seem well catered for when it comes to information compared to Norwood End so maybe we need to dispatch a local village gossip to that area regularly to spread the news/fake news. It makes you wonder how information was spread in the dark ages, BSP (before smart phones). I also wonder whether, in the time of almost zero policing in Fyfield, as well as our own Neighbourhood Watch, whether we ought to resurrect the concept of the local Stocks for those found guilty of dog fouling, people not the dogs, and being the purveyor of unfounded gossip (Fake news or Trump news). We could make them read the Focus from cover to cover and then be tested on their knowl-

edge of the content. Any wrong answer would result in a pelting of rotten eggs and stale beer from the Black Bull and Queen's Head (not that either sell any stale beer but they must have some collected from their slop trays). While we are at it lets re-establish a village idiot title as there must have been one in the past not to mention the present. Anyone applying is, of course, automatically the idiot but otherwise we would select the idiot by way of a poll of residents. We could even have a lottery based on who is the most likely to win. I, of course, would exclude myself from the poll as I wouldn't want to deprive anyone else of the title.

## **Nostalgia Corner for those over**

**39:** Down Your Way with Wilfred Pickles (not Sir Eric) and Mabel on the Table, Spangles and Virol. Radio London, Caroline, Atlanta and Invicta. Associated Redifussion, ATV and Thames TV. Hughie Green, Michael Miles and Fanny Craddock. The BBC Interlude.

## **Most irritating thing this month:**

Radio 5 Live jingles with clips of a manic football commentator screaming about some football match in the past all at 5 am in the morning when you are trying to listen to 'Wake up to Money'.

**What's good this month:** ....can't think of anything at the moment.

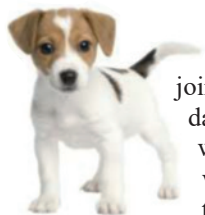
**Joke of the Month:** Q. How do you keep an idiot in suspense? A. I'll tell you later!

*Ian Hadley*  
*ianhadley@gmx.co.uk*

# Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)

Hi, Archie here!



I went to my country club last week and joined the choir for a few days. My mum and dad went off to the Cotswolds with a map! If they had asked me I would have told them all they needed to know about that part of the country. After all, I was born near Cirencester, gateway to the Cotswolds. Oh yes, many happy memories of my brothers and sisters playing in the outstanding beauty of that part of England. Mind you, I was only there for seven weeks until they came and took me off to Essex, rivers and ducks. It would have been nice to return to my birthplace but they said that my barking would upset the sleepy villages and scare off the hordes of tourists that swarm around the area. I see that the Canada geese have decided that they prefer Fyfield

to Canada and now have a few goslings (they should call them Fyfield Geese). I'm not too sure about these immigrants as they are as big as me and have a nasty peck I have been told. I don't think I will bother them too much and give them a wide birth unless they go after my food of course. I don't think that they will put up with crows going after the goslings as a source of food although I suspect that the crows are smarter than to try.

Anyway, I'm off to check out the general election candidates who are looking to replace Sir Eric. So far I have only seen one election flyer and that only told me what he would do but didn't say how he was going to pay for it. I think that a Jack Russell would make a good Prime Minister making food the top priority especially that nice Brexit stuff which would be free for all dogs. Cats? what about them.

*Bye for now.  
Archie*



# Letter from Tony Boyce



It's a great feeling to be in a position to be able to write to you all since my heart attack on 1st October last year. I would like to thank you all again for all the messages and support that I have

continued to receive. This has meant so much to me and Jan and our Daughter and Son Sam and Simon.

One never knows what is just around the corner and I want to share with you that my daughter is working with the British Heart Foundation in an effort to find the person who gave me CPR and saved my life.

Below are the interview notes the British Heart Foundation took from my Daughter Sam about what happened and they will be using Sam's story to help find the person who saved my life and also assist them in their desire to Help create a Nation of Lifesavers by learning three simple life-saving skills that could help save a life: CALL 999 immediately. PUSH hard and fast on the centre of the chest 30 times. Give two RESCUE breaths. Know it and one day you could help save a life. Visit the following website: [bhf.org.uk/cpr](http://bhf.org.uk/cpr).

## Sam Boyce's Story

### Summary/Including Heart Condition

Sam's dad Anthony was coming back from a football match in October 2016 when he had a cardiac arrest on the tube. A stranger stepped in and did CPR until the train got to the next station, where paramedics continued CPR and used a defib on Anthony. Anthony spent more than three months in hospital and was released just before his 75th birthday. He continues to improve. Sam would love to find the person who helped save her dad's life by doing CPR.

### Interview Notes

(Sam has just sold her beauty business – Wanstead Beauty Clinic – after 31 years.)

I lived in Ongar for 15 years and I was brought up in Essex since I was 11. My mum was a dental nurse and Dad was director of fleet sales for Peugeot – based in London.

Dad is 75. He was Chair of Epping Forest District Council for a year a couple of years ago. It was a very full-on role. He really enjoyed it. My granddad was mayor of Newham the year that West Ham won the cup.

His health was perfect. He had abseiled down a very large water tower 18 months ago to raise money for charity. My dad didn't have any angina or anything. That day was 1st October 2016.

He was going to the West Ham match at Stratford and I had gone out with a friend for the evening. My mum rang me at 8.30pm. I said what's wrong and she said 'oh dad hasn't come back from the football match.' I rang my cousin and he said 'no your dad left at 5.30.' They weren't playing very well and he left.

My mum isn't very good with the computer so she had gone to the neighbour to look up online if anything had happened in the area and it said there was a passenger incident at Stratford, which had caused major delays, with train lines being shut down. So Mum thought Dad might have been caught up in that. The next thing was my phone was flashing up 'dad mobile'. I thought thank goodness he is ringing me. A woman on the other end said this is Bart's intensive care – you need to come to hospital as soon as possible. She said she couldn't tell me on the phone what had happened.

All these things just go through your mind. It was a Saturday night. My cousin then came in and we got mum to pack a bag and scooped everything up and he drove us to Bart's.

At hospital we were directed to the sixth floor where intensive care is. But before they took us to see Dad, a doctor or a nurse said:



‘I just need you to identify this person’s belongings – because when he went out Dad didn’t have any identity on him. They had obviously just got into his phone and looked at a number he called often – that was me. But that was the worst moment. We thought he might have died. Then a nurse or a doctor – I can’t remember which - told us that he was alive but unconscious.

There were four of us at that point – me, my brother, my mum and my cousin. It was now about 10.30 in the evening. I just said to my mum it felt like it wasn’t happening. It didn’t feel real. It was the last thing when he went to football that we expected to happen.

By talking to the doctors and nurses we tried to piece together what had happened. The train had left the station and he must have collapsed on the train. It was the central line near Westfield so it would have been a very busy train. Somebody went to Dad’s aid to give him CPR, someone pulled the emergency cord and the paramedics were waiting for him at the next stop, Leyton. That’s what the doctor told us.

We still don’t know who the person is who did the CPR. This person was doing CPR when the paramedics came on the train. They stabilised him and then they took him off to the Royal London Hospital because that was the closest.

They then tried to put a stent in his heart ..... (explanation is needed here to clarify whether a stent was put into his heart and if not why). They then moved him to the Bart’s intensive care unit. I had been at work until 4 that Saturday. Then I got home at 5ish, got ready and went out. They said it was just a matter of time to see how he would come round and how he would be when the body starts to wake up. I thought we were going to lose him.

After about ten days they gradually brought him round. He was very disorientated. There

was a fear of hypoxic brain injury. He was in Barts for a month and then they moved him to Chelmsford because it was nearer to home. That would have been the second week in November. Then about four or five days before Christmas they moved him to a rehab unit in Epping.

We tried to trigger his memory back with little things. And then gradually he started to walk again. In Epping he got one-to-one physio. It was a calm place and he was quite comfortable there, but all he wanted to do was come home. So he finally came out just before his 75th birthday. He said it felt really weird being indoors with his chair. It took him a week or two to settle down at home.

He couldn’t work his iPad at first but now things are gradually starting to click back into place. He has a slight cognitive problem now. There are certain things he can’t do. If you imagine bringing your elbows together – showing him an exercise for example. He can’t retain that information on how to do it. He has good days and bad days. He used to do everything – sort out the bills and the finances and now he can’t do it.

They are going on holiday to Mallorca on the 23rd May. I say to mum - you forget how much progress he has made. At the very beginning he had to be fed and now he is making his own sandwiches, and Mum can leave him for short times in the house on his own.

My brother went back to see the lady who was managing the station, just to tell her that my dad was doing OK. I keep saying to my brother I would really like to find out who it was who did the CPR. They saved my dad’s life and they are the only piece of the puzzle that is missing. I don’t even know if it’s a man or a woman.

I just need to say thank you to that person. It was the fact that they jumped in that my dad is here with us today. It is so important to know how to do CPR. It literally saves lives.

# Letter from the Chairman

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At the last meeting we welcomed Jan Hall who was an un-opposed candidate for the vacancy created by Charlotte Apperley's resignation brought about by her moving to Manningtree. Jan's

project is to organise a defibrillator in the village hopefully using the telephone box as its location and also put in place a First Response Team.

A few weeks ago Ken Webb our Vice Chairman decided to resign from the Parish Council. Ken is also the Church Warden at St Mary's High Ongar, St Jame's and All Saint's Norton Mandeville and was finding that there were too many demands on his time and also clashes with meeting dates and other duties. As a result something had to go and sadly it was the Parish Council. Many thanks to you Ken for gracing our council for one year and being there during a difficult year. We will miss your sense of humour, good judgement and desire to see justice in our community. All the best for the future and I hope to see you around the village and continuing to support your council.

As a result, there is now a vacancy on the council which may result in either (a) an election if 10 plus residents request this from EFDC

or

(b) if no election requested, co-option by the current members of the council.

The recent road works have been completed although I see that there is still water appearing in the usual place on the Ongar Road. Toby Wallden has agreed to look at recent Highways issues and sit on a Highways Panel in an effort to provide some influence from the Fyfield Parish Council.

New playground equipment has been installed and there will soon be a new picnic table for the play area on the sports field. Derek Farr, Clerk to the Council, makes a weekly visit to the sports field to undertake a safety check on the play equipment and ensures it is in a clean state.

The Sports Field maintenance is now in place and after a few cuts the field is now getting into a good state and we no longer have overflowing dustbins on the field.

As you will see elsewhere in the Focus, we are launching a neighbourhood watch scheme to help us guard against crime in Fyfield and this is being headed by Les Lamb and Barbara Sayward.

In future all Parish Council meetings will start at 7.30pm with the next one being on 3rd July.

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## **Fyfield Parish Council**

### **NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that due to the resignation of Councillor Ken Webb, a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of councillor for the above named Parish.

This vacancy will be filled by election if, within fourteen days of the date of this notice, (By 16 June 2017 - Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or Bank Holiday, or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or Mourning being excluded from the notice period), any ten local government electors for the said parish submit a written request to the Returning Officer, Epping Forest District Council,  
Civic Offices, High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4BZ

If no written request for an election is received by the Returning Officer within the time specified, the vacancies will be filled by co-option by the Parish Council.

Dated 26 May 2017

Signed:

D Farr

Clerk to the Parish/ Town Council

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# Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

## SHOCKS AND SCARES

That time of year to Focus and take stock of share performances to assess how your old pound coins may have been wisely invested or perhaps to see better value by being exchanged for 100 pennies.

Jelly makers shares have wobbled while the Space industry has rocketed with Airline seats taking off and Furniture makers sitting pretty. Cinema chains say the results remain to be seen indicating that Chocolate figures are melting and that Potatoes are chipping away. Ice cream suppliers say that the year started off coldly sharing Chicken farmers' opinion that their eggs should not all be in one basket.

Other leisure indicators point to Sugar being caned but not (beaten) along with recreational Park equipment fitters suggesting it's all swings and roundabouts but noticing that Grass seed shares have been cut short tempered with Lawnmower suppliers optimistic that the grass is always greener on the other side of the Fence makers. Rubbish collection vehicle manufacturers and Hoover sales teams say things are picking up coinciding with leaked Water companies dripping profits helping Window cleaners to get a clearer image.

Sport results so far indicate that Cricket supply shops are stumped with Football kits suffering penalties aiming for more goals. The Golfing world says that things are on course

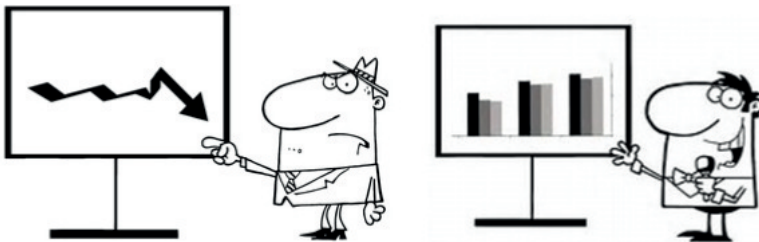
having to explain some holes in their accounts alongside Athletic stadiums who are keeping track in an upward trend sharing Lift installers, somewhat up and down at present, equal with Car sales which are accelerating and those following are becoming exhausted. Coal is being undermined with Gas sales - a lot of hot air - following London Transport who may be going down the Tubes.

Better results indicate that Candle sales are burning brightly - Carpet shops report that there is an underlay of growth- Forest planters are getting to the root of things agreeing with Garden Nurseries that Plants are climbing with new green shoots.

Shoe factory shares have a good footing following Computer - sales are a key-board of directors report showing that Television sales are being watched prompting Mobile phone companies to call and say that the smart money is on them.

Razor makers say that this year's figures will be a close shave. Button sellers fear they may come undone allied to the Zip fastening industry looking for a quick fix and Violin sales indicate that there are no strings attached prompting Song publishers to make notes Brick manufacturers are building steadily but finally Nuclear power may start this year's big bang.

*Barry Betterdge*



*LAWYERS say the Jury is still out.*



### **Love's Labour's Lost**

*William Shakespeare*

*Theatre Royal Haymarket,*

*December 2016*

Christopher Luscombe brilliantly directs *Love's Labour's Lost* in the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of this romantic comedy. Originally performed in 2014 in Stratford, it is now showing in a limited West End season at the Theatre Royal Haymarket. .

Employing an apt Edwardian setting, Luscombe successfully portrays the idyllic world in which the characters live; simultaneously creating a comic contrast to the estate's noticeably working-class staff. Although the RSC has paired *Love's Labour's Lost* with a production of *Much A Do About Nothing*, believing it is the first's missing counterpart (Lover's Labour's Won), *Love's Labour's Lost* is undeniably an excellent solitary production.

The play tells the story of a King (Sam Alexander) and his companions, Lord Berowne (Edward Bennett), Lord Longaville (William Belchambers) and Lord Dumaine (Tunji Kasim) who vow to not become involved with women for three years, whilst they devote their time to study and fasting. Naturally, in a romantic Shakespearian comedy, when a French princess (Leah Whitaker) and her ladies, Rosaline (Lisa Dillon), Katharine (Rebecca Collingwood) and Maria (Paige Carter), pay a visit to the Court of Navarre, they capture the men's hearts and the play proceeds to comically unfold as the men discover each other's broken vows. Eager to court the ladies, the King

and his men hold a ball, disguising themselves as Russians. However, unbeknown to the men, the ladies, warned by the Princess' Equerry, Lord Boyet (Jamie Newall), disguise themselves so as to play a trick on the men themselves.

Allowing the scenes to flow seamlessly from one to the next, Simon Higlett's beautifully aesthetic and detailed sets effortlessly reproduce the comfortable surroundings in which these Edwardian nobles lived. The costumes also deserve praise, which gloriously affirm the wealth of these aristocrats. The visit made by members of the RSC to Charlecote Park (the estate used for inspiration), is undoubtedly invaluable to the success of the play, for the beauty of the estate is unquestionably replicated and a tranquil pre-war setting is conveyed.

The ingenious use of a rooftop setting provides comical hiding places for the King and his friends as they each declare their love for the French ladies. As the actors climb about the set, concealing themselves from one another, their dynamic movement permits an amusing tension to build throughout the farce. This serves as just one example of how the sets have allowed Luscombe to experiment with choreography in this production, in order to heighten the comic moments in the play. High on the rooftop and clutching a teddy bear, Tunji Kasim conveys Dumaine's character as childlike (bearing resemblance to *Brideshead Revisited's* Lord Sebastian Flyte), indicative of this quality being present in all the noble men. This simple, yet

effective, prop helps to foreground the men's youthful aura which is seen again later in the play. When Leah Whitaker as the French Princess authentically mocks the men for their distraction from their vows, after only a matter of days, their noble status is belittled. Confronted with this withering the men are portrayed as rather naïve and foolish in their expectations of company with the ladies.

A highlight of the play is the performance at the ball, of the pageant of the 'Nine Worthies' by the Spanish traveller Don Armado, (John Hodgkinson), the local constable (Chris McCalphy), a curate (John Arthur), a schoolmaster (Steven Pacey) and estate staff. Nick Haverson, perfectly playing the role of Costard, the gardener and fool, humorously dances about in a wonderfully created costume (making him appear as if on a boat, surrounded by sea), in which he theatricalises the role of Hercules.

Combined with Nigel Hess' music scores, which enhance the comedy and uplift this scene, a "mini operetta" (to quote Hess' own words), is exactly what the audience is treated with.

Interrupted with the news of the death of the French King, the play takes an unexpectedly serious tone, in what has so far been a light-hearted tale. Leaving for France, the Princess and her ladies tell the noble men that they must live an 'unsociable' life for a year, before they can anticipate marriage. This gloomy turn of events mean the absence of Edward Bennett's Berowne and his witty remarks

is felt throughout the scene and even more so when the play proceeds to close with a song which further enhances this poignant moment. As the King and his friends then return onstage in officer's uniforms, the sombre tone is further entrenched as we comprehend that the men are heading for the frontline, and, one can't help but assume, their likely death. Whilst a pre-and-post-World War I time setting is deployed as it neatly fits when pairing *Love's Labour's Lost* and *Much A Do About Nothing*, it does however mean that the prior's ending is perhaps more serious than Shakespeare intended in this romantic comedy. Ultimately the play's light hearted nature is tainted during this ending and one leaves feeling rather reflective despite the comedy throughout the performance. Although, perhaps one cannot argue that this is an inappropriate directive choice, as after all the title denotes that love will be 'lost'.

Nonetheless, *Love's Labour's Lost* is an archetypal Shakespearian romantic comedy; involving disguise, a fool, and a play within a play. The brilliance of this superbly original production lies in Luscombe's talented use of setting, music and casting to draw out and heighten the superlative moments of Shakespeare's play. Although it closes exposing the imminence of World War I, the play is filled with many truly comic moments and deserves its success.

*Caroline Ledger*

## **Pageturners**

### **The Humans**

*Matt Haig*

Truth to say several of our group were not entirely sure they wanted to read this book. An alien is sent to earth, takes over the body of Andrew, an arrogant University Lecturer and lives among us in Cambridge, commenting on the lives of the humans he comes across? Hmmm!

However, Matt Haig has written a funny, endearing novel about what it is to be human from an outsider's perspective. He exposes the absurdities, failings, contradictions and inconsistencies of our lives with warmth and humour and shows what it is to not fit in and feel truly alienated. There is sadness but much joy and laughter (some laugh-out-loud moments) as the alien learns how to behave and fit in and ultimately become human. The book exposes just how absurd we humans are in our daily rituals and fixed routines, whilst often missing the things that matter; yet we have something valuable, and Matt Haig highlights the beauty of our stunning planet and of being a *human on it*.

*Debbie Spanton*

### **The Ambassadors of Jazz**

*7th April*

*Ongar Jazz Club*

Is there a Trumpet player in the audience? Ongar Jazz Club is a well-run and organised club with a long tradition of promoting various traditional styles of jazz.

However, on Friday night we were treated to a comedy performance that was unintentional. About a year ago the club fea-

tured a very good band that was hampered by the lack of a trombonist. He was travelling from West country and had run into M25 problems. The band started without him at the usual time of 8 pm and continued in a very fine manner considering that one third of the front line was missing. He did eventually turn up! at 10.45 pm and joined in for 15 minutes. A year later the same trombonist was engaged with his own band, all from the west country.

Guess what, they arrived on time - almost. They actually arrived at 7.55 pm after a 9 hour drive with M25 problems (Friday afternoon!). By the time they had set up the equipment it was 8.45 pm, 45 minutes late. But where is the comedy I hear you say! About 8.15 I noticed that the leader of the band looked a little bit concerned as he approached the microphone. As soon as he spoke I knew why. He addressed the audience with 'Is there a trumpet player in the house? no seriously!' As there were no takes he went on to ask 'does anyone own a trumpet!' It seems that the trumpet player had travelled from far away without his trumpet. 'Is this band cursed' I asked myself. Anyway, the said trumpet player who let us say was not unfamiliar with bus passes or potential letters from the Queen, sent another member of the band out to search the band bus. Luckily the missing trumpet was found to much cheers and amusement from the audience. The concert? OK, not the best night ever and a great shame that any newcomer may have left with the wrong opinion of the club.

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# Fyfield Cricket Club

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After what seems like a very long winter the season is finally underway at Fyfield Cricket Club.

The colts training has been in full swing on the Sports Field, since mid April and there are currently around 20 children signed up to play.

We field teams at Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 (School years 3–6) and each team competes in the West Essex District League for their age group.

At training the children play games and run drills to learn the skills they need to play cricket, whilst most importantly having fun. We welcome new players, of all abilities, at training every Monday from 6.30pm.

The club is also running All Stars Cricket sessions which are part of a new national initiative that is being run by the England and Wales Cricket Board.

All Stars Cricket is for 5 to 8 year olds who take part in short sessions packed full of games which are fun, fast and creative. Ultimately these sessions aim to create a life- long love for the game of cricket.

All Stars Cricket sessions started on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and run from 5pm until 6pm. When each child signs up they will receive a



backpack containing a personalised T-shirt, baseball cap, water bottle, bat and ball.

The Sunday XI had a great run at indoor nets at HECC, it was a great opportunity to blow off the cobwebs and prepare for the season. The squad is of mixed ability and made up of both adults and older Colts who have worked their way through the age groups to senior cricket.

There are nine Sunday fixtures spread out evenly over the course of the season with roughly a 50/50 split between home and away.

The club is also looking into arranging a few mid-week T20 matches as the shorter format of the game is popular and will hopefully draw in a few new players.

Training for the senior team is Thursday evenings from 6.30pm and new players are welcome to come along and join in.

For more information on the club, as well as the latest fixtures and results, please visit our website  
[www.pitchero.com/clubs/fyfieldcricket](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/fyfieldcricket).

*Simon Bryan,  
Chairman,  
Fyfield Cricket Club.*



# 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

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## St George's Day Parade and Service

On Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 the young members and adult leaders and parents gathered together at the Scout Head Quarters in Fyfield. They were parading from the HQ to St Nicholas' Church Fyfield for their St George's Day service and their renewal of promise ceremony. They left the HQ at 6.45pm parading their flags through the village to the church. Sam Spilling carried the Beaver Flag, Grace Woollard carried the Cub Scout Flag, Jacob Franklin carried the Scout Troop Flag. The Union Flag was carried by Shannon Watkins and the St George flag was carried by Chloe Belsham. Once at the church the flags



were presented to Christine Hawkins the priest in charge of St Nicholas' Church. The new Beaver flag was blessed and then the service started. The church was packed with 54 young members and their

families and 15 adult leaders and their supporters. After the reading from Caitlin Clark and the Address by Christine



Hawkins the renewal of promise ceremony took place. The Beaver promise was taken by Sam Bird the Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, Ed Collop the Assistant Cub Scout Leader took The Cub promise. Len Skinner the Group Scout Leader took the Scout, Explorer and Adult members promise. The Cub Scout Law was read by Jack Walker and the Scout Law was read by Jessica Dutnall. After this five Beavers were invested by Susi Deller the Beaver Scout Leader. They were Nathan Russell, Henry Petterson, Isla Wood, Grace Montgomery and Fabian Gordon. David Gordon the Cub Scout Leader invested three Cubs they were Adam Tew, Alfie Grimmette and Harry Donovan. Rolf Bassnett the Scout Leader also invested five Scouts they were Jessica Dutnall, Finlay Wallbanks, Jamie Bushell, Daniel Pailthorpe and Horus Watkins. After

the investitures, Peter Fairweather the District Commissioner for Royal Forest District presented to Michael Bacon the national award of the Silver Acorn. This is the highest scouting award ever received by a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group. I also was surprised to be presented with the Bar to the medal of merit. This was very unexpected for me and a wonderful surprise. After the service the group paraded back to the HQ for refreshments provided by Sandra Mead. Sandra had also made a cake for Michael which had a figure of him on the top in Scout uniform.

On the Sunday before this the 23<sup>rd</sup> April Michael had been invited to attend the St George's day service in the St George's chapel in Windsor Castle and to attend the Queens scout parade in the quadrangle of Windsor

Castle. The service was attended by Bear Grylls and the parade was attended by the Duke of Kent and Bear Grylls. This weekend was made more memorable as our very good friend Brian Baldry the Group Scout Leader from Ongar Scout Group was also there with his wife as he had also been awarded with the silver acorn. The whole week had been such a magical time for Michael and me and I felt so proud to be there with him at Windsor. However, I think that the experience of being with all the Scout Group members and family and friends at our own parade was even more magical.

*Mary Bacon*

*Chairman 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group 01277 899052*



### **Beaver Scouts-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8 years old**

Twelve Beavers attended the sleepover at the Scout HQ on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. They all had a lovely time and all the Beavers went on an evening hike around the village on the footpaths. They had to follow a map and find cards with letters on them. When they had all the letters they had to make a sentence from the letters. After supper, they enjoyed a film before bedtime. All those that attended this sleepover will have gained their nights Away staged badge and staged hike badge. The last two weeks of the spring term the Beavers took part in Problem solving team work and made Easter nests and cards. Harry Donovan gained his Chief Scout Bronze Award on the last night of term and he swam up to Cubs that night a well. In the Summer term the Beavers started the first week learning how to march for the St George's day parade. They also had Sandra Mead bring in her dog Troy who showed the Beavers how clever he was working out wooden puzzles. On the following Friday, the Beavers joined the parade to the church. The next week all the colony went to the Bowling Alley in Chelmsford they all had a fantastic evening. The next week they all worked on their new logbooks and filled in all the details of everything they had done in Beavers so far. This

week was very exciting as Simon the Explorer Scout leader came in to teach the 17 Beavers a little bit about Archery. All of them had an exciting evening.

### **Cub Scouts - 8 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old**

The end of the Spring term the Beavers had been preparing menus for their cookery badge. Julie Read came in to help with this. They learnt about kitchen hygiene and how to prepare vegetable they also cooked chicken and finally helped with washing up. The start of the summer term the Cubs went onto the playing field and played rounders and ball games and then they went into their sixes to do some team games. The following week the Cubs made various desserts to finish off their cooking badge. The next week they had a meeting about Cub District camp and what they would be doing and explaining about their kit inspection and then the parents arrived and David the cub leader talked to everyone about the camp. The next week 14 Cubs and 5 leaders went off to Tolmer's Scout Activity Centre in Cuffley, Hertfordshire. They put up their tents and played a wide game and then had supper and then watched a film and then went to bed. Not a lot of sleeping went on that first night. The Saturday they went for a run in the morning then had

breakfast and they went to various activities for the morning and the afternoon after lunch including Abseiling and climbing, Caving and assault course, Archery, and shooting. After Supper, there was a campfire where Russell Littler sang a camp fire song for everyone to join in. There was a film to watch and then it was time for bed. The Cubs did quite a lot of sleeping that night much to the leader's relief. On Sunday, the Cubs all took part in various badges including Backwoods cooking, Scientist Badge, and artists badge. There was a BBQ for lunch and then it was time to go home. The Cubs all had a fantastic time and a huge thanks to the leaders who took them to camp and gave up their weekend to look after the Cubs.

#### **Scouts - 10 to 14 years old**

The last week of the Spring term the whole Scout Troop went to Chelmsford to watch the new Disney Film Beauty and the Beast. One of our Scouts Nathan Mack played Chip the teacup in the production. We all really enjoyed the evening and when Nathan appeared on screen everyone cheered. When his credits came up at the end of the film the Scouts gave him a standing ovation. This was a great finish to the end of term.

In the Summer term, so far, the Scouts practised marching ready for the parade to the church and played some team games, they have been busy revising their map skills and route cards in readiness for the **Waltham Walk on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May**. We have two teams in the mini trek and two teams in the teenie trek. We hope they all enjoy this annual event.

Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years old  
The Explorer Scouts are very involved in planning their practice expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Two teams are taking part in the Waltham walk in May. They have done a night hike, a games night and joined the rest of the District Explorers on a paintballing exercise in Abridge. They also helped Simon the Explorer Scout leader entertain the Guide Trefoil Guild with an archery evening which was a great success and everyone had a fantastic evening.

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## Guiding News

The **Rainbows** have been invited to a 30th Birthday Party by Senior Section Guides to be held on 1st July. There are spaces for more Rainbows to join at the Fyfield Unit and they meet on Mondays; contact Sophie – [Kelly@btinternet.com](mailto:Kelly@btinternet.com)

**Trefoil Guilds** met on 16th May to 'have a go' at archery; you are never too old to learn new skills! The next meeting will be a garden party at Little House, 39 High Street, Ongar on Thursday 15th June to raise money for Alzheimer's and ME as part of a challenge to create awareness of disabilities. Again if you have been a Guide/Guider you are welcome to join Trefoil. Contact 899367

*Wendy Henshaw*



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



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

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

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



## Fyfield Focus - Advertising and Editorial Details

### Advertising in the Fyfield Focus

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