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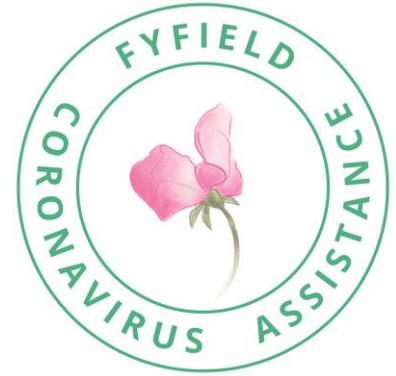


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If you are interested in joining the volunteer network then please contact Jenny Juttner on 07709376328. Huge thanks for the continued support of Nik, Gita and Lyn at Fyfield Village Store, and to all of our volunteers who have kept this project going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

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Not all heroes wear capes (some wear neckerchiefs)

Continuing on from our previous issue – I wish to give thanks not only to those who help make this village so warm and welcoming, but also those who consistently do good by others. Villages, towns and cities have thrived, more often than not, through the kindness and generosity of others. Mill owners built houses, factory owners built villages, Mick and Mary Bacon were instrumental in building the Scout Hut and so much more.

In this issue we reflect on the passing of the lovely, kind-hearted Mary Bacon. The printed copy you are receiving has a handful of images of Mary's warm, contagious smile and on our new website we feature an extended version. Thank you to Mick for sharing these beautiful photos with me and with us all. Mary first welcomed me to the village when my son joined Beavers. She made each and every family feel as important as the last, supporting them however she could. Mary touched many lives and I for one am thankful to have benefitted from her being in my life. Thank you Mary, x.

Financial support for young people

We were delighted to receive a second offer of financial support/aid for the young people of our parish. We include more detailed information from both [Dr Walker's School Foundation](#) and the [Wilson Talbot Educational Charity](#), who stand ready to help (see page 47 for further details).

Our church needs our help

St. Nicholas Church, which has been a focal point of our community for many local events, is now faced with significant funding issues and they desperately need our help. An envelope, containing further information and a donation slip has been inserted in this issue as we encourage you to help if you can, please. Thank you for alerting us Lesley, often these things slip by and we lose things before we can take action. Please read '[A message to all from St. Nicholas Church Fyfield](#)' on page 49.

Volunteers required please

Our [Village Hall](#) is looking for volunteers to help assist. As is often the case with these things, it's a handful of folks who step up, repeatedly, to support our village. But, at over 300 homes, we'd love to encourage those who think 'someone will do it' to step forward and be that 'someone'.

When it comes to putting ourselves forward to help we often think 'someone' will do it or 'anyone' will be better than me, but that then leads to 'nobody'

stepping up and ‘everyone’ wonders why ‘nobody’ stepped up. Be that ‘somebody’, don’t leave it to ‘nobody’.

Our new online home

As mentioned, there is a new website – fyfieldfocus.wixsite.com/home – which includes previous years issues too (*and thanks to Les for the ‘free’ website tip*).

‘Capture the cover’

We have a beautiful old image from the village on the cover of this issue, can you guess where it is and have a go at capturing it with a modern eye? Send your photo to us at fyfieldfocus@gmail.com to feature in the next issue.

Finally...

On my walk home, after saying my goodbyes to Mary, I was introduced to Patti Nicholson. Patti and I had been conversing by email about a wonderful piece she has written, which will feature in our next issue, but we’ve never crossed paths. We quickly rectified that, and it didn’t take us long to find we had a connection through Aigburth, Liverpool and the reds! We spoke about how well the team had done this season and then, when I got home, Patti went one step further in making me smile – she shared this photo of Howard celebrating the win! Through that small gesture and lovely chat I am reminded of the good things in life and to ensure we continue to celebrate them. I’d apologise to other football supporters, but I grew up in an Evertonian house, so I now only feel pride when my team win!



All the best from

Jennie

p.s. Claire Broomfield of Ongar Dog Training Club (which is now open operating with strict social distancing measures) was recently explaining how dogs sometimes need space/ distance too. I’d not heard of the ‘Yellow Dog Project’ before (<https://www.yellowdoguk.co.uk/>). Did you know that this campaign was started to help create awareness that some dogs need space, for whatever reason? So, next time you see a dog with a yellow bandana, vest or yellow ribbon on its lead you will remember that it is a simple and easily visible way of letting others know he is a ‘yellow’ dog. If you spot one, maintain a distance to give the dog and owner time to move out of the way.



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Mary

It was with the greatest sadness that we learned of the death of dear Mary Bacon, a kind, generous and caring woman who had touched the hearts of so many of us and our children with her involvement with the village Guides and Scouts. The announcement of her passing on the 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group Facebook page received so many comments. These are just a few.

So sorry to hear about the passing of such a caring and wonderful lady.

Very sad news. RIP Mary. She was such an amazing person.

A lady who touched so many people in so many different ways.

Quite simply, she cared for us all.

Mary was the kind of person who you only get to meet once in a lifetime – if you're lucky.

A lovely lady who devoted her life to making the lives of others better.

She has touched so many lives with her kindness, generosity, enthusiasm and love.

She has inspired so many children to find the very best in themselves.

She will always be known for her compassion, her kindness and her acceptance of everyone.

Mary was born on the 4th March 1945 in Bournemouth, where her mother had gone to convalesce, and they soon returned home to Church Hill in Loughton. Although the family moved a couple of times they always remained in Loughton, where Mary had an idyllic childhood with her dog Smudge and cat Rufus. With a brother a lot older than her, she was adored by her parents Claude and Gladys. Claude was an artist and Mary loved spending time in his studio, learning to paint and draw. Gladys worked for the BBC as a researcher and, when Mary was a little girl, she clearly remembered Andy Pandy coming to their house for tea! Gladys had a wonderful imagination and would tell stories about the family pets. This has indeed become an oral tradition in the family, with Mary sharing stories with her grandchildren whenever she could.

She was very creative, always making something from nothing, and she enjoyed and appreciated art whilst being an avid reader. Perhaps this explains why, after she took a foundation degree in Art, she worked at the library in Buckhurst Hill, which was where she first met Mick. He had gone into the library to use their facilities and asked her if she would go for a coffee on her break... the rest is history! They were married on 16th March 1968. After moving around a bit, they finally landed in Fyfield in about 1974 and the community have benefitted from their presence ever since.

Mary became involved with the Guiding movement when Wendy Henshaw, then the District Commissioner, sent out a plea for help as the Guide Leader had left. Mary and two friends, one of whom had previously been a Guider, offered to help. She was Guide Captain for many years and, when she eventually stood down, she became involved in helping Mick with the Scouts.

Together, they took the boys on numerous camps and expeditions, enabling them to gain various Scouting Awards and creating for them so many self-developing experiences and challenges.

One of Mary's great talents was producing entertainment. The Guides performed a variety of pantomimes over the years and then there were the amazing Gang Shows!!

My boys were all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts, and it was one evening while I was collecting James, my eldest, that I heard her plea - *'do we know anyone who can teach the Ventures and Rangers to Charleston'??* And, because I could actually do the Charleston quite well in those days, much to the embarrassment of my boys, I volunteered!! So began my involvement, together with Heather Butler, who made **the** most amazing costumes at the drop of a hat, with the Gang Shows. Mary, incredibly generously, gave me carte blanche, so I didn't stop at the Charleston, and the Ventures and Rangers went on to perform, over the next few years, among others, pieces from *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Carmen* and *South Pacific*!

I learned so much from Mary during this time. **Patience**, (*which to me, hasn't ever come naturally!*). **Acceptance**, (*I had to understand that I wasn't dealing with the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, but that all the young people involved were really doing their best*) and sheer **Joy**. Mary showed me the delight that comes in seeing the smallest, shyest Beaver to the most unlikely Venture Scout feeling able to be secure enough in their environment to give a wonderful performance.

I was one of the crowd who stood to pay their respects to Mary, as her hearse drove past. I found it incredibly emotional, because not only were my boys there, but also so many of their old Scouting friends, all grown up now and many with children of their own. We even managed to joke that there were enough of them to manage a quick performance!

So dear Mary, thank you from us all for the wonderful memories.

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Mary Bacon

Her Last Journey – 1st July 2020

Mary's last journey accompanied by her ever attentive husband Mick, her children and grandchildren, started from her beloved Pennyfeathers home and proceeded along the Moreton Road to Clatterford End. The funeral director led the procession on foot past a large crowd of well-wishers, neighbours, friends and an impressive contingent of Explorer Scouts and Scouts, Leaders, Young Leaders, Beavers and Cubs, and former Scouts from the 1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group. As the procession went past, the Scouts came to the alert and proudly saluted this great lady and leader of Scouting. The crowd applauded, saying a fond farewell while paying their respects to a friend and most loved member of the community. During the lockdown, because of the pandemic and restrictions of numbers at funerals, it was the best that many of us could do to show our appreciation for Mary's larger than life character.

At Bentley Crematorium a select few Scout leaders – myself, Dennis Sweeting, Peter Wick, Vicky Wood, Group Scout Leader Sandra Mead and Girl Guider Veronica Riches awaited Mary's arrival. As the cortege approached the chapel the leaders lowered the flags of each section and the Union flag to the ground as a special salute to Mary.

Our Vicar, Christine Hawkins, met Mary at the door of the chapel and led her through the socially distanced seating to the podium. Youth Leaders sat apart on one side of the chapel and Mary's family gathered and sat on the other side of the aisle. Christine led with a short prayer and informed the sixteen persons present that due to restrictions there was to be no singing. As prearranged, she handed over the proceedings to Mick who thanked all of the attendees and said he would leave his part of the eulogy until a Memorial Service was arranged, hopefully in the autumn.

Mick introduced Veronica who spoke of the 45 years she had known Mary as a Girl Guide leader and how her inspirational leadership was instrumental in so many young people's lives.

Dennis read out a message from one of the Explorer Scouts in tribute to Mary.

Mary was the kind of person you could only meet once in a lifetime. The most caring and gentle women who put everything into putting a smile on our faces. She helped and encouraged the best out of people and allowed us to experience life to the fullest and create unforgettable memories. Mary met me, at the age of 4, and watched me grow up. She's motivated me and

hundreds of other kids to face our fears, meet incredible people and try new things. Some of the activities I've been able to do before the age of 18 is insane and I have always been grateful for Mick, Mary and the other leaders for making it possible. She's the backbone, and the heart and soul of the Group. She has touched so many lives of so many people and her passing left us all in pieces. My heart goes out to every single person who was lucky enough to know this amazing woman. I'm sure when it is possible there will be a MASSIVE memorial dedicated to her'.

I gave an insight into what made Mary so special, citing the 2017 Hogwarts summer camp in Criccieth on the Welsh coast as an example. Out of the blue every Scout and adult Leader received a letter in tell-tale green ink, and her brilliant idea set the tone for a memorable camp. 'Professor Mary' was of course the Transfiguration Teacher & Deputy Head of Hogwarts School's summer camp, and she dressed and lived the part. In her first role at the camp, she was dressed as a witch in the theme-decorated great hall. She invited each Scout in turn to sit on the stool and placed the sorting hat on their heads - signalled to Duncan Wick, who was outside the room, and magically their name came over the microphone from outside the hall. She issued house t-shirts and, needless to say, played her part brilliantly. It was those touches that made the moment so special for children and adults alike. Later at camp one afternoon she refereed and scored 6 Quidditch matches – highly competitive!

I know Mary will be looking down on us saying 'there is no such thing as magic', my reply is that there is and Mary is the magic that made the difference to so many lives.

Poppy, Mary's Granddaughter, told of the marvellous summer holidays when the four grandchildren went with Mick and Mary to the Isle of Wight, and the fun they all had playing and exploring under Mary's kindly watchful eye.

Sandra said that Mary was a very good friend to her over many years, that they were both on Guiding committees together, and Mary was the reason that she got into Scouting.

Christine led the limited numbered congregation in thanks for Mary's life and the Lord's Prayer. Finally, she illustrated how Mary led her life to benefit others as a caring, loving, thoughtful person who enjoyed helping young people.

'If you've seen 'The Lord of the Rings' or read Tolkien's book, you might be familiar with the words of Gandalf, the wizard. In the scene where Frodo (the Ring Bearer) says that he wishes the ring (his burden) had never come to him, Gandalf replies:

"So do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

Mary made great use of the time given to her to do well in the world and make life better for young people.

The lucky few of us who were privileged to say goodbye to Mary, and carry the Moreton and Fyfield flags, then lined the flower terrace. It was so touching to see a wreath designed in the Scouts 'Gone Home' sign from Shawn Nagle, who joined Scouts the same night as Dennis Sweeting in 1981 and they both became Patrol Leaders at the Moreton & Fyfield Shelley Group. Shawn became a key member of the Dragonian Venture unit.

Later the family met socially distanced on the Fyfield village field to enjoy a picnic with friends, neighbours, and Scouts and Guides past and present. So many Girl Guides who are now grown women came to pay their respects.

Rolf Bassnett, Scout Leader



I was both privileged and honoured to be asked to attend Mary's funeral and to carry the old 2nd Fyfield Guide flag. Michael also asked me to say a few words.

I explained that I first met Mary when I was 10, on my first Guide Camp. That was 45 years ago. I didn't know then what a wonderful friend she would become, not only to me but to my future husband and son. I read a poem I had written.

What do I see in your eyes

I see Brownie pride lending a hand.

I see community and giving and respecting the land.

I see Girlguiding spirit, soaring for the stars.

Giving opportunities and stretching ever far.

I see embracing new ideas and reaching every dream.

Trying new things, you never thought of and preparing others of what you had seen.

I see a Guide, a Ranger trying to find her way.

I see you stretching her boundaries and preparing the way and truth.

I see a Young Leader, searching and questioning.

I see you teaching independence and embracing her youth.

I see teaching and loving and pleasure and pride.

I see a wonderful lady, who has touched so many of our lives.

Good night my friend.

Veronica Riches, Rainbows and Rangers Leader



Thank you to Mick Bacon and family, for letting us publish your lovely family photos. Sending all our love and prayers.

Mary Bacon (1945 – 2020)



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1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Explorer Unit



It has been a sad time for all of us as recently our beloved Chairman and good friend, Mary Bacon, passed away. She supported many young people over the 35 years that she was involved in Scouting.

As there has been no face-to-face Scouting meetings, all sections have been busy over the last couple of months growing vegetables, baking cakes, pies, bread, sausage rolls and meals for their families. There have been a lot of bird feeders made, many thanks to all the youngsters and parents that got involved. The Explorers have been getting together via Zoom meetings.

We hope to be able to get back together for Scouting in September.

The family have asked me to say that they are planning a Memorial Service for Mary, just as soon as our present circumstances will allow. They have also set up a fund in Mary's memory to support young people from any uniformed youth organisation who meet in the scout HQ. Keith Hunt, Mick's son-in-law, has set up a Just Giving page. If you wish to make a donation, please follow the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/marybaconsfund>

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

All sections are co-educational and meet at Fyfield Scout Headquarters.
For details contact Sandra Mead on 01277 899519.

Letter from the Reverend Christine Hawkins

Dear Friends

St Nicholas Church re-opened its doors on Sunday 12 July. It was a joy to see everyone again and to be able to worship together in our village church.

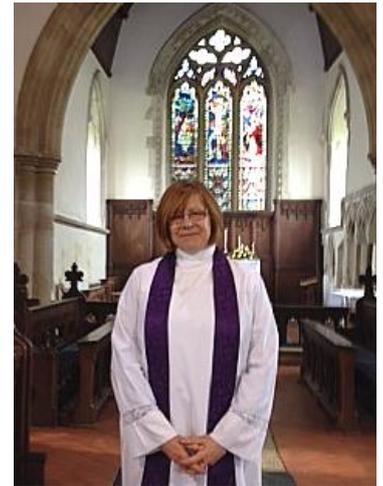
I shared this reflection with the congregation as we contemplated our return:

In these challenging, difficult times, we are discovering a wisdom that we needed all along, and that wisdom is that we are all connected. We are not separate. We used to think that we caught diseases as individuals, but now we realise we catch diseases as individuals who are part of families, and families who are part of cities, and cities that are part of states and nations. We realise now that our whole species can become infected, and that our whole globe can be changed because of our interconnectedness. . .

Maybe this is also an opportunity for us to become enlightened about some other viruses that have been spreading and causing even greater damage, without being acknowledged: social and spiritual viruses that spread among us from individual to individual, from generation to generation, and are not named. We don't organise against them, and so they continue to spread and cause all kinds of sickness and death. Social and spiritual viruses like racism, white supremacy, human supremacy, Christian supremacy, any kind of hostility that is spread, based on prejudice and fear.

Many of us have been tested for coronavirus. Others want to be tested. I wonder what would happen if we all wanted to test ourselves for these social and spiritual viruses that could be lurking inside of us? And then, when I come into your presence, I, in some way, inflict this virus on you. I make you suffer. What an awesome opportunity we have now to say and begin to pray that we would be healed and cleansed, not just of a physical virus, but of these other invisible viruses that are such a huge and devastating part of human history.

In this pandemic, many of us are nostalgic for the old normal. We want to get back to our favourite coffee shop, our favourite restaurant, our club or church service. And, of course, there's nothing wrong with so many of those desires for the old normal. But I'd like to make a proposal:



If we are wise in this time, we will not go back unthinkingly to the old normal. There were problems with that old normal many of us weren't aware of.

The old normal, when you look at it from today's perspective, was not so great, not something to be nostalgic about, without also being deeply critical of it. As we experience discomfort in this time, let's begin to dream of a new normal, a new normal that addresses the weaknesses and problems that were going unaddressed in the old normal. If we're wise, we won't go back; we'll go forward.

(adapted from; "We are all Connected": *Wisdom in Times of Crisis* Brian McClaren © Centre for Action and Contemplation 2020)

Chris

Reverend Christine Hawkins

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30 August BOBBINGWORTH	10.00 am	Trinity 12 Joint Benefices Family Communion
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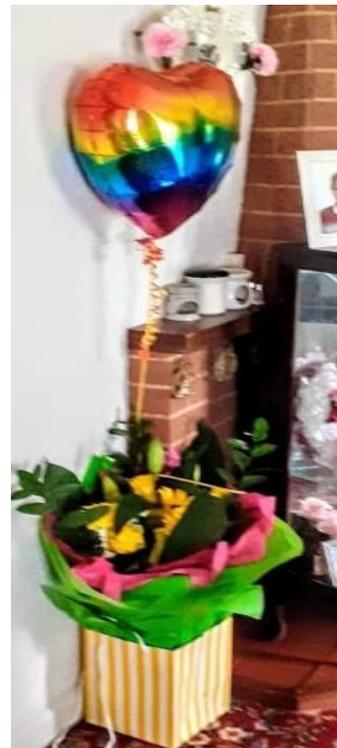
Local council members had, privately, organised a thank you surprise. Thank you to the team at the shop for sharing news of this with us.

They left a lovely message on the local Facebook page too:

Thank you to everyone for our beautiful flowers and balloons delivered to the shop this morning.

Very much appreciated.

Love Nikhil, Gita and Lyn xxxx



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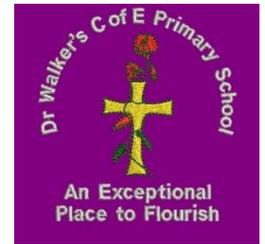
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Dr Walker's School



When the government announced school closures, it was a worrying and upsetting time for everyone at Dr Walker's. Of course, the pandemic was so worrying and not being able to come to school was such an unprecedented experience.

Our staff team rose to the challenge of working from home, setting learning on the website and using email to answer questions from keen home-learners. We kept in contact as much as possible with our families using our email system, in order to keep everyone informed. On the 8th June, we welcomed back Years 6, 1 and Reception. Lots of them could not wait to get back and it was so great to see their happy faces.

In school, we have a robust risk assessment, which covers handwashing schedules, cleaning schedules and that groups do not mix. Staff clean all their resources daily, with items like pens and pencils in individual wallets for the children.

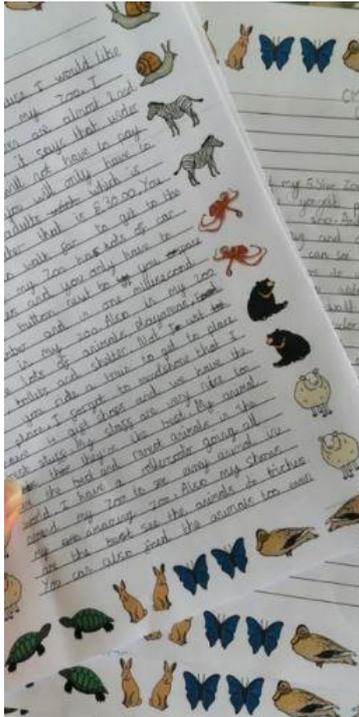
With the success of the required year groups, we wanted to ensure that all children had some time at school before the summer holidays. On 29th June, we welcomed back Years 2 and 5 for the rest of the year. We managed to get all children back in school ahead of the summer break, with Years 3 and 4 each having 2 weeks on a rota basis, as we have had to use the hall as a classroom! The children have loved coming back and all our families have wholeheartedly supported the plans we have put in place to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. It has been a very positive experience and the school is not that different.

Here are a few of the activities the children have enjoyed recently.

Harry Potter project
in Badgers



In Year 5, they have been designing and creating their own zoos and doing some woodwork!



They have also been learning all about the Tudors. They created and designed the display by themselves.



We even managed a Sports Day! A little bit different from our usual event but the children really enjoyed it.

Finally, I will be leaving Dr Walker's this summer. I am excited to be starting a new chapter in my own personal career, but I'm incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to an amazing community of children, staff and families. I would also like to thank the community for all their support of this wonderful place. Thank you all.

Miss N Willis, Headteacher

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We thought it important to share Miss Willis' open letter to parents to share how much her time as Headteacher at Dr Walkers has meant to her. We wish her well in her new post.

17th July 2020

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This is the final newsletter of the school year. Under the circumstances, the return to school has had many positives for us, the children have been so happy to return to school and learning – it has been a pleasure to see.

Dear Families – an open letter from Miss Willis

It is with mixed feelings I write this final newsletter, I am excited to be starting a new chapter in my own personal career but incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to an amazing community of children, staff and families. When I came to Dr Walker's, you had experienced an unsettled time in leadership, although not anyone's fault it was unsettling for everyone. I came fully aware of this and wanted to ensure that we worked together to create a stable, secure and purposeful environment for everyone. When I look at the school community now, the sense of togetherness is wonderful and my hashtag #togetherwecan shines through from everyone.

I want to express my gratitude for the support I have received from the families at Dr Walker's. Not all of my views and ideas are conventional but you have always heard me out and supported me in all our ventures together. I openly admit to crying after the Ofsted in June 2019 as the grading was what the school deserved and it reflected the hard work of everyone. The staff team at Dr Walker's are incredible and I don't say that lightly - they really are. They go

above and beyond the call of duty all of the time and work incredibly hard to ensure the school is successful. My ethos has always been begin the day with children who feel happy, secure and content and the learning will follow, I am lucky to have worked with a team who have supported this ethos wholeheartedly.

The Ofsted report was full of positives but I love the paragraph: Leaders have created a culture that is focused on pupils' well-being as well as their academic achievement. There is a strong sense of nurture and inclusion. This to me is what school life is all about and recognising that we put nurture first was an emotional and proud moment. The school has made incredible progress in so many areas and it truly is now an Exceptional place to flourish.

I know that Mr Bateman will be a great source of support during the Autumn term and when a new Headteacher is appointed for the Spring term, the school will continue to grow and develop. It has been a pleasure to be part of the school's journey and more importantly the children's journeys. They are all wonderful, individual people with incredible spark and enthusiasm. I will miss them incredibly.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. Thank you for noticing when I colour my hair, thank you for turning up to the fun run, thank you for putting up with my competitive side at sports events, thank you for buying another raffle ticket...just thank you. None of this is possible without the support of the families of a school – for your support I am truly grateful.

I wish you all the best for the future and my thoughts will always wander back to Dr Walker's – as this little school with a very big heart will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Miss Willis

Year 6 leavers

It has been different for Year 6s this year and I know a little strange not to be able to what we normally do to send them on their way. However, where possible we have been creative and on the website – PARENTS – CLASSES there is a dedicated page for Year 6 with some special messages.

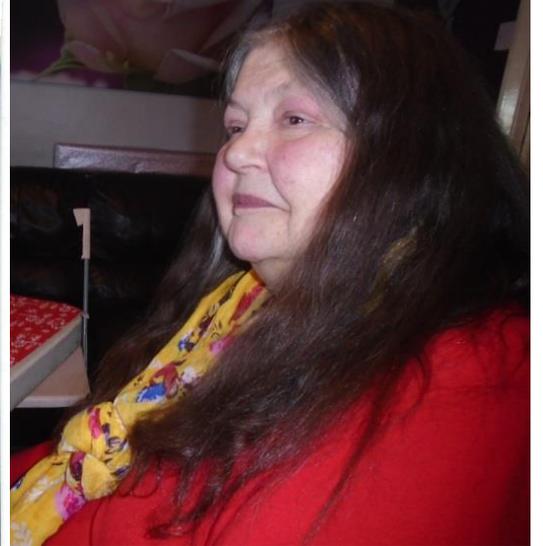
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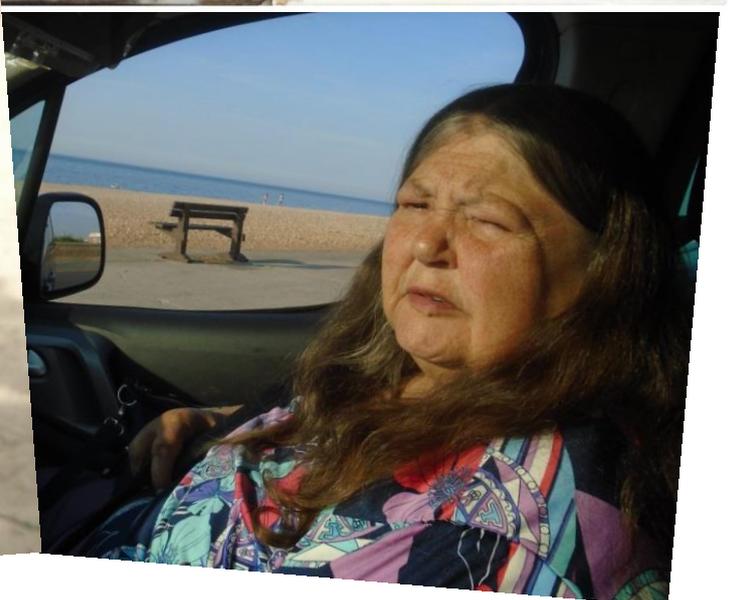


In memory of Mary Bacon (1945 – 2020)









Fyfield Parish Council

Letter from the Chairman

As previously communicated, the Fyfield Parish Council is responsible for maintaining the sports field and the burial grounds. The cost of this is our biggest expense by far. Last September we changed the contract to ensure maintenance is only conducted when necessary and I'm pleased to say that the change is paying off. As a result of this, and in generally being more prudent where possible, we completed the financial year with a small excess rather than our anticipated, significant shortfall in the budget.

The 2019/2020 budget report can be obtained through on the Fyfield Parish Council website. [<https://leslamb.wixsite.com/fyfieldpc>]

This year we commissioned and carried out a thorough financial and compliance audit. Through the dedicated efforts of Charlotte Collins, our Council clerk, we passed the audit but, as expected, there are some areas we must improve on, and your Councillors have volunteered their time to work on these. The audit report is also available on the Council's website.

Playground update

On 26th June 2020, the Government released new guidance for managing playgrounds during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation, stating that they can be reopened from 4th July 2020. Fyfield Parish Council is currently considering this guidance while looking at the practicalities of implementing the mitigation measures suggested by government. Therefore, at present, Fyfield Playground remains closed until a risk assessment has been undertaken and a decision can be made about whether it is safe to reopen the equipment. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in not using the playground equipment.

I was looking back at the minutes of the Council meeting from the 1950's when the land was donated by Frank Bretton to the village. It was fantastic how quickly an agricultural field was transformed into a sports field. In just a few years cricket, football, tennis and even a bicycle speedway were all active clubs – using the field regularly. I played cricket for the May and Baker team back in the early 1980's and 90's, and coming to play against Fyfield was a highlight of the season. The wicket was immaculate and the Village Hall bar was buzzing!

So it's rather sad to me that we now have no sport at all on the field. It may be just a sign of the times but as a Council we want to do all we can to encourage local clubs and events to use the facilities. Working with the Village Hall charity we can generate income as well as the clear benefits to health and wellbeing.

We are now working on a new *field booking terms and conditions* document to enable clubs and events to once again enjoy the facility as intended by Frank Bretton.

If you have any ideas on how you would like to see your sports field being used going forward please do drop me a note.

Cllr. Les Lamb, Chairman Fyfield Parish Council

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We are still looking forward to the time when we will be able to meet up again for our monthly luncheon club. Until then, we want to say a big **Thank You** to everyone that has made cakes over the past few months.

We would like to wish
Mick our condolences on the
passing of our dear friend
Mary Bacon.



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Sandra Mead and Jan Hall



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Fyfield Village Hall

There is a chink of light ahead of us as we hopefully come out from our houses and can interact with others. However, how long before we might have to go into lockdown again or different restrictions are imposed?

This is the problem we have at the Village Hall. Who can return, what classes can return, what groups can return, can we open for private hire, etc?

The Village Hall Committee has been preparing for every scenario. We have been following all government guidelines issued through Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) on the use of the hall and, especially, the safeguarding of people using the hall. At present, we are liaising with all groups who, in turn, are liaising with their members as to when they feel safe to return. When that day comes, the Village Hall will be ready as a safe place to meet.

At present, we are not taking private-hire bookings but we may take reservations for next year with the proviso that they may be cancelled at short notice, depending on the on-going situation.

A piece of sad news is that Marie Apperley has, for personal reasons, stood down from her position as Chair of the committee. Marie will be greatly missed for her commitment, guidance and enthusiasm for all things 'Village Hall.' Marie took the Village Hall through a very difficult period of its history, to emerge with a far better facility for all in the village. A massive thank you to Marie from the committee and from the village. With the departure of Marie, we have spaces on the committee for two new members, and we welcome Sandra Mead as a village representative on to the committee and look forward to her input.

We plan to have a celebratory reopening; a date is yet to be confirmed, so watch social media and notice boards. We hopefully will all be back together soon.

Martin Baxter

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Summer Puzzle Page



Can you work out these anagrams of summer plants?

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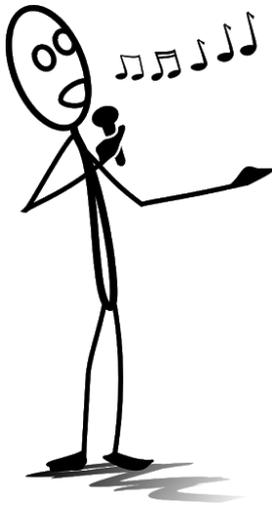
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See page 50 for the answers

Which artists first recorded these 'Summer' songs?



1. Summertime - 1934
2. Here Comes Summer - 1958
3. Summer Holiday - 1963
4. Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer - 1963
5. All Summer Long - 1964
6. Summer Wind - 1965
7. Summer in the City - 1966
8. In the Summertime - 1970
9. Summer Nights - 1978
10. Our Last Summer - 1980
11. Summer of Love - 2000
12. The Boys of Summer - 2002
13. Long Hot Summer - 2005
14. Summer Love - 2006
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Fyfield Village Pre-School

Children returned to Fyfield Village Pre-School in early June excited to be back with their friends and teachers.

After weeks at home, the teachers have been making every day full of fun and play with plenty of time outside in the garden.

The older children who are preparing to leave pre-school for primary school have been taking part in mock lessons sat at tables with their friends and loved colouring and cutting and sticking the life cycle of a seed.



Parties are planned for the end of term to say goodbye to the children as they set off for their next adventure at school.

For more information about the term time pre-school call 01277 899678 or email fyfield_manager@hotmail.com

Michelle Breavington

Local Policing New Officer Contact Details

As you will probably be aware, PC Warren Shepherd has taken over as our local police officer. PC Shepherd has been added to the Fyfield and Moreton Grapevine Facebook group, so he will be able to see posts relating to local issues. PC Shepherd has asked not to be contacted directly through Facebook, however, and he will not be monitoring the posts 24/7. If there is something that you feel he should see, then please tag him in the post or thread so he can see it when he next logs on. If you need to contact PC Shepherd, the best method is to send an email to 42078002@essex.police.uk with a message and telephone number that he can call you back on.



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With so much news coming at us from all angles regarding the pandemic, is it any wonder that some people are getting 'informationitis' and feel over informed constantly by some fact and much opinion. Why, we have even started talking about Brexit again, although many viewed it as a welcome return. My point? Well, I don't want to immerse you with more news other than to say that a good place to see how EFDC are coping is www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk. Covering government grants, initiatives for re-establishing the High Street shops, green initiatives, etc. Further on the green initiatives, I have included below a summary of the EFDC environment report that I found most interesting and provided a rest from the pandemic, Brexit and Trump.

1. The Council has over the years invested in the enhancement and improvement of its local environment and biodiversity. This has resulted in a wealth of amenity and wildlife sites, which are managed by the Council. There are 222 wildlife sites in the District, out of which 31% are managed by the Council, the rest are in third-party ownership. The Council manages nine local nature reserves, which offer a wealth of habitat; there are approximately 45 allotments in the District with a total area of 40 hectares, in addition there are 70 listed amenity greenspaces across the District.
2. There are two large public parks and gardens: Abbey Gardens and Roding Valley Recreational Area. These are managed in partnership with Town and Parish Councils. Across the Epping Forest District there is circa 4,000 hectares of natural and semi natural greenspace.
3. The District has 3596 Veteran Trees (trees over 300 years old). There are a further 1,233 trees that are classed as 'notable'. This means they have veteran features but aren't old enough to be classed as veteran yet. In addition, the Council manages around 15,000 public realm trees; these are trees on open spaces and public highways, but does not include woodland.

Keep well and stay safe.

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Fyfield...making better use of our footpaths

A message from the team at the Fyfield Focus – Les Lamb isn't a person to blow his own trumpet, so we are doing it for him! He was previously asked to give a talk at the South East Rambler's Association AGM, which went on to be printed in the Rambles South East Walker magazine and, now, we have the great pleasure of sharing it with our readers. Thank you Les!



Fyfield in Essex is a small parish of 352 homes and 750 people. We have two cracking pubs and even a village shop with a Post Office! As well as beautiful, rolling countryside there is much historical interest with both WW1 and WW2 airfields, ancient churches, moated manor houses and woodlands.

I love a river and we have the tranquil River Roding that sparkles through the heart of Essex on its way down to the Thames. We have 22 miles of footpaths, with two rather important ones that kiss on the Tun Bridge over the river, the Essex Way and Three Forest Way.

In 2017 our parish council started a project with an aim to improve and increase the use of our footpath network. We decided to find a volunteer to blame if the project didn't work out. I was slow stepping back so that person turned out to be me! I had no idea how to start but Google was my friend and I discovered that Essex Highways runs a Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme that helps volunteers to assess, report problems and improve footpaths themselves.

I met with the leader of the P3 team, who was most helpful and supportive. She explained how it worked, insurance considerations, assessment and reporting of issues. She even provided some basic tools.

She said the first step was to assess all of the footpaths, so I spent an enjoyable few days walking our 22 miles with my dog. It was actually very rewarding having a purpose to walk out on footpaths I hadn't explored before. I noted the defects while my dog sniffed unmentionable things and pulled on his lead as I tried to write. I noted many problems, mainly broken or missing way markers, damaged bridges, overgrown paths and crops where there should be clear field paths. I also found by chatting with locals, putting articles in our magazine and Facebook page that other issues were reported to me that I hadn't noticed.

So I wrote up my assessment and then wondered what to do next. Although I had a couple of locals willing to help, I had no idea how to replace a broken bridge or the tools to do it. Also, clearing the vegetation on some paths obviously needed a lot of manpower and more than a pair of B&Q shears.

I spoke with the P3 leader again and she pointed me to the West Essex Ramblers working party led by Brian Smith. Brian invited me to join his crew to see how things were done. He told me that in the Ramblers world the job I had taken on was known as a “Parish Adopter”.

Engaging with the Ramblers was the major breakthrough for our project and for three years now I have worked with the working party in many West Essex parishes. In that time the team has come to Fyfield on numerous occasions, sometimes twice a week, helping to resolve the issues.

Our Essex Highways PROW officer has also been extremely supportive and conducted his own ‘5-year rolling programme’ survey of Fyfield. He agreed with all the defects I had noted and even added several more major pieces of work for us, such as the installation of six new bridges along the Essex Way. He always ensures the materials, such as bridge kits, are delivered to us on time. He also writes to some landowners reminding them to keep their cross-field paths clear.

I found one essential in all this was to keep good relations with the landowners. Much of the work would have been very difficult without their help. I probably go overboard when it comes to thanking and publicising any good news when it comes to landowners and footpaths. I figured simply complaining about them would be counterproductive and get us all nowhere.

As a result of all this work we have now installed 17 bridges, 32 waymarker posts and cleared miles of vegetation. The work has transformed our footpaths and three years on we are now in ‘maintenance’ mode with no major work left to do for years to come.

Now the footpaths are in good shape we have started to find ways to encourage folk to use them more. I set up a monthly village dog walk, and we go and explore places most locals never walk. We also host the Epping Forest Lifewalks programme, and they hold monthly walks here followed by tea and cake in our village hall. The Scouts are now able to hold a 5k run for their charity each year, which has become a major event in the village.

When I used to go for a walk in the wilds I would rarely see anyone. Now that the paths are clear, bridges fixed and way markers in place – it’s a different story. I often meet locals out and about who say they now feel much more confident exploring further afield.

I am biased but it's hard to beat a walk in Fyfield along the Essex Way, crossing the River Roding and back via the Three Forest Way for a beer by the river in the Black Bull or Queens Head!

Cllr. Les Lamb

Postscript

Les was contacted by a lady in Oxford who was very interested in his article. As a child she used to visit her Great Uncle Arthur Blatch and his wife Ruth, who lived in a bungalow in Fyfield. He was the local wheelwright and used to also make coffins – his wife made the shrouds. She thought that a Chapel of Rest was in their very long back garden, which really spooked her! And did we know where he actually lived?

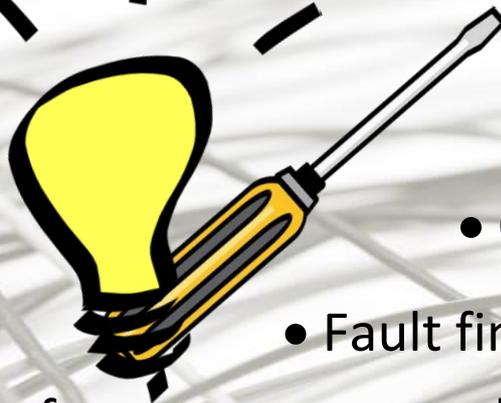
Well - we remembered that Marcus Dain had a photo of Blatch's Corner in his album, which was what the junction of Birds Green Lane and the Dunmow Road was known as. With the help of Sandra Mead, a local resident, it transpires that Arthur's property is now two houses. The Beeches and, the situation of the original wheelwright's is now known as, The Barn.

Photos were taken of the two houses and the lady was really delighted!

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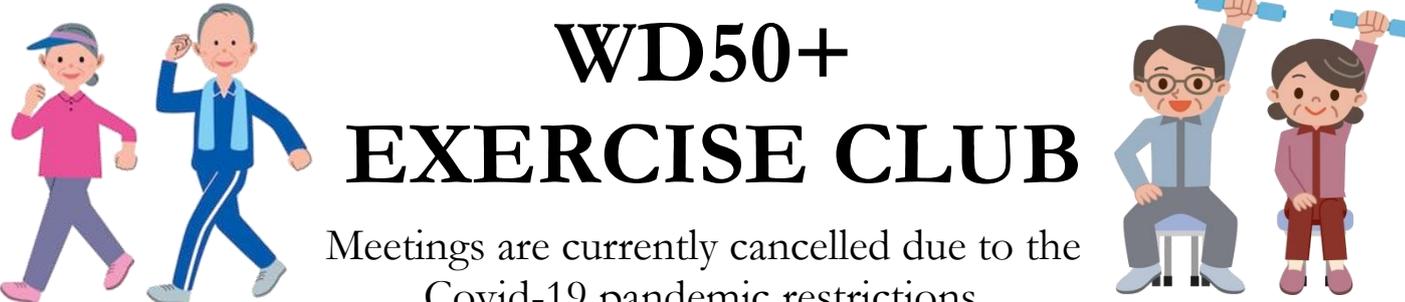
The last time the club held a session was Friday 13th March – just before the COVID-19 lockdown – and we have not met since.

Clare Smith, our terrific Instructor, made a WD50+ video that goes through our regular workout of seated and general exercise, which was sent to members by email. Some club members also take Pilates classes with Clare via Zoom or video. Information about this is available from Clare via her Facebook and Instagram pages or contact her by email: cspilatesbarre@gmail.com

We all recognise the physical and mental benefits of regular exercise, and we are trying to keep fit in our homes, following exercise videos, doing extra gardening and walking more. However, we are really missing our weekly gatherings, so we intend to resume club sessions at Fyfield Village Hall as soon as it is safe and practical for us to do so. This is unlikely to be earlier than the late autumn.

For the latest information please contact Liz Bird (01277899324) or Patti Nicholson (01277899504).

Patti Nicholson



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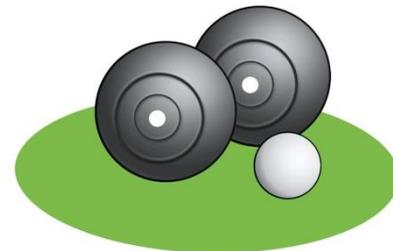
Meetings are currently cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

No firm date for restarting Club sessions has yet been decided, but we hope it will be in the late autumn.

Club members are being kept informed, but anyone wishing for information about the WD50+ Club should contact either

Liz Bird (01277899324) or Patti Nicholson (01277 899504).

Fyfield Carpet Bowls Club



As I do not have anything to report on, I thought I would delve into the archives. I went back to the 2003/04 season, when Fyfield C.B.C. was a force to be

reckoned with. Our League was called the West Essex League (now Chelmsford West). That year we were League Winners, having had a great season.

I then took a step forward to 2005, when we won the West Essex Shield for a third time! Up until then no other club had achieved this, the members should be proud.

Now, fast forward to the 2009/10 season, when Fyfield not only won the league again but also the West Essex Plate. We had a good team back then but membership has sadly decreased with some sadly passing away, a few who moved away and others who had to give up playing.

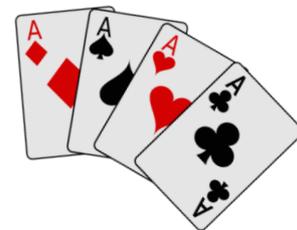
As we lacked the members, we had to withdraw from the league during the 2014/15 season, if I recall. However, the club has kept on going and when everyone attends, we have nine lovely members who enjoy their Tuesday night roll-ups.

Keep safe everyone.

Jacky Brown



Fyfield, Ongar & District *Bridge Club*



For the two months since our previous contribution to the Fyfield Focus we have been completely ‘locked down’, still with little prospect of re-convening. Bridge is difficult to play on a socially distanced basis: a standard bridge table seats players no further than 60cm from their opponents. Cards, bidding boxes and scoring tablets are handled by multiple players during a session - and that is before you consider players entering and exiting the premises, paying cash, having refreshments, using the toilets and cloakroom. Without extensive mitigating measures, or considerable relaxation of the regulations, it will be some time before ‘we meet again’.

That is not to say that we have been idle; we have not forgotten our members and the campaign to keep in contact with everybody continues unabated. This has revealed an array of hobbies and pastimes ranging from jigsaw puzzles, crosswords and various crafts, to more physical pursuits such as gardening, walking, running and cycling. The initial loosening of the restrictions has also meant that some family reunions have become possible.

Inevitably, there has been some sad news though and our thoughts and condolences go out to those who have suffered bereavements. There has also been some cause for celebration however, with two of our members achieving the milestone of their 90th birthdays. Additionally, to those members who have had slips, trips and falls or who are otherwise indisposed, we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Many members are playing bridge online using a number of different programmes and a sizeable proportion are now participating in the Club’s weekly Bridge Base Online ‘Tournaments’. These have grown in popularity in a short space of time and we can now field some 8-9 tables on a Wednesday morning. These games have also enabled us to attract new (and returning) members who, for reasons of geography or loyalty to other Clubs, would not otherwise have joined us – they are all welcome. When the present crisis is over and all restrictions are lifted, we will need to ask ourselves “is the future of bridge online?” Just as high street shopping may never be quite the same again, perhaps bridge clubs will similarly go through a period of change.

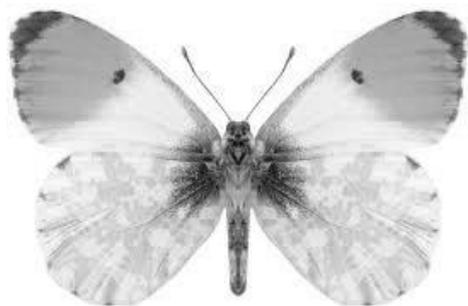
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Martin Collier, Chairman

Ongar Wildlife Society (OWLS)

With no foreseeable meetings of OWLS and the very pleasant weather, many members have been spending more time in their gardens.

Now is the time to see butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies. Sitting in the garden today with a glass of wine, it was great to see small white butterflies dancing in the sunlight and joined at irregular intervals by meadow browns and the occasional holly blue, red admiral, peacock and orange tip (pictured). We have planted a large pot with nasturtiums and the first female small white butterflies have visited them to lay their eggs. Soon the eggs will hatch and the caterpillars will feed and grow, eventually becoming the next generation of butterflies.



In the background the bird feeders with sunflower hearts were receiving constant attention by blue tits, great tits, coal tits and greenfinches. The robin waited its turn but its patience was eventually rewarded. Robins are not as adept as the others at perching but are still able to maintain their position to take seeds by flapping their wings.

Sunflower seeds are one of the most nutritious foods that you can feed to birds. They are packed with fat and protein and are rich in vitamins and minerals such as vitamin B, calcium, iron and potassium, essential for keeping birds healthy. Sunflower hearts have a major advantage as the birds do not have to remove the husk which means that these are not left behind on the ground after the birds have fed.

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 8pm, but unfortunately this will not be for some time yet.

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



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Light Hearted Monologues from a Local

A young executive, tired from working late, headed for the general office to access the lifts to the ground floor. There stood the CEO holding two documents. These documents were like gold to him. One of them had been worked on by his grandfather, his father and now himself.

It involved over 100 years of work producing formulae calculating invaluable forecasts and successful investment fund advice. When this was implemented into certain world markets, it had made the company one of the biggest and most envied in the commercial world.

This was known within the family as "The Continuation Strategy".

Following tradition, everything that was evaluated was put on paper, as the CEO had little trust in electronic records. They were deemed to be at risk when it came to keeping everything confidential.

The other document had eight months of calculations on, personally evaluated and hand written by the CEO. It provided extra information as a safety precaution, although only six months of figures were really needed.

Passing by the CEO and before the young executive could wish him goodnight, the CEO who was standing by the paper shredder said, with some relief, "Ah just in time. My secretary has left for the night. I wonder if you can help me, please. These are very important and sensitive documents. Can you make this thing work?" "Certainly," said the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the papers and pressed the start button. "Excellent," said the CEO, as his papers disappeared. "I better have just one copy of the first document and 10 copies of the second for the board members that will be needed for tomorrow's meeting...!"

Was this locally? A man visited a corner shop and purchased two carrots. Inserting one into each ear, he left. The following day the same man purchased two carrots and did the same thing. Appearing on the third day the lady explained that they were out of carrots, they only had cucumbers. He purchased two and put one in each ear. The lady said, "Why have you put cucumbers in your ears?" He replied, "you don't have any carrots!"

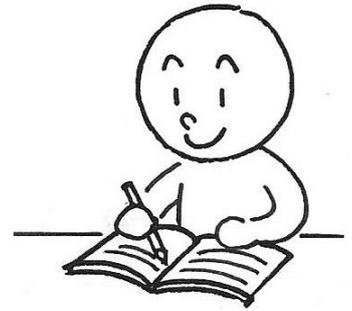
Barry Betteridge

Letters to the Editor

Wilson Talbot Educational Charity

Received from Stacey Pether - Secretary to the Board of Trustees

We are a small, local educational charity which 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.

Please apply in writing by 11th September 2020 to Stacey Pether-Secretary to the Board of Trustees at New House Farm, New House Lane, Bobbingworth, Ongar, Essex CM5 0DH. If you are a student you will need to provide confirmation from your college of higher education of your attendance for the following academic year.

Dr Walker's School Foundation

Any young person who is resident in the parishes of Fyfield, Willingale or High Ongar may seek financial assistance from the Foundation. Assistance is also open to young people who currently attend Dr Walker's School or have attended Dr Walker's School for not less than two years and who, in the opinion of the Governors, are in need of financial assistance.

Assistance is available towards an education exhibition approved by the Governors, the cost of clothing, tools, instruments or books required to assist their entry into a profession, trade or calling, or otherwise promote their education. Applicants for university and other further education are particularly encouraged.

Applications for assistance should be sent to the Clerk to the Governors: Mr P Gilbert, 11 Roxwell Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2LY, to arrive no later than the first full week in September. Details of the Foundation may be obtained from the Chairman or any of the Foundation Governors listed here:

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A message to all from St. Nicholas Church Fyfield

Dear Villagers

We were so pleased to reopen the doors of St Nicholas on the 12th July, following the Covid 19 lockdown. We now have two services a month and our lovely church is open for private prayer each Wednesday from 10am until 4pm.

In these strange and uncertain times, we are extremely lucky to have this active, well-equipped village to call our home. We have a busy village shop, which has been so caring during lockdown, and our 2 public houses that have and continue to provide delicious takeaway meals.

Our Parish Council, led by Les Lamb, is a caring and hard-working team. We are lucky to have a busy village hall, sports field and a Scouting base, all run and managed by volunteers willing to give their time and enthusiasm to our Fyfield community. All these organisations need our support both physically and financially to survive.

Added to this we have St Nicholas Church.

The Friends of St Nicholas Church was set up in January 2002. This Charity was created to provide for the fabric of the church – to repair, restore, preserve and improve. This is done via grants and individual donations.

The Diocese of Chelmsford is in serious financial difficulty, following a loss of subsidy from the Central Church a year ago. Consequently, it is no longer able to subsidise individual churches, which means that our Parish Share payments have increased. St Nicholas is not eligible for any grants from the Central Church, as these are ring-fenced for areas of deprivation or missional need. We share our Priest in Charge, Chris, with five other parishes. Nevertheless, with the help of Albert and Pam Watson, who are retired ministers, we are able to have two services a month plus a third, which is a shared service with the other churches in the Ongar MMU (Ministry & Mission Unit).

We all have different faiths and feelings about religion, however there seems to us a feeling in this village that we are proud of and care for our Church. The chiming of the Church clock was missed, while awaiting repair. People care greatly to attend and pay their respects at village funerals. The village school has held lovely concerts and services for the pupils at the church. The scouts have an active relationship with the church. We have the occasional Wedding, which is lovely to see. The village supports our Festival Day held in June each year. We

should also thank the Parishioners who already contribute to our Church and Friends.

So how do we keep our precious church open and active? Sadly, we need to ask for help. The parish purse has to be paid, we also have our utility bills and Insurance premiums, and general running costs. We fully appreciate that you support all the wonderful facilities this village has to offer and ask kindly for a small amount of help for our Church if possible.

We have about 380 households in Fyfield, and we understand you are being asked to donate and support so many causes right now, as part of everyday life. If every home could manage a small donation each week or month it would make a huge difference. It doesn't have to be much £1.00 a week or a £5.00 per month would help so much. With gift aid added as a taxpayer this could make a huge difference to the Church finances.

Further information and a giving form are enclosed in the envelope delivered with your Focus. Contact details for both the Friends and PCC are also available for any questions you might have

Many Thanks

St Nicholas Church

Summer Puzzle Page Answers



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1. George Gershwin
2. Jerry Keller
3. Cliff Richard
4. Nat King Cole
4. The Beach Boys
6. Frank Sinatra
7. The Lovin' Spoonful
8. Mungo Jerry
9. John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John
10. Abba
11. Lonyo
12. DJ Sammy
13. Girls Aloud
14. Justin Timberlake
15. One Direction

Fyfield Focus - Advertising and Editorial Details

Advertising in the Fyfield Focus

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Adverts will be accepted in Text format (word etc), Picture format (JPG, GIF, BMP) and PDF file. All accepted adverts will be placed in the Fyfield Focus Magazine and the Fyfield Focus Online website www.fyfieldfocus.org.uk. All requests for advertising should be directed to Steve Turner and adverts must be received by eMail no later than the 10th of the month prior to the publication date (ie. January, March, May, July, September and November). Payment for all adverts is to be received in advance of publication (full advertising terms and conditions are sent out with all invoices). The Fyfield Focus also provides a 'Leaflet Stuffing Service' – contact Steve Turner for details.

Distribution of the Fyfield Focus (385 copies) is done by a team of volunteers (17) who deliver a copy to every home in Fyfield and to a no. of key community points in Fyfield and surrounding areas. It is the aim of the Focus production and delivery teams to deliver the Fyfield Focus Magazine by the 1st of the month.

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Contributions to the Fyfield Focus are always welcome and should be sent to the Editor normally no later than mid-day on the 15th of the month prior to the publication date (i.e. January, March, May, July, September and November). Articles will be published subject to space being available. The Editor's decision is final regarding suitability for inclusion and material may be edited for grammatical accuracy and length.

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