

Aug/Sep 2022

Fyfield



Focus



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Village Diary

Date	Time	What	Where
Mon 1 st Aug	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tues 2 nd Aug	10.00am	Coffee Morning	St Nicholas' Church
Fri 5 th Aug	6.00pm	BBQ Village Hall	Village Hall
Sun 7 th Aug	10.00am	Ramblers	Village Hall
Wed 10 th Aug	1.00pm	Luncheon Club meet	Village Hall
Sun 14 th Aug	10.30am	Community Worship	St Nicholas' Church
Fri 19 th Aug	6.00pm	BBQ Village Hall	Village Hall
Sun 21 st Aug	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
Mon 22 nd Aug	10.00am	Lifewalk* (<i>pg 17</i>)	Village Hall
Fri 2 nd Sep	6.00pm	BBQ Village Hall	Village Hall
Sun 4 th Sep	10.00am	Ramblers	Village Hall
Mon 5 th Sep	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tues 6 th Sep	10.00am	Coffee Morning	St Nicholas' Church
Sun 11 th Sep	9am +	5k/10k Fyfield Footpath	Village Hall
Wed 13 th Sep	1.00pm	Luncheon Club meet	Village Hall
Mon 19 th Sep	10.00am	Lifewalk* (<i>pg 17</i>)	Village Hall
Sat 24 th Sep	7.30pm	Magic Night	Village Hall
Tues 4 th Oct	10.00am	Coffee Morning	St Nicholas' Church

*Check out <https://eppingforestdc.bookinglive.com/> for details & activities.

Our Desk Top Publisher is off to pastures new, so we are looking for a new team member. Margaret and Sally edit all the articles, and Steve is our Treasurer and Distribution Manager. Jennie is happy to guide you on how to put the whole thing together (built in a pre-set Microsoft Word template, plus post-exit support), then save to PDF → ready for the printers, distributors and Fyfield residents.

The magazine is bi-monthly, so the main commitment is intermittent over the third week of the month prior to issue. Please contact us at fyfieldfocus@gmail.com if you are able to help or have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Team Focus



Hot, off the press

We send out congratulations to Alison, who correctly counted 46 rondles hidden in the last issue. We hope you enjoyed your British-bubbly celebrations.

Did you see the bike race as it trundled through the village? Did you know that the race organisers funded the roadwork done ahead of the race (*source L.Webster-FB grapevine*), giving back before the wheels even turned. For the slight inconvenience to some, the payback is likely worth it in the long-run for the majority.

Jenny Stone captured Stage 2 of the UCI Women's World Tour race, held on 7th June, from Queen Street & Chris Betteridge's photo is our cover. Thanks to you both.

'Being active' seems the theme of this issue, with lots on to keep folks busy and a bit of magic thrown in for good measure in September.



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Coming up

We welcome information on how to join, attend or more from local groups and encourage them to send us their details, and with that said ...

Coffee Mornings at St Nicholas' Church

We are delighted to be able to invite everyone to our Coffee Mornings, which take place on

**Tuesday's from 10am till 12pm on
2nd August, 6th September, 4th October**

Do please join us for delicious cake and coffee, and the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones!



Carol, Trish and Pam



Fyfield Luncheon Club

What a lovely sunny day we had for the June Luncheon Club. We also had the added bonus of welcoming Tina Pykerman to the team of fantastic cooks.

Tina is a professional chef who lives in Fyfield. She made wonderful individual fish pies for our clubbers. This was followed by fruit Pavlova made by the fair hands of our Fran. Volunteers on the day were myself, Julie, Fran, Pam, Linda & Trish.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on 10th August for our next get together. Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Jan Hall



Fyfield Ramblers

Rambling continues, meeting on the first Sunday of the month:

**Sunday 7th August & Sunday 4th September
10:00am from the Village Hall**

Our walks are usually 4 – 5 miles through our beautiful countryside. Everyone is welcome, including well-behaved dogs.



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August 1st:

Andrew Babicz – ‘Seasonal Container Gardening’

September 5th:

This will be our ‘Mini Show’ in the village hall when members can exhibit the produce grown in their own gardens.

All meetings start at 7.30pm, and are held in Moreton Village Hall.

Refreshments follow the talks. There will be a raffle and also a sales table for members’ horticultural items to sell. Membership remains the same at £10 for 2022. Newcomers are warmly welcomed.



We look forward to seeing you all again now that we are getting back to normal. For more information, please contact the secretary by email: davis.christine.d@gmail.com or telephone 01277 890283.

Christine Davis



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Fyfield Parish Council



Dear Residents

I am pleased to say that we no longer have a **Councillor vacancy** and are back to a full complement of members as Gaillies Codd put herself forward at the June meeting and was duly co-opted. So a big welcome to her in joining the committee.

Well, I for one thoroughly enjoyed the bank holiday **Jubilee celebrations** and I think Fyfield did Her Majesty proud with the events that took place here. Many turned up for the beacon lighting and a glass of bubbly was raised in her honour. I must admit to being worried that the horrible cold weather on the Sunday would put people off coming to our Family Fun day, but there was no need for worry as come they did! Adults and kids alike joined in all the various races, which ended with a tug of war. It was great fun to watch. Unsurprisingly, the assault course inflatable was very popular and not just with the kids; one councillor nearly got stuck in it whilst racing against his son! That was very funny but probably best not mention any names!! So, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all those who volunteered their time in the preparations for the day; for helping to get the marquees up and also for the clearing away the next day. I would also like to give a very big thank you to The Golden Decades band for stepping in at relatively short notice. They were excellent and played a wonderful variety of music for us all afternoon. I would also like to add that virtually all the festivity costs were covered by the grant that we received from the National Lottery Community Fund, so thank you to them also! Finally, well done and thank you to all who entered our races, the bake off contest and, most importantly of all, to everyone who attended; it wouldn't have been the same without you!!

The **Coffee with Cops** meeting in June had good attendance but unfortunately it seems that there has been another spate of robberies at Norwood End. We all need to be vigilant of suspicious activity and look out for each other!

There will be two meetings in September, the first is on Friday 16th Sept 11am-1pm for which Warren Shepherd has booked a Fraud Prevention Officer to come and give a talk. Should be very interesting. Also, there will be an evening meeting on Wednesday 21st Sept from 7pm – 9pm.

Please support our local community support officer by attending one or both of these meetings.



A collection of plumbing tools and parts, including a long metal pipe, a wrench, and various fittings, are arranged on a light-colored wooden surface. The tools are metallic and show signs of use.

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here have been complaints regarding **littering and control of dogs on the field**. Dog owners please be very vigilant whilst walking your dog on the field and be very mindful that children of all ages play on the field – the last thing that anyone would want is for them to step in dog poo! So here is another reminder of the countryside code:

Keep your dog under effective control to make sure it stays away from wildlife, livestock, horses and other people unless invited. You should:

- **always keep your dog on a lead or in sight**
- **keep on a lead unless confident your dog will return on command**
- **Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do**

There plenty of bins at various points around the field and we will be putting up signs in due course regarding these issues as a constant reminder.

Oh, it appears that I forgot to mention in my last article that the matting for the overflow car parking at the village hall was in fact funded entirely through a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. We are very grateful for the two grants that we received this year, as they have enabled us to improve our facilities and celebrate the Jubilee with minimal impact on our accounts!

We have a new URL! If you are looking for the **Fyfield Parish Council website**, we are now here –<https://fyfieldpc.wixsite.com/fyfieldparishcouncil>

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy summer. May the sun shine bright and warm during the day and may it rain by night!

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 1st August at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

All Fyfield Parish Council news and minutes can be found on the Parish Council website, and the Noticeboard outside the shop.



Cllr. Barbara Seward, Chair

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12 pm for 1 pm

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Letter from Jane Quinton

Another world.....

So how is your summer going? By now schools will have broken up and those eagerly anticipated summer holidays are being enjoyed (flights permitting!)



I hope everyone is managing to staying safe and cool – writing this as I am, on the weekend of the amber/red weather warnings that are forecasting temperatures expected to reach 40 degrees!

I was actually able to beat the holiday rush and enjoy a summer break in Cornwall at the end of June. It gave me the chance of experiencing not only a different world location wise, but also in an imaginary sense..... in that I immersed myself in a good book! Having heard excellent reviews about Richard Osman's first novel, I decided to enter into the world of the 'Thursday Murder Club'.....and was instantly hooked! Having taken me just 3 days to read, I immediately searched out a local shop to buy the sequel. Because that's what a good book can do – whisk you away to another realm, drawing you in to a new group of people and surroundings and events, that you feel very quickly part of and invested in.

However, such new imaginary communities, as well as being a means of enjoyment and escapism, can actually present interesting, thought-provoking questions to real-life issues and situations. Such as in 'The Man who died Twice' (*the second book of the 'Thursday Murder Club' series*), in which two of the characters (*Joyce and Ibrahim*) discuss death. For Joyce, life is about happiness, whereas for Ibrahim, 'everything is about death', and in imparting their different perspectives to the other, Joyce ends up talking about everything being 'blue'!

Interesting though Joyce's argument is, one of the deeper truths of life is that nothing is indeed black and white..... except, I would advocate, that we are all born in the image of our Creator God, who loves each one of us more than we will ever imagine. Having put His love into each one of us He has given us a world that is not imaginary, nor black and white but gloriously vibrant – a world to feel part of and invested in, to look after and love.... every single part of it.

And so, whilst I now await the release of the third book in the 'Thursday Murder Club' series, I pray that whatever your plans be this summer, you might be blessed along the way.

Rev Jane x



Church Services for August

Please consult Fyfield Church notice board for the September Services

3rd August HIGH LAVER	10.00 am	Midweek Communion
7th August WILLINGALE BOBBINGWORTH LITTLE LAVER	9.30 am 10.00am 8.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion
10th August HIGH LAVER	10.00 am	Midweek Communion
14th August FYFIELD WILLINGALE MATCHING	10.30am 6pm 10.00am	Community Worship Evensong Holy Communion
17th August HIGH LAVER	10.00 am	Midweek Communion
21st August FYFIELD MAGDALEN LAVER	10.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
24th August HIGH LAVER	10.00am	Midweek Communion
28th August MORETON WILLINGALE HIGH LAVER	10.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Family Communion Family Service Family Service



St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

First of all, we all wish Rev Chris, and her husband John, every happiness as they begin their retirement in the West Country. As we are all aware, Rev Sam, and Albert and Pam are looking after us so well and we continue to pray for them all.

A lot has been happening at St Nicholas – our Fyfield Festival and Concert being the most recent. What a success! We owe a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to making it such a triumph. The list of people would be far too long to print but we send our sincere thanks to you all. But there is one name that must be mentioned and that is our dear Carol Cox, who so patiently and efficiently works so hard to organise us all, and does the million small things that are really important behind the scenes.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to an end of term service for Dr Walkers School, with whom our link is strengthening. We are so pleased to have now welcomed Alison Burton as our second Churchwarden, and also to see a growth in the numbers attending services.

Our church is open on Wednesdays for quiet prayer and we do hope you will take time out for reflection and relaxation. Try it – you will like it!

Jenny Stone
Fyfield PCC



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Puzzle Page

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Fyfield Village Hall

I sit in the house, all curtains closed, doors and windows closed, trying to keep cool writing the next episode in the life of the Village Hall.

At last, we were able to hold our AGM in late June welcoming two new trustees to the committee, Penny Ovel and Lizzie Webster. The vacancies occurred due to Mary Ellis leaving and Helen Webb moving. Mary has been a stalwart of the committee for years, always encouraging, considerate, and full of enthusiasm for everything Fyfield. The committee officials were all re-elected.

Since the last Focus, we have had the Queen's Jubilee weekend that was a great success, enjoyed by everybody from children to the wrinklies of the parish. A lot of hard work was put into the weekend by all groups in the village, a thank you to all for making it a special few days.

Coming up in August, we have more Friday evening BBQ's on 5th and 19th followed by 2nd September. Keep an eye on social media for further dates as we plan an autumn winter programme.

Lifewalks are a series of walks organised by Epping Council starting in different places around the borough. On 22nd August and 19th September, they start from the Village Hall returning for tea and cake 60-90 minutes later. If you are interested in getting up and keeping active, please contact kmurry@eppingforestdc.com.

On 24th September, we have a Magic Night with the Magic Circle. This will be their third visit and should not be missed. They perform right under your nose and you cannot see how they do the trick. You will come away amazed and wondering where Debbie McGee was. Tickets will be on sale soon from committee members and online, for £15, which includes food.

Over the August bank holiday, our local police officer Warren Shepherd is holding a fund raising event in aid of Mind. This will have something for everybody, bouncy castles, BBQ, bar, games. Come and help Warren to reach his fund raising target. More information to follow from Warren.

In the autumn, Graham Cooper will be giving a talk on the Development of the SAS. This will be a great insight into the Special Forces from an expert. Date to be confirmed.

The belated 100-year anniversary of Fyfield Village Hall is in the planning stages. This will have to be a very special anniversary to celebrate the arrival of an ex-



army hut from Purfleet in January 1921 to the site on Dunmow Road to the multi-functional building we have today.

Keep up to date with what is happening on our website fyfieldvillagehall.org.uk and other social media.

Martin Baxter, Chair

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1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group



Catholic Parish of St Helen's, Ongar and St Margaret's, Doddinghurst

What a busy time we have had this year with a very successful Fyfield Festival, Ongar Town show and wonderful platinum Jubilee celebrations. We are now looking forward to holding Parish events again, such as quiz evenings and a Christmas Bazaar. Hopefully, most of us have managed to arrange some sort of holiday despite the travel challenges.

August is a month when we plan for children returning to school or maybe starting college, with all the excitement and stress that brings. The last few years have shown parents how important it is for children to have normal interaction with their friends and family and a set routine. The world can seem a gloomy place with war, disease, rising prices, and confusing and divisive campaigns. I like to think of the words of that most optimistic of women, Julian of Norwich 'All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well'.
(b. 1343)

We hope, pray and strive for a more positive future for our young people.

Bernadine Wrobel

Parish Priest Fr. Emile Nkumu ((01277 362645)

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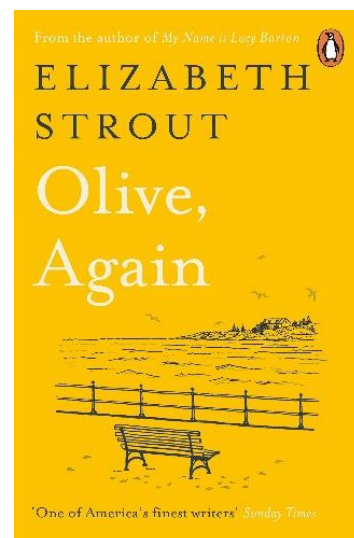
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Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout

We were first introduced to Olive in the book *Olive Kitteridge*, which like this one, is a novel of short stories. Elizabeth Strout created a character so vital, so funny, so exasperating and yet so winning that Olive lights up a story even when she is only glimpsed in the distance, a hand waved over her head in her signature gesture. Olive was in late middle age, and had no brakes, no filter. She said what she thought, without pausing to wonder how hurtful, or how wrong, she might be.



Ten years later we return to Olive's world in *Olive Again*, which, like its predecessor, is made up of interconnected stories. Olive still lives in the town of Crosby, Maine, which lies on a beautiful stretch of remote coast, as far north east as states in America go. It's just a place, but it matters to Olive, and so do its people.

This book, is about her coming of age. At the end of *Olive Kitteridge*, published 11 years ago, we left her in her 70s, lying on a bed alongside a man, Jack, widowed like her, and as 'old, big and sagging' as she was. *Olive Again* picks up only 1 month later.

The characters (many of them familiar from earlier books) step into the foreground to star in their own stories, then recede, to be glimpsed much later, their lives having moved on in the meantime. They develop. They change their minds. Olive herself says, tentatively, in one of the stories, that she thinks she may have become a bit nicer, and it's true. She has. She grows old, as few fictional heroines do, while we witness the indignities, terrors and frustrations which go with that process. Her authorial voice is always detached, never moralistic, and the author shows how age has weakened what was most exasperating about Olive – her always-rightness, her irascibility – while leaving her bracing humour intact.

Sally Wallden



**What dreadful hot weather we have!
It keeps one in a continual state of inelegance.**

Jane Austen



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1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Dragonian Explorer Unit



We have now come to the end of a very busy term when the Beavers and Cubs have been busy working towards a few different badges.

Beavers ended the term with a visit to Skreens Park to do part of their Disability Awareness badge, and on their last night of the term they played water games on the field in the lovely sunshine.

Cubs have been looking after their sunflowers and beans they planted in the Spring. The beans have been picked and we are looking forward to seeing pictures of some sunflowers later in the year. Other badges they have been working on are Backwoods, Cooking and Hiking. Their last night was spent walking down to the woods and building shelters from fallen twigs and sticks.

Scouts ended their term with a Hawaiian Night and BBQ – a great time was had by all. They have also completed a hike to Greensted Church, and compass reading. They spent a session at Thriftwood where they did water rolling and they spent a night sleeping in the small church at Willingale.



Five scouts took part in the Waltham Walk, which is a two day event organised by the Boy's Brigade.

They have also been busy fundraising over the last couple of months. They held a raffle and tombola at the Jubilee event on the field, had a



stall at the Fyfield Festival, ran a BBQ for Ongar Juniors Football Club presentation and also ran a very busy pit stop for the bike race that went through the village. These events help towards the cost of youngsters going on a World Scout Jamboree and equipment and needs of all the sections. Thanks to everyone for their hard work in organising these events.

Explorers have spent a couple of sessions at Thriftwood doing water rafting and the climbing wall. They have also cooked, hiked and much more.

A big thank you to the leaders and helpers for organising such amazing fun packed evenings for our young people – have a well-earned break.

If you would like to join our membership team please contact us.

***Sandra Mead**
Group Scout Leader
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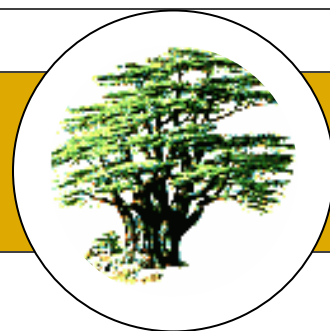


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Still to come this year are talks on Animal Coloration, Beyond Safari Tourism and 54-Acre Outdoor Wildlife Classroom, the story and natural history of Lambourne End Outdoor Centre



You are invited to join OWLS. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7.30 for 8pm. Visitors pay just £5 but you can become a member for an annual fee of only £25. As we are a way through the year, this year's fee will be reduced. To help you locate our venue, Toot Hill Village Hall, the postcode is CM5 9LR.

Keith Snow, Ongar Wildlife Society

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Ongar Nature Watch

Where have all the butterflies gone?

Once upon a time, butterflies were common in this area, but now we are fortunate if we see a few. As a teenager (yes, I can remember that long ago) nettles abounded with small tortoiseshell caterpillars along the nearby River Roding. I have not seen them in recent times.



The UK's butterfly population has fallen sharply as they are affected by rising temperatures and fragmented habitats. There are 59-recorded species in Britain, representing those that live in the country year-round as well as two seasonal migrants. So far this year, I have seen fewer butterflies than usual in the garden. There has been the occasional Brimstone, Comma, Small White, Red Admiral, Peacock, Meadow Brown and Common Blue but that's all. It is still early in summer so hopefully their numbers will increase.

Their bright colours ensure that they are one of the most recognised and recorded animals, which makes them a valuable indicator species to show when an ecosystem is under threat.

While the decline is dramatic, we can all help as small changes to our gardens can play a significant role in helping them recover. Buddleia (the butterfly bush) and lavender are particularly attractive to butterflies but remember the food plants for the caterpillars. I have just added nasturtiums in pots to the garden, a favourite food for the caterpillars of Small and Large White butterflies.

The 2022 **Red List of British butterflies**, published by Butterfly Conservation, classed five more species as threatened this year. However, the list found some cause for optimism, with the Large Blue butterfly, which became extinct in Great Britain just over 40 years ago, now recovering following a successful reintroduction scheme.

Dr Richard Fox, of Butterfly Conservation, says, 'Shockingly, half of Britain's remaining butterfly species are listed as threatened or near threatened on the new Red List. Even prior to this new assessment, British butterflies were among the most threatened in Europe. Butterflies face many pressures, **mostly from habitat loss**. For example, 80% of chalk grassland has ceased to exist since 1945 with the loss of the rare plants that grow in these soils.'



Dr Blanca Huertas, of the Natural History Museum, says, 'Butterflies are dependent on a specific set of factors in each stage of their lifecycle. As eggs and caterpillars, they are very sensitive to any changes in the microclimate and rely on certain plants. When they are adults, they are often more generalist, but modifying a habitat will take away plants that these butterflies depend on. This affects their ability to survive.'

While butterflies are under threat, the Red List demonstrates that there is the potential for a recovery. Alongside the Large Blue, the High Brown Fritillary and Duke of Burgundy have seen their populations stabilise in recent years.

As well as restoring breeding and feeding habitats, it is also important to ensure connectivity between them. As butterflies cannot travel long distances, this involves providing flower rich field margins that can act as stepping stones to link suitable habitats.

Keith Snow, Ongar Wildlife Society



**Summer – the time when parents realise
how underpaid teachers actually are!**

Anon

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Probus Club of Fyfield



In June, members and their wives, partners or friends were treated to an excellent barbeque followed by a choice of desserts with coffee and mints at the Hunters Meet restaurant in Hatfield Heath. We were extremely fortunate with the weather. It was a beautiful, sunny day.

In July, we resumed our normal monthly meetings with Colin Freeman as the after dinner (lunch) speaker. Further speakers have been engaged until November.



In December, we have Ladies' Lunch when we invite our ladies to join us for a special Christmas occasion. A professional entertainer has been booked, the room will be decorated for the festive season and fine cuisine will be served.

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Fyfield Festival 2022

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I would like to thank the flower arrangers, the catering team, the stall holders, the Fyfield Handbell Ringers, the organisers of the Dog Show, the 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scouts for erecting the marquee, those who manned the church and everyone who made cakes and preserves, and provided raffle prizes and items for sale. THANK YOU!!

Carol Cox

The theme for the flowers in the Church was 'By Appointment to Her Majesty'. The arrangements all depicted companies who hold Royal Warrants from the Queen. These are just a few. Cadburys; Cornelia James, glove maker; Harveys Bristol Cream Sherry; 'Flying Colours' flag manufactures; Twinings Tea; and Ede & Ravenscroft, Robe Manufacturers.





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<https://www.abct.org.uk/airfield-markers/marker-programme/>

Grant Perry has generously agreed to allow ABCT to use a small section of his land near one of the old airfield entrances.

**The installation and unveiling of the memorial is scheduled for
Sunday 18th September**

and we hope to arrange a celebration on that day, involving people from Fyfield and Willingale.

Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website for updates:

<http://willingaleparishcouncil.org.uk/>

David Stokes

Chair, Willingale Parish Council



**When the weather is hot, keep a cool mind.
When the weather is cold, keep a warm heart.**

Ajahn Brahm

Wilson Talbot Educational Charity

We are a small, local educational charity that is able to provide financial assistance to persons in need, under the age of 25, to help with the cost of higher education. You will need to live in the Parish of Moreton or the adjoining Parishes of Bobbingworth, Fyfield, Shelley and The Lavers.

We may also be able to help families in need of financial assistance living in the Parish of Moreton or the adjoining Parishes by providing small grants to be used for clothing, instruments, books etc whilst at school.

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and still we blame the sun for bringing in the heat.**

Shweta Tale

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From EDFC notices

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There have been several of these events already, but they'll be continuing until the end of August. See what's happening at your local library for details. And if you've missed the event for your own local school, don't worry – you can still come along to one of the others, chat, listen to a storytime and get some tips and tricks.

Recycling at your local library

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Gadgeteers takes place in all our libraries from Saturday 16 July to Saturday 3 September. [More information about Gadgeteers.](#)

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If you haven't had the card, don't worry. Just go into your local library and ask to join. (You'll need ID such as a driving licence, bank statement or recent utility bill.) It's free, it's quick and it's easy.

More about Essex Year of Reading at essex.gov.uk/news/essex-year-of-reading.

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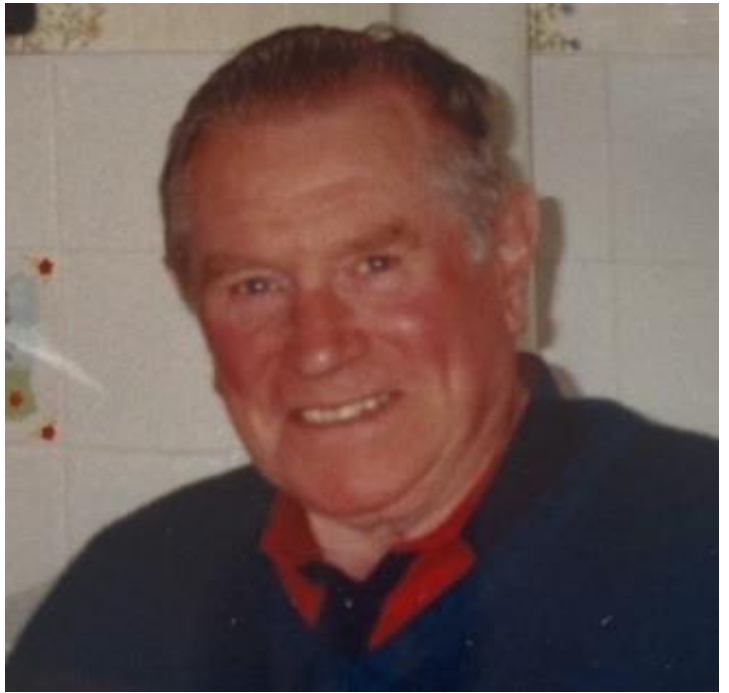


Obituaries

Geoff Letchfield

1932-2022

Paul Blackwell, Geoff's nephew, gave the following eulogy at Geoff's funeral. It sums up Geoff and his life so well, that we asked Paul's permission to share it with you.



Geoff was born on the 4th November 1932 in the family home in Fyfield, to proud parents John & Olive. The eldest of 5 siblings, he was followed by Dave, Olive, Doris, and Paul. At the grand age of 5 Geoff started at the Primary School in Fyfield before moving onto the Ongar Comprehensive School until the permitted leaving age of 14. He left education and started his first job at Ernest Doe & Sons in Fyfield as a trainee mechanic and where, in Geoff's own words, his boss at the time informed him that his tea making skills needed work but he could sweep a good work shop floor!!!! Well, he must have done okay as he became a very skilled mechanic and engineer and was the workshop foreman for Doe Contracts for many years until the closure of the workshop ended his employment. During this time the only interruption in his job at Does was when he was called up to do his National Service where he spent two years in the Royal Artillery Corps.

Following on in his career Geoff then joined Essex County Council and became a Caretaker & Driver at the Elmbridge Boarding School in Fyfield and remained there until his retirement. Now, I'm guessing when I say that there are not many of us who can say they have spent their entire working life in the same small village where they were born?

At the tender age of 14, Geoff was to meet Dod (Dot) who lived close to him in Fyfield and she became the love of his life, they married in Fyfield Church on the 18th March 1961 and immediately moved into their first home in the village, at Trelawny Cottages, where they have remained throughout their 61 years of marriage.



Geoff loved sport and over the years participated in cycle speedway, football, occasionally cricket, snooker and, later in life, indoor and outdoor bowls. He was one of the founder members of the Fyfield Carpet Bowls Club, playing in all three disciplines and doing so at a commendable standard winning many awards and trophies.

Throughout his life, Geoff also enjoyed many interests and hobbies and his mechanical and engineering skills would see him restore vintage tractors, ploughs and stationary engines. He would attend events and ploughing matches, showing and competing around the county of Essex and beyond. In addition, one hobby was being a member of the 'Eddie Stobart' Haulage Fan Club and he would spend hours spotting the individual truck names and diligently recording them along with trips to the depots and collecting merchandise.

Throughout many of these events, Dod would be beside him, supporting him and sometimes participating (although I don't remember her ever driving a Tractor & Plough) and they spent many years travelling to Pontins in Norfolk for their summer holidays with Dod's sister Mary and her husband Roy.

But most of all Geoff enjoyed a very fulfilling life, loving the things he was involved in and the people he was able to share it with, none more so than his beloved Dod or 'Eddie' as he would often refer to her. Geoff had nick names for almost everyone, some quite obscure such as my mum Doris or 'Learie' as she is known, which was brought about by her having a full pair of lips as apparently, so I am told, did a cricketer from back in the day whose name was 'Learie Constantine, and that name has remained with her throughout her life..... I'm sure many of us have our own nick names given to us by Geoff which we will remember with great fondness. He was a terrific character whose stories and tales will live on for a long time, some of which we had heard more than just the once! But as you will have noticed, he loved those around him, he was the last born and bred man to have lived and worked in Fyfield his entire life and often referred himself to being "a Fyfield Man Through and Through" his life was surely one which you could easily write a book about,

Geoff you will be sorely missed by us all!

Paul Blackwell





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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

We are a lucky lot in Fyfield! Not only is this a lovely village in which to live, we are blessed with people who contribute their time, energy and talents to the community.



The special events organised for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by the Parish Council and the Village Hall were excellent – the Jubilee Celebration on 2nd July, the Lighting of the Beacon, and the Family Fun Day on 5th June were all very enjoyable and well attended. Many congratulations to all those involved in organising them.

It is so lovely to see our Village Hall and the field being used and enjoyed by the community. Martin Baxter and the Village Hall Committee team are continuing to provide family events – notably the fortnightly Friday evening BBQs, with the bar open, that are now a regular event during the summer. It is great to meet old friends and make new ones, so huge thanks to everyone who gives their time and energy so generously.

The Jubilee issue of ***Fyfield Focus*** was a real treat to read – with excellent content and lovely photos in colour – a lovely keepsake to mark a very special event! Well done to Jennie, Sally and Margaret for all their hard work and to all those who help distribute the Focus.

The weather gods were kind this year to the Fyfield Festival. I can recall some very windy and wet Festival days in the past – but this year it was glorious! The concert by *SongCycle* on 18th June in St Nicholas Church was superb! This talented quartet of ex-choristers made good use of the excellent church acoustics and proved to be exciting, witty and excellent singers and musicians.

Not only did they entertain a packed church with a wonderful variety of songs, (many especially arranged by two of the singers, Brian Lynn and Nick Rayner), but they also included stories and jokes which went down very well with the audience.

The surroundings were enhanced by gorgeous flower arrangements based on the theme of *Royal Warrants* that provided a feast of colour for our eyes as well music for our ears, and the respective Warrant Holder themes were beautifully explained by Sally Wallden's elegantly designed notecards. Our senses were further delighted by the wine and canapes served during the interval. Thank you to Lesley Wallis for those delicious refreshments. Everything contributed to a



splendid evening of music and laughter – what more could anyone want? A return visit from *SongCycle*? Yes please! (Can I book now?)

The masterminds behind organising the Festival are the indomitable Carol Cox, who has a wealth of knowledge and experience of putting on this event over many years, and her team of helpers. Trish Jones and Pam Orris organised the excellent refreshments, and the talented flower arranging team brought so much beauty and colour to the Church. The bells, led by Julie Robinson, rang out from St Nicholas on Sunday 19th and the sun shone down on people enjoying browsing around the stalls, sampling refreshments, hearing the Fyfield Handbell Ringers play, and watching the Dog Show – always fun!

After so much pandemic misery, isolation and global unrest, how wonderful it is to have such great events back! Thanks to everyone involved. I'm already looking forward to the 2023 Fyfield Festival!

Patti Nicholson



SongCycle at St. Nicolas' Church, June 2022



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Ongar Villages Voluntary Care Group – General No.	365363

COUNCIL

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Fyfield Parish Council clerk – K. Perry	899589

CHURCH

St Nicholas' Church	286113
Rev. Sam Brazier-Gibbs	821464
Church Warden – Lesley Wallis	899214

EDUCATION

Fyfield Village Pre-School – M. Breavington	899678
Dr Walker's Sch – Dr. Llewellyn Lawson	899298

SCOUTS & GUIDES

Rainbows Brownies Rangers – V. Riches	364604
Guides – A. Lavender	365842
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer Scouts – S. Mead	899519

VILLAGE HALL

Chair – M. Baxter	899342
Bookings – General No.	07956-440894

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