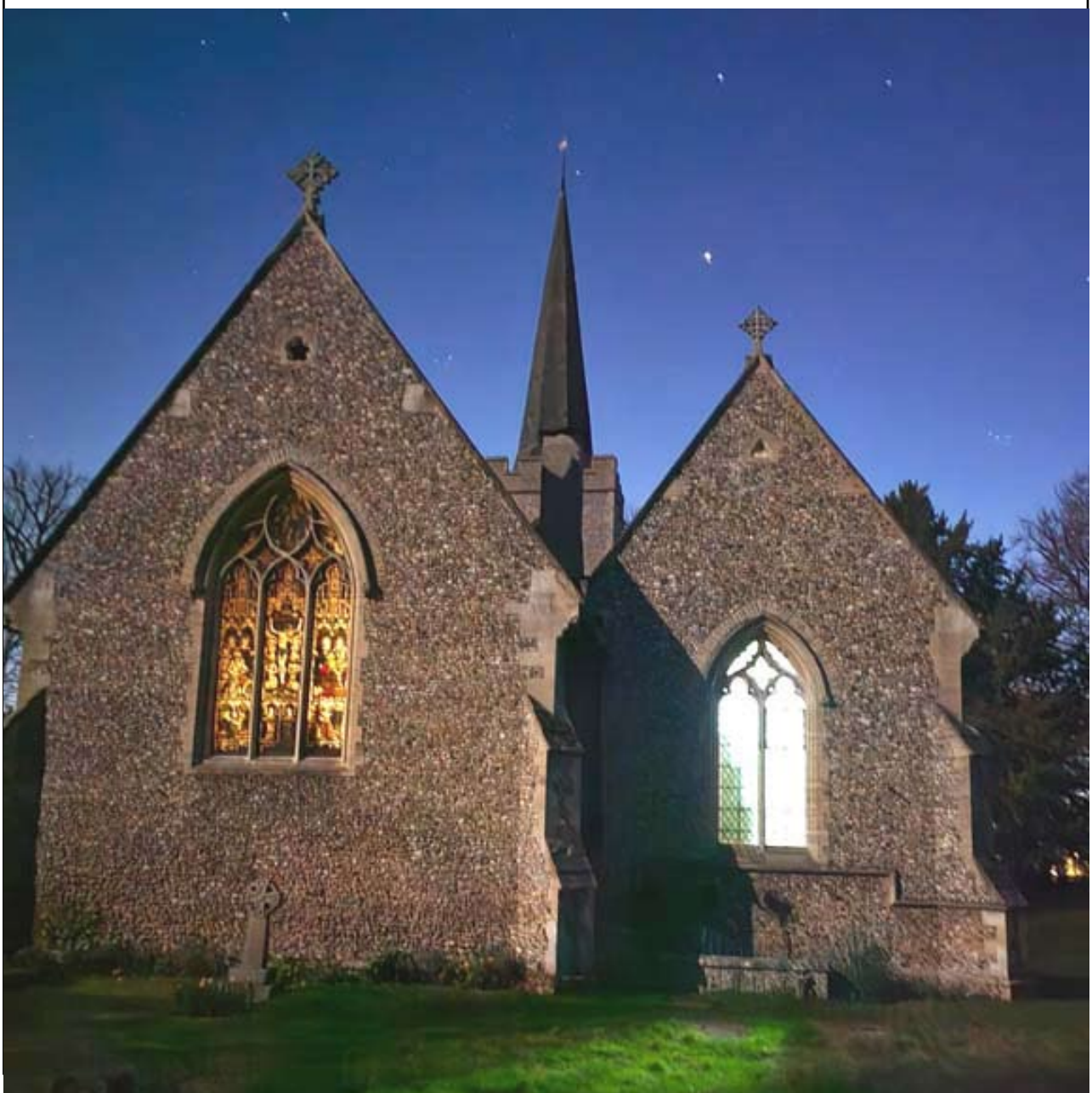


# Great Hallingbury Highlights

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**St Giles' at Sunset in April**

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## Editorial

This May we are celebrating the end of World War II and 80 years of peace in Europe for which we are thankful.

But it has not been an untroubled period of harmony. Think of Hungary in 1956, the Berlin Wall, the Prague Spring of 1968, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Kosovo and now Ukraine. There were terror attacks too: the Munich Olympics in 1972, the Red Brigade in Italy, IRA bombings in London, an Islamic terrorist bomber at the Manchester Arena and the Charlie Hebdo massacre in Paris in 2015. In the 1960's people truly feared an imminent nuclear attack.



Our currency was decimalised in 1971 and weights and measures changed to metric in 1985 - except we kept to distances in miles.

We joined the European Community in 1972 and left the European Union in 2020.

Our general standards of living have blossomed beyond our 1945 imagination.

There have been wonderful developments. Nuclear fission is now used to create power; natural gas has been harnessed as a fuel; we have moved from Turing's unwieldy, hut sized computer which helped to crack the enigma code during the war to laptop computers and tablets, smart phones and e readers; larger aircraft use jet engines which has led to a huge growth in global travel and tourism; we have sent rockets into space and men to the moon; now some cars are battery powered and may soon be driverless too.

These are just some of the memories of our lifetime during this last 80 years, happenings and events which have been part of our experience and have become the history of those years. But I often wonder how it is viewed by younger generations for whom it is past history.

Mark Twain is reputed to have said that *history does not repeat itself but it often rhymes*. For this reason, I hope that younger people get to know something of both our history and our personal memories as it may help them in their own lives.

I recall some young Americans quizzing my husband about life as a child in London during the War. He talked of the bombing, the air raid shelters, rationing and the fact that his family were bombed out of their home - twice. Their response was, *Gee you're living history*.

Every one of us is living history.

*Editor*

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## Easy Eating

### *Crispy Carrot and Chickpea Patties*

**Ingredients:** 4 servings

1 can (15 oz) chickpeas, drained and rinsed

1 cup grated carrot

1/4 cup finely chopped onion

2 tbs fresh parsley

1 clove garlic, minced

1 egg

1/3 cup breadcrumbs (or oat flour for gluten-free)

1/2 tsp ground cumin

1/2 tsp paprika

Salt and pepper to taste

2 tbs olive oil (for frying)

**Directions:**

1. In a bowl, mash the chickpeas using a fork or potato masher until mostly smooth, leaving some texture.
2. Add grated carrot, onion, parsley, garlic, egg, breadcrumbs, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper. Mix until well combined.
3. Scoop out portions and form into small patties.
4. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Fry the patties in batches for 3-4 minutes per side or until golden and crisp.
5. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to drain.
6. Serve warm with lemon wedges or a dollop of Greek yogurt or tahini sauce.



### *Brown Sugar Rhubarb Cookies*

**Ingredients:**

1 cup unsalted butter, softened

1 cup brown sugar, packed

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 large eggs

1 tsp vanilla extract

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

1 1/2 cups rhubarb, diced

1/2 cup white chocolate chips (optional)

1/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

**Directions:**

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the softened butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Add in the eggs, one at a time, followed by the vanilla extract. Mix well until fully incorporated.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt. Gradually add this dry mixture to the wet ingredients, stirring until just combined.
5. Gently fold in the diced rhubarb and, if desired, the white chocolate chips and walnuts.
6. Drop tablespoon-sized amounts of the dough onto the prepared baking sheet, spacing them about 2 inches apart.
7. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the edges are lightly golden and the centre is set. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely.

*Two dishes easy to make with the grandchildren, getting their hands in the bowl to mix the ingredients of the patties and licking the spoon when we made the cookies. They enjoyed eating them too.*

*Rosemary Nugent*

## Great Hallingbury at War 1939-1945



On 14th July, 1940, when Britain stood largely alone against Nazi Germany following the fall of France, Prime Minister Winston Churchill addressed the nation in a BBC radio broadcast: *Should the invader come to Britain, there will be no placid lying down of the people in submission before him, as we have seen, alas, in other countries. We shall defend every village, every town and every city.*

In this same radio broadcast Churchill declared that, behind the one and a half million men in the regular army, stood more than a million Defence Volunteers *or, as they are much better called, the Home Guard. These officers and men, a large proportion of whom have been through the last war, have the strongest desire to attack and come to close quarters with the enemy, wherever he may appear.*

### Home Guard

In the main this was commanded by ex-First World War Officers. The rank and file consisted of the older members of the public, youngsters awaiting their call-up and others in reserved occupations who were exempt from formal military service. After long and hard days of work in offices, factories or on the farm, in the evenings all Home Guard members underwent training exercises to defend British towns and villages against a potential German invasion.

Great Hallingbury was proud of its 10<sup>th</sup> Essex Battalion Home Guard which flourished under the leadership of Lieutenant Vincent



*Great Hallingbury Home Guard*

Routledge of Howe Green House, who reported to Colonel Frank Gilbey of Little Hallingbury Hall.

The chief objective of the Great Hallingbury Home Guard, which was later combined in 1944 with the Little Hallingbury Home Guard, was to defend Latchmore Bank at all costs, in order to halt the advance of any enemy in the neighbourhood. (At the time Latchmore Bank was part of Great Hallingbury). In the event of parachute landings, the Platoon would use their best endeavours to destroy the enemy.

The Action Station Headquarters was at Welch's Farm, Latchmore Bank. Richard Welch had an arsenal of weapons and ammunition in a room next to where he slept with his wife. After two years the authorities realised that some of the ammunition had become volatile and it was moved away at least a hundred yards from living accommodation.

Military duties permitting, the Home Guard was expected to assist the Civil Defence Services in such work as controlling fires, rescue and road repairs.

Other civilians in Great Hallingbury served as Air Raid Wardens or in the Auxiliary Fire Service. The duties of the Air Raid Precautions Warden Service in the event of invasion included roping off craters and contaminated areas, assisting in food distribution and keeping roads clear of the civilian population.

### Parish Invasion Committee

The Government was keen to combine and co-ordinate these various civilian activities, so that they could respond in the best way possible to any invasion. Hence in 1942, the Great Hallingbury Parish Invasion Committee was set up, with the following personnel.

- **Chairman:** The Rev. Cyril Annesley Gell, (Rector of Great Hallingbury)
- **Deputy Chairmen:** Ove Klenau (Clock House); Francis Galloway (Ladywell)
- **Committee Members:** Percy Foster (Chestnut Cottage), D. Campbell-Cory

(Street Barn), Percy Coleman (Woodside Green Farm), H Gibson (The Cottage, Church Lane), H Scott (Anvil Cross) and V Gould (Street House)

- **Secretary:** Miss Margaret McKenzie (School House).
- **Home Guard Representatives:** Lt. Vincent Routledge (Howe Green House) and Sgt. Hartley (Cherry Orchard).
- **Air Raid Wardens:** Neville Rayment (Senior Warden) (Chaldees, Anvil Cross) and Frederick Kittle (Deputy Warden) (Amara, Latchmore Bank).
- **First Aid:** Mrs Nora Routledge (Howe Green House)
- **Food Organiser:** Mrs M Griffith (Little Hallingbury Park) and Deputy, Mrs Nesta Streeter (Harps Farm)
- **Police:** P.C. Ransome: (154 Bedlars Green).

If an invasion took place, the terms of reference for the Great Hallingbury Invasion Committee, were very detailed and far-reaching.

- The Home Guard would have been responsible for the ringing of the church bells should an enemy landing take place in the neighbourhood.
- In the event of casualties, the First Aid Post at Howe Green House would have been served by a group of trained nurses from the village. Mr Coleman from Woodside Green Farm and Mr Smith from the Forge would have acted as stretcher-bearers. A mortuary would have been stationed at Hall Farm Buildings, with Mr Ernest Revell from Centuries acting as grave-digger.
- In the case of water shortages, a list of wells was compiled: Vergers Cottage, East Lodge, Beggars Hall and Poplars.
- Should parishioners have had to be removed from one part of the parish

to another for military reasons, there would have been accommodation for fifty people at Woodside Green Farm but with no sanitary arrangements. Harps Farm and Beggars Hall were also capable of sleeping and feeding 50 people but with no sanitary arrangements.

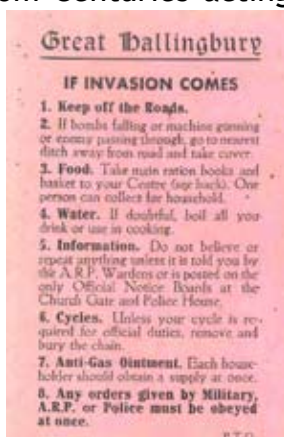
### ***Training Exercise***

From the outset, the members of the Great Hallingbury Invasion Committee were keen to test their skills in the form of a training exercise. Eventually, after much deliberation about whether the exercise should be planned by a local committee or by a higher level of command, the exercise took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1943.

### **The following scenario was executed:**

- At 19.30 twelve enemy were reported approaching Start Hill along the railway line from Dunmow.
- At 19.30 four High Explosives were dropped on the Woodside Green to Latchmore Bank road and a large crater, 100 yards west of the entrance gate to Morleys, completely blocked the road. There were four casualties.
- At 20.00 two High Explosives were dropped on Bedlars Green on the corner of the road (near Pantiles). There were three casualties.
- At 20.30 one High Explosive was a direct hit on Captains, which was completely destroyed. Two serious casualties.
- At 21.00 the enemy was reported approaching Latchmore Bank from Bishop's Stortford. There were a number of Home Guard Casualties.
- At 21.30 the enemy attack on Latchmore Bank was repulsed and the enemy withdrew towards Bishop's Stortford.

A report, following the event, stated: *The keenness of all Civil Defence personnel and civilians taking part in the Exercise was most marked. The casualties*





*were all dealt with efficiently and quickly, emergency measures being used on the spot and proper treatment being given at the First Aid points.*

*A later overview of the exercise commented: In conclusion the Referees and Umpires thought that all concerned had benefited from the Exercise and the Reports reflected great credit to those who had taken part, including the civilian population.*

### **Dissolution**

In September 1944, it was agreed by the Army Council that Invasion Committees were no longer necessary and that it was desirable that representatives of local organisations should hold a final meeting. The last meeting of the Great Hallingbury Parish Invasion Committee took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1944, with Revd. Gell in the chair. A financial statement recorded a balance of £3.14s.5d. and it was unanimously resolved to hand this to the Women's Institute for the provision of Christmas gifts to Great Hallingbury Non-Commissioned Officers and men either serving or having served abroad.

The records of the committee were consigned to a trunk in the Church tower, there to remain undisturbed for nearly fifty years. They were discovered in 1992 to the delight of Ernie Field. He subsequently wrote a detailed account of the Great Hallingbury Parish Invasion Committee which was published by the Great Hallingbury History Society and on which this article is based. Ernie's publication, and hopefully this article too, faithfully records the valiant efforts of the men and women of Great Hallingbury in this country's darkest hour to resist tyranny and fight for freedom during the Second World War.

*Philip Hays*

*Copies of the publication "Great Hallingbury Parish Invasion Committee 1941-1944" will be available for purchase at the VE Exhibition to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May in Little Hallingbury Village Hall or from gthallhistory@gmail.com*

## **EASTON LODGE**

June is another special month at the Gardens. Last year was the first for our wildflower spiral in the walled kitchen garden and it was a mass of colour, changing



through June from orange to red. We are looking forward to seeing how it will flower this year. It has successfully

self-seeded into the path, so hopefully the seedlings in the bed will also do well!

We also enjoy the wildflowers elsewhere: the orchids, yellow flag irises and, my favourite, the grass vetchling on the bank in the Glade, followed by the foxgloves, then the poppies. There are more lovely trees to enjoy - the false acacia and the Judas tree.

The waterlilies open in the Italian Garden and if you are lucky you might catch the voodoo lily with its fascinatingly vulgar shape (and unique smell). The roses start to look really spectacular (and need deadheading regularly), the courgettes come on stream and we have the first soft fruit pickings - so jamming starts!

Except for 26<sup>th</sup> June, when we are closed for our Annual General Meeting, we are open every Thursday from 11am to 3pm. Visitors enjoy chatting to our volunteers while they work and can buy our plants, fruit and veg for their supper!

On Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, we will have our Nature Day with a range of activities for all the family including bug hunting and pond dipping. Essex Bat Group, Essex Wildlife Trust and the RSPB will be with us. There will be facepainting and stalls and, of course, our volunteers will be providing refreshments.

*Jill Goldsmith*

## The Hundred Parishes Society



A barn is essential for a working farm to store produce, tools and machinery and to house livestock. The Hundred Parishes has many fine examples of ancient barns which are still in use today, albeit sometimes for a purpose not envisaged when they were built. Some have been converted into homes while others have quite varied new uses.

In 1994, Thorley church purchased a dilapidated 16th-century barn which, following restoration, opened for community use as St Barnabas Centre.

*St Barnabas Centre, Thorley*



*Hamlet Church, Duddenhoe End*



At Duddenhoe End, the thatched Hamlet Church started life as a barn.

Ashdon and Westmill village halls both began life as barns in the 17th century.

*Westmill Village Hall*



Great Bardfield and Great Saling each have an ancient barn that has been converted into a retail outlet with café, respectively The Blue Egg and Timbers.

In Chrishall, the Red Cow pub offers accommodation in the adjacent 500-year-old thatched barn.

In Little Easton, the Countess of Warwick converted one of her barns into the Barn

Theatre.

It was used by many famous performers of the early 1900s and still

occasionally serves that purpose, on other days being part of a tea room and events venue called Little Easton Manor.

In Great Bardfield, a Grade-I listed, 16th-century brick barn at Great Lodge now serves as the *Anne of Cleves Barn* wedding venue.

In Widdington, Grade I-listed Priors Hall Barn is a fine example of a medieval barn, dating from the 14th century and now owned by English Heritage. It is said that 400 oak trees were used in its construction. The large doors on either side could be opened for threshing, with the draught blowing the husks away from the grain. Priors Hall Barn is free to visit, open at weekends from April to September.

*The Barn Theatre*



*Priors Hall Barn*



*Ken McDonald, Secretary*  
[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

**Have you heard the rumor about butter?**

Never mind, I shouldn't be spreading it.



RD



## Book Corner



## Book Corner

### ***A Terrible Kindness***

by Jo Browning Wroe

It is 1966 and William Lavery, at 19 years old, has just passed his final exams (with flying colours) to become a qualified embalmer. About to start work in the family firm, he has been taken by his uncle to a prestigious dinner as a celebration of his success. Congratulations all round - but, as the evening unfolds, the terrible news arrives of the landslide of mud and coal slurry which has buried much of a small village in Wales, including the primary school: Aberfan.

Volunteer embalmers are desperately needed and William immediately decides to drive to Aberfan to use his skills to help at the disaster - it will be a time he will never forget. On arrival, he is set to work immediately preparing the small bodies for their parents to identify. When, at last, all the bodies are ready to be buried, William is broken physically, mentally and emotionally and calls his fiancée to break off their engagement, knowing that she will want to have children as soon as they are married. He feels that he could never bring a child into the world.

Returning to Aberfan for the funerals and, still reeling from his experiences, he begins to remember his life before the disaster. His father had died when William was only eight and his mother was determined that her son would not become involved in the family's undertaking business. After winning a place as a chorister at a Cambridge boarding school and seeking, unsuccessfully, to bring together his mother and uncle who have become estranged, he decides to leave Cambridge, live with his uncle and, once he has left school, join the family firm.



### ***Beautiful Ugly***

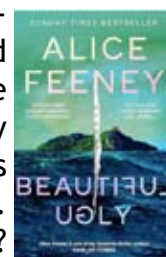
by Alice Feeney

This book is one of those *twisty* reads that keeps you guessing - and even second-guessing! It's not exactly a *whodunnit* but a tale of secrets, shifting perspectives and characters who are not always what they seem. If you like psychological thrillers such as *Gone Girl*, this could be your next **Good Read**.

Author Grady Green's life falls apart when his wife, Abby, mysteriously goes missing while talking to him on the phone on her drive home. A year later, Grady is still grieving and unable to write, so his agent suggests that he should go to Amberly, a remote island off the coast of Scotland, in the hope that this will help to inspire him again. There, he experiences a number of strange, unsettling events, including seeing - or rather glimpsing - a woman who looks just like his wife! Is he drinking too much or losing his mind?

The islanders seem welcoming and helpful, if a little odd. The ferry to the island is owned by someone who is also the *sheriff*. The shop is run by an elderly lady who wears green from head to toe, fingernails included! And there seem to be no other men on Amberly.

On his first night in the cabin, Grady discovers under the floorboards a number of small bones in the shape of a hand resting on a cushion. And, then, under the next floorboard, was a manuscript with the title *BOOK TEN* by Charles Whittaker. He had once been a best-selling author of mystery and thriller books so why would he hide this away? Then, Grady begins to receive anonymous envelopes labelled READ ME. What is going on.....???



Emma and Jan Baldwin



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# Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

*25th March, 2025*



The Parish Council has a full complement of eight Councillors. They work as one body for the good of the village and all councillors are also part of working groups such as Planning, Housing, Neighbourhood Watch and Airport. As well as Community Speed Watch, they also act on Footpaths and Health matters and organise litter picks.

As Tree Warden I have been called out to check on trees being felled or reduced in size. I also represent Great Hallingbury on the Uttlesford Association of Local Councils (which I Chair) and I sit on the Executive Committee of the Essex ALC. I continue to regularly check the Defibrillator.

## **Meetings**

In the last year the Parish Council has met six times, plus this Annual Parish Meeting, all taking place in the Village Hall. The information from the meetings we attend enables the Parish Council to know about and comment on proposals within our District and County and on Local Government issues.

## **Elections**

Since last March there has been a General Election when changes in ward boundaries took effect and Broad Oak and The Hallingburys became part of the Harlow constituency, with Chris Vince our new MP.

## **Finance**

The Parish Council's budget for 2025/26 was reviewed and agreed and, after careful consideration, it was agreed not to increase the precept for this year. This relates to the Parish portion on Council Tax bills.

We continue to financially support Essex Air Ambulance, Uttlesford Community Travel and Accuro and contribute to the Village Hall and *Great Hallingbury Highlights*.

## **Planning**

The Parish Council has considered and commented on 29 planning applications over this past year, which is less than the previous two years. While in general there is little reason to object to the proposals, relevant comments for the good of the surrounding area are made where necessary, whether supporting or opposing the application. We do stress that all new builds must be connected to the mains drainage.

The Local Plan has now been agreed by Uttlesford and is awaiting response from the government.

## **Airport**

Stansted Airport Watch keeps the Parish Council up to date on any airport issues needing attention.

## **Highways**

Potholes and other road defects in the village are reported regularly. The big concern is always speeding through the Village and the lack of enforcement of the speed limits. Yet again when the M11 motorway was closed at Junction 8, our Village was used as a diversion causing problems, congestion and further wear to the road surface.

## **Trees**

Most of the trees that have been planted in recent years seem to be growing well and they will continue to be monitored.

## **Litter Pick**

Litter picks were held in October and yesterday. Thank you to Mark and Joanne Bloomfield for organising them. Thanks also to Freda Townsend and St Giles' PCC for serving the refreshments, provided by the Parish Council, after the litter pick. And thanks to everybody who came along to help.

## **Community Speedwatch**

Although we started with an active group, this has now dwindled to just three people who make themselves available to do roadside checks. Thanks go to Cllr Mark Coletta for all his efforts in getting a team in place to carry out these checks.



### **Neighbourhood Watch**

More on this later in the meeting but again thanks go to Cllr Mark Coletta for organising this.

### **Residents Association**

The Residents Association is still in place, ably run by Cllr Val Waring. Many thanks to Val for all her efforts.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

A questionnaire went to every house in the Village asking for views on whether we wanted a Neighbourhood Plan. The response was less than 5% of village households and therefore it was decided not to continue with this proposal.

### **Great Hallingbury Highlights**

Thanks go to Christine Coultrup for continuing to produce this excellent quarterly magazine. This free publication goes to every house in the Village, distributed by Christine's army of volunteers. It contains all that has been going on in the Village and events to come.

### **Village Hall**

A big thank you to Lee Cox and his team who look after the Village Hall and keep it running smoothly.

### **Christmas Tree Celebrations**

In November the Parish Council, along with the Village Hall Committee, held the *Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree*. Mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine were provided for all who came along. We were joined by our new MP, Chris Vince, who chatted to many people. Thanks go to Cllr Alan Pinnock for his hard work, along with others, in providing the tree, putting it in place and adorning it with lights. This will now be an annual event and everybody is invited to attend.

Finally, the Chairman thanked all his fellow Councillors, and many villagers, for their continued support during the past year. Thank you, too, to our District and County Councillors and a special thanks to Urška, our Clerk, who works so well to lighten the Chairman's load.

*Alan Townsend*

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## Hallingbury Bell Ringers on Tour

March saw the Great Hallingbury Bell Ringing Band out on tour!

Many readers will know Brian Beaumont from his numerous volunteering jobs around the villages and are probably aware that he and Pauline recently moved to Burnham-on-Crouch. What some may not realise is that Brian, as the St Giles' Bell Captain, was instrumental in reforming the bell ringing band once the tower repairs were completed. When Brian stepped down as Bell Captain - Burnham is a bit far to come twice a week - I took over and we all continued our training while Brian starting ringing at Burnham and Tillingham churches.



As a band we thought it would be nice to go over to the Burnham area and ring with Brian again so, after much arranging with Church Wardens and Bell Captains, a tour of four churches was set up. On a bright crisp morning the Hallingbury Ringers, our ever patient teachers and Brian met up at Bradwell on Sea for the first ring. We moved on to Tillingham next, where Brian rings, and met up with the Bell Captain who joined us. Following this tower, we had a long leisurely lunch in the pub next to the church before moving on to Southminster and tower number three. These were an interesting group of eight bells which, due to a lack of ringers, are not often rung. Finally we made it, admittedly somewhat weary by now, to Burnham on Crouch and

Brian's local tower.

Then we were treated to a fantastic tea, prepared by Pauline, who welcomed us all into their new home.

All in all it was a great day of ringing and good experience for us Hallingbury newbies to try different bells in different churches.

If you are interested in learning to ring please get in touch, we are always looking for new ringers and fully qualified teachers are ready to help. The commitment is only Thursday evenings for practice and teaching then, once able to ring reasonably, every other Sunday for just half an hour - though with more ringers the more this is spread. Come and join us and perhaps you can be in the next Hallingbury Heavy Metal Band on Tour.

Mark Smith

smith63ma@gmail.com or 07730 704750

### Great Hallingbury Community Website

## Village Information

*What would you like to know?*

- who to contact in an emergency
- contacts for your local council
- what is happening in the Village
- are there local activities that might interest me - history, bridge, Hallingbury Ladies group, art courses, relaxation classes, table tennis, bellringing ....
- what is the Phone Box library
- the latest Neighbourhood Watch and crime information
- local attractions to visit

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# Great Hallingbury Village Hall

*Report Presented to the Annual Parish Meeting*



## **Hiring Activity**

The last report for 2023 saw a return to normality and stability for Village Hall following the pandemic in 2020. Therefore, it is a great pleasure to announce that 2024 saw a continued increase in people using the hall for various events and occasions. This, coupled with the consolidation of all regular users and clubs, was great for so many positive reasons.

Currently we have three U3A table tennis clubs, Bishop's Stortford dog training club, a craft club *Crafty Spell* and the RISE drama group for young teenagers. Hallingbury Ladies Society (formerly the WI), the History Society and a Bridge Club continue to hold their regular meetings as well as the Parish Council. A new regular hirer, Saint K9 Dog Training group, started in August and is doing extremely well. We continue to host the District Councilors' surgeries on a monthly basis and the Great Hallingbury Resident's Association when needed. The National Child Trust continues to hold two to three classes every week. Feedback regarding the hall from a health and safety aspect has always been very good so it is gratifying to hear that from the NCT area coordinators upon their inspections.

On a local level the Hall continues as a meeting place for the litter picks.

Turning to private hirers, we accommodated around fifteen children's parties for 2024. There was also a seminar for United Old English Sheepdog Club, a training day for Ratcliffe and Burridge Construction for their employees, Bishop's Stortford Bee Keepers training day/meeting, a wedding reception and two baby showers. The Liberal Democrats' East of England branch held a meeting here and the building served as a designated Polling Station for local elections in May and the General Election in July.

## **Village Hall Activities**

The hall hosted a charity quiz evening for *Bronwen's Wish*, which supports emotional well-

being in children and young people. Organised by Val and Carl Waring the event raised £450. Whilst the Village Hall is a registered charity there was no charge for that evening which will always be our decision for such worthwhile events.

During the summer period, monthly social evening gatherings for residents were organised and a good time was had by all who attended.

November saw the return for a third year of our Great Hallingbury Christmas Tree *switch on* event. Alan Pinnock provided the Christmas trees, installed the lights and oversaw the operation and we thank him for his huge contribution. Thanks also to Alan and Freda Townsend and the Parish Council who kindly provided all the refreshments at their cost and helped and supported us greatly on the night.

In March, following his funeral service, the wake for Mr. Geoff Morris was held in the hall. For those of you who did not know Geoff, he gave much time and help to many projects and events over the years. We will always be grateful for Geoff's support and commitment as a member of the Village Hall committee and to the local community.

Last year unfortunately saw the suspension of the Ton Club, a monthly cash prize draw which, during its five-year spell previously, had raised around £2,500. It will however start again in April 2025 after a demand for its return.

The annual Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstration with afternoon tea and raffle, scheduled for November, was cancelled due to a lack of volunteers to assist. This was a shame as in the past the event had always been well attended and supported and raised considerable funds for the Hall. On a positive note, Hallingbury Ladies decided to run the event and it was good to hear the afternoon was successful and much needed funds were made for this local group.

There were two fundraising Quiz Nights in 2024 which raised around £760. Thank you to all those involved in organising and supporting those nights in whatever capacity that may be.

## **Finances**

In November the Village Hall accounts were boosted with a donation of around £1,900 from the Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show

committee. The money had been accumulated from the annual events which, as we all know, have sadly ceased. Little Hallingbury Village Hall committee received a similar amount. Although we are extremely grateful, the Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show was an event that was part of village history and something that united the Hallingburys. It will be a huge loss to the calendar.

Great Hallingbury Parish Council donated £1,100 to the Village Hall which, as always, was very much appreciated by the Village Hall committee. The money is always put to good use in the upkeep of the hall and its grounds.

There were no significant financial outlays on the building and grounds in 2024, although the floor was treated and revarnished, and there are no major projects planned for 2025. Over the last few years we have had completely new flooring, a new heating system, new external gates, improved lighting for the carpark, external electrical sockets installed, a PA system, a projector system and redecoration throughout so a period of consolidation will be welcome. However a hearing loop system will be installed which will be of benefit to hirers and attendees who use a hearing aid.

Whilst remaining competitive, there has been a small price increase in hire fees for 2025 across the board for regular users and private hirers. Nonetheless, the regular clubs have committed to another year and private hiring is constantly increasing.

## **Organisation**

The Village Hall committee has always taken pride in creating a safe and welcoming environment for the community to enjoy. Risk assessments are regularly reviewed and updated, an annual inspection of fire fighting equipment is conducted by an authorised company and our electrical fixtures and fittings are checked by a certified electrician. An Equal Opportunities Policy and a Safe Guarding Persons Policy are in place.

Our paperless booking system continues successfully with an audit trail which is priceless in a world of accountability.

## **Thanks**

As a Village Hall, like so many other community venues, we experience our fair share of problems.

So it is important to recognise people and their kindness, generosity, time and dedication to keeping the hall's existence alive.

Firstly, thank you to Great Hallingbury Parish Council who are generous with their donations, support and attention to what is achieved for our Village Hall.

Thanks, too, to Sue Barker, Essex County Council and the Rural Community Council of Essex for all their continued support. We also thank Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve, our Uttlesford District Councilors, for their support as always.

I would like to place on record a huge thank you to my fantastic committee for all their time, effort, support and opinions throughout the year.

Then a few special thanks -

- sincere gratitude to Mrs. Christine Coultrup, our treasurer, for all her time and effort with the many administration tasks surrounding this Hall. She truly goes above and beyond in her role as treasurer.
- thank you to deputy Chair Person, Mrs. Val Waring, for all her hard work especially in promoting the hall via her media expertise and her loud verbal presence.
- a special mention for Mr. Alan Pinnock who represents the Parish Council on the committee. He gives so much time to the more specialised maintenance issues of this Hall and is always eager to support us in all we try to achieve. He never fails to offer help.
- the bookings for the hall have become a mine field with the volume of hirers and their requirements so thanks to Sarah for all her work in promoting the hall and keeping the administration side running smoothly.

As Chair Person, I can say with confidence and great pleasure that we are in a good position all round. It is important that residents of Great Hallingbury know this. Over the years we have seen the disappearance of our school, our post office/shop and our pub. This is our last community building standing and will always need your support. The Village Hall belongs to the Village so if you have any ideas for fundraising this year, want to get involved in existing projects or events or seek information on what we are doing, then please contact me.

*Lee Cox, Chair Person  
Great Hallingbury Village Hall Committee*

## Great Hallingbury Village Hall

## Table Top Sale

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

sellers from 8am public 9am-12 noon

## CAFÉ



Spring is a time to de-clutter! Items that are no good to you, may be just what someone else is looking for. So, gather all your goods and grab a table at our Table Top Sale.

Tables can be reserved at a cost of £10 by contacting Lee Cox at [cox\\_l3@sky.com](mailto:cox_l3@sky.com)

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Great Hallingbury Village Hall

## Pop Up Café



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Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> AugustSpecial Visitor on 7<sup>th</sup> June

Tammy Blest, fraud coordinator from Essex Police, will be on hand to offer advice against fraud in the home etc.

## Who Owns the Village Hall?



### *It's you, the Residents of Great Hallingbury*

In 1995, the Village Hall building was leased by the Church to the Village Hall Committee, a charity for the benefit of the residents of Great Hallingbury. (I know *own* is not exactly the same as *lease*, but you get my drift!)

Thus you, your neighbours and all the residents in the Village are able to benefit from this facility. So the Chairman and Committee would be delighted if you would join them at the Charity's annual general meeting on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, at 7.30 pm at Great Hallingbury Village Hall.

See how well the hall is being cared for on your behalf and suggest how else it might benefit our residents.

### ***The Great Hallingbury Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting***

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 7.30 pm

We really hope we will see you there.

GREAT HALLINGBURY VILLAGE HALL

## QUIZ NIGHT

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## Hidden History of Great Hallingbury

*American Forces Stationed at Harps Farm*



Battery B 405th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion  
at Harps Farm, Great Hallingbury 1944

*Thanks to Patrick Streeter for the photograph*



Typical US Anti-Aircraft Gun Battery

## Hidden History Of Great Hallingbury

If one walks from Copthall Close along the footpath towards Bedlars Green, there is a concrete pad and road which one might assume was laid down for use by the farm. It was, in fact, put there by the American forces in the second world war for use by Battery "B" 405th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion who are seen in the photograph.

When the Americans built the Stansted Airbase, mostly for logistical use, air defence was vital to protect the build up of forces needed to maintain the war effort.

Andy Streeter was living with his family at Harps Farm and remembers it all well.

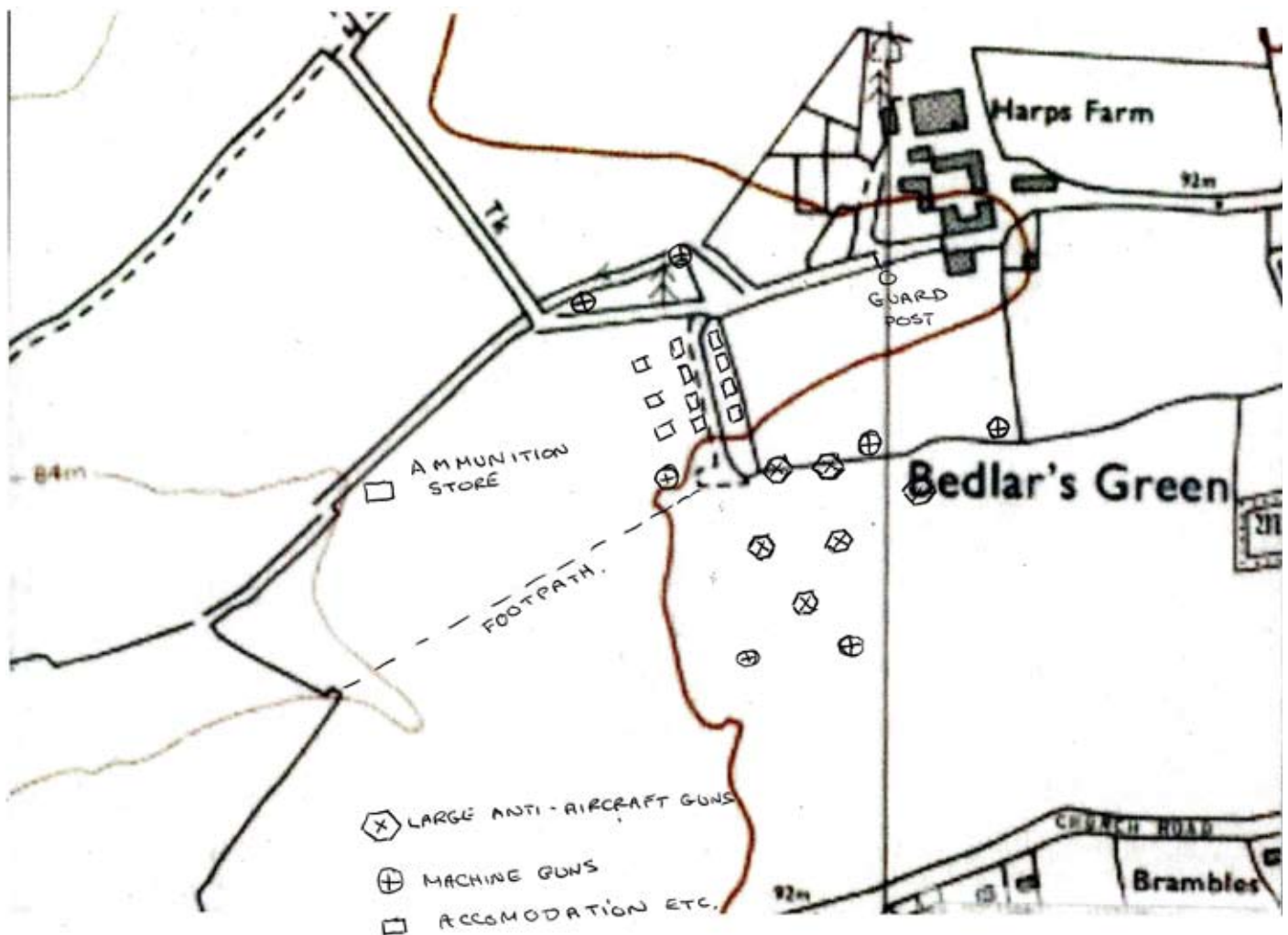
Six very large anti aircraft guns and six smaller machine gun emplacements were positioned as shown on the diagram below and accommodation blocks were also installed. Each gun was enclosed by an hexagonal gravel mound for protection.

A manned guard post and barrier was positioned nearer the farm and whilst most people had to have I.D. to enter, Andy remembers going on his tricycle under the boom down to the camp. Sweets may have been an incentive!

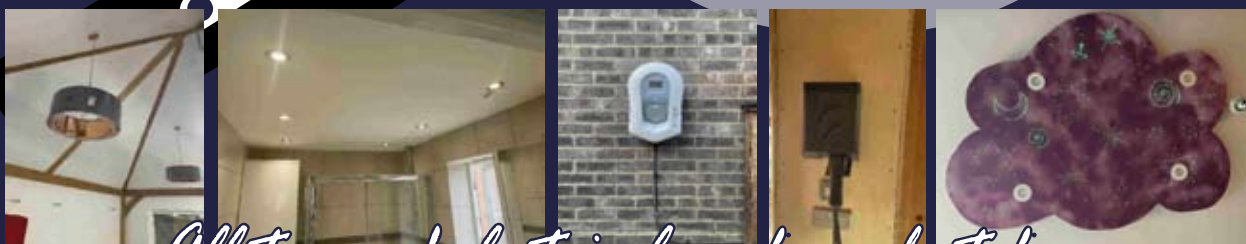
The noise from the guns was deafening and, on one fateful night, Pantiles, now the home of Christine Coultrup, was destroyed by a bomb.

All of the huts were removed after the war. However the concrete bases and bunkers remained until the 1960's. For many years unspent ordinance could be found in the fields.

*Alan Pinnock with thanks to Andy Streeter for the information*



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## How About a Game of Bridge



As reported to the Annual Parish Meeting, the **Bridge on Sunday** club meets in the Village Hall twice a month and I am happy to say that it is currently thriving.

In a relaxed atmosphere, we regularly have 25/30 people of mixed ability, from those who have only learned the game in recent times to others with much greater experience, and all play each other during the evening.

More players will always be welcome and if you would like to learn the game of bridge I can direct you towards some good teachers.

*Christine Coultrup*



## District News

*Cllrs Geof Driscoll and Neil Reeve*

Welcome to District News with the joys of Easter upon us as I write and shops and supermarkets full of Easter Eggs. There goes the diet.

Neil and I both hope the weather holds, the school holidays are not too stressful and you enjoy the holiday and the forthcoming May Bank holidays. Here are a few ideas.

### *Holidays in Uttlesford*

Families can enjoy various activities like exploring Audley End House and Gardens or visiting the Saffron Walden Museum. Other options include visiting Cammas Hall Farm or exploring attractions like Hedingham Castle and Colchester Castle.

### *History and Culture:*

Audley End House and Gardens: Enjoy their special events, explore the playground, and visit the Victorian nursery.

Saffron Walden Museum: Explore local history and exhibits.

Hedingham Castle: Experience a castle with a fascinating history.

Colchester Castle: Discover the Norman castle and its Roman history.

Chelmsford Museum: Explore history, science, and local heritage.

### *Nature and Animals:*

Audley End Miniature Railway and Enchanted Fairy and Elf Walk: A fun experience for the whole family.

Essex Wildlife Trust Belfairs Nature Discovery Centre: Explore Belfairs Woods and enjoy nature walks.

Peter Rabbit Trail at Langdon Nature Discovery Centre: A permanent feature for a fun experience.

Cammass Hall Farm: Enjoy the Nature Trail and Play Area.



### *Other Attractions:*

The Big Brick Build at Audley End: A fun activity for LEGO enthusiasts.

East Anglian Railway Museum: Enjoy a day out on a vintage railway.

Shepreth Wildlife Park: See a variety of animals.

Beth Chatto Gardens: Visit the gardens

### *Celebrations to mark VE and VJ Day*

In March, the government announced a series of celebrations and events to mark the 80th anniversaries of Victory in Europe (VE) and Victory over Japan (VJ) Days that will share stories of the Second World War generation.



Commemorations will begin on the Bank Holiday on the 5th of May with the Cenotaph dressed in Union flags, a military procession and a flypast in London. Street parties will also be held across the country and a ceremony on HMS Belfast will start community celebrations.

The 8th of May will see a service of remembrance and thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey, followed by a concert. As part of the 80th anniversary celebrations of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, schools and young people across the country have been taking part in a special creative competition to design bunting for 10 Downing Street.

### *Uttlesford Hits Top Ten for Website Accessibility*

UDC is delighted they have made the Top Ten in the ranking of UK councils for website accessibility.

The Website team has been working diligently to ensure our [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk) website can be used by as many people as possible, including those with impaired vision, motor difficulties, learning disabilities or impaired hearing. UDC has been steadily rising up the Silktide Index which evaluates the web accessibility of organisations and assigns a

score based on their level of compliance. In March UDC was placed 10th out of 395 council-tested websites. This puts them above any other council in Essex.

Why not give it a try when you need information about the District.

### ***Phishing: Spot and Report Scam Emails, Texts, Websites and Calls***

Phishing is when criminals use scam emails, text messages or phone calls to trick their victims. The aim is often to make you visit a website which may download a virus onto your computer or steal bank details or other personal information.

The NSCS website explains how to report phishing attempts, and protect yourself from scammers. [www.ncsc.gov.uk](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk)

### ***Business News***

#### **Looking for business owners to inspire young entrepreneurs of the future**

Could you help with our young entrepreneurs' programme?

Uttlesford District Council is on a mission to inspire the next generation of young people into entrepreneurship by giving them opportunities to meet with local business owners and for them to share their experiences. If you could offer work experience, student mentoring or would be interested in getting involved, please get in contact with the team: [www.business@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:www.business@uttlesford.gov.uk)

### ***New Rules Simplifying Recycling for Workplaces In England***

New rules on how workplaces in England sort their recycling and waste have now come into force, ending confusion over what goes where and enabling consistent, more streamlined collections.

The measures, as part of the Government's *Simpler Recycling* plans, will boost flatlining recycling rates, reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill or for incineration and deliver cost savings for some businesses which, under previous legislation, could have

required them to have up to six bins.

From Monday, 31st March, workplaces with ten or more employees will need to arrange for the collection of the following:

- Dry recyclable materials - including plastic, metal, glass, and paper and card
- Food waste
- Residual (non-recyclable) waste

Workplaces will need to separate paper and card from the other dry recyclables unless their waste collector collects them together. They will also have the freedom to decide on the size of containers and frequency of collections based on the volume of waste they produce.

This is a sensible, pragmatic approach to the collection of materials for the businesses and other premises in scope, which include residential homes, universities and schools, and hospitals or nursing homes.

Simplifying the approach will mean more high-quality recycled material can be sourced domestically which can then be used by manufacturers to make new products as part of the transition to a more circular economy.

This will reduce carbon emissions, cut environmental and societal impacts from waste disposal and support growth of the UK reprocessing industry. [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

### ***Ward Surgeries***

Normal ward surgeries:

The first Tuesday of the month at Great Hallingbury Village Hall, between 2 – 4pm (3rd June, 1st July, 5th August).

Third Friday of the month at Little Hallingbury Village Hall, between 9 – 11 am (20th June, 18th July, 15th August) with the Dukes Head PH, Hatfield Broad Oak between 2 – 4pm the same day.

And the normal reminder that, should you need to contact us, you can email us on the following addresses.

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[cllrreeve@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrreeve@uttlesford.gov.uk)



## Three Nature Reserves Within Three Miles of Great Hallingbury *Essex Wildlife Trust*

### ***Rushy Mead Nature Reserve***

Once a pumping station for a sewage works, this nature reserve is now a haven for reed bed species and provides a home to the UK's most endangered mammal, the Water Vole.



*Water Vole*

Listen to beautiful Sedge and Reed warblers sheltering in the dense reedbeds during the summer, whilst secretive Snipe and Water Rail are found silently walking along the edges over winter. Lined with bright Marsh Marigold flowers, the ditches have allowed Water Voles to establish in good numbers and a number of Dragonflies and water beetles are seen here in the summer months.

The northern end of the reserve has developed into a mature woodland that is



*Wild Carrot*

a particularly good area for birds, including sightings of the rare Willow Tit. There are also areas of chalky grassland that support a variety of wildflowers including Bee Orchids and Wild Carrot.

Walks go from the Stort tow path to a view point and back.

### ***Thorley Wash***

A reserve filled with birdsong south of Bishop's Stortford and one of a string of wetlands flanking the Stort Navigation.

The morning sun's bright rays begin to clear the mist from the meadow, a Sedge Warbler is singing and a Kestrel lazily drifts overhead - Thorley Wash waking up is a sight not to be missed. Formerly known as Thorley Flood Pound, Thorley Wash is a beautiful wetland reserve nestled between the River Stort navigation and the



*Sedge Warbler*

Stort backwater, the original route of the river, south of Bishop's Stortford near the village of Spellbrook. The site is home to a rich variety of wildflowers such as Ragged Robin, Marsh Marigold, Fen Bedstraw, Cuckooflower and Marsh Orchids.



*Cuckooflower*

Thanks to a successful reintroduction programme in 2015, the highly endangered water vole flourishes here too. The best time to spot this mammal is in summer when populations are at their highest following the breeding season. Water Voles are usually shy and shun human contact but at Thorley Wash, you might just get lucky!

### ***Sawbridgeworth Marsh Nature Reserve***

Lying in the valley of the River Stort, these reedbeds become alive during summer - with flowering marsh plants, singing Warblers, an abundance of invertebrates and a chance to see one of the UK's rarest mammals, the Water Vole.



*Marsh Orchid*

This nature reserve is a great place to see several rare plants that are now only found at a few sites in the county such as Southern Marsh Orchids, Marsh Willowherb and Marsh Valerian.

Work has been undertaken to open up the numerous ditches which has allowed Water Voles to successfully establish in them from further up the River Stort.

The surrounding areas of tall sedge and reedbeds provide a valuable nesting habitat for both Reed and Sedge Warblers and an abundance of invertebrate species.

There are paths and boardwalks alongside the river and round the reserve.

***You can find more information on these reserves and directions at  
<https://www.essexwt.org.uk/nature-reserves?location=great+hallingbury>***



## Summer Quiz



1. Which world famous structure grows about 6 inches every summer due to the iron expanding?
2. The "dog days of summer" refer to the dates from July 3rd to August 11th. True or False?
3. Which ocean-dwelling creature are you most likely to see sunbathing?
4. True or false: In the summer, squirrels use their big, bushy tails to protect themselves from the sun.
5. In hot temperatures, liquid water turns into gas. What is the name of this process?
6. Which Roman general named the month of July after Julius Caesar?
7. According to folklore, the weather for the following 40 days is predicted on what day, which falls on July 15 every year?
8. Whose summer residence is called 'Castel Gandolfo'?
9. Taken from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, fill the blank: "The Queen of Hearts, she made some ---, All on a summer day?"
10. The modern Olympics have been held during the summer months every four years since 1896. However which Olympics were held during the spring?
11. What common name is given in English-speaking countries to the national day of France, a day celebrated on 14 July each year?
12. What is the common name of *Cerastium tomentosum*, an herbaceous flowering plant?
13. What is the traditional birthstone for the month of May?
14. Sunflower is the national flower of which country?
15. Which 3 astrological signs are 'Summer Signs'?

Answers on page 32

## Hallingbury Ladies

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## Hallingbury Ladies

### More Busy Times for Hallingbury Ladies

Looking through the Highlights write ups for the past few editions, it looks as though all we do at Hallingbury Ladies is to eat! Of course this is not the case, but our meals out are long standing events enjoyed by the Group.

### Chair Based Yoga

In February we welcomed Mark Druman who is a yoga instructor. He had agreed to run a chair based session so that we could all join in at our own level. Those who could, stood for the session which was very enjoyable and is definitely something to continue and take part in again.

### Fiona Rose "In the Garden with William Morris"

The Speaker in March was Fiona Rose who is a known expert on William Morris. On this occasion she spoke about *William Morris in the Garden* and shared slides with us to illustrate her talk. There was also a chance to purchase some items displaying well known Morris designs which some of the members bought and this also added to the enjoyment of the evening.

### Annual Meeting

April saw the first Annual Meeting of Hallingbury Ladies. During the formal part of the evening a new committee was elected, members were read a report of the first year of activities, given an account of our financial situation, had a matter added to our constitution and finally elected a new chairman. Lesley, our new Chairman, was elected unanimously and thanked for being temporarily in the Chair for the first three months of the year.

## ***All about St George***

With the formalities concluded, the Social part of the evening commenced. The meeting fell on St George's Day so it was, of course, *All about St George*! Firstly we had a Quiz (put together by Jan) to which all the answers were a name which included George. This was fun and everyone who took part was given a cream egg as a prize. After our delicious refreshments, our Competition was judged. Members had been asked to produce a Haiku or short poem about St George. We asked everyone to read out their own poem as there were eleven entries. Everyone was happy to read and we all enjoyed listening to the poems. With so many it was difficult to vote for a winner so everyone was thanked and given two points towards their competition total for the year. After very tasty refreshments we quickly concluded an historic and very enjoyable meeting.

## ***Activities***



*The March walk*

During the last three months we have continued our monthly walks and lunches

and there are more planned ahead.

Our calendar of additional events started with the 2 for 1 afternoon tea offer at Hallingbury Manor and 16 of us attended this in March. To accommodate us we had a large table in the Oak Room for our tea. Probably a relief for the other diners in the restaurant as we are always very jolly! We



*Tea at Great Hallingbury Manor*

look forward to more events as the year continues.



*Lunch at The Three Horseshoes*

## ***Monthly Groups***

The **Literary Ladies** have finally been meeting regularly. The members of this group have enjoyed an interesting range of books and authors - from Rob Rinder to Isabel Allende - which have stimulated some interesting and provocative discussions.

**Knit and Natter** meet once a month, usually at Hunters Meet, and is very successful. We have made charity items as well as followed our own projects during the last months. Some members knit, some crochet and some just natter but it is always an enjoyable afternoon.

## ***Looking Forwards***

In May two members will be running the meeting entitled *Getting to Know You*. This will be an evening when we can socialize and get to know members better as often we are so busy we do not have time for this.

It will be followed in June by a return visit from Amanda Sutherland with her second talk *Make Do and Mend*. We are especially looking forward to listening to her as last year she was a great success.

We meet at 7.30pm in Great Hallingbury Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday in the month and visitors are always welcome to come along and give us a try. We are known for our delicious refreshments, so please come along and meet us as well as enjoying some tasty eats.

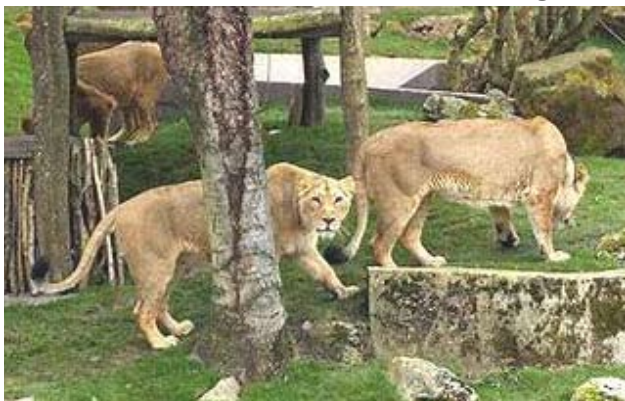
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Secretary, Hallingbury Ladies  
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## The lion enclosure

It's Jim's first day on the job as a trainee zookeeper at London Zoo.

His boss wants to ease him into his duties gently so Jim's given the fish to look after. Unfortunately, Jim gets all the fish food mixed up with the chemicals and he manages to kill all the fish.

Worried that the mistake might cost him his job, Jim decides it might be easier to cover it up by gathering all the now-dead fish together and throwing them into the lion enclosure when no one's looking.



After lunch, Jim's boss asks him to feed the chimpanzees. Unfortunately, once again, by mistake Jim gives them all the wrong food and manages to kill them off too.

Again he's worried that he could lose the job he only started that very morning, so he decides on another cover-up. Once again Jim dumps all the bodies into the lion enclosure whilst no one's looking.

Well, two major mistakes in one day were a little embarrassing so, in the late afternoon, Jim decides to sneak off early before he could do anything else wrong.

Sadly another disaster was waiting to happen.

When reversing his car he managed to back it into the apiary and in doing so crushed all the bees. Left with little

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## Little Hallingbury Cricket Club



The AGM recently took place with Stuart Dobson re-elected as Saturday captain and Joe Ash elected as Sunday captain.

Our indoor nets at Leventhorpe school has proved to be very popular both with senior club members and juniors enjoying coaching from our ECB coaches.

The summer season starts with an away game with Eastons on Sunday, 27 April, with the Saturday team away to Willingale on 3rd May.

Colts practice starts on Wednesday, 7th May, 6 pm start for 8 to 16s year old. The Allstars for 5 to 8 years old will start on 21st May at 5 pm start for eight weekly sessions.

Just to keep the coaches busy, we have also entered teams in the West Essex leagues for the under 13s and under 11s. We will also be arranging games for the under 9s for the first time.

Looks like we going to have a busy time at Gaston Green this Summer.

*Keith Behagg*

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option, Jim executed yet another cover-up. He scooped up the crushed bees and again threw them all into the lion enclosure.

Jim then jumps into his car and heads for home.

The next day, the zoo has a new arrival. It's a new lion transferred from Whipsnade Zoo. "What's it like here then?" the new lion asks the others in the lion enclosure.

"Not bad", one replies, "there's less space here than at Whipsnade but the food's good. Yesterday we had fish, chimps and mushy bees."



# Highlights from the Minutes of a Meeting of Great Hallingbury Parish Council

*3rd March, 2025*

**Present:** Cllr Alan Townsend (Chairman), Cllrs David Barlow, Mark Bloomfield, Mark Coletta, Neil Jackson, Andrew Noble, Alan Pinnock and Val Waring, Mrs Urška Sydee (Clerk), Essex County Cllr Susan Barker, Representative from Pigeon Property Company

## *Land north of Taylors Farm, Takeley*

A representative from Pigeon Property Company explained what had been done so far and how the development will be implemented. Councillors raised concerns regarding increased traffic on the B1256. The representative will arrange a meeting with themselves and an engineer from Essex Highways to which the Parish Council will be invited to discuss highways concerns.

## *Essex County Council*

Essex Cllr Barker confirmed that Essex County Council elections, scheduled for May 2025, have been postponed due to the devolution plans. An election for Mayor of all Essex will be in 2026. It is proposed that the mayor will, at some point, take over the role of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. In addition, there will be a deputy Mayor/s and a team of staff. Elections to shadow Unitary Councils will be in either 2026 or 2027 and they will come into effect a year later. There will likely be three or four Unitary Councils across Essex as the government is looking for a voting population of around 500,000 in each. There are about 1.8m residents across Greater Essex.

## *Chairman's Activities*

- Chaired UALC meeting
- Attended EALC executive meeting
- Spoke to a resident regarding planning application UTT/25/0236/HHF

- Met with another resident regarding planning application UTT/24/2820/FUL,
- Met with Cllr Pinnock to discuss planning application UTT/24/2820/FUL
- Spoke to the tree surgeon who removed an ash tree at Rainbows
- Met with the clerk via Zoom weekly
- Checked the defibrillator weekly

## *Highways Matters*

The Council discussed if anything could be done to improve the road safety of the section of the road near the bridge and Captains on Church Road. It was concluded that it is very unlikely that Essex Highways will agree to erect additional signage or widen the bridge.

## *Neighbourhood Watch*

The group now has 80 members.

## *Noticeboard*

It was agreed to sign the document received from Highways Legal Services for the noticeboard on Stane Street (footpath 45).

## *Litter Pick*

A Litter Pick is scheduled for Sunday, 16 March, 2025. UDC was requested to collect litter bags.

## *Post Box at Top of Goose Lane by Woodside Green*

There was no activity regarding re-erecting the post box and the clerk is to write to the MP asking him to contact Royal Mail.

## *Flitch Way*

The Council agreed to put on hold the application to make the Flitch Way Railway Bridge a Community Asset.

The question of a bench is on hold until the next financial year as previously agreed.

## *White Lining In The Car Park*

A representative from Stansted Airport will attend the Annual Parish Meeting and can be asked if they will maintain the car park.

## *Police Community Support Officer*

There was a short discussion regarding jointly funding a PCSO but Councillors concluded

that it is unlikely that such funding would increase their presence in the village and therefore the Council will not pursue the matter.

### ***Great Hallingbury Manor Hotel***

The hotel wants to get involved with the community and offered to provide breakfast rolls and coffee for the litter pick in October 2025. Cllr Bloomfield will liaise with the hotel.

### ***Planning***

Application No // Site and Development // Decision  
(the Council's comments shown in brackets)

#### **Application Decisions**

UTT/23/1470/OP and re-consultation // Stansted Distribution Centre, Start Hill // Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the demolition of units 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and structures at Pontins Yard and redevelopment for flexible commercial uses with realignment of internal access road, car parking, servicing yards, soft landscaping and other associated works // Approved (The Council's strong objections have been detailed in earlier editions)

UTT/24/2588/FUL // Land at Howletts, The Street // Erection of one detached self/custom-build new dwelling // Refused (No objections as long as it is in keeping with local environment.)

UTT/24/2682/SCO // Land to the North of Taylors Farm, The Street, Takeley // Request for Screening Opinion - for proposed employment development comprising of light industrial, strategic warehousing and distribution uses (use classes B2, B8 and E(g)(i) and associated infrastructure // Decision Unknown (Although not officially notified, the Parish Council has requested that UDC's Planning Department should insist on an Environmental Impact Assessment. Details of the Council's concerns have been published in a previous edition.)

UTT/24/1370/FUL and Re-consultation// The Hop Poles, Bedlars Green // Change of use from public house to residential, changes to boundary and additional parking space to The Spinney, and construction of one self build dwelling in car park // Approved (Council's

comments published in previous edition.

UTT/24/1371/LB and re-consultation // The Hop Poles, Bedlars Green // Conversion of public house to residential including alterations to listed building // Approved  
UTT/24/2820/FUL // Alpenrose, Bedlars Green // Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of four detached dwellings // Awaiting decision (Objections: too many houses for the plot, poor access and parking issues on the green. If this goes ahead any damage to the green during construction needs to be repaired to its original state. The environmental survey results states that there are no badgers and bats, but they can be clearly seen from the badger sets at the back of the plot. Also, it needs to be connected to mains drainage and not too close to the neighbouring property.)

UTT/24/2880/HHF // Highfield, Church Road // Demolition of existing conservatory. Proposed part single storey and part two storey rear extension. Proposed front extension to create a gable feature. Replacement of existing bay windows with square bay windows and new roof to accommodate first floor layout changes // Approved (No objections)

UTT/24/2714/FUL // The Old Forge, Woodside Green // Conversion and change of use of garages to form tourist accommodation // Approved (No objections other than increased traffic in general and also with unsociable hours of comings and goings)

UTT/24/2982/CLE // Evergreen House, Tilekiln Green // Erection of outbuilding // Refused (Strong objections on the premise that it is an unlawful erection of an outbuilding without planning permission. The road and the verges are already destroyed.)

UTT/24/3084/HHF // 98 Woodside Green // Demolition of detached garage and addition of single storey rear and side extension // Refused (No objections)

UTT/24/3228/FUL // Lodge Farm, Woodside Green // Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) and to remove condition 6 (materials), 9 (hard/soft landscaping), 11 (Category 2: Accessible and adaptable dwellings), 16 (vehicle parking/turning

areas) of UTT/22/3322/FUL (Change of use and conversion of barns and agricultural buildings to four dwellings) // Refused (No objections)

UTT/25/0009/LB // Lodge Farm, Woodside Green // Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) and to remove condition 6 (materials), 7 (additional drawings), 8 (schedule of new/historic internal finishes), 9 (details of upper floor structure unit 4), 10 (insulation and internal finishes), 11 (hard/soft landscaping and boundary treatments), 12 (details of repairs), 14 (timber frame) and 15 (rainwater goods) of UTT/22/3323/LB (Conversion of barns and agricultural buildings to four dwellings) // Refused (No objections)

#### **Applications Dealt with at Meeting**

UTT/24/3248/FUL // Barn at Lodge Farm, Woodside Green // Conversion of agricultural building into a pair of semi-detached dwellings and associated work (further to UTT/24/0362/PAQ3) // (No objections)

UTT/25/0048/HHF // 1 Green Ridges, Tilekiln Green // Proposal to construct a single storey rear extension and to build a replacement two-storey double garage to the rear // (No objections)

UTT/25/0060/HHF // 2 Green Ridges, Tilekiln Green // Proposal to build a single-storey rear extension // (No objections)

#### **Not asked officially**

UTT/25/0125/SO // Land to the North of The Street, Takeley // Request for Scoping Opinion - for proposed outline planning application with all matters, except access, reserved for up to 83,000 sq m of commercial development of mixed employment floorspace including General Industrial (Class B2), Storage or Distribution (Class B8), Office (Class E(g) (i)) and Light Industrial (Class E(g) (iii)); and supporting associated development, infrastructure and landscaping // The Parish Council's considered objections are too lengthy for inclusion here but may be found in the Council's official minutes.

UTT/25/0236/HHF // Seven Acres, Latchmore Bank, Little Hallingbury // Erection of a single storey outbuilding to be used as an Annexe // Concerns were raised because the proposed

development is in Green Belt.

UTT/24/2820/FUL Re-consultation // Alpenrose, Bedlars Green // Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of four detached dwellings. (Concerns: The original planning permission was for one bungalow only, with an access point 8ft wide. Access from the site was allowed as an *easement* across National Trust land onto Beggars Hall Lane, which is a private road (also a footpath). This is the only access. How can they join up to the main utilities when access is over private land? A defective planning application as there is no access to a public highway.

#### ***Bedlars Green***

Cllr Bloomfield is renovating the village green in front of his house. The roots of the trees will be removed and the area will be flattened and re-grassed. The fence will be repaired but it will remain open for the public.

#### ***Water Leak at Tilekiln Green***

This can be reported to the water board by anyone which is believed to have been done. When Thames Water attended to sewage leak near Lewis Mead, a massive piece of tarmac was found in it.

#### ***Stansted Airport***

Cllr Waring reported on an informative meeting regarding the intended increase of passengers. Two grants are available for which we can apply for the village car park.

#### ***Flitch Way Access***

There is a parking issue at the road crossing at Thremhall on the B1256 to the Flitch Way entrance. Cllr Coletta will contact Highways regarding this.

#### ***Verges***

The verges on the approach to Start Hill from the M11 Junction 8 are deteriorating. This is an urban clearway down to the Audi showroom and anything parked there can be reported to the police.



## Experts Predict the Future !!

This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us.



Western Union internal memo, 1876.

We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out.

Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible.

Lord Kelvin, President, Royal Society, 1895.

Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction.

Pierre Pachet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872

Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons.

Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?

H.M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927



Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try and find oil? You're crazy.

Drillers who Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist to his project to drill for oil in 1859.

Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value.

Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Supérieure de Guerre 1907

The abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon.

Sir John Eric Ericksen, British surgeon, appointed Surgeon-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria 1873.

## A Picture ready to be Coloured



What question  
can you never  
answer yes to?

Are you asleep?

## Sudoku

Complete the grid with numbers 1-9 in each square, line and column

		1						
		3		4	6			2
	6	2			1			9
				9		7		
	3		1		2			5
			7	8		3		4
			6				9	7
	7	9						6
	2			7			5	



## **Essex Police**

### *Some Tips that Could Help You*



### **Fly-Tipping**

#### ***Police Rural Engagement Team Supporting Local Councils***

The Police ask people who see dumped rubbish to report it to the local council. The Rural Engagement Team is supporting the Essex-wide SCRAP campaign against fly-tipping.



Inspector Terry Jacobs explains that fly-tipping can range from a discarded bag of rubbish to a large quantity of waste dumped from a truck owned by organised criminal gangs. It can vary from household items to chemicals and other noxious substances, such as asbestos. Not only do fly-tips damage our environment, they pose a threat to humans, animals and other wildlife. The cost to councils or private landowners of clearing up can be hundreds or even thousands of pounds.

Fly-tipped waste may contain hidden sharp or dangerous items so don't attempt to remove the rubbish yourself but contact your local council which will arrange for it to be removed and will investigate with the support of officers patrol to enable them to undertake enforcement action.

Make sure only authorised waste carriers take your rubbish away. You can be fined or prosecuted if your waste is dumped illegally, even if you didn't do it yourself.

For details on how to report fly-tipping, how to dispose of your waste responsibly and how to check a waste collector's licence, visit the Love Essex website

### **What is what3words?**

#### ***Great in an Emergency***

The what3words system enables the emergency services to find someone more easily. When people call 999 they often struggle to describe their location. What3words helps them say exactly where they are, saving precious response time.

#### ***How does it work?***

The system has assigned 3 distinct words for every 3 square metre grid square on a map. You must have the what3words app on your phone (which is free and you can download on both Android and iOS from <https://what3words.com/>). In an emergency, use the app to find the 3 word address for your current location. It works offline which is ideal for areas with an unreliable data connection.

Share your 3 word address over the phone to the call handler. The emergency service can then coordinate a response directly to the exact location where help is needed.

### **Fishing Through your Letterbox**

Burglars are often opportunistic thieves who target houses and flats, looking for any opening they can exploit. If your door has a letterbox, fitting a guard to the rear of the door can prevent someone from reaching in with a stick and hook to fish for nearby items like handbags or keys.

### **Spoofed Websites**

Be aware: these are fake sites made to look like real ones to steal your personal or banking details when you submit them to the site. Check the website address at the top of the web address bar to make sure no characters are incorrect. Look for 'https' at the beginning of the web address and the padlock symbol.

*For regular updates, join the Great Hallingbury Neighbourhood Watch.*

*Contact [cllrcolettapc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrcolettapc@gmail.com)*

## Running Out of Fuel

Gerry is driving down the motorway when he runs out of fuel.



He's sitting there in the driver's seat wondering what to do next when a bee flies in through his window.

"What seems to be your problem?" asks the bee. "I've run out of fuel", Gerry replies.

"That's unfortunate", says the bee. "However if you wait here I can help you."

The bee then flies off, only to return minutes later with an entire swarm of bees. They all fly into his fuel tank, leaving Gerry wondering exactly what's going on.

After a few minutes, the swarm flies off and the bee says to Gerry, "Try it now." Gerry turns his ignition key and his car fires into action immediately.



"Wow!" Gerry exclaims. "What did you put in the fuel tank?" The bee smiles and says, "BP, of course."

## Quiz

Answers to questions on page 24



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|--------------------|---|
| 1. Eiffel Tower.   | 10. The 2000 Summer Olympics (in Sydney.) |
| 2. True.           |   |
| 3. Sea lions.      |   |
| 4. True.           |   |
| 5. Evaporation.    | 11. Bastille Day                          |
| 6. Marc Antony.    | 12. Snow-in-summer.                       |
| 7. St Swithins Day | 13. The Emerald                           |
| 8. The Pope's.     | 14. Ukraine                               |
| 9. Tarts.          | 15. Cancer Leo and                        |

## Great Hallingbury History Society



### Essex Policing

By Martin Lockwood

Wednesday 11th June 2025

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 8pm

*The speaker will follow our AGM*

Entrance Fee Including Refreshments:

£3.00 for Members

Membership £10 pa

£5.00 for Non-members

Everyone is welcome, so do join us!

## Great Hallingbury History Society



### Trip to Anglesey Abbey

Wednesday 9th July

This beautiful Jacobean house sits in over a hundred acres of gardens designed by Lord Fairhaven and is considered to be one of the finest gardens in the British Isles.

The price of the trip to National Trust members is £8. Non-members will need to pay an additional entry fee of £18. This will include a private tour of the house at 10am after which time members are free to roam the gardens.

To book, contact Claire Layer on 07776936721 or by email at [gthallhistory@gmail.com](mailto:gthallhistory@gmail.com)



# Great Hallingbury History Society

## *Report to Annual Parish Meeting*



What a year it has been!

Our membership continues to grow as does the number of people attending our monthly meetings. We have forged stronger links with Little Hallingbury and Hatfield Regis History Societies and shared a table at the Family History Roadshow at the beginning of August last year in an attempt to attract new members. We are currently in the process of planning another joint event at the end of May this year to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe which will be held in Little Hallingbury Village Hall.

We have had some very interesting talks including presentations as diverse as the National Trust, Norfolk Wherries and Stars who fought in WWII. Mark Ratcliff gave us an excellent talk about the Prisoner of War Camp at Hatfield Heath and Gary Matthews came to tell us about Daisy, the Countess of Warwick, who made such an impact on the Gardens of Easton Lodge and drew the eye of Edward, Prince of Wales.

The main event of the year however was the centenary of the sale, by auction, of the estate of Hallingbury Place. Philip Hays gave a fascinating introduction to the house and Estate of Hallingbury Place.



*Hallingbury Place*

The sale included farms, land, cottages, a pub and smithy from as far flung as Takeley, Hatfield Broad Oak, Little and Great Hallingbury and Bishop's Stortford, as well as Hatfield Forest itself.

Committee members had been toiling away in the background for the previous six months contacting residents of properties once owned by the Houblons and we welcomed over seventy visitors in September last year with a glass of wine and nibbles.

These visitors brought with them tales of ancestors who worked as maids at the great house, getting up at the crack of dawn aged 14 to clear fireplaces; of wood panelling from the great rooms being bought by residents of Bishop's Stortford to line new walls; and of tunnels discovered under properties built over the land of the demolished country house.

They brought in original deeds, letters and papers. We heard the words of a soldier writing to his mother about the visit the King made to review the troops in 1915 before they headed off to the trenches which appeared in full in the last edition of *Great Hallingbury Highlights*.

We sadly lost a very valuable member of our committee to cancer last year. Alan Rowett joined Great Hallingbury History Society when it was formed in 1988 and was responsible for printing the Society's publications written by Ernie Field and Heather Cocks. He was a good photographer and took many of the current day photographs of houses that were originally part of the estate of Hallingbury Place. He was also in the process of building a web site for the History Society and, as a committee, we feel determined to carry on his work. He will be greatly missed.

The gargantuan task of digitising the Society's archives is now underway and, armed with four new scanners, committee members are in the slow process of scanning documents so that in the future they will be available to the general public. Watch this space!

*Claire Layer, Secretary*

## St Giles' Parochial Church Council

### *A report presented to the Annual Parish Meeting*



As noted last year, St Giles' and St Mary's Little Hallingbury are now part of a United Benefice of Six Villages which also includes Holy Trinity Hatfield Heath, St John's Bush End, St Mary's Sheering and St Mary's Hatfield Broad Oak.

Our new Priest in Charge, Rev'd Sophie Weller, began her duties for all six parishes in September 2024.

To enable Sophie and her fellow Readers to officiate at services in all churches, a revised timetable of services began in January this year. The services at St Giles' are now held on the first and third Sunday of each month at 9am. Both of these services are Holy Communion. Services and times at our fellow churches can be found on the website or in the church magazine. St Mary's Little Hallingbury holds a monthly Holy Communion service on the fourth Sunday at 11am and, on the second Sunday, an informal service called *café church* at 6pm, with conversation around tables and with refreshments.

Our new Bell Ringers are doing very well. It is so lovely to hear the bells ringing before each service and also when they practise on a Thursday evening.

While we have a good number of wild plants, butterflies and bees in our churchyard, there has been much concern from local residents, including myself, about the untidiness around the church. Last year Howe Green School, who often like to use our church for their own special services, actually thought the church had closed!

I proposed some while ago that an area of wild flowers is left but that the rest of the churchyard should be kept mown and tidy as it used to be. I'm pleased to say this has

now been agreed, so we are hoping to keep a few wild areas but also have a lot more of the churchyard mown and tidy.

The Garden Club who were doing some of the maintenance jobs has sadly folded and we do, of course, need volunteers to help with the grass cutting, pruning and other jobs in the churchyard. We have a few people willing to help who have agreed to come along on the first Saturday of each month. Anyone willing and able to help, please let me know. There is a ride-on mower for use!

The trees in the churchyard are regularly surveyed, the last time being in December 2023, and remedial works carried out as needed.

Every six years the Church of England reviews and renews the electoral roll of all parishes. A completely new roll is created: no one is automatically transferred from one electoral roll to the next. Therefore, if you wish to remain on - or be added to - the Electoral Roll of St Giles' Church, Great Hallingbury, you must complete a form that can be downloaded from the website: [www.thesixvillages.org](http://www.thesixvillages.org). A form is needed for each member of your household who wishes to be on the roll. Forms can be returned to me at 7 The Grove or to Caroline Harding, Shouldersticks, Little Hallingbury, CM22 7PJ.

You are invited to join us for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held on Sunday, 18th May, after the Service. Being on the Electoral Roll of a parish means you have an opportunity to vote at an APCM and have a say in shaping the culture and direction of travel of your local church. You can only make a difference if you are part of something and we need to hear ideas and opinions from all members of our church family.

Whether you are on the electoral roll or not, you are, of course, always welcome to come to St Giles'.

*Freda Townsend*

## Father Murphy

Father Murphy looked uneasy as he attempted to greet the wedding guests at the entrance to St Bernadette's Church.

He doesn't say much and he looks uncomfortable but the congregation know him to be a bit shy.

As the bride arrives, Father Murphy makes his way to the altar and, as the couple approach, he gives the best speech anyone has ever heard. Not only is it an excellent speech, full of wisdom and insight, but he appears to be confident and he has everyone rolling on the floor laughing.

After the couple has made their vows and everyone is leaving, Father Murphy steps down from the altar and once again he becomes tongue-tied and shy and barely manages to say a word to anyone.

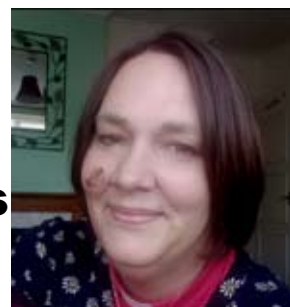


Feeling a little sorry for him, the groom says, "I hope you don't mind me asking Father, but why are you so shy now? You seemed like a different person when you were up there giving that speech earlier."

"I know", Father Murphy responded, "but that was just my altar ego."

*Adam and Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.*

## Services in the Hallingburys



### June - August 2025

G = St Giles' M = St Mary's

G	Jun 1	9 am	Holy Communion
M	Jun 8	11 am	Morning Worship
M	Jun 8	6 pm	Café Church
G	Jun 15	9 am	Holy Communion
M	Jun 22	11 am	Holy Communion
*	Jun 29	11 am	Six Villages Holy Communion
G	Jul 6	9 am	Holy Communion
M	Jul 13	11 am	Morning Worship
M	Jul 13	6 pm	Café Church
G	Jul 20	9 am	Holy Communion
M	Jul 27	11 am	Holy Communion
G	Aug 3	9 am	Holy Communion
M	Aug 10	11 am	Morning Worship
M	Aug 10	6 pm	Café Church
G	Aug 17	9 am	Holy Communion
M	Aug 24	11 am	Holy Communion
**	Aug 31	11 am	Six Villages Holy Communion

\* St John's, Bush End

\*\* To be advised

### Please Note:

You are advised to check our website at [www.sixvillages.org](http://www.sixvillages.org) for the most up-to-date and accurate information.

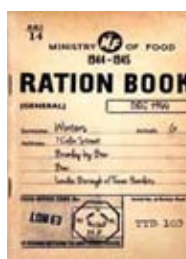
The website has details of all services taking place across the Six Villages, and information about special events, our contact details and how to get involved.

# 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe

**See how the villages were  
affected during the war**



## On Sunday 25th May 2-5pm at Little Hallingbury Village Hall



## Calendar

### June 2025

- 1 Little Hallingbury History Society - Little Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm
- 3 District Councillors' Surgery - Village Hall 2 to 4 pm
- 7 Village Hall Coffee Morning 10 - noon  
*Special Visitor - Essex Police Fraud Coordinator*
- 11 History Society - *Arsenic, the Inheritance Powder* - Village Hall 8 pm
- 14 Library Van - Bedlars Green 13.45 - 14.15
- 14 Village Hall Social Evening 7 - 10 pm
- 24 Village Hall Annual General Meeting - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 25 Hallingbury Ladies - *Make Do and Mend* - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 29 Village Hall Table Top Sale 9 am - noon

### July 2025

- 1 District Councillors Surgery - Village Hall 2 to 4 pm
- 5 Village Hall Coffee Morning 10 - noon
- 5 Library Van - Bedlars Green 13.45 - 14.15
- 7 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall at 8 pm
- 7 Little Hallingbury History Society

- 9 History Society - *Trip to Anglesey Abbey*
- 23 Hallingbury Ladies - *Members Day* - Village Hall 7.30 pm
- 26 Library Van - Bedlars Green 13.45 - 14.15

### August 2025

- 2 Village Hall Coffee Morning 10 - noon
- 5 District Councillors Surgery - Village Hall 2 to 4 pm
- 16 Library Van - Bedlars Green 13.45 - 14.15
- 27 Hallingbury Ladies - *Suzi Clark - My Eventful Life* - Village Hall 7.30 pm

### September 2025

- 8 Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall at 8 pm
- 10 History Society - Village Hall at 8 pm
- 20 Village Hall Quiz Night - Village Hall 7 for 7.30 pm
- 24 Hallingbury Ladies - *CPR and Defib Essentials* - Village Hall 7.30 pm

**Come to the next Parish Council meetings  
- ask your questions - give your views.  
See how the Parish Council works for  
you.**

Monday, 7th July 8 pm Village Hall  
Monday, 8th September 8 pm Village Hall