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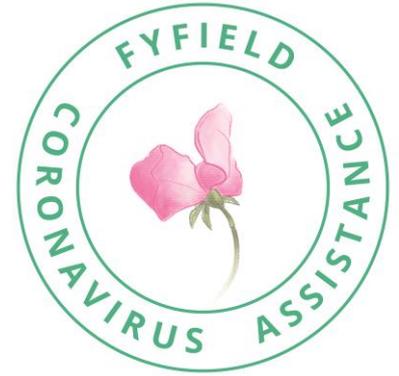


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The Fyfield Coronavirus Assistance volunteers remain on hand to help any residents who find themselves having to self-isolate, or who are unable to get to the shops or surgery themselves during the pandemic.



Fyfield Village Store are able to take orders for groceries over the telephone for same day delivery by one of our volunteers. Please **call 01277 899 201 before 1pm** to place your order. To assist the volunteers, if you are a regular user of the delivery service we ask that you please place your orders for delivery on a Tuesday or Friday. For any residents who have an urgent need or find themselves unexpectedly isolating, ad hoc orders can also be placed on any weekday. Please note there are no weekend deliveries.

Volunteers can also collect medication from the Ongar Health Centre for any residents who cannot attend the surgery themselves and have no other method of delivery available to them. Please call our answering system on 020 3800 0800 and leave a message to arrange collection. The system is checked between 8am and 10pm daily and a volunteer will aim to call you back within two hours of leaving a message.

If you are interested in joining the volunteer network then please contact Jenny Juttner on 07709376328. Huge thanks for the continued support of Nik, Gita and Lyn at Fyfield Village Store, and to all of our volunteers who have kept this project going from the start!

The Fyfield Coronavirus Assistance Team:

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Village Diary 2020

Date	Time	What	Where
04-Oct	10am	Harvest Festival with Willingale	Fyfield Church
25-Oct	10am	Pam's Prayer and Praise	Fyfield Church
28-Oct	7pm	Meeting of Parishioners and APCM	Fyfield Church
01-Nov	6pm	Service to remember loved ones	Fyfield Church
08-Nov	10am	Family Communion and Act of Remembrance	Fyfield Church
22-Nov	10am	Pam's Prayer and Praise	Fyfield Church
29-Nov	10am	Joint Benefices Family Communion	Fyfield Church
20-Dec	5pm	Community Carols	Fyfield Churchyard

Three little words

Some good news

We are very pleased to welcome new contributions to the Focus. While current events bring problems for many, in the case of Ongar Juniors FC (*page 21*), who had to relocate during lockdown to the village playing fields, it's to Fyfield's advantage. There is more news on this from the Chair of our Parish Council (*page 14*). Indeed, if your child enjoys playing football, or 'stage and screen' beckons, it's well worth checking out what's happening locally at the Village Hall (*page 18*). You can also check their websites for updates.

Fyfield 5K success

It was only last weekend that I was scoffing on bacon baps and cakes, and catching up with folk, while cheering on participants in the Fyfield 5k. The runners' times were amazing and the U16 were inspiring. I was also taking note of the 'dog running' belts as a Christmas gift for a friend. Have you had a look at the photos of the runners on the website? We have had kind permission to republish a few in this issue (*page 23*).

In conversation with...

Over the past two months I've had some lovely chats with our new 'roving reporter' Patti Nicholson, who has been working on an article for the Focus. Over this and the Dec/Jan issue we are pleased to share a little glimpse into the wonderful life of local resident, and a good friend to many, Binny Arrowsmith.

We look forward to receiving more articles from our newest roving reporter and we encourage others to also contribute. Do drop us a line or send in pictures.

Keeping wheels turning

Contributions don't stop there. To help cover publishing costs we are reliant on advertisers, sponsors and the Parish Council. We are therefore very pleased to welcome four new advertisers to the Focus, with two debuting in our last issue.

Did you spot the **Ernest Doe Power**, a great supporter of Fyfield for quite some time now,



advert in the previous Focus? On my first venture there, I found myself wondering why I had bothered to drive further for so many things I needed for DIY, my garden and more. I always check there now.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking with another of our new advertisers – Paul Norris – regarding an item in my own home in need of some TLC. Paul was kind enough to share examples of his work with me, and to help explain some of the process and so I could see the high quality of work he produces.



We also welcome local Dog Walker/Pet Sitter Susan Williams, a retired veterinary nurse. Susan's qualifications, skills and experience enable her to administer medication to your pet. Having once worn oven-gloves to wrestle a pill into my cat's mouth I am glad I can now call on Susan!



Last(ly), but by no means least, we are pleased to welcome JF Motorcare to the Fyfield Focus. JF Motorcare has the experience, know-how and skills to help service your vehicle at your home address.

Cover our cover

Talking of contributions, we continue to feature images of yesteryear on our cover, and we ask that locals snap and send us their own version of these places.

Our last issue has been captured by our dear Sally, I just wish I had a decent camera or phone so I can join in. Just take your snap and send it to fyfieldfocus@gmail.com. We'd love to feature them not only in the next issue, but they might become the covers of the future – so get snapping!

The original image of Blatch's Corner (c.1913), from our Aug/Sept 2020 cover, was reproduced with the kind permission of Pat Dain. It's located at the junction of Birds Green Lane and Dunmow Road, close to the old brick works.



Supporting each other

Before I sign off I'd like to remind folk that other local groups also need our help, where and when we can – be it time, seedlings, input or funds. From the Foodbank, to our beautiful village planters, our Church to the fund to support young people in Scouting – we at the Focus stand ready to help support your local cause with free advertising to not-for-profit local groups. Only this week I was speaking with Scouts about fundraising, because irrelevant of the on-going rollercoaster of instruction, these groups, plants and folks need our support. So, keep an eye on the *Fyfield Grapevine*, our local Facebook group, (*and no – I'm not the Jenny on Facebook, I'm the other Jennie*) and we too will feature an upcoming Events Page on the Focus website in support of you and your event. Also, thank you to all who have donated so far to the fund in Mary Bacon's memory at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/marybaconsfund>.

Finally, once we put this issue to bed, I'll be challenging my family to the quiz. Much thanks to 'our' Sally for her work on these. It's becoming a regular event in our household. Finally – thanks to our distributors, we depend on you!

All the best from *Jennie*

Fyfield Foodbank

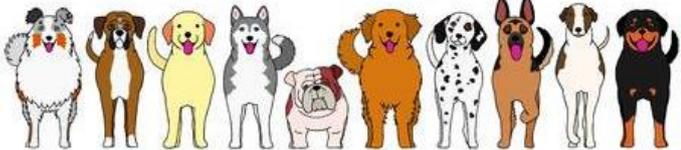
We would just like to thank residents for their continued generosity to the Foodbank. During August, the Foodbank was able to help 218 adults and 113 children, providing them with nutritionally balanced tinned and dried food as well as essential non-food items.



At present, the warehouse is well stocked with beans, soup and pasta but there are critical levels of the following items: long-life fruit juice, hot chocolate, powdered potato, squash, sponge puddings, deodorants and soap.

Items can be left in the box in the Village Shop (below the papers) or if you would rather donate money, there is a collection tin on the counter. Thanks as always to Nikhil for accommodating this and to Lyn for organising it ready for despatch to the warehouse.

Margaret Cox & Margaret Dines



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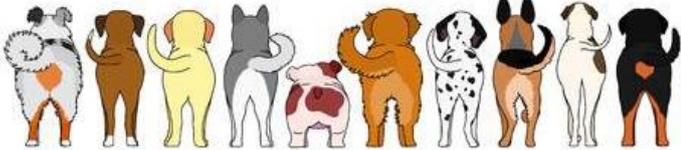
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Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins

Dear friends

May I begin by thanking the many residents of Fyfield who responded so generously to Lesley Wallis' letter in the last edition of *The Focus*. Please know that we – the worshipping community – truly appreciate all your help and goodwill.

However, as some of you may know, the Diocese of Chelmsford is facing a serious financial crisis, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 epidemic. As a result of this, 60 posts need to be cut by the end of next year (2021).

A report will be presented to Diocesan Synod (a layer of church government) in November 2020 which will outline the strategy to reduce the posts across the diocese. It is my understanding that **all** posts are being reviewed, including support posts in the diocesan office and senior staff.

Inevitably, some clergy posts will need to be cut too.

I am sorry that, so close on the heels of the worst pandemic ever experienced in the modern world, I have to deliver further worrying news. COVID-19 has ripped through the fabric of our society, including the church.

The Parochial Church Councils (PCC) of both The Lavers and Matching Benefice and in the Fyfield Benefice have been working hard to ameliorate the impact of potential losses in our benefices. The PCC's of The Lavers and Matching parishes have voted to amalgamate and become one single parish as have the PCC's of Bobbingworth and Moreton. Those proposals are proceeding through their final stages of consultation and should be ratified by The Church Commissioners soon. This will strengthen existing bonds of fellowship and co-operation across the parishes and will simplify administration.

The PCC's of Fyfield and Willingale Parishes are considering a similar amalgamation, but discussions are at the informal level at present. No firm decisions have been made.

Whilst I lament the job losses that are ahead of us, I feel that it is crucial that the church does not stand apart from the suffering of humankind, remote and untouched by the vicissitudes of life. We in the church need to be exposed to the same pain that the rest of the community is being asked to bear.

Thousands of people stand to lose their livelihood when the furlough scheme comes to an end, many of them with no hope of further employment on the horizon. Individuals and families will suffer extreme financial hardship and all



the associated deprivation that arises when income is lost. In this climate, why should the clergy be the only people who still have a job for life?

It is sometimes said that a priest is 'alter Christus' – in other words, s/he stands in the place of Christ. How can we stand in the place of Christ, if we are protected from the bumps and knocks that affect our sisters and brothers who aren't ordained? Christ placed himself in the midst of the world's suffering and pain and where he leads, we must follow.

I have no idea what shape the diocese's strategy will take next year and I am not looking forward to the outcome, but my hope is that we, the members of our local churches will remain steadfast and hopeful in this continuing crisis; determined to face the pruning, if it comes our way, and to do so in solidarity with those others who have no choice at this time.

May we walk the way of loss, confident that our faithful God is in the middle of the mess with us and will guide us, mysteriously, to a new and better future.

Best wishes,

Chris

Reverend Christine Hawkins

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4 October LITTLE LAVER MATCHING MORETON	 8.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Trinity 17 1662 Holy Communion Dedication Service Joint Harvest Festival with Bobbingworth
7 October HIGH LAVER	 10.00 am	 Midweek Communion
11 October MATCHING FYFIELD	 10.00 am 10.00 am	Trinity 18 Joint Benefices Family Communion Joint Harvest Festival with Willingale
14 October HIGH LAVER	 10.00 am	 Midweek Communion
18 October MAGDALEN LAVER BOBBINGWORTH WILLINGALE	 10.00 am 10.00 am 18.00 pm	Saint Luke The Lavers & Matching Harvest Festival Family Communion Evening Prayer
21 October HIGH LAVER	 10.00 am	 Midweek Communion
25 October HIGH LAVER WILLINGALE FYFIELD	 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Bible Sunday Family Communion Family Communion Pam's Prayer & Praise
28 October HIGH LAVER	 10.00 am	 Midweek Communion
1 November LITTLE LAVER MATCHING MORETON FYFIELD	 8.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 18.00 pm	All Saints / All Souls 1662 Holy Communion Family Service for All Souls Family Communion for All Souls Evening Service to remember loved ones

4 November HIGH LAVER	10.00 am	Midweek Communion
8 November MATCHING	10.00 am	Remembrance Sunday Family Communion & Act of Remembrance
FYFIELD	10.00 am	Family Communion & Act of Remembrance
WILLINGALE (churchyard)	11.00 am	Act of Remembrance
11 November HIGH LAVER	10.00 am	Remembrance Day Midweek Communion
15 November MAGDALEN LAVER	10.00 am	2nd Sunday Before Advent Family Communion
BOBBINGWORTH	10.00 am	Family Communion
WILLINGALE	18.00 pm	Evening Prayer
18 November HIGH LAVER	10.00 am	Midweek Communion
22 November HIGH LAVER	10.00 am	Christ the King Family Communion
WILLINGALE	10.00 am	Family Communion
FYFIELD	10.00 am	Pam's Prayer & Praise
25 November HIGH LAVER	10.00 am	Midweek Communion
29 November FYFIELD	10.00 am	Advent 1 Joint Benefices Family Communion

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Notice of the Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Parish of St Nicholas, Fyfield

You are warmly invited to attend this meeting will take place in church on

Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 19.00 hrs.

The Meeting of the Parishioners takes place first and at this meeting Church Wardens are elected. The church has operated without a Warden for the last two years, and, at the time of writing, there are no candidates for this office.

The person chosen must:

- be over 21 years old;
- have their name on the church's Electoral Roll;
- be baptised;
- be a communicant (extended to include someone who is not a member of the Church of England but who is permitted to receive Holy Communion);
- must be nominated and seconded for the election.

If you are considering offering yourself for election as Church Warden – I thank God for you! Please do get in touch with me and I will give you every encouragement, my personal support and the necessary papers for you to present at the meeting. I can guarantee that you will also have the support of the PCC (Parochial Church Council).

The APCM will commence immediately after that brief first meeting of the parishioners. We will be reviewing the past year (2019) and there will also be an opportunity for questions and suggestions.

You are all welcome to attend, subject to social distancing rules in force at the time of the meeting, and please observe the guidelines on wearing a face covering. Hand-sanitiser and wipes will be available on entry into church, and you will be required to sign in for 'track and trace' purposes.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Chris Hawkins



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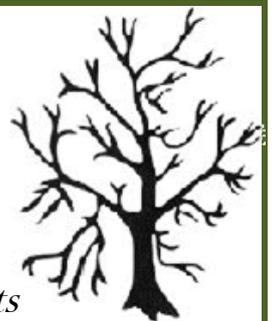
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Fyfield Parish Council

Letter from the Chairman



The Fyfield 5k was such a terrific advert for our village yet again this year. Credit to all those who helped make it a success and overcome all the complexities caused by Covid-19.

I was particularly encouraged to see the Scouts, Fyfield Village Hall and Fyfield Parish Council working together to help make it happen.

Two councillors, Sandra Mead and Les Lamb, are also trustees on the Village Hall committee and Sandra is on the Scouts committee. Linking organisations, like this, is already helping improve communications and understanding. While I am Chair of the Council, I will do all I can to actively help the groups work effectively together.

The Ongar Juniors Football Club (OJFC) runs football teams for boys and girls of 8 to 14 years. They are a successful and well managed club with over 150 children playing football, seven living in Fyfield and the rest are from surrounding parishes.

Ongar Junior FC approached the Council to ask for help, as they have been unable to play at the school in Ongar (this will continue until the end of the year at least). There have been many months without sport due to Covid, so I'm delighted that the Parish Council working with the Fyfield Village Hall and Scouts were able to help the children. The first games for 8 year olds started on Saturday 19th September, with games subsequently taking place on Saturdays and/or Sundays until the end of the year.

Nick Housden lives in Fyfield and is the secretary of the club. He would welcome more children from Fyfield joining and, in particular, if a few more girls were to join he could setup an all-girls team. So, boys and girls, if you are interested, please take a look at the club's website at <https://www.ongarjuniorsfootballclub.co.uk/> or come along to a game and speak to a manager.

With help from our friend Maggie McEwen we have secured a substantial grant from the County Council to replace the dilapidated Fyfield village sign. We will be moving quickly with this project and look forward to installing a new, long lasting, and attractive sign as soon as we can.

Grateful thanks to my colleagues on the Council and Charlotte Collins, our clerk, for writing a Terms and Conditions document for use of the Sports Field.

It's important hirers understand what is expected of them when using the facility.

The council need to urgently survey all the trees on council land, as this hasn't been done for many years. We had a large limb of a tree fall a few weeks back and we need to ensure that the other trees are safe.

The Council were pleased to be able to reopen the playground following a change in government Covid-19 advice. Notices have been posted by the playground for your information. It's good to see children being able to play there again.

Cllr. Les Lamb, Chairman Fyfield Parish Council

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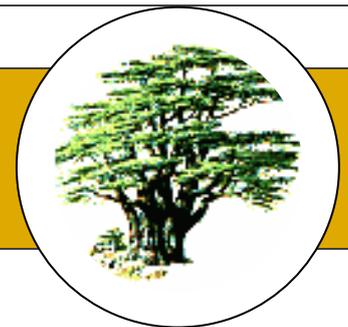
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Puzzle Page - An Autumn Quiz



1. Which poet composed 'To Autumn', the 1819 poem which begins 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'?
2. This season sees swifts migrating to Africa. Three swifts monitored in 2016 broke the world record for continuous time spent in the air. How long did they go without touching land? Ten days, ten weeks or ten months?
3. What is the missing subject in the old saying: 'Dry your . . . in October, or you'll always be sober?'
4. Name the pigment which trees stop producing, thus causing leaves to lose their green colour?
5. Which autumnal farming practice has been banned in England and Wales since 1993?
6. Which world championship takes place every year in Northamptonshire on the second Sunday in October? Something that occurs naturally every autumn is a crucial part of the sport.
7. What is a cribbar, which appears in Cornwall once or twice a year — often in autumn — for a couple of hours at a time?
8. A reminder about which event, which happens every October, is provided by an alternative word for autumn?
9. Why should you wait for the first frost of autumn before picking your sloe berries to make sloe gin?
10. Why is autumn particularly important to the Queen's first grandchild?
11. On September 5, 1958, Britain's heaviest ever what was recorded in Horsham? It weighed 6.5 ounces.
12. A storm of October 1859 (*which sank the ship the Royal Charter off the coast of Wales*) prompted Vice-Admiral Robert Fitzroy to create what?
13. Maple, ash and sycamore trees produce seeds with which nickname, due to the way they fly through the air?
14. Which bright red berry gets its name from an old German word meaning 'to redden'?
15. Hedgehogs begin hibernating in Autumn. What is a baby hedgehog called?

Answers on page 45

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Fyfield Village Hall

I write this having waited to see the latest news on Covid-19. I am pleased to say that from 14th September all bookings involving sport, exercising and youth activities are still permitted. Pilates, indoor bowls, ballet, WD50+, and a new youth theatre group on Tuesdays have all restarted. The hand bell ringers have reconvened but will be continuing with groups of six on a rota basis.

The hall has undergone a deep-clean and disinfection, which will be followed by regular cleaning by both the hirers and Tracey, our regular cleaner. Full risk assessments have been put in place for the hall, with hirers' protocols to follow as well as the requirement for hirers to produce their own risk assessments. We feel confident that we have produced a safe environment for people attending activities in the hall.

The clubs using the hall can be found on the village hall website so if you are interested in joining one, pop along to the hall or use the following e-mails;

Pilates	cspilatesbarre@gmail.com
Indoor bowls	jackybrown1311@btinternet.com
Ballet	eloisefghardy@hotmail.co.uk (<i>this is for youngsters</i>)
Yoga	sallyford@btinternet.com
Youth theatre group	stageone@btinternet.com (<i>starting 29th September</i>)

We have had a number of enquiries from other groups; these will be posted on the website when they expect to start.

Ongar Juniors Football Club started on Saturday 19th September and they will be playing every Saturday and Sunday morning. There will be games for all age groups between 6 and 14, and a girls' team if they can recruit a few more players.

I finish this short update with fingers-crossed that we do not have to go into lockdown again and that everybody using the hall does so respecting the regulations put in place by the Government and the Village Hall Committee.

Congratulations to the Scouts for putting on the Fyfield 5k – brilliantly organised, receiving a lot of praise from participants.

Please all stay safe.

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Epping Forest District Council Matters: Moreton & Fyfield Ward



Firstly, we are all so saddened to hear that Tony Boyce has recently passed away. Tony was an ex EFDC Chairman and District Councillor for Moreton and Fyfield, and also a Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers parish councillor. Tony was a larger than life character and will be sorely missed.

As I write, we have just entered the 'Rule of Six' period but by the time you read this we may well have more strict rules imposed if the pandemic infection worsens. Let's hope that things do not get worse in the winter months and an effective vaccination can be utilised soon.

In a time of change the government are issuing a white paper proposing changes to the current structure of local government. In essence, they are proposing the introduction of large unitary authorities to replace district councils. For example, this could mean that EFDC becomes part of a larger 'West Essex' authority with powers and revenue to match its size. At the next level up, which may be county level, there would be a Mayor with powers that would cover policing and fire services. Of course, this initiative is in addition to the proposed realigning of parliamentary constituencies, which could move Moreton and Fyfield to come under Epping or Chelmsford rather than Brentwood & Ongar.

Good news for our area is the establishment of Highway Rangers, who will be based at Waltham Abbey and cover the whole of the EFDC area. They will undertake small repairs to the Highway, although unfortunately not potholes or any carriageway repairs including white lining. As part of the launch of the new service, it is proposed that an allocation of a Finger Post fund of £1000 for towns and parishes to request for finger posts to be repaired/maintained on a match funding basis as throughout the district some have fallen into disrepair. The Highway Rangers can be contacted at:

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Ongar Juniors Football Club

Ongar Juniors FC (OJFC) are immensely grateful to Fyfield Parish Council, Fyfield Village Hall and Fyfield Scouts. During this difficult period of uncertainty, the Ongar Academy school has been forced to cancel all private lettings, therefore leaving Ongar Juniors without any pitches to play football.



We have 170 kids from Ongar and surrounding villages, Fyfield included, and we are desperate to ensure they have somewhere to play. It's well documented how important it is for children to keep up outside exercise during these times, not only for their physical wellbeing but also for the huge mental health benefits. With the help of Les Lamb and a large slice of community spirit from Martin Baxter (Village Hall) and Sandra Mead (Scouts) we have arranged for OJFC to play all home games for Under 8's up to Under 14's on the Sports Field until Christmas. We would love the local community to embrace this and urge you to come along and support the youngsters playing the game they love.

As a club we are constantly looking for new players and hope that this new addition to Fyfield may attract more local children to join us, especially any girls that may be considering taking up the game. We do not as yet have any all-girl teams. However, it is an ambition of ours to offer this going forward and are actively encouraging anyone interested to come along and speak to us, as we are getting closer to sufficient numbers to start some girl's teams. Similarly, we are all volunteers and any new team requires a new coach/mum/dad to step up and run a team (with our support), so if there are any budding coaches out there who would like to get involved you'll be welcomed with socially-distant open arms! On Saturday our under 8's will play 5v5 matches at 10am, on Sunday there will be various games for the older kids from 10am-11.30am kick offs.

If you would like to register your interest in our club or want to receive further information please visit our club website www.ongarjuniorsfootballclub.co.uk or contact Nick Housden Club Secretary and Fyfield resident on admin@ongarjuniorsfootballclub.co.uk

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Fyfield 5k

On the 13th September the Fyfield Footpath 5K was back, starting and finishing at Fyfield Village Hall. Nearly 200 runners, walkers, joggers and dogs took part, and they had a great time. Changes were made to the event from previous years with social distancing measures in place as well as hand sanitising, the wearing of masks and temperature checking. All the participants were really pleased to be out and about, and they really enjoyed the event.

Crispian Bloomfield was the winner, setting a time of 17 minutes and 5 seconds, and he went on to do a second victory lap of the course! We also saw course records being set for the female and under 16 categories by Larna Morgan and Oscar Farley.



The event was sponsored by the Queen's Head, Ongar Bridge, John Sears and the Black Bull. We are extremely grateful for the generous support of Fyfield Village Hall, and a special mention must be made to Les Lamb for helping with footpath maintenance, organising the parking and taking photos on the day.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who came and helped on the day with marshalling, registration and refreshments.

The run was able to raise over £1000, which will support our Scout Group through these difficult times and we are extremely grateful for all of the support from the local community.

The Fyfield 5K 2021 is on 12th September 2021, more details are available at www.fyfield5k.com.

Matthew Wadey

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Fyfield Village Pre-School

Children have returned with much excitement to Fyfield Village Pre-School.



There have been some new additions to the resources including a new large-grassed garden area and a covered sand pit, which has proved popular.

The children have also been out for walks in the local fields.

For more information about the term time pre-school, which meets in the Scout Hut, call 01277 899678 or visit <https://www.fyfieldvillagepre-school.com/>

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PC Shepherd has been added to the Fyfield and Moreton

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1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Explorer Unit



We have started to get Scouting back to some form of normality, starting in July with a variety of outside games for the Scouts on the sports field and then, in August, they went on a night hike. They started back, on a weekly basis going forward, on Friday 11th September, with a fun games night.

Beavers resumed soon after, on Tuesday 15th September, with a mini hike of their own around the local footpaths.

Cubs resumed on Thursday 17th September and Explorers are scheduled to start soon after.

The unit attended the VJ day commemoration at the Moreton War Memorial, where members of our Scouts and Explorers read quotations from those who survived the war. This was very moving and it was followed by a two minute silence. Thanks to Graeme Cooper for organising this.

A big thank you to everybody who helped make the 5k run such a great success.

It is great to have our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers back after such a long time away.

*Sandra Mead, Group Scout Leader
1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group*

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1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group



Beaver Scouts	Tuesday	6.00-7.15pm	6 – 8 years
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Scouts	Friday	7.30-9.30pm	10 – 14 years
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10 Green Parishes

Being Sustainable



Our group founder, Claire Knight, has been busy finding a wealth of online resources and guides on how we can all become more sustainable. As we are spending more time at home now, I was particularly interested in learning about how I could make sustainable changes in our day to day lives. I was lucky enough to register for two really insightful webinars, a summary of which I am sharing with you in the hope of spreading the message that sustainable changes can be easily achieved, and can make a world of difference!

Love Essex

‘How to Compost’

David Church presented a really engaging webinar on behalf of Love Essex all about composting! David highlighted the benefits of composting, with a focus on the reduction of harmful greenhouse gases, which in turn helps to reduce climate change, and a reduction of your own household waste. In addition, composting is easy to do with no on-going costs and, if done correctly, results in the production of your own soil improver, which will save you money! Composting also supports local wildlife, insects and micro-organisms in particular, as well as supporting your own mental and physical health by encouraging you to get outside and in to the garden. Advice was provided on the ideal set up for your compost bin (a spot that will get some sun, on a level surface and with the bin placed directly on to bare soil), what you should and more importantly should not put in your bin (highlighted in a very helpful poster I’ve included with this article for you), and how to maintain your bin – layering is key with a 50/50 balance of ‘green’ and ‘brown’ materials, and lots of mixing of the materials in the bin with a garden fork to create air and help generate heat. As a complete composting newbie I feel excited to get started and see if I can reduce our household waste and avoid buying compost next year! I’ll let you know how I get on.....

If you would like more advice on composting head to <https://www.lovessex.org/news-and-ideas/try-composting-at-home/> where you can also find details about subsidised compost bins available to buy.

Jen Gale – How to be Sustainable(ish) when you're knackered

As a mum to two young children the title of this webinar appealed directly to how I feel about trying to be more sustainable. Much was said about David Attenborough's 'Extinction: The Facts' documentary, which aired on BBC One recently, and the shared motivation to try and make sustainable changes for the sake of our children and their futures, as well as our own. That can all seem very overwhelming though and it is easy to feel as though our own personal efforts are nothing but a drop in a very large ocean. The focus of this webinar was therefore progress not perfection, set against some facts which demonstrate that actually our own individual actions have the ability to make an ocean of change. I was surprised to learn that the average UK person consumes four times the resources of the average person in India, and that 60% of global greenhouse emissions are the result of household consumption and 50% of food waste occurs in the home. It became clear that no change is too small. The key points to take away from the webinar were to take action and consume

Do's & Don'ts

PUT THESE IN

Greens

- Teabags
- Grass cuttings
- Vegetable peelings, salad leaves and fruit scraps
- Young annual weeds (e.g. chickweed)
- Old flowers and nettles
- Coffee grounds and filter paper
- Spent bedding plants

Browns

- Crushed egg shells
- Egg and cereal boxes
- Corrugated cardboard and paper (scrunched up)
- Toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- Garden prunings
- Straw and hay
- Bedding from vegetarian pets
- Ashes from wood, paper and lumpwood charcoal
- Wool
- Sawdust and wood chippings
- Cotton threads and string (made from natural fibre)
- Feathers
- Vacuum bag contents
- Old natural fibre cloth (cut into small pieces)
- Tissue and paper towels (without any cleaning chemicals on)
- Shredded paper
- Corn on the cob and stalks

KEEP THESE OUT

- Cooked vegetables
- Meat
- Dairy products
- Diseased plants
- Dog poo and cat litter
- Babies nappies

Putting these in your bin can cause unwanted pests and create odour. Also avoid composting perennial weeds or seed heads. Remember that plastics, glass and metals are not suitable for composting and should be recycled separately.

less. It is not about buying all the gear we are told we need to be eco-friendly, but actually looking at our habits and finding sustainable changes that are achievable and work for us in our lives. One popular example that was shared was to have an ‘Eat Me First’ box or shelf in your fridge to remind household members to consume food that needs eating up first, rather than it getting lost in the fridge and going off before being eaten. This seems like such a simple and effective way of trying to minimise your household food waste, and doesn’t involve having to buy anything to achieve it!

Jen’s top tips for being sustainable were as follows:

- Start with thinking about why you want to be more sustainable, remember your motivation;
- Pick one (baby) step at a time;
- Aim for progress not perfection;
- Write it down and make a plan;
- Have some clear goals;
- Set some deadlines;
- Keep a ‘ta-da’ list of your achievements;
- Find a support network to keep you going (10 Green Parishes have a fantastic Facebook group that you can join!).

Jen also shared a poster that describes five easy ways to save the planet from your sofa! I have

shared it with you in case there are any ideas on there you fancy trying.

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3. MOVE YOUR MONEY

Do you know what your bank is doing with your money? It could be invested in fossil fuels, arms, tobacco and more. Check out how well your bank and pension provider score at www.switchit.money and then make the switch! Yes, it's a bit of a ballache, but moving your pension is 27X more effective in the fight against the climate crisis than giving up flying AND going vegan COMBINED!



4. MEAL PLAN

Another dull and grown up thing to do, but another thing that can have a huge impact AND can save you money. Food waste is a BIG contributor to the climate crisis - if it were a country, it would be the 3rd biggest emitter of greenhouse gases after the USA and China. AND 50% of food waste occurs in the home - so this is something we CAN change!



5. DELETE AND UNSUBSCRIBE!

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I will try and share my ta-da list with you next time, please do send in any of your own sustainable ideas that you would like to share and we can print those too!

Jenny Juttner

Fyfield Luncheon Club

It has now been a while since we have all got together, but the cakes we have received from the volunteers have been a great way of keeping in touch with each other. Everyone is looking forward to a time when we can meet up again.

Sandra Mead and Jan Hall

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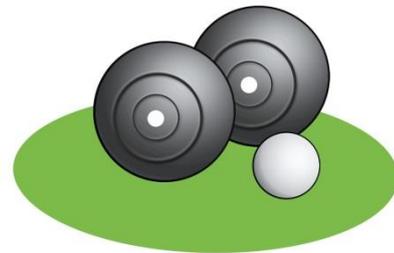
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Let's help protect each other

Fyfield Carpet Bowls Club

We are almost through 2020 and what have we achieved? The summer has nearly passed with most of us 'locked' in our homes because of the Covid-19 outbreak.



We were hoping that it had diminished and we could get back to some sort of normality. On Tuesday 1st September, the club met for the first time in six months. Having to wear facemasks made us all a little hot, but we still managed to enjoy our evening of bowls. It was lovely to meet up again, albeit our play was a bit 'rusty'. We met again on the 8th September and it was nice that Janice and Ron Barker joined us. I hope they can continue playing.

It has been a sad time for carpet bowls as all league games and competitions have been postponed for the near future, along with all county games. The National County Championship at Potters has also been cancelled because most of the counties do not want to travel long distances in coaches, etc. Hopefully we will be able to get together next year!

Coronavirus is still with us and we will have to be particularly vigilant in the coming weeks. We will still be able to play, but must make sure we still wear our facemasks and adhere to social distancing, which is quite difficult given the sport we play. Let us hope we can get back to some normality soon.

Keep safe and well everyone!

Jacky Brown



WD50+ EXERCISE CLUB



Meetings are due to recommence on
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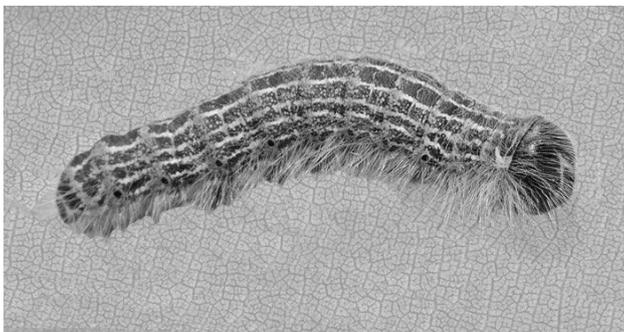
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Ongar Wildlife Society (OWLS)

One of our members was most surprised when a large caterpillar dropped from a tree in her garden. On examining the tree closely, many more were seen, all caterpillars of the *Buff-Tip Moth*. They were fully grown and about to leave the tree to burrow into the soil where



they remain until they develop into moths in the spring.



The caterpillars were around 2½ inches long with a distinctive yellow and black trellised pattern and covered with fine hairs.

They feed on a wide range of deciduous trees including Oak, Sallow, Hawthorn, Beech and Blackthorn and are found in

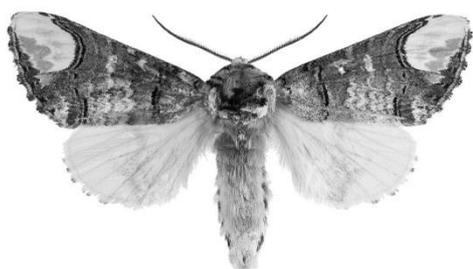
most habitats including gardens, woodland and open countryside. Buff-tip caterpillars feed in groups and may cause severe defoliation, although they do not normally cause permanent damage.

Adult buff-tips are one of the most instantly recognisable moth species in the British Isles as they rest with their wings against their body and look remarkably like broken twigs. They are silvery-grey with a flat, buff coloured head, and a buff patch at the tip of each wing which gives the common name.



A night-flying moth, this amazing creature can be seen between May and July and is strongly attracted to light.

When OWLS starts again, meetings will be held at 8pm at Budworth Hall, High Street, Chipping Ongar CM5 9JG on the third Monday evening of the month. At the moment we are looking into the possibility of restarting meetings but there is still much to discuss.



More information can be found at www.ongarwildlifesociety.org.uk

Keith Snow

Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

BUN AND DUSTED

Some facts about Buns

A 12th-century monk from Ireland was the first to mark a bun with a cross for the upcoming Easter holiday. An 18th century doctor in Bath, William Oliver, handed out sweet-yeasted treats, which became known as Bath Buns at the Roman Baths. In 1916, a cook from Kansas introduced a bun especially for hamburgers at a fair.

Cheung Chau Bun Festival is a traditional [Chinese festival](#) on the island of [Cheung Chau](#) in [Hong Kong](#). Young competitors are challenged to climb 60 feet high bamboo towers covered with buns for them to pick. Kwok Kam Kee, supplies over 60,000 buns for the festival and that is where Al Sum Ting Wong became a first-class Mr Bun the Baker.

Al came to Bluestone, Harry's Chromer works in Wales and started a Baking College. There he taught centuries old secrets of bun baking that would be carried on by students and develop them as pastry cooks. One tradition was a special hat with a Y emblem on it to be worn denoting the best young chef that year. The students in Al's class chose nicknames for their fellow learners as was customary in Hong Kong's China Town.

One year the Y Hat was won by "Chirp" - so called because he was always cheerful. His brother was called "Kerb Drill Chirp" as he taught road safety in a local school. Fierce rivals were the "Muck Lorry" twins so called because their father owned large earth moving lorries. Always joking was "Silly Lantern" who swatted with "Bike Lantern" often using a single light source. "Chilly Play Horn" was always cold and practised his trumpet and "Rock Trolley Day" was always singing lively songs when it was his turn to wheel round ingredients for kitchen creations. "Mess-Hall Fleece-Man Warman" was the ex-Army



resident cook who always wore a waistcoat. At this year's ceremony, the hat was presented and a large bunch of flowers symbolising "flour" was presented to their mentor AL in the dinner hall where the students were corralled.

Then trouble began. Two gangs had formed and started to throw small buns at each other. "Y Hat Chirp", "Kerb-Drill Chirp", "Mess-Hall Fleece-Man Warman" and "Rock Trolley-Day" feuded with the "Muck Lorry Twins", "Silly Lantern" and "Bike Lantern", assisted by "Chilly Play Horn". All over in 30 seconds. "Y Hat Chirp" claimed victory with a direct hit on "Silly Lantern" with a stale bun and his gang bun-dled the hot and cross bun thrower onto the floor. This became known as the **Bun Fight at the Bouquet for Al**.

(Any resemblance to a famous Wild West historical shoot-out is regrettable)

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In this first instalment, written by Patti Nicholson, she takes a look back over the extraordinary life of local resident Binny Arrowsmith.

In conversation with ... Binny Arrowsmith

Part one

Over the past few months I've had the pleasure of getting to know more about one of our oldest residents, Binny Arrowsmith. Binny is a remarkable lady who has had an extraordinary life – although she would be the first one to shrug off such a statement with her characteristic laugh. I first met Binny in 1983 after we moved from Ongar to Queen Street. We already had other friends in Fyfield – Janice and Geoffrey Tompkins, George and Vera White, John and Jean Dwyer – and quickly became good friends with Binny and her husband, Ron.



Betty & Binny (c.1930)

Born in East Ham, on 10th December 1925, to parents Percy and Lillian Foster, Binny was their second child with Betty, the first, born two years prior. Some older readers might remember Binny Hale, a famous actress and singing star of radio and film at that time. Mrs Foster was such a huge fan of Binny Hale that she named her younger daughter in tribute to her.

Sadly, Lillian was widowed early. Young Percy died, at just 31, leaving her to bring up two children alone at a time when England was deep in the grips of the Great Depression of the 1930s. Lillian secured a job at Swan and Edgar, an upmarket Department Store housed in an elegant building overlooking the famous statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus. Lillian needed to work, but she had no-one who could look after her children. Their paternal grandfather, Alfred, a rather severe and forbidding Victorian man, had been brought up in Spurgeon's Orphanage, an Institution set up by the Baptist Union, and had eventually become a member of their Governing Body. After Percy's death Alfred's solution to the child-care problem was to obtain permission for both Betty and Binny to live full-time, including weekends, in Spurgeon's Orphanage. The idea of sending her children away was indeed distressing for Lillian, and she did so very reluctantly. Eight-year old Betty,

however, became so distressed that the school returned her home to live with her mother and Betty spent most days thereafter with a cousin who lived in the same road. Meanwhile, Binny remained at the orphanage and, although she found it very hard as she too missed her mother and sister, she was only five years old and accepted the new situation more easily.

Lillian continued to work at Swan and Edgar, later meeting Walter whom she went on to marry in 1932. Walter was an Engineer at West Ham Borough Council, and he became a very good and kind step-father to Betty and Binny. On marrying Walter, Lillian was able to have both daughters returned to her side and life was much happier.



Stepfather, Walter

The girls attended primary school in East Ham and Binny gained a place at St Angela's RC Ursuline High School. She remembers vividly having to take a suitcase containing basic underwear, a blouse and a brown beret, so as to be prepared for evacuation in the event of the War (1938). All the girls had to wear a mortar board as part of the school uniform – you can imagine the teasing and taunts the girls received from the local children!



1937

Binny also attended a Congregational Sunday School (*because they had a nice club that offered arts and crafts, and social events too*) so one way or another she experienced a wide-ranging religious education! On recollection, Grandfather Alfred seemed to be a very stern and strict man to young Binny, *'not overtly unkind'* she recalls, *'but unsmiling and rarely laughed'*. He was also a strict tee-totaller. Granny, however, enjoyed a Tolly Ale with her lunch and always had a tot of whisky at bedtime. Alfred, it appeared, was prepared to indulge his wife - or perhaps she was a strong-minded woman who knew how to get her own way!

In 1939, not long before war on Germany was declared, Binny went on holiday to visit her Auntie Violet and Uncle Geoff's family in Babbacombe, Devon. They were happy times until her Uncle, a member of the Territorial Army, was called up for duty and her grandparents swiftly moved from Leigh-on-Sea to join the family in Babbacombe. This resulted in Binny remaining in Devon, enjoying the freedom of the country and seaside and, in her own words, she *'became a bit of a tom-boy'*! Meanwhile Betty, then aged 17 and living with her mother and step-father in East Ham, had started an apprenticeship with no less

than Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to royalty. A vintage dress of his, from the Queen's collection, made an outing this year at the wedding of Princess Beatrice!

1939 became known as the 'Phony War' and Binny, almost 14, was offered the chance of a place at Torquay Grammar School. However, she turned it down and instead returned to London to live with her mother, step-father and big sister Betty. Being a keen dancer, Betty went to dances at the local Palais and one day took her younger sister along with her saying, *'you might enjoy it and you should learn to dance anyway'*. To her surprise, Binny really did enjoy dancing – it was right up her street. The following week she attended the Salisbury Hall dance, where she met a handsome seventeen-year-old young man, Ronald Arrowsmith. Ron told Betty that he worked in civil engineering administration, but that at heart he was really a musician. He mainly played the double bass, and music was what he loved most. Ron invited Betty and Binny to his next gig at the New Harmonic Hall, East Ham, and they gladly accepted. Binny danced all night, and that's when she and Ron fell in love.



Betty & Binny (1940)

Just six months after his 18th birthday, Ron was called up. He was working as a pay clerk for the William Press Group at the time. He heard, through a friend, that the RAF were looking for musicians for bands, so off he went to the RAF Recruitment Centre and joined the RAF. Initially, Ron was based at Ruislip, Middlesex, where he did his basic training; the musical recruits were then sorted into five-piece bands and sent to airfields and aerodromes around the country to entertain the troops.

While playing in a five-piece, Ron crossed paths with Sam Costa, the first of many contacts and friends he would make in the music and entertainment business. Sam was in the Squadronnaires. This band was based at airfields around Peterborough and Hook (Hampshire). Ron was next sent for motor transport training, based at Gatwick, which was then a racecourse and small aerodrome. Ron heard a band playing and approached the officer in charge (*having spotted a Lyre on his uniform sleeve*). This officer was known as 'Shorty' and became Ron's life-long friend.

Ron confided in Shorty that he was due to be married and needed leave. Shorty obliged and, having obtained leave, Ron and Binny were married on 10th July 1943 at St George's Church, Gants Hill. On return from honeymoon Ron was transferred to the Mobile Airfields Group. The men serving in MAG lived in

tents and, as their name suggests, were very mobile, being sent all over the UK where required to turn open spaces into airfields within 48 hours. Ron travelled home to Binny as often as he could, helped by Shorty, his commanding officer, who happened to live in nearby Chingford. Ron was well-established in the Mobile Airfields Group by then.

Ron was active in many roles during and after D-day including supply missions to France where he drove a water-hauser (tanker) across the channel to troops. Clean, safe water was a necessity as many water sources had been poisoned by the retreating Germans.



10th July 1943



Nursing at Barking Hospital

Prior to her marriage Binny had started her training to be a nurse at Barking Hospital, however marriage curtailed her training. (*How times have changed!*) She was allowed, however, to become a 'war-time nurse helper' at Barking Hospital. War had changed everything, and life was now moving very fast. As a young nurse Binny was thrown in at the deep end. V2Rockets were hitting London, doodle bugs were causing havoc, London was under frequent bombardment, and victims of blasts, fire and burns – all needed nursing attention, whether you were a nurse or a wartime 'helper'- so Binny gained a lot of experience, very quickly.

Ron continued to be dispatched to entertain the troops, now playing double bass with the Squadronnaires. He was transferred to an ENT'S unit where he met, among others, Peter Sellers, actor Dave Lodge ('Cockleshell Heroes') and a chap from Liverpool, Len Williams, who became a life-long friend.

In 1945 Ron was playing with a Mobile Group in Germany for BFPO (British Forces Posted Overseas). In September 1946 he was demobbed, arriving home on 10th September 1946.

Most importantly, he had a job to go back to at William Press.

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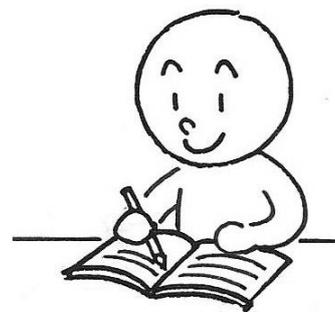
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Letters to the Editor

Tony Boyce



It was with the greatest sadness that I learned of the death of Tony Boyce, who died on Friday 14th August.



Over a period of nine years Tony served as the EFDC District Councillor for the Moreton and Fyfield Ward, and he was Chairman of EFDC in 2014/2015.

He lived with his wife Jan in Moreton, and was a hugely respected and well-liked District Councillor in our ward and at the Council.

Tony's funeral took place on Monday 7th September and there will be a tribute to him in a future publication of the Focus.

Cheryl Hadley

The team at the Focus send our wishes of condolence to Tony Boyce's family at this sad time.

With thanks

Thank you to all our villagers who kindly responded to our request to help support our Church and the Friends of St Nicholas. Your donations are much appreciated and will be a great help.

If anybody else wishes to add to the contributions, the post box is in the Church porch. An added thank you to our very kind friends at Fyfield Stores who also received donation envelopes on our behalf.

Many Thanks

Fyfield Church

Bridge & Bus Stop Planters – donations gratefully received

We hope you enjoyed the beautiful pink and white geraniums at the Bridge & Bus Stop this summer.

We continue to receive many compliments about the plantings, and these are seen by many residents and visitors when they visit the bridge or shop, and also by people driving through our lovely village.



We need donations or sponsorship to enable us to undertake the Winter plantings; we are short of **£55**.

If you can help us continue with the planting, please kindly contact me on 899840 or eMail cherylhadley@gmx.co.uk

Many thanks,

Cheryl Hadley

Autumn Quiz answers

1. John Keats. He wrote it after a walk along the River Itchen near Winchester as he tried to escape the sound of his landlady's daughter practising the violin!
2. Ten months. They spent their entire migration - UK to Africa and back again, which is more than 10,000 miles - without landing at all.
3. Barley. Otherwise you won't have any to make beer with!
4. Chlorophyll.
5. Stubble burning.
6. Conkers.
7. A huge wave.
8. Fall.
9. So the skins will break, thereby allowing the flavour out. Folklore also suggests using a silver needle.
10. Because she's his wife. Peter Phillips (Princess Anne's son) married the Canadian, Autumn Kelly, in 2008.
11. Hailstone. It was one ounce heavier than a cricket ball.
12. The Shipping Forecast.
13. Helicopter seeds.
14. Rowan berry.
15. A Hoglet.



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