

Fyfield Focus

October/November 2016



For Sale!

Fyfield Village Store

The Fyfield Village Store is on the market as the proprietor, Nikhil Patel, is struggling to turn it into a viable business after three years of ownership.

If a new owner is found then it may continue but if there are no takers then we may be faced with Fyfield joining the many other villages in Essex with no shop and no Post Office. However, it is not all doom and gloom as there are a number of ways to assist the Village Store that are open to the residents of Fyfield.

What's it Worth to us?

We cannot afford to lose the Store for once it has gone it may never return. The Parish Council will now look into ways to support our Store and to assess public opinion regarding options. Hopefully, this will be aired in a Public Meeting soon.

Mobile Mast Update

At long last planning permission has been granted for a Mobile Phone Mast in Fyfield covering O2 and Vodafone. The 15 metre Pole will be painted green and will be located in Lower Houchin Field near the footpath that ends up on Ongar Road at Clatterford End and will be operative within the next 9 months.

Draft Local

Plan Revealed

- **Up to 85 new houses planned**
- **No Provision for Traveller Sites**

Epping Forest District Council have published the draft Local Plan which includes Fyfield.

The plan will pass into its consultation stage at the end of October when everyone will be able to comment on the proposals. Whilst this is a draft plan and may be modified prior to the consultation stage it does plan for up to 85 new houses to be sited on the plot of land between Ongar Road on the West, the Scout Hut on the east, the last house on Ongar Road on the North and Clatterford Lodge on the south. The plan also states that there will be no provision for traveller sites in Fyfield. Please see inside for more information of the local plan and how you can contribute.

The draft plan can be viewed at <http://www.eppingforest.consultationonline.co.uk/>

See inside for a map showing the proposed site for the new housing development.

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

Village Diary 2016



02-Oct	Indoor Boot Sale	Village Hall, 10am
04-Oct	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
05-Oct	Cake & Collectables	Village Hall, 2pm
06-Oct	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
10-Oct	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 8.30pm
12-Oct	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
19-Oct	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1.30pm
01-Nov	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
14-Nov	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 8.30pm
09-Nov	Luncheon Club	Village Hall, 12.30pm
11-Nov	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
16-Nov	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1.30pm
01-Dec	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall, 2pm
03-Dec	Fyfield Christmas Lunch	Village Hall, 12.30pm
06-Dec	Coffee Morning	The Church, 10am
10-Dec	Christmas Cheer	The Church, Noon-4pm
12-Dec	Fyfield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, 8.30pm
18-Dec	Carol Service	The Church, 6pm
18-Jan	Afternoon Tea	The Church, 1.30pm

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



I know our Summer sunshine arrived late but it has certainly made up for it since the start of August and it looks like the good weather is going to continue. However, I am now ready for the change

of season into Autumn; getting the garden tidied, planting additional bulbs for the Spring and re-planting tubs & baskets (when they eventually stop blooming). Marion Alcock, a member of the Fyfield Gardening Club, has shared with us some of her gardening knowledge and next month Martin Baxter will be telling us about this year's experiences as an amateur allotment holder on the Church Allotments. Our two village pubs have done us proud, yet again, this Summer with the amazing floral displays - see the photos inside. The Community Champion Initiative, launched by the Parish Council in August, is making good progress and all in an effort to make Fyfield an even better place to live.

One of the Fyfield book groups, Pageturners, has submitted book reviews covering the books the group have read over the past three months and what a diverse selection of books for you to learn about. Bookworms, our other Fyfield Book Group, hopes to re-commence submitting reviews shortly and next month there will be a number of theatre reviews for you to enjoy.

Most of us will already be thinking about the festive season and everything we have to do to prepare for a happy and stress free

time. Well why not consider getting a bit of domestic help by calling Easy Clean for a one-off deep clean and what about getting your boiler checked out before the colder weather sets-in by Ian at Wawman Services - a returning advertiser who lives locally. Our village church is holding their Carol Service on 18th December and will be holding a Christmas Cheer event earlier in December - have a look at the Village diary for more details of what is happening in the village.

The news of our wonderful Village Store & Post Office is very worrying and if our village loses this facility we will lose the soul of our village. Nikhil has been faced with many challenges over the past three years including break-ins and the refusal of planning permission to secure the premises; all at a time when he had invested so much into turning our village store into a very pleasant and well stocked shop. We must take every opportunity to support him; every banking transaction is revenue and so is every item you purchase.

Like other villages we are not exempt from crime and unfortunately we have had a few incidents over the last couple of months. The Rural Communities eMail family which provides details of incidents in rural areas locally has been re-launched and you can read a letter from Tony Ellis about this initiative.

*Cheryl Hadley,
Editor.*



information bulletin

First look at the Draft Local Plan

You can view a copy of the Draft Local Plan before it goes to Epping Forest District Council's Cabinet members on Thursday 6th October for comment, and the Full Council on the 18th October.

Please note that the Draft Local Plan presented will be subject to change and should not be viewed as the final version that we will be asking for consultation responses on.

By publishing this early draft a month before the official consultation starts on 31st October, we are ensuring everyone has as much time as possible to consider the issues before the deadline for responses on 12 December.

Planning Portfolio Holder John Philip said: *"This is everyone's first chance to see what the Plan for consultation will look like but it is important to remember that things could still change between now and the end of October. It won't be finalised until all councillors have had their final say at Full Council."*

"However, by getting this early draft out a month before the official consultation starts, we are ensuring everyone has as much time as possible to consider the issues before the deadline for responses on 12 December 2016. We don't want your views yet – not until the draft plan is finalised, but we are looking for as much feedback as we can possibly get once the consultation starts on 31 October 2016."

Please go to www.eppingforest.consultationonline.co.uk/ to view the full press release issued about the publication of this early draft.

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Draft Local Plan Area proposed for up to 85 houses to be built

Best Kept Front Garden Winners 2016



*1st Place - Frances & Graham Hart,
The Studio, Elmbridge Hall.*



*2nd Place - Kate & Les Lamb,
6 Abbey Close*



*3rd Place - Carol Cox,
Little Whitney Green,
Willingale Road*



Crime Prevention - Rural Communities eMail Family



Many residents living in the Epping Forest District reside in rural locations where, perhaps, neighbourhood watch is not a viable option.

For these residents it is difficult to keep in touch with what is going on around them in the way of criminal activity. Knowledge is power and if you know the current crime trends it is much easier to address the safety of your own property.

However, if there is no Neighbourhood Watch in your area and to start one wouldn't be practical, there is an alternative. I manage an email group which is called the Rural Communities Email Family. There are currently around 200 members who receive regular updates from me regarding suspicious activity in our rural areas.

All you have to do is send your email address to me at tony.ellis@essex.pnn.police.uk and I will

then add you to the contact list. The details that you send me will be stored by me and only used to send you information about current crime trends and other information which might affect your quality of life. All emails will be addresses via BCC so no other members will receive your email address.

However, this isn't a one way passage of information and I don't have the time to trawl through all intelligence that comes in to the Police each day. If you see anything suspicious I would like you to share it with me at the time by email and I will ensure that information goes out to all other members warning them to be vigilant. It will also be fed into our Police Intelligence System and could be used to support future policing operations.

If you fit the above criteria you are most welcome to join us and I look forward to working with you.

*Tony Ellis
Crime Prevention Assistant
Epping Forest District
Essex Police
Tel. 101 ext. 319383*

Cannons Lane - House Break In

I live at 23 Cannons lane and on Tuesday, 9 August at 1pm my partner returned home for lunch and found a small white car parked on the drive. A man appeared from the sideways saying he was here about a quote to cut down some trees. When my partner said we hadnt asked for a quote the man went to his car to check the address, started the engine and as he reversed off the drive at speed another man came running from our sideways and they sped off.

They had shattered the glass in the rear patio doors but because my partner disturbed

them, they didnt have time to get in the house!

This all happened too fast for my partner to get the full registration but it started 'YSF', so your readers & residents want to be warned as the police said there had been some similar break ins in Ongar.

I thought residents and Fyfield Focus readers should be warned!

(This notice was put up on the Fyfield Focus Online and was seen by a Fyfield resident who looked into a possible CCTV source. It was a Seat Ibiza but the registration no. could not be seen.)

Fyfield Community Champions

In the August/September Fyfield Focus I announced that the Fyfield Parish Council are promoting the establishment of Community Champions who are individuals who are prepared to lead, run, control or be part of campaigns that do things that make Fyfield a better place. Below is an update of progress so far:

Footpaths & Bridleways - Les Lamb

A draft assessment pack has been created and has been used to assess most of the north and west of our Parish. A draft issues tracker has been created and all issues found so far have been categorised and tracked. The Champion (Les Lamb) expects a complete assessment and report to be completed by the end of October.

First Responder Team - Jan Hall

Jan Hall has agreed to be the Community Champion for the establishment of a First Responder Team and will also work with the Fyfield Parish Council when/if we install a Defibrillator in the village. Jan is ideally positioned to do this as not only does she live in the centre of the village on Dunmow Road directly opposite Queen Street she has worked in the NHS as a qualified Nurse. Jan will not be progressing this initiative immediately as she currently has a lot of demands on her time at present. In the meantime, if you think you would be interested in being part of the First Responder team or help Jan get this initiative off the ground let me (Ian Hadley) know and I will pass on your details to Jan.

Land behind Walker Avenue

The above council owned area has been a known eye sore for some time and Mark Rogers has volunteered to be the Champion to plant this up and maintain it if the FPC will organise the initial clearance of the area. As a resident of Walker Avenue and on a voluntary basis Mark has maintained and planted up the pathway from Walker Avenue to the Sports Field for many years so is the ideal person to take this on. The FPC will look into the clearance of this site and hopefully it won't be long before Mark starts making this an attractive addition to our village.

Queen Street - Tidy-up and Enhancement - Ian Hadley

I understand there has been some casual chats taking place amongst some residents in Queen Street who have a desire to form a Community Champion Group to do a tidy-up in the Street and help with enhancing a no. of the general areas in the street. Queen Street is a central street in the village and like a lot of roads and streets in the village we could do with a tidy-up after the road works and broadband infrastructure installation. I would be very happy to be part of such a group and I would really like to hear from other like minded Queen Street residents who would like to help towards making Queen Street look the best it can.



If you would be interested in being a Champion or part of a Champion Group which keeps the road/street where you live looking cared for and litter free please let me know. There are many other opportunities for improvement across our Parish so if you would like to get involved or have some ideas please let me or any other Parish Councillor know. If we all work together we can make the Parish of Fyfield an even better and safer place to live. The Parish Council will fully support you and provide you with assistance in any way that they can including awarding a Champion of Champions prize in the Summer of 2017.

*Ian Hadley
Chair,
Fyfield Parish Council*

St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Attempted Lead Theft – Again!

In early August there was a new attempt to steal lead from the roof of the village church. This time the thief tackled the roof of the south aisle, which is not fully visible from the road. He managed to disable the roof alarm sensors. Fortunately, when the roof was re-covered with lead a few years ago, we had the foresight to use anti-climb paint on all the rolled joints between the lead sheets and this made it difficult for the thief. He managed to unroll many joints but left without removing any of them, presumably with the intention of returning later to complete the job. Fortunately – again – we spotted the damage in time to prevent this.

A Mystery Solved

All our benches and seats around the village have returned to their normal places. What a nice surprise - all repaired and sparkling. Also, how lovely to see our bus-shelter in the throws of repair. It is in a very prominent position in our village and has looked in a sorry state for a long time.

A big thank you to our Parish Council.

Carol Cox.

The thief left lots of clues. Fingerprints all over the tape he had used, not to mention the cigarette packet which had been purchased duty-free in Romania. Although the Police are not optimistic that the thief will be apprehended for this crime, they will be able to link the evidence we collected for them with him if he is caught on another job in future.

The roof has now been repaired – at a cost to your church of about £400 – and the alarm system has been upgraded to prevent its disablement in future, at a further cost of £1800. Fresh anti-climb paint has been applied and will be reapplied regularly in coming years.

*Marcus Dain
Churchwarden*

**Letter from Rev. Albert
Watson,
Associate Priest**
(Acting Priest-in-charge of Fyfield
Benefice).

If, like me, you are a well-matured person (that's a good phrase, isn't it? Much better than old codger...) you might remember a Sunday school chorus which had the words: "Count your blessings, count them one by one, and it will amaze you what the Lord has done." Or a Bing Crosby song: "When you're worried and you can't sleep, count your blessings instead of sheep."

Ah, I can hear you all humming along with me, all you well-matured people! The thing is, corny though it sounds, it can work. I'm not talking now about people suffering with clinical depression, who need expert help with their very real ailment; nor do I suggest it to those who are deep in the pit of a painful bereavement. But for those of us who have occasional attacks of "the blues" for no obvious reason, or what Winston Churchill called "a visit from the black dog", it can be uplifting and cheering to make a list, on paper or in our heads, of the positive aspects of our lives.

First, look around you at the material things of your life: do I have a comfortable home? Do I have enough to eat, and the ability to enjoy it? Do I have books, magazines, recordings, favourite TV shows?

Then move on to people: Even if you live alone, are there people who brighten your life when they drop in - neighbours, friends, relatives, cheery delivery people or carers?

Memories can sometimes be a mixed blessing, but do you remember good times when smiles and laughter came easily, and you felt good about yourself?

Finally, do you have faith in a God who is always there for us, and who showed how much he cared when his son Jesus went to the cross for us? If you have that faith, try to rest in it. If you can't believe it, pray for faith -- and while you are at it, tell God honestly how you are feeling today.

This may well be my first and last letter for the Fyfield Focus, as I hope we will have a new priest-in-charge coming soon.

Love, Rev. Albert.

Many Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the support these past few weeks, it has been a tremendous help through the worst time of my life.

Ron was a special person and is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Many thanks for the generous donation to his memory; these have been shared between Friends of St. Nicholas and Alzheimers Society.

Binny, Anne, Brian and Janet.

Due to my error this thank you from Binny & family should have appeared in the August/September publication.

Cheryl Hadley - Editor

Services at St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Priest in Charge:
Churchwardens:

The living is currently in interregnum
Marcus Dain telephone: 01277 899590
David Bessell telephone: 07886 075889

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

Oct	2	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	6	9:30am	Dr Walker's School Harvest Service
	9	11:00am	Holy Communion
	16	Services at Moreton, Bobbingworth and Willingale	
	23	11:00am	Family Service
Nov	6	11:00am	Morning Prayer
	13	10:55am	Service of Remembrance
	20	Services at Moreton, Bobbingworth and Willingale	
	27	11:00am	Family Service

FOOD BANK We believe that the recent problem of Food Bank items being stolen has been resolved and our generous contributors may be reassured that the items they put into the Food Bank box in the church will reach the needy people they are intended to help. 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.

St Mary's Church, Moreton

Oct	2	9.30am	Holy Communion
	23	9.30am	Family Service
	30	6.00pm	Evening Service
Nov	6	9.30am	Holy Communion
	27	9.30am	Family Service

St Germain's Church, Bobbingworth

Oct	2	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving
	23	11.00am	Family Communion
Nov	6	11.00am	Family Service
	27	11.00am	Family Communion

St Christopher's Church, Willingale

Oct	16	9.30am	Family Service
	23	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Nov	13	9.30am	Holy Communion
	20	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	27	9.30am	Family Service

The Ramblers...enjoying our footpaths

The Rambles (Friends Group) enjoyed a ramble along our footpaths in the late September sunshine.

Starting at Clatterford End onto Cross Lees Farm and Bundish Hall then along Cripsey Brook towards Moreton and back east crossing open countryside from Nether Hall.

The countryside was as beautiful as ever after the harvest and the uninterrupted view from the ridge above Wood Farm was just brilliant. As a bonus we spotted herons and

buzzards along the way and fish in Cripsey Brook.

The route was new to most of the group and they were very impressed by the great job the landowners have done in maintaining the footpaths and hedgerows.

We finished at Marion and David Bradford's home who kindly provided a tasty lunch and a well deserved cup of tea. It's a gentle dry walk of 4.5 miles on grass tracks with just a few styles to clamber over. If you would like to try it yourself please email me and I will send you a map.

Les Lamb

leslamb@hotmail.co.uk



Afternoon Tea at St Nicholas' Church Fyfield

Wow what fantastic support we had for our monthly afternoon tea in August - we are now attracting people from far & wide. Did you know a Church is now an 'in-vogue' venue for afternoon tea and London has caught onto this trendy idea; I always knew Fyfield was a trendy place to live!

At the time of sending this to the Fyfield Focus we will be in the throws of our September afternoon tea and our next dates will be:

October 19th

November 16th

January 18th

No afternoon tea in December.

In the new year we will be able to give you an update on the charities we have been able to support as chosen by our customers. We are open from 1pm till 4.30pm giving customers the choice to either come & see us for lunch or afternoon tea.



We look forward to seeing you soon.

Jan Hall

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Changes to recycling centres

From 31 October 2016 business waste is not accepted at Essex Recycling Centres for Household Waste and attempting to dispose of business waste at these sites is illegal.

Business waste can come from:

shops, offices, factories, restaurants or other business premises

people who run mobile businesses such as beauticians, window cleaners or gardeners tradesmen, such as builders, plumbers, tilers, and kitchen fitters

rubbish removal, handyman, man-in-a-van type businesses

people who work from home who have waste material associated with their work.

Business waste illegally entering recycling centres puts an additional burden on local council tax payers and adds to site congestion, inconveniencing local people seeking to dispose of legitimate household waste.

To prevent disposals of business waste and improve the way recycling centres deal with household waste, with effect from 31

October 2016, the centres listed below will no longer accept:

- soil
- hardcore
- plasterboard
- bathroom ceramics, including sinks, toilets and baths, and any tiles
- fitted kitchen units and worktops
- uPVC or wooden doors or window frames.

And will also no longer give access to:

- trucks
- vans, including car-derived vans
- pick-ups
- any towed trailer with more than one axle.

Affected sites:

Burnham-on-Crouch

Canvey Island

Chigwell

Dovercourt

Kirby-le-Soken

Lawford

Mountnessing

Rayleigh (The vehicle restrictions above will apply to Rayleigh, however you will still be able to take limited amounts of DIY and construction waste subject to the restrictions below)

South Woodham Ferrers

Waltham Abbey

West Mersea

Witham

At all other Essex recycling centres (those not listed above), the following waste volume restrictions will apply:

a. in any 28-day period:

three wheelbarrow loads (one car boot full) of soil, hardcore, or gypsum-based products, including plasterboard and dry wall lining;

and

one wheelbarrow load of tiles

and

b. in any six-month period:

three large ceramic items, e.g. toilet or wash basin

one uPVC or wooden window frame

one uPVC or wooden external door

three wooden internal doors

one load including any kitchen units.

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The Black Bull & The Queens' Head in Bloom

Fyfield is so fortunate not only to have two village pubs but two pubs which enhance the look of our village not only for the Fyfield residents but for anyone who visits our village or passes through. Both pubs have been Champions of our village for some time and this year's displays have been exceptional. Meet Glen Harper (The Black Bull) and Pete Heatley (The Queen's Head) who are responsible for the planting and maintenance of the flower displays.



The Black Bull - Glen Harper



The Queens' Head - Pete Heatley



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Fyfield Art Group

We have started back to our art sessions and had hoped that we would have some more people interested in joining us. We are a very small group of seven and would dearly like to have some more members.

Our October sessions are Monday 10th and 24th from 10.00a.m. till 12 noon at Fyfield Village Hall. My contact number is 01277 899367 but you can just come along. We pay £5.00 to join each term and £2.50 a session.

Wendy Henshaw

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Fyfield Village Hall

We have two exciting events at the beginning of October.

Sunday, 2nd October: We are hosting an Indoor Boot Sale at the Village Hall. Hire of a table is only £10 please contact Penny on 01277899584 or 07884007865. Sale is from 10.00a.m. until 2.0p.m. refreshments will be available for purchase. 11 tables are already booked so don't delay.

Wednesday, 5th October: Do come along and maybe you will find a treasure that can be valued at our Cake & Collectables Event (Antiques Road Show) at the Village Hall from 2pm to 5pm. Mark Stacey, Auctioneer and Valuer from Rayleigh will be giving a short talk, to be followed by Cake and tea, and afterwards he will value two items for each person. This is included in your **£6.00 ticket**. If you want more items valued if Mark has time he will do more for a small fee. Tickets on sale now please contact Patti Nicholson 01277 899504

The Fyfield Village Hall Committee (Trustees) have been very busy organising and checking out maintenance at the hall. We have had electrical PAT testing completed, a Fire Risk Assessment undertaken, and a premises valuation and from that have increased the hall's insurance. We have had the outside of the hall painted and are getting quotations to replace the door onto the car park. We are having a central archive and index of all documents created.

We have taken two new regular bookings: Mini-movers, for 0-4 year old children on Wednesdays 9.45 – 10.45a.m. with Anna Carstea 07738264394, or annacarstea@gmail.com and www.musicalrainbow.co.uk Then starting in November Baby Sensory sessions on Mondays designed for babies from birth to 13 months, starting 7th November from 9.30 till 2.30p.m. Natalie Smith 07850679712.

Wendy Henshaw

Fyfield Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club went out to lunch in August and were joined by some W.I. members. We had a 'mystery' tour driving through the beautiful Essex and Suffolk villages. We had a hospitality lunch at the Ridgewell W.I. and then drove onto Long Melford, which was explored by some members discovering a wonderful fabric shop and Art Galleries and some just had tea. All expressed appreciation for a lovely trip and of course the weather was perfect.

Our lunch this month was roast chicken with all the trimmings and a wonderful choice of desserts. Many thanks to the Queen's Head for our main course and to Janice, Patti, Jan and Pam for the desserts. We welcomed two new members Pat & Audrey. Next month Luncheon Club is on 12th October 12.30p.m. Please phone me 01277 899367 to book in by Saturday 8th.

The **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will be on Saturday 3rd December 12.30 for 1.00p.m. Please let me know if you would like to come.

Wendy Henshaw

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

Since launching the St. Nicholas' Church Tapestry Project in April we have made significant progress in relation to its design, size and what techniques we will use to create the Tapestry. The Tapestry will be placed on the Chancel Wall and will be approximately 45sq. ft. in size. We realised from the start that to create a Tapestry of this size would take too much time to create so we have decided to use various fabric and needle work techniques to create our Tapestry/Fabric Wall Art to illustrate our Patron Saint, Nicholas.

We had a very informative first class on the techniques of Applique on August 27th with 12 ladies attending. We all enjoyed ourselves although at first we all found it rather daunting. Never the less, it hasn't dampened our enthusiasm. On Saturday 25th September we are meeting to start tracing the pictures of St. Nicholas' life and measuring up the quantity of materials we will need to get

started. On October 8th we are having our 2nd session with our tutor Becky and hope to get started on the production of the tapestry/fabric wall art.

So far we have done all our work and discussions as a group so it is a very pleasant community project to belong to and we have had new people join the group as we have progressed. If you would like to join the workshop on the 8th October please come along to the Church from 10.00am–1.00p.m or if you would like to join the project or have more details please call me.

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This contribution has been written by Marion.

SNIPPETS

Bindweed is perhaps pretty to look at but often smothers everything in sight.

To get rid of these perennial weeds you can hoe them off at ground level but that will leave some of the roots in the ground ready to re-sprout and bring a fresh lot of weed seeds to the surface. General chemical weed killers will quickly kill off the top growth but do nothing to kill the roots.

The best treatment is to use a Glyphosate; it takes longer perhaps; even a couple of weeks; but will eventually kill off the roots. If the bindweed is among your flower or veg beds, don a rubber glove, put a gel format on the thumb and forefinger and stroke the leaves – this also works well for ground elder.

Garden Nurseries

When buying plants, I tend to pop into the garden centres locally in Ongar and Harlow but, just sometimes, I want something different from the masses and this is where specialist Nurseries come into their own. Two such nurseries are within a half hour drive; the first being Langthorns at Little Canfield, CM6 1TD. No café or knickknacks for sale, just well grown plants at very reasonable prices but with the added extra of some of the more unusual specimens.

The second is Hopleys in the middle of the pretty village of Much Hadham, SG10 6BU. A similar wide range of plants, more expensive than Langthorns but, as this is also an “event” venue, it also features a lovely garden to view and, for me, the main attraction turned out to be the all-day café where we had a fabulous lunch.

Both well worth a visit with a lovely drive through the country lanes but best take a sat nav if you are not familiar with the area.

Allotments

This is a good time of year to take on an allotment and prepare it for planting next year. The allotments are situated at Canons Green and plots are available. For enquiries about these, or the Gardening Club, please ring Pat on 899590.

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Rutting Season is Here!



Motorists, dog walkers and visitors are advised to be aware that the deer mating season, also known as the rutting season, has begun.

The rutting season starts late September and peaks mid-October, during the season male deer, or bucks become less aware of their surroundings.

They can be highly aggressive as they are full of testosterone as they attempt to fight off rivals to attract as many females as possible. This makes them less aware of dangers around them, such as cars and bikes on the roads.

Be aware

Councillor Gary Waller, Portfolio Holder for Safer, Greener and Transport said:

“Throughout the rutting season, drivers should take great care because there are large numbers of deer about, and sadly people have lost their lives not long ago in our area when cars collided with them at this time of year.”

“Remember that deer may be close at hand even if there aren’t trees on both sides of the road. Deer often move in groups, so if you see one, there are likely to be others following and they may leap out without warning.”

Motorists

Accidents on the roads involving deer increase at this time of year and drivers should be extra vigilant where there are deer warning signs and slow down when driving through the forest.

Dog walkers

Dogs should be kept on a lead. It is important to keep disturbance of the deer to a minimum and dog owners should be aware that deer can feel threatened by dogs and may also disrupt the deer breeding pattern.

Walkers

Walkers are advised to keep at least 50m away from deer, never get in between 2



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Fyfield & District W.I.

We had a lovely outing in July to the Hopley Garden Centre with a tour round the gardens by the owner who told us the history and was very knowledgeable on all the plants.

Our speaker for our September meeting was Mrs Anne Luder, a retired lecturer who gave us a very interesting talk on the history of Capel Manor. She showed us some beautiful slides of the grounds and of the different 'manors' that had been built on the site. Our 6th October speaker is Mrs Brenda Harley and will tell us how she became 'a reel old sew and sew' and on 3rd November

we will have the 'confessions of a jewellery Junkie'.

Very sadly we have lost two of our very stalwart committee members this year Annette King and Sheila Whitehead. We miss them both very much and our sympathy goes to their families.

We hope that our coffee morning on 22nd September will have been well supported and hope that we can inspire more ladies to become W.I. Members.

Wendy Henshaw

Annette King (1932-2016)

Annette King sadly passed away on 28th July after a relatively short illness. Laurie and the King family would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all those friends and neighbours in Fyfield who supported Annette through her recent illness and to those who sent their condolences. Special thanks to those friends who decorated the church with flowers for August 11th.

For those of the family who do not live in the village it has been surprising and heart-warming to discover just how many people knew and loved Annette. She and Laurie moved to Fyfield in 1981 and Annette played an active part in village life through the church, WI, bowls and luncheon club. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Sarah King

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

Breakthrough!

Just when we hear that the siting of a Mobile Phone Mast in Fyfield has been granted I notice that my Vodafone signal has suddenly appeared even indoors. I remember getting a text recently from Vodafone saying that the signal was going to get better but I was very sceptical.

It's a Dog's Life (or a humans)

Whilst on a recent Cruise around the Med, much to my surprise I noticed a Whippet walking around the ship accompanied by a lady. I could tell that it was not a guide dog for the blind so I immediately thought it must be a hearing dog as used by Flossy Devonald from the Bridge Club. But that was clearly not right either as the lady had no trouble in hearing me when I stroked the dog and enquired about reason that it was aboard ship. I was surprised to learn that it was a medical detection dog. This wonderful dog accompanies his Diabetic owner everywhere she goes and constantly monitors her blood sugar level via his trained, ultra sensitive sense of smell. This dog can detect when blood sugar levels fall to a dangerous level and alert his owner so that she can take action. The owner had a special requirement that made normal self testing almost impossible as it required constant monitoring. Medical Aid dogs are used for many medical problems and are truly mans and womans best friend. I felt quiet humble in the presence of the dog; I felt somewhat guilty that he may be contributing more to life than I or a lot of other people in this world.

London from the Air

Had a rare treat the other day, had a really clear view of London from the air. I've flown into Heathrow a good many times but never really had a good view of the Capital. Last Saturday was different! We approached London from the west but had to land east to west therefore we flew along south London and circled over the Dome (O2 to some) and flew down the Thames descending to Heathrow and Terminal 5. I could have stayed up there for hours such was the view. I could not see Fyfield but I could see the hills that form Brentwood and the countryside beyond where we live. I wish that aircraft had glass bottoms like some boats.

Fyfield in Decline?

With the news that the Village Shop is up for sale makes me consider if Fyfield is in decline and destined to end up like Willingale, Pub less and Shop less. Just look at what has happened! There used to be a garage - gone. There used to be a top rate restaurant and entertainment establishment, Gypsy Mead - gone. The Haque Empire followed - gone. There used to be a Police House and Policeman - gone. What next I ask, The Village Shop and Post Office the No. 46 Bus? Even Gigaclear have left the building!

There is only one thing for it, the Fyfield Marina will have to save the day along with securing the first stage of the Giro d'Italia and the Fyfield F1 Grand Prix.

*Ian Hadley
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Archie's Column

(Tails from the Riverside)



Hi, Archie here!

I've just returned from a holiday at my country club. A bit basic, rather like a holiday in

Greece, but the company and food was good. Plenty of dogs to bark at and always something going on, dogs coming and going and plenty of food. Even so, it was nice to get back home and check up on my garden. It was also good to go for one of my regular walks and catch up with my friends. So far I've only met with Martha and am still looking for the Brown Boys. Trouble is. I have lost my bark due to over use at the country club! I know it will come back but I just don't sound the same. Saw what looked like a submarine the other day. Impossible in Fyfield I know but strange things are happening! Someone has moved the river nearer to the house or they are digging a mariner maybe. Dad says he's going to buy a narrow boat to moor at the end of the garden and something called a Gin Palace for days out in the summer. He's also bought some water skis and has a flag that says Fyfield Yacht Club - Members Only. Luckily it doesn't say 'No Dogs'.

I've just read about the Medical Aid Dog. I think I will apply, after all, I can smell. They keep saying 'He smells' so they must be right. I can also hear and see although only when I am awake. Once I

am asleep nothing wakes me; well, possibly the smell of food or the rattle of my lead indicating a walk.

Anyway, I'm off to watch Country File, one of my favourite TV programmes. After that I may smell out some food. I particularly like cheese especially before I go to bed. It makes me dream you see. What about? ... I hear you say. Food of course!

*Bye for now.
Archie*



Letter from Tony Boyce



Can we say a big well done to Tom our Mobile library driver who has received the National Mobile Librarian of the Year award and once again if you don't use this excellent fortnightly

service you will loose it. Well done and thank you Tom.

I would like to congratulate the Fyfield Focus for the Award it received in July in the 2015 Rural Community Council of Essex Community Magazine Competition. The magazine is a valuable community asset and Fyfield is very fortunate to have such an excellent magazine.

In 2011 the Government decided to conduct a review of the boundaries and constituencies in an effort of making a more equal number of electors in each

constituency. The rules set out in the legislation state there will be 600 Parliamentary constituencies; reducing the number in England from 533 to 501. This means in Essex it will be reduced by 1. In a nutshell, it means we who are presently under Brentwood with the current MP being Sir Eric Pickles will come under Harlow with the current MP being Robert Halfen. This change is only for Parliament and not Epping Forest District Council (EFDC). So your postcodes will remain exactly as they are at present so there will be no cause for concern.

You can go to www.bce2018.org.uk which explains in more detail the Initial Proposals for the New Parliamentary Constituency.

Tony Boyce
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Letter from the Chairman

As you will see elsewhere in the Focus, the EFDC Draft Local Plan has been released and will be open for consultation and discussion from the end of October until 12th December. Part of the plan refers to Fyfield and indicates that our share of the requirement for new houses in this part of



the country is up to 85. The plan identifies existing farm land near Houchin Drive as the preferred location for the development which will spread the central part of the village nearer Ongar. At the same time Ongar is creeping nearer Fyfield with the new development on the Fyfield Business Park. I am sure you will all have your own views on this and the good thing is you have your chance to air them when the consultation stage starts. EFDC encourage this and are giving the whole process a high profile around the

district by posters and other advertising. Please use this opportunity to air your views either individually or as groups as once the plan is finalised it will be too late for anyone to have any influence.

Also, please have a look at this link from Essex Recycling that details changes in the operation of waste centres in our area. Gone are the days when we could visit the local tip and dispose of anything.

<http://www.recycleforessex.com/our-waste-strategy/changes/>

Finally, Some of you may know that Wendy Henshaw has represented the Parish Council for a good number of years on the Dr. Walker’s School Foundation. As a new councillor has expressed interest in taking this role it was no longer necessary to co-opt a non council member to fill this role. I would like to thank Wendy for her efforts on our behalf and hope that she continues her association with the Foundation in the future.

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Local Plan Consultation

Epping Forest District Council has launched a new Planning Our Future website, so that residents in the District can find out how to get involved in the upcoming consultation for the next stage in the Local Plan process.

Every district is required to have an up-to-date Local Plan, and with a renewed emphasis from Central Government on the need for a Local Plan to be in place in early 2017, Epping Forest District Council will be consulting on its Draft Plan during November and December 2016. The new Planning Our Future website, www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture, will be a one stop shop for all the information about the Local Plan and what it means for Epping Forest District, registering for updates, as well as a quick and easy way to provide feedback.

Councillor John Philip, Cabinet Member for Planning Policy at Epping Forest District Council, stated:

“This is your Local Plan. Get involved and give us your feedback.”

“Our new Planning Our Future website has been launched two months before the start of the consultation, so that everyone who wants to can get involved in the different events we are holding

across the District in November and December.”

Epping Forest District’s Full Council will meet on 18th October to agree whether the Draft Local Plan can go out to consultation for six weeks. If approved, the consultation on the Draft Plan is expected to run between 31st October and 12th December.

This will be a chance to have a say over the direction of the Local Plan document before it is submitted to the Government. The document will be a blueprint for all development in the District up until 2033.

The Local Plan is not simply about how many homes are needed, but guides where the new homes are most sustainably and suitably located in Epping Forest District. It also supports the success of local businesses. It sets out the retail and leisure requirements. It will ensure the right facilities and infrastructure are delivered by developers. It will protect and enhance the District’s natural environment.

In addition to the new Planning Our Future website, regular updates about the Local Plan will be available via Epping Forest District Council’s Twitter and Facebook pages.

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Centuries before an ancient relative, Maximous Scoupous, the son of a Roman Senator, was one of the earliest reporters allowed to witness life on a Roman Galley during naval exercises along the Tyrrhenian Sea. He recorded the day on a wooden tablet covered with a layer of wax and wrote on it using a pointed reed, or

bone "stylus". Once transferred to scrolls the wax would be heated and smoothed for re-use thus "*Wiping the slate clean*" and "*Starting with a*

clean slate" became famous idioms in our language. He rested the tablet on some fishing nets for ease of writing; *perhaps the first use of a tablet on the net?*

That afternoon the rowers, during a rest, were struck with palm tree branches and given an extra ration of bread and water by a comite (guard). "To keep them focused" explained the Master at arms "as tomorrow Anthony and Cleopatra are due on board for water skiing". Following this



the "No Joking" board was taken down but "Keep chains fastened" board still swung on it's peg. Laughter was rather hollow after this until the row master, carrying a earthenware jar of olive oil, spilt some of the liquid and proceeded to slip uncontrollably along the quarter deck above them flinging more oil as he gathered momentum. Struggling to guide himself to a stop he collided with the drum master, Jaccues, who also slipped with the two of them finishing in a heap covered in the "Elixir" of life as it was then described.

Not expecting any turbulence rowing resumed and was soon in full flow when suddenly a ferocious leak appeared in the hull and water plus bubbles rushed in drenching the rowers. The cry was "JACCUES"- "OOZING" the traditional warning to the ship's master that water was entering. After blocking the inflow the sun gradually dried those who had received the blast of sea water which

strangely had given a therapeutic feeling to those affected.

At best the official translation from this reporter reads: "*Our*



sailors had a Whip round, then a slap up meal with an extra drink ration followed by an amusing Slide Show. All finished off with a jacuzzi!

Barry Betteridge

The Pageturners



The Winter King *by Bernard Cornwell*

This book is the first of an Arthurian trilogy. It is long, full of names with too many consonants and

I was prepared to hate it. However, Bernard Cornwell is a master storyteller, has sold millions of books and I was soon hooked.

Uther the High King of Britain has died leaving the infant Mordred as his only heir. His uncle, the warlord Arthur, is named as one of his guardians but inevitably the country becomes unstable and falls into chaos. There are constant threats from other British kingdoms as well as from the Saxons and the Irish. This is post-Roman Britain where Christianity is slowly emerging but where the Druids are still exercising a great deal of influence, spreading fear and feeding superstition. Yet Cornwell presents a tale in a realistic setting rather than the usual fantasy tales surrounding Arthur, a factor that was welcomed by our book group.

Bernard Cornwell was brought up by adoptive parents in Thundersley. They belonged to a strict religious sect called the Peculiar People and life as a child was not much fun. After university, he joined the BBC as Head of Current Affairs in Northern Ireland before moving to the USA after his marriage to an American. With no green card, Cornwell had to

make a living, started writing and the rest is history. Best known for his Sharpe novels and Saxon Chronicles, this Warlord Arthurian trilogy remains his favourite.

Margaret Dines

Turned Out Nice Again: On Living With The Weather *by Richard Mabey*

This is a very slim book, which describes the vagaries of our English weather, as experienced by Richard Mabey, the naturalist and award-winning author and journalist.

Richard Mabey has spent his life on the trail of "weather phantoms", and thanks to this, *Turned Out Nice Again* is replete with such wonders: a Cornish wood that is tidal at the spring equinox, primroses temporarily flowering under the sea; a cave rainbow that flips over on its side to form a circle with a neighbour, the two surrounding him at chest level "like a fallen halo". But there are more ordinary delights here, too: a couple of children using the huge, rhubarb-like leaves of butterbur as umbrellas; a fledgling kingfisher that whirls by his boat on the Norfolk Broads and makes the day feel sunny even though it is not at all (for Mabey, a passing kingfisher is "a flash of fair-weather lightning"). He is not a winter man; as a depressive, its dinge makes him torpid and morose. But this doesn't mean that he doesn't thrill at the sight of a skater hissing across a frozen pond. As he looks on, the mud beneath his

feet scrunches enjoyably "like creme brulee".

In his trademark style, Richard Mabey weaves together science, art and memoirs to show the weather's impact on our culture and national psyche. English has more words for rain than Inuit has for snow!!

We should never apologise for our obsession with the weather. It is one of the most profound influences on the way we live, and something we all experience in common. No wonder it's the natural subject for a greeting between total strangers: 'Turned out nice again.'

Sally Walden

The Five People You Meet in Heaven

by Mitch Albom.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven is the second book published by Mitch Albom. His first book *Tuesdays with Morrie* became a best seller in 1997 and described his weekly meetings with his old professor for discussions about life and death.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven, published in 2003, also became a best seller. It was turned into a TV film for ABC in 2004 and became the most watched film in the US that year.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven tells the story of Eddie, a wounded war veteran, an old man who has lived, in his mind an uninspired life. His job was fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. On his 83rd birthday, a tragic accident

kills him as he tries to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakes in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination, but an answer. In heaven, five people explained his life to him. Three people he knew but two he didn't, however, all had an effect on his life or he on theirs. One by one, from childhood to soldier to old age, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on Earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life, and revealing the haunting secret behind the eternal question: "Why was I here?"

Albom said that *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* was inspired by his real life Uncle, Eddie Beitchman, who, like the character, served during [World War II](#) in the [Philippines](#) and died when he was 83. When Albom was a child, Eddie told him about the time he was rushed to surgery and had a near-death experience. He felt his soul floating above his bed where he saw his dead relatives waiting for him. Albom said this image of people waiting when you die inspired his concept of *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*.

Brenda Walker

Marden Ash Ongar Football Club

Marden Ash Ongar Football Club (MAOFC) have a new home. After our first season as a new team we have moved our home ground from Fyfield to Ashwells off the Brentwood Road. We would like to thank the team at Fyfield for their support last season.

The 2016/17 MAOFC season began with a disappointing friendly that highlighted the need to have consistent players and team understanding. Training has been well supported and we have been joined by several new players from the local area. Together, with the existing team members, we believe we have a talented squad that allows us to think this season and which could be a real success.

After 2 matches the MAOFC are sitting top of the second division. A 12- win away in our first match in which goals were spread across the team was followed by a much closer encounter with Queens park. MAOFC ran out 3-1 winners.

Our first home fixture is on Sunday 18th September. Please come along and support us. Once again we would like to thank our sponsors Spin Slim and The Cinnamon Gardens.

If you would like more information or to get involved at MAOFC please call Jim on 07824 464890.

Thank You Message from Scout Head Quarters at Fyfield

The local scout group has always accepted that as a community organisation our site should be available for people walking dogs to have access to the Three Forest Way. The actual route of this public right of way cuts across the corner of the car park. So it is easier for dog walkers to walk along the side of the building.

We thank all those people who use this route, which is not a right of way, who either avoid their dogs fouling on the grass or clear up after them. However, there are a number of dog walkers who see the grass area adjacent to the Scout Hall as a doggy loo. We have over 200 child visits to the site per

week with the youngest being 2½ years old. Dog poo and small children do not mix and it may become necessary to block off this route.

So to all those responsible dog owners who use the scout site as a short cut please pass on the message that this facility may not be available in the future.

Also, many thanks to those individuals who have dumped their rubbish in the car park. We run on a tight budget and paying for the removal of such rubbish costs us money.

*Mick Bacon
Scouts.*

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Fyfield Carpet Bowls



It is with regret that I have to report that the afternoon session of the Bowls Club has had to finish. With the

demise of Annette King and Megs Butler, and the failing health of other members, it is no longer viable and the remaining members have decided it is now time to close. It is a great shame to see the afternoon session finish. Our thoughts go out to Laurie and his family at this sad time. However, the evening session is still active and enjoying our club nights. If there are

any afternoon bowlers still keen to play and wish to join us, they are more than welcome.

The league and competition season will soon be upon us and I will keep you updated on anything the club takes part in. That's all for now, catch you later!

Jacky Brown

Congratulations

to Janice and Ron Barker on reaching their Diamond Wedding Anniversary! 60 years is a wonderful achievement.

Best wishes from all your friends at the Fyfield Carpet Bowls Club.

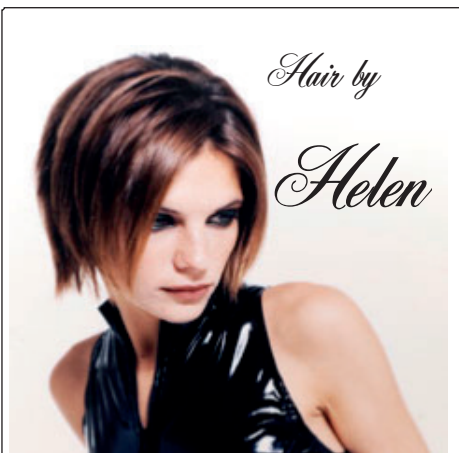


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The New Fyfield Bridge Club



In view of the glorious summer sunshine and warm evenings of recent weeks, the Club Committee are delighted that attendance on

Thursday evenings has held up.

Indeed, one of the advantages of meeting at Fyfield Village Hall is

being able to sit outside on the terrace and enjoy the coolness of the evening after a day of high temperatures.

The summer meetings for the Endeavour Cup are completed and the names of the winners will be announced at the first AGM of the New Fyfield Bridge Club which will be held at the end of October when the successful winners will be presented with the trophy.

Club officials are looking forward to steering the Club through its second year and to seeing membership grow. I am glad to say that subscriptions and Club night playing fees are not being increased – good news for all players. Duplicate Bridge is flourishing in Fyfield! It is a very pleasant way of spending an evening and excellent exercise for the brain cells. Many new friendships are made around the Bridge table and old ones renewed.

The Club meets every Thursday evening, starting at 7.15pm promptly. New members are welcome. Parking is easy and you will be sure of a warm, friendly reception if you decide to come along. More information from Janet Brindley, Club Secretary, at fyfieldbridge@icloud.com

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1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

Summer Activities: This is a brief report of some activities that the 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Troop took part in during the summer break.

1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Troop have been training hard over the past 4 months at the Dockland Scout Project, on the river Thames, and have successfully achieved their B1 Pulling (rowing) certificate.

12 scouts, aged between 10 and 13 years went on their Summer Camp to Devon where they used their new found skills and qualifications to compete in the annual Royal Regatta in Dartmouth. The Scout Troop entered 5 boats into the race and competed against other Guide and Scout Units from the Dartmouth area. This event was watched by thousands of spectators lined along the embankment. 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scouts demonstrated excellent team work skills and won the boat race; securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd places! The two Scouts and adult Coxswain who won the event were awarded their trophy from the Town Mayor of Dartmouth, Cllr R. M. Lyon.

During their 8-day camp, the scouts also participated in numerous

activities to ensure their days were action packed and fun-filled. The activities included: a steam train ride, a ferry boat ride, speed boat ride, a guided tour of the local caves, rock pooling at Sugary Cove and a day on the beach at Paignton. The Scouts particularly enjoyed spending a day crabbing, where they managed to catch hundreds of crabs! The leaders arranged for the Scouts to have a private tour of the HMS Leadbury, which was docked in the harbour as part of the Regatta and also organised a day's hike across Dartmoor, which unfortunately led the group through a foul smelling bog! The finale to the camp was watching the fantastic firework display over Dartmouth Harbour.

Dennis Sweeting
Assistant Scout Leader

American Scout Visitors: Over the Summer Holidays 20 American Scouts visited Essex on an exchange with local Scouts. They spent 3 weeks in England and for many this was their first time in England. After half a week at Skreens Park Scout Activity Centre in Roxwell they went to the Essex Jamboree at Boyton Cross and then returned to

the home of an Essex Scout. I was partnered with Robert who enjoyed his stay a lot. Highlights of the week included trips to London's Museums and Art Galleries. We also went to Chelmsford to have a look around and have Burgers from the Market before he was returned to his leaders to make the long trip back to the US. All of the Scouts involved had a great time and hope to keep in contact.

Summer Camp: Close to the End of the Holidays ten scouts went down to Devon to camp in Dartmouth for the Royal Regatta. After putting up tents we went and explored Dartmouth, Dinner was cooked when we reached the Scout hut by Duncan, our chef. The week was jam-packed with hikes, quizzes and other activities, we went into caves and went on a motorboat trip, we visited Dartmouth Castle and hiked to the Coastguard Station, went on the GWR to the Beach and walked through a bog on Dartmoor. We explored the market in the town and trained for our pulling race in the Regatta, we completed the ongoing quiz created by Rolf and enjoyed multiple ferry rides. The morning of the Race there were 5 boats of our Scouts against the local Guides in one Boat competing for separate

trophies, not only did we come over the line in first place but in second, third, fourth and fifth.

Congratulations to the winning team of Caitlin, Shannon and Len. We must also thank Len for arranging excursions to the Docklands Scout Project to earn pulling tickets, Duncan for all off the wonderful meals and Peter and Denis for driving the minibus and arranging extra days out. Also a huge thank you to Rolf for organising the summer camp, everyone enjoyed the trip and it was sad to go home at the end of the week.

Matthew Wadey

Patrol Leader - Lion Patrol

Presentation of the Scout

Association Award of Merit: On

Friday the 16th September Rolf Bassnett the Scout Leader of the 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Troop was awarded the Scout Association's Award of Merit by the Royal Forest District Commissioner Peter Fairweather.

The Award for Merit is given for outstanding service of not less than 12 years and 10 years exceptionally. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period. Rolf first

started helping with the group when his son at six years old started Beaver Scouts. His son is now 25 years' old. Rolf and his imagination have given the Scout Group so many different and exciting activities to do.

Also on 16th September the winning team from the Scout Pulling Race at the Dartmouth Royal Regatta Caitlin Clark, Shannon Watkins and the adult Cox Len Skinner were awarded individual trophies, Rolf Bassnett was also presented with a Trophy for the Scout Troop taking part and winning the Scout Pulling race.

Mary Bacon

Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

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**Presentation of Scout Association
Award of Merit to Rolf Bassnett
(on the left)**



Scout Group - Summer Camp 2016

Guiding News

Brownies and Rainbows have both started back this term at the Scout HQ. Fyfield, Guides meet in Ongar.

Please see contact numbers at the back of the Fyfield Focus if you would like to join. Senior Section Guides are having an exciting time towards the end of their Spectacular Year. They visited Buckingham Palace and stood inside the railings to see the changing of the guard. They are off to Paris at half term and have

a 24-hour event at Screens Park in November, at which the Trefoil Guild will be providing hot drinks during the event. Trefoil Guild have met in July for an annual lunch in Roydon, when we welcomed Sandra Mead an ex-Friends of Guiding, a planning meeting in August, visiting the Mayfield Bakery in September. We welcome all ex-Guiders and any who have affinity to Guiding or Scouting and would like to join us.

Wendy Henshaw



1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group



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

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

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

Fyfield Focus - Advertising and Editorial Details

Advertising in the Fyfield Focus

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