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The group has 3 tables and mainly play doubles matches during the evening. All equipment is provided. Currently, to provide most protection for each other, everyone brings along their own refreshments.

The standard of play is varied. Most of us had not played since our school days! The key point is that we have a lot of fun whilst aiming to help us keep in shape. Well-being has been realised as a major need following experiences during the last 24 months. Table Tennis definitely provides an uplifting and enjoyable exercise for all who attend the weekly sessions.

Why not consider coming along and join us for some laughs and good exercise? We look forward to greeting you. If you would like to have a chat beforehand, please call me on 07775 531781 - Brian

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STELLA MARIE LORENZ - piano

Beethoven, Vaughan Williams, Brahms

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Sunday 24 April 2022, 4 pm.

TRIO ISIMSIZ - piano trio

Mozart, Brahms, Korngold

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Sunday 8 May 2022, 4 pm.

BEN GOLDSCHIEDER - horn (finalist BBC Young Musician 2016)

RICHARD UTTLEY - piano

Beethoven, Schumann, Ravel, etc.

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Ticket price: £17 (concessions £15)

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**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
CELEBRATIONS**

2nd June Beacon Lighting

**3rd June Meet & Greet plus History
Society Talk**

4th June Walk & Activity Day

**5th June Picnic, Cricket & Church
Service**

WHAT'S ON

Ninth Stebbing Vintage & Classic Tractor Road Run

Sunday 1st of May 2022

In Aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance



As usual we start and finish at Brazenhead Farm Oxen End Little Bardfield By kind permission of Mr and Mrs David Hunt.

Each year we try to take a different route of approximately 25 miles using a mixture of off road, byways, minor roads, and a few, unavoidable, busy roads, at the

same time trying to pass through as many of the villages which support us as possible. This year I am pleased to say we will be coming right through Shalford from Hulls Lane up Braintree Road to the Village Hall past the School and on to Great Saling we should be in Shalford at approximately 10/40 to 10/50.

Please come and give us a wave and help us support the Air Ambulance last year we managed to give them £10,510.


Shalford Horticultural Society

Annual Coach Outing
To
Beth Chatto & Place for Plants
on Friday 24th June ;
Details to follow
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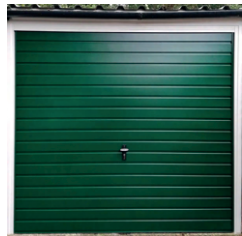




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SHALFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – SPRING 2022



We were sad to see Heather retire from the SHS at our AGM this year, in a moment of madness I volunteered to become chairperson of the society for at least another year !

Since being a little girl I remember the huge show marquee arriving and heavy trestle tables covered in crisp white paper secured by drawing pins and the hustle and bustle, it was labour intensive but an event to be looked forward to.

Our new enthusiastic committee hopes our events will be admired and enjoyed this summer and we'd like as many villagers as possible to show what they can grow, bake, sew, carve or arrange to keep “ **our village** “ shows alive.

You will also have seen the “ Save the Date “ for our coach outing which we hope will be equally as enjoyable which is on June 24th, details to follow.

Our committee looks forward to welcoming our regulars and as many newcomers to our shows, details of the new schedule to follow soon.

Jane Mills

IS THERE A TWITCHER IN THE VILLAGE? PETER JONES

Whilst out walking this week, (the last one in February) over the ploughed fields near the Mill, above me was a large flock of light brown birds, fairly small, moving rapidly in circles, making sudden dives to ground, but only staying momentarily, then off again. I suppose from their speed they were itinerant. Actually, I had seen a couple the day before, when I stood on the ridge opposite The George. They circled me several times almost touching the ground at about thirty yards and dived hidden into the tussocks. While I fiddled with my mobile, the nearest one sprang up, did a vertical hover at three feet from the ground for two seconds, stretching and exposing his brightly coloured grey-white tail feathers laterally, then spun away. There were no other distinguishing features. Any ideas? Email them to shalford_village_magazine@btinternet.com

Essex Bridleways Association

EBA's founder and former President Deirdre Graham has recently passed away. Deirdre was a very determined person who put equestrians in Essex before anything else. EBA played a big part in her life and even in her later years she remained interested in everything. I remember Deirdre from the early days of EBA when we only had 2 rides each year. Deirdre was always found in the van at the end of the rides handing out rosettes and making sure everyone had enjoyed their ride. She was a kind lovely person who will be greatly missed. The Essex Bridleways Association was formed some years ago to protect and enhance Bridleways. Membership costs £15 to join and runs for a year. Under 16s can join free. **Flu Vaccination Requirements for 2022** - Our policy regarding the requirement for flu vaccinations for 2022 is that all horses attending our rides and holidays must be up to date with their annual flu injections (ie. the last booster is no more than a year old). Random checks may be made so please remember to take your horse's passport. **Entry Price** - The price of each ride is still to be confirmed as unfortunately there are some unavoidable additional costs this year to enable EBA to run the rides. **Depending on circumstances there may be additional covid rules.**

Rides 22nd May 2022. Highwood ride. Writtle Park Estate

Entries close 15 May 2020. There is a choice of 9 or 13 miles on the grassy tracks of Howletts Hall and Fingrith Hall. **Do not follow sat nav or google maps.** Approach the site from the A414 from Ongar direction or from Chelmsford (Widford Church roundabout) **do not use Ivy Barns Lane**

Mandy French

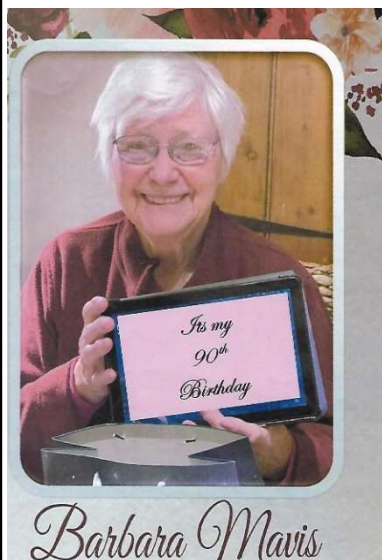
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY BARBARA

EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY 22 ½!

I was so fortunate to be invited to the 90th birthday party for Barbara on 26th February and surprised to be greeted by Barbara (wearing the broadest smile) cheekily saying "of course, I am only 22 ½". She received exactly the quizzical expression she was looking for. "Pardon!". "I was born on the 29th of February so I've actually only had 22 ½ birthdays."

Barbara's family had prepared all of the food themselves and decorated the hall. Absolutely everything looked amazing. It would have been impossible to improve on anything. Shalford Village Hall was full with friends and family thoroughly enjoying themselves. Well done Barbara's family – and happy 90th birthday Barbara – I hope you invite me to your 100th. Alice

PS Barbara and family have asked me to express their thanks to everyone who came and also for the wonderful cards and presents.





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IN LOVING MEMORY OF LAWRENCE RAWLINSON A PILLAR OF OUR COMMUNITY 1934 – 2022

Many Shalfordians were saddened over the weekend of 26th - 28th February as the news spread that Lawrence Rawlinson, a stalwart supporter of Shalford's Community, had passed away.

2020 had brought two well-earned awards to Lawrence. The first being Pride of Essex Awards 2020; presented to him on 24th November 2020.



The second being Shalford Village Hall Committee recognising Lawrence's many years of service by renaming the Committee Room "The Rawlinson Room".

For numerous years Lawrence was a large part of Shalford's British Legion and received an award for all the money he and his wife Pauline raised over the years. He also supported and took an active part in Shalford's History Association and became one of Bendlowe's first Meet & Greeters being a firm advocate of Bendlowe's, joining us on many trips. His suggestions of trips, such as a tour of a traditional brickworks, led us to some surprisingly fascinating places which we would never have known about.



The picture top left is of Sally and Lawrence at Wethersfield Airfield Museum which is, sadly, now closed. Lawrence's enthusiasm for Shalford and its community and his bottomless knowledge of its history will be hard to replace.

The following article was written for Bendlowe's Bugle by Sally August 2020 following a very enjoyable chat with him visiting "memory lane" and is re-printed here as a mark of our respect and regard for Lawrence.

Lawrence, we celebrate your life. Your memory and enthusiasm for Shalford will live on. Rest In Peace



Shalford Memories—Lawrence Rawlinson

Earlier this month, myself , Mel, Marianna and Alan spent a lovely summer's afternoon talking to Lawrence Rawlinson about his memories of Shalford or 'Shufford' as the locals used to pronounce it.

Early days

Lawrence was born in 1934 and first lived at 4 Poplar Cottages in Shalford Green. The cottages, which are no longer there, were rented for half a crown a week, had no electricity, running water, drainage and windows on the front. Lawrence was the sixth child of Oswald and Agnes and the house had just 4 rooms. His Dad was a general farm worker and one of his jobs was to milk the cow at Littles Farm. His Mum would also work in the fields, sometimes starting at 4 am. They were given the opportunity to buy the house for £50 but unfortunately that was a year's wages. The family were recipients of alms from Bendlowe's receiving 100wt of coal.



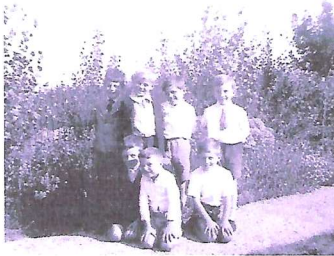
A young Lawrence wearing a shirt and tie just for the photo!

Lawrence aged 16 in 1950 outside 5 Broome Close where the family later moved to.



Shalford School

Lawrence remembers the School as having lots of children, the average family having about 10! Two of the families were the Reynolds and the Hurds. The Head was Annie Lakes Warrick who lived in the old school house next door, since demolished. Mrs Porter would take the children on nature walks around the school gardens and local area. The toilets were a 'bucket and chuck it' system. Lunch might be a lump of bread and cheese and an onion and children were allowed a penknife for this. The only time Lawrence remembers being told off was when he fell asleep having been in the fields at 4 am with his mum. Lawrence's older sister Freda was one of the first pupils to attend the new Margaret Tabor School in 1938.



Shalford school group photos from the 1940s

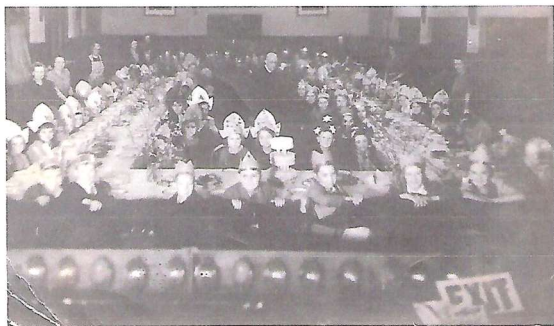
Can you spot Lawrence?



Bendlowe's Charity no. 241285 Trustees: Alice Cox, Sally Welsh, Rev. Alex Shannon

During the war...

There was an increase in traffic with the American military using the base at Wethersfield. They would often 'borrow' the locals' bikes being the only suitable transport around. For many in Shalford this was the first time they had seen a black person. He recalls that some of the airmen found it too cold if they had come from places like California whilst those from states like Montana, found it too hot! His mother would take in washing from them to earn extra money. A 'double summer time' system operated providing extra daylight in the evening before the blackout. On 17 September 1944 Sunday School was interrupted when a great armada of aircraft including Halifaxes, Stirlings and Dakotas passed over head on it's way to Arnhem. It was 2 miles by 100 miles long and quite deafening.



A party at the Village Hall in the late 1940s



Clearing snow in 1963

Pubs and shopping



Lawrence volunteering as groundsman—a job he did for almost 50 years

There were 3 pubs in Shalford: The George, the Victoria (on Victoria Hill) and The Fox in Church End. Lawrence frequented The Fox and it was here that he took his future wife Pauline, a local girl who lived in Jubilee Cottage. Pauline's family kept a pig in their back garden in those days! Any minor injuries were dealt with by Nurse Gregory who lived in a bungalow on the road out of Shalford to Wethersfield where the first GP was based.

Shops in the village included Maggie Clarke's that opened at 2 pm to sell sweets and socks! Miss Painton with an ear trumpet also lived there. This was towards the Cliffield end of the village. Further down was the HWB Hornsby Garage (the place to get your radio accumulator charged), a wheelwrights run by Deafy Wrights and opposite The George was a more general store selling food and paraffin. Next to the Congregational Chapel in Shalford Green was a tobacconists run by Maggie Adams and there was also a shop known locally as 'The Halfway Shop' where Keeper's Cottage on the Braintree Road is.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVID ISBELL 1940 – 2021

Local Police Officer and Proprietor of Pant Valley Travel



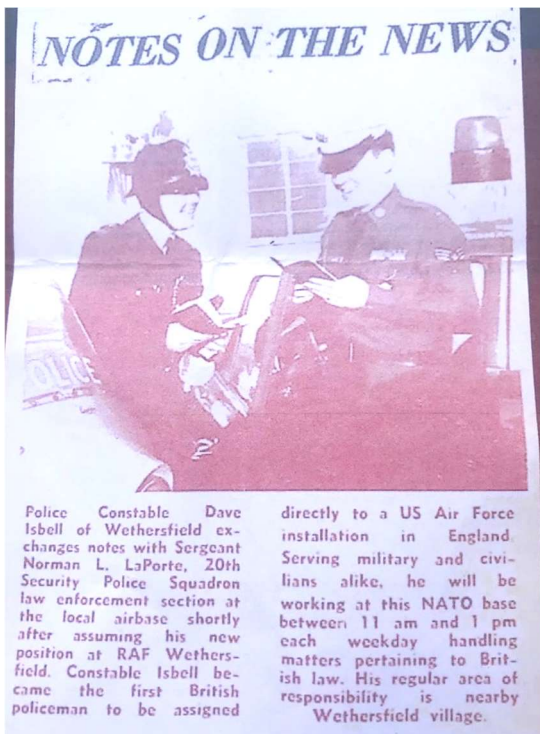
I am incredibly pleased to report that the third bench has now been erected at the Pentanque Terrain, Shalford Village Hall, especially as the bench is in loving memory of David Isbell. David for many years was our local Police Officer and Proprietor of Pant Valley Travel. He was also one of our Meet & Greeters. The next article (written last year) is to remember and honour David.



DAVID ISBELL – LOCAL BOBBY
(as told by Maggie Isbell)
FROM EARLY 70's TO LATE 80's
BY: MARIANNA MARRIOTT

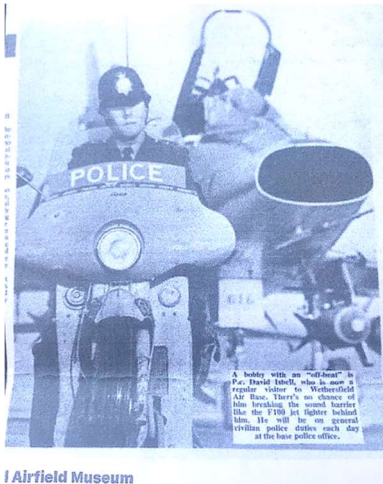
David moved into a home due to his Alzheimer's just before the pandemic appeared. His wife, Maggie, thought she would tell us about an interesting story regarding David which occurred recently.

David was the local bobby for Wethersfield, Shalford and Panfield for 17 ½ years during the early 70's to the late 80's. He was one of the old-fashioned bobbies who knew everyone and everyone knew him. He was stationed in the Police House in Wethersfield. Part of his 'patch' was the



American air base at Wethersfield. He was the first serving British Police Officer to be attached to an American Air Base.

A few months ago, Maggie received a call from David Eversden. Norman LaPorte from the USA had been trying to contact David as he was a sergeant on the air base and wanted to make contact with his friend David Isbell. Next thing, Maggie received a call from Norman and sadly had to report that her husband was no longer living in Barryfields, Shalford and was unable to converse with him. Maggie had a long chat with Norman who had fond memories of his time in Wethersfield. Norman emailed some photos and newspaper cuttings which included David. What a small world we live in and many thanks to modern technology. Maggie says it is a shame that David is not well enough to acknowledge this new contact as he would have loved it.



Following on from his career as a bobby, David and Maggie ran a coach business called Pant Valley Travel for 15 years. They arranged holidays in the UK and abroad. Following an accident, the coach was written off so the business ceased. They then did taxi work for several years, including school runs. David was also on the Parish Council for many years. He loved the area he lived and worked in and was a pillar of the community.

The cutting left reads:-

"A bobby with an "off-beat" is P.C. David Isbell, who is now a regular visitor to Wethersfield Air Base. There's no chance of him breaking the sound barrier like the F100 Jet Fighter behind him. He will be on general civilian police duties each day at the base police office."



Maggie – We are so grateful to you for sharing this story with us and also for erecting a beautiful bench in loving memory of David. I hope that many people will enjoy an hour or two sitting on the bench enjoying its view over the playing fields.

David you are no longer with us but you are not forgotten. Rest in Peace.

Shalford Parish Council by Samantha Batt

We are pleased to continue to support our parish magazine financially to help keep it going and the great work of those who contribute and pull it together. Thank you all.



The ranger has been busy installing our new bench along Braintree Road and replacing the bin next to the bus shelter opposite the shop. The old bin used to fill up with water whenever it rained making it very messy to empty.



The Parish Council is delighted to be able to support the Queen's jubilee weekend. We have allocated a grant fund of £1500, and applications are now open with a deadline of 11th of April. All applications will be reviewed at our meeting on 20th April. You can find the application form at this address

<https://shalford-essex-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/Policies/Grants-Policy.pdf>



We have a number of signs and posts on order to improve the signage for our footpaths, if you see one that needs replacing or has gone missing, please do let us know.



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We look forward to seeing you.

Mandy, Adrian, Sam, Rob, Andrew M, Andrew H, Neil & Michelle

BEING A MEDICAL STUDENT CAN SOMETIMES LEAD TO EMBARRASSMENT

BY: PETER JONES

Writing about these wildly different individuals has been a busy industry for two hundred years from Charles Dickens to Richard Gordon's "Doctor in The House", and more since. "Ah, Medical Students. Fine fellows, judgements matured, tastes refined." Mr Pickwick's servant Sam Weller replied "They're asmokin' cigars, drinkin' neat brandy, an got a barr'l o' oysters". I bet Doctors David Livingstone and Roger Bannister would have identified a couple of "similars" in their student years. My period of training was uneventful except for a health-changing event. Our students' rugby pitch could be accessed by dog walkers. Just before my halfway exams where one leaves University to work on the wards, I contracted toxocariasis in one eye - a parasitic infection from dog feces, causing me many weeks hospital stay, and loss of a large chunk of that eye's vision..... I adapted!

In A and E senior students would do their first minor supervised jobs such as suturing. I felt I could up my skills after watching one procedure many times i.e. removing a sebaceous cyst, a harmless but disfiguring lump, from someone's scalp, done under a local anesthetic. This required cutting through the skin with a scalpel, separating adherent tissues, very carefully removing the cyst whole lest it burst, stopping bleeding blood vessels and trimming the skin edges to finish with a flat straight line, without having the now excess skin overlapping, especially if you were operating on a bald pate. I persuaded the surgical house officer running one afternoon's minor ops, where I frequently hung out, for me to do one. Before readers raise eyebrows wondering whether students can behave *carte blanche*, I was known to have assisted in such procedures plenty of times, and he remained standing alongside me.

A very smartly-dressed Yul Brunner type gentleman was next with a beauty right on the top of his head. He had been referred by his GP to the hospital, seen the consultant surgeon in Out Patients who put his name down for a minor operation by one of his team. I didn't update him his "surgeon" wouldn't be a doctor for another two years. We shook hands, and had a little chat first. It went very well until the last stitch when a blood vessel starting squirting a fine arc of blood through the closed incision, several inches up in the air and falling in a beautiful parabolic curve to land on his neck towards his new shirt. I had "closed up" so had to rely on maintained firm pressure on top of his head for some time before the bleeding stopped. The quantity of blood lost was tiny but it made for an unavoidable and unpleasant delay whilst his head and neck were totally enveloped in drapes. My wonderful assisting Staff Nurse held his hand tightly and he didn't murmur. The following week I went over to see the result. The clinic was heaving with people and we saw each other at either end of the crowd, the majority of whom were dressed modestly and ordinarily. There he was. He stood out at once in another very expensive suit and flamboyant tie. He shouted "Oh there you are Dr Jones", holding a pristine £5 note aloft. "Excuse me" shouting again, he pushed through the other patients towards me in my student's short white coat. "Dr Jones wants to see me" waving the bank note back and fore in front of several other patients' faces. It was worth a lot then. Thankfully the same Staff Nurse was on duty, alongside me as I cringed and measured my steps to a back exit. I said "Get him a side room then get him out." Actually, the incision looked healthy, very satisfactory. I was too het up to be pleased. I pushed the money onto the Staff Nurse and slipped off, and thought I should change my medical interests.

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FOUR GENERATIONS OF MY TURNER FAMILY

(A FAMILY OF FARM WORKERS)

BY: TREVOR BEAL

Frederick Thomas Turner (Great Grandfather)

As we found out earlier, Frederick Thomas, the eldest child of James and Sarah Turner, was born on 11th July 1878 at Blackmore End. He was baptised on 18th August 1878 at St Mary the Virgin Church in Blackmore End.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>Wethersfield</i>						
in the County of <i>Essex</i>				in the Year 18 <i>78-9</i>		
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1878 <i>August 18</i> No. 241	<i>Frederick Thomas</i>	<i>James and Sarah</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Wavers</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>H. Harris</i>

Copy from the
Blackmore End
Baptism Register

The 1881 census shows Frederick Thomas Turner, aged 2, living with his parents in Water Lane, Shalford. By the 1891 census, Frederick was 12 years old and already out at work as an agricultural labourer, he was still living at home with his parents in a cottage near Goldsticks Farm, Shalford.

Frederick Thomas Turner married Eliza Parsley on 3rd December 1898 at Wethersfield Independent Chapel.

Marriage
Certificate
for
Frederick
Thomas
Turner &
Eliza Parsley

k, No. 8 Page 83		Certificate of Marriage.					
Marriage solemnized at the <i>Wethersfield Independent Chapel</i> in the <i>District</i> of <i>Braintree</i> the County of <i>Essex</i>							
When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	
<i>Third December 1898</i>	<i>Frederick Thomas Turner</i>	<i>20 years</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Farm Labourer</i>	<i>Shalford</i>	<i>James Turner</i>	
	<i>Eliza Parsley</i>	<i>22 years</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Domestic Servant</i>	<i>Wethersfield</i>	<i>John Parsley</i>	
Married in the <i>Independent Chapel</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Independents</i> . Certificate after marriage limited on us. { <i>F. T. Turner</i> } In the presence of us. { <i>Edith Turner</i> } { <i>J. Colwell</i> } { <i>E. Parsley</i> } { <i>Samuel Parsley</i> } { <i>Edith Turner</i> }							
I certify the above to be a correct Copy. Extracted this <i>Fifth</i> day of <i>December</i> 189 <i>8</i> .							



Wethersfield Independent Chapel (Congregational / United Reformed Church)

Frederick and Eliza began married life living at Stone Cottages in Bovingdon Road, Wethersfield. They had seven children, the first of whom, George Arthur Turner was born on 11th January 1900 at Stone Cottages, Bovingdon Road. Soon after the birth of George, the family moved to Bellows Cottage in Water Lane, Shalford which is where they were living in the 1901 census, Frederick was 22 years old and a horse keeper on a farm.

Administrative County				The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the													Page 10												
Civil Parish				Ecclesiastical Parish				County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District				Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District				Rural District				Parliamentary Borough or Division				Town or Village or Hamlet					
St. Andrews				St. Andrews												St. Andrews				St. Andrews				St. Andrews					
Road, Street, No. and No. of House				Name and Surname of each Person				RELATION to Head of Family				Age last Birthday				PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION				Employer, Worked, or Own account				WHERE BORN				(1) Dead and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Imbecile, feeble-minded	
43				Frederick Turner				Head				22				Horse keeper on farm				Worker				Essex Wethersfield					
44				Eliza Do				Wife				24												Do Do					
45				George Arthur Do				Son				1												Do Do					
46				Frederick Turner				Head				21												Do Shalford					
47				Eliza Do				Wife				24												Do Do					
48				Frederick Do				Son				2												Do Do					

Copy of the 1901 census

Another four children were born whilst they were living at Bellows Cottage, Edith Mary Turner (my grandmother) born 27th August 1901, Ivy Maud Turner born 6th December 1903, Daisy Turner born 28th January 1906 and Violet Ethel Turner born 15th February 1908. The family then moved a short distance to Westons Farm in Jaspers Green where the last two children were born, Frederick James Turner born 9th January 1910 and Mabel Doris Turner born 20th February 1915.

The 1911 census shows Frederick and Eliza living at Westons Farm in Shalford Green with six of their children, Frederick was a horse keeper on a farm.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, or will in the booklets of the Census. The notes should be written in ink.

The contents of this Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose from the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	EMPLOYMENT or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.	SUBJECTS of every person	NATIONALITY of every person	INFIRMITY
1. Frederick J. Turner	Head	33	Married	House Painter	Single	English	
2. Eliza Turner	Wife	33	Married	House Painter	Single	English	
3. George Turner	Son	11	Unmarried		Single	English	
4. Edith M. Turner	Daughter	9	Unmarried		Single	English	
5. Amy M. Turner	Daughter	6	Unmarried		Single	English	
6. Daisy Turner	Daughter	5	Unmarried		Single	English	
7. David L. Turner	Daughter	3	Unmarried		Single	English	
8. Frederick J. Turner	Son	1	Unmarried		Single	English	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of the Head of Family or other person in charge, or in charge of this dwelling)

Signature: Frederick J. Turner
David L. Turner, Shalford, Brampton, Essex

Copy of the 1911 census



Left:
Frederick
Thomas
Turner



Above: Killhogs Farm

In 1920 Frederick and Eliza and their family moved to Killhogs Farm in Water Lane, Shalford where they lived for 17 years. Whilst they were living at Killhogs Farm, Frederick was employed as a foreman for Major Gold of Abbots Hall in Shalford.



Frederick Thomas & Eliza
Turner

When Frederick and Eliza retired in 1937, they moved a short distance along the road, back to Bellows Cottage. Sadly Eliza died on 3rd August 1947 and was buried at St Andrews Church in Shalford on 8th August 1947.



Bellows Cottage

Soon after Eliza died, Frederick moved in with his eldest daughter Edith Mary and her husband, William Wright (my grandparents) at Lowlands Farm in Jaspers Green.

Frederick Thomas Turner died on 11th January 1951 and was buried with his wife, Eliza, at St Andrews Church in Shalford on 16th January 1951.



Left: The Gravestone for Frederick Thomas and Eliza
Turner at Shalford Church



Right: Shalford Church
c.1880s



1. Westminster Abbey has been the setting for every Coronation since 1066. Before the Abbey was built, Coronations were carried out wherever was convenient, taking place in Bath, Oxford and Canterbury.

2. Queen Elizabeth II was crowned on 2 June, 1953 in Westminster Abbey. Her Majesty was the thirty-ninth Sovereign to be crowned at Westminster Abbey.

3. Queen Elizabeth II is the sixth Queen to have been crowned in Westminster Abbey in her own right. The first was Queen Mary I, who was crowned on 1 October, 1553.

4. The Queen succeeded to the Throne on the 6 February, 1952 on the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya at the time and became the first Sovereign in over 200 years to accede while abroad.

5. The Queen's grandmother, Queen Mary, aged 81 was the first Queen to see a grandchild ascend to the throne. However, she died before the Coronation took place.



6. The Coronation service used for Queen Elizabeth II descends directly from that of King Edgar at Bath in 973. The original 14th century order of service was written in Latin and was used until the Coronation of Elizabeth I.

7. The incumbent Earl Marshal is responsible for organising the Coronation. Since 1386 the

position has been undertaken by The Duke of Norfolk. The 16th Duke of Norfolk was responsible for The Queen's Coronation in 1953 and he was also responsible for the State funeral of Sir Winston Churchill (1965) and the investiture of The Prince of Wales (1969).

8. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were driven from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey in the Gold State Coach – pulled by eight grey gelding horses: Cunningham, Tovey, Noah, Tedder, Eisenhower, Snow White, Tipperary and McCreery.

9. The Coronation Bouquet was made up of white flowers – comprising of orchids and lilies-of-the-valley from England, stephanotis from Scotland, orchids from Wales, and carnations from Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

10. The Duke of Edinburgh wore full-dress Naval uniform for the journey to and from the Abbey. While in the Abbey, he wore a coronet and his Duke's robe over his uniform.

11. The Queen's Coronation dress, designed by British Fashion designer Norman Hartnell, was made of white satin and



embroidered with the emblems of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth in gold and silver thread.

12. Since the Coronation, The Queen has worn the Coronation dress six times including the Opening of Parliament in New Zealand and Australia in 1954.

13. Buckingham Palace housemaids, chefs and gardeners gathered inside the Grand Hall at Buckingham Palace to see The Queen leave for Westminster Abbey.

14. The Queen's Coronation service began at 11.15am and lasted almost three hours.



15. On her way to the Coronation, Her Majesty wore the George IV State Diadem - the crown depicted on stamps. Made in 1820, the Diadem features roses, shamrocks and thistles with 1,333 diamonds and 169 pearls.

16. The Sovereign's procession was made up of 250 people including Church leaders, Commonwealth Prime

Ministers, members of the Royal Household, civil and military leaders and the Yeoman of the Guard.

17. The Archbishop of Canterbury conducted the service, a duty which has been undertaken since the Conquest in 1066. For the first time in 1953, a representative of another Church, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, also took part.

18. The Coronation service fell into six parts: the recognition, the oath, the anointing, the investiture (which includes the crowning), the enthronement and the homage.

19. The recipe for the Anointing Oil contains oils of orange, roses, cinnamon, musk and ambergris. Usually a batch is made to last a few Coronations, but in May 1941 a bomb hit the Deanery destroying the phial, so a new batch was made.

20. One of the more notable installations for the Coronation was the annexe at the west end of Westminster Abbey. This provided the necessary space in which the processions could form and disperse unseen by the crowds.

21. During the investiture, The Queen first put on the newly-made Colobium Sindonis - a loose linen-lawn garment, and then a robe of cloth of gold called the Dalmatic or Supertunica. The Lord Great Chamberlain presented the golden spurs, the symbol of chivalry, after which the Archbishop of Canterbury presented a jewelled sword, and then the armills, the golden bracelets of sincerity and wisdom. Finally, The Queen put on stole and cloth of gold Robe Royal and received the orb, the coronation ring, the glove, and then the sceptre.

22. Prince Charles was the first child to witness his mother's coronation as Sovereign. Princess Anne did not attend the ceremony as she was considered too young.

23. Prince Charles received a special hand-painted children's invitation to his mother's Coronation.





24. A total of 8,251 guests attended The Queen's Coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey.

25. 129 nations and territories were officially represented at the Coronation service.

26. Some people in the Abbey witnessed their fourth Coronation. Princess Marie Louise (Queen Victoria's granddaughter) had also

seen the Coronations of King Edward VII (1902), King George V (1911) and King George VI (1937).

27. The Queen was crowned in St Edward's Chair, made in 1300 for Edward I and used at every Coronation since that time. It is permanently kept in Westminster Abbey.

28. The St. Edward's Crown, made in 1661, was placed on the head of The Queen during the Coronation service. It weighs 4 pounds and 12 ounces and is made of solid gold.

29. After the crown, the orb, also made in 1661, was the most important piece of regalia. It is a globe of gold surrounded by a cross girdled by a band of diamonds, emeralds, rubies, sapphire and pearls with a large amethyst at the summit.

30. The Coronation ring, known as 'The Wedding Ring of England' was placed on The Queen's fourth finger of her right hand in accordance with tradition. Made for the Coronation of King William IV in 1831, the ring has been worn at every coronation since then, except of Queen Victoria, whose fingers were so small that the ring could not be reduced far enough in size and an alternative was created.



31. BBC coverage of the Coronation was a breakthrough for the history of broadcasting. It was the first service to be televised and for most people, it was the first time they had watched an event on television.

32. 27 million people in the UK (out of the 36 million population) watched the ceremony on television and 11 million listened on the radio.

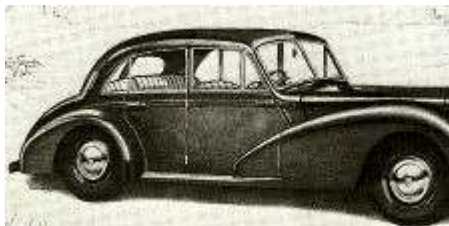
33. There were more than 2,000 journalists and 500 photographers from 92 nations on the Coronation route.

This article was released by The Press Secretary to The Queen in 2003 to mark the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's Coronation in June 1953.

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For the first time since the war the British motoring public could go to the Earls Court Motor Show-October 1952-to view the models for the coming year with the feeling that it was once again meant for them as well as their overseas contemporaries. Although, of course, the export markets continued to be uppermost in the minds of manufacturers there was an atmosphere of real optimism that the home-based buyer was at least going to get a look in.

The awareness of new competition both at home and abroad was reflected in the number of quite new models available from British manufacturers which included the Allard Palm Beach, Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire, Austin-Healey 100, Bentley Continental, Sunbeam Alpine and Wolseley Four-Forty Four. Some remarkably high speeds were recorded by a number of British models during the year, albeit in modified form, including an Austin-Healey 100 which clocked 142.6 mph and a Jaguar XK120 topping 174 mph! The total number of cars produced in the UK in 1953 was a record 594,808. Of these more than half were exported, namely 307,368. Just over 2000 cars were imported and the total of new car registrations was 306,483 (including 5129 hackneys).



AC 2-liter four-door Saloon

Also see: [AC Car Reviews](#) | [The History of AC \(AUS Edition\)](#)

The AC 2-liter four-door Saloon was introduced on the British market in October 1952. It was similar to the two-door version (from 1947) but fitted with narrower doors hung from the centre pillar. The 1991-cc triple-carburetor engine developed 76 bhp at 4500 rpm. The two-door model was discontinued in 1956, the four-door in 1958.



Allard Palm Beach Tourer

Also see: [Allard Car Reviews](#) | [The History of Allard](#)

The Allard Palm Beach Tourer was an Open three-seater sports model available with either a Ford Consul 1508-cc Four (Type 21 C) or a Ford Zephyr 2622-cc Six (Type 21 Z) power unit. Fitted with fully-enveloping bodywork, this model was something entirely new for the Allard company which had, since its inception, favored powerful V8 engines for their high-performance cars. Wheelbase was 96 in and weight (dry) was 1800 lb (21 C) or 1900 lb (21 Z).



Allard K3 Tourer V8

Also see: [Allard Car Reviews](#) | [The History of Allard](#)

The Allard K3 Tourer was fitted with Ford V8 3622-cc 95-bhp power unit as standard. but also available with Lincoln. Cadillac or Chrysler V8 engine at customers' request, this full-width bodied grand tourer was launched-mainly for export-in October 1952. replacing the 1950 - 1952 Model K2. A somewhat later model is shown.



Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire

Also see: [The History of Armstrong Siddeley](#)

The Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire 346 Saloon was available with either a four or six-light body, this luxuriously furnished five/six-seater featured a six-cylinder 3·4-liter 120-bhp engine, a four-speed synchromesh or electrically-operated preselector gearbox, coil spring and wishbone independent front suspension (IFS), a built-in heating/demisting and air-conditioning system, fog lamps and a reversing lamp. The two body styles-identical except for the window arrangements-had long sweeping front wings running to meet fully-spatted rear wings, yet retained the traditional radiator grille. The earlier Whitley and Hurricane models were continued.



Austin A135 Princess Model DM4 Limousine

Also see: [Austin Car Reviews](#) | [The History of Austin \(AUS Edition\)](#)

The Austin A135 Princess, Model DM4 Limousine was a long-wheelbase model, and was introduced in October 1952. This Vanden Plas coachbuilt model was an addition to the 3·9-liter engined saloon and touring limousine (from 1948) - and had an overall length some 20 in greater than the other two models and had seating for nine. The chassis was used also for special bodywork, e.g. ambulances and hearses.



Austin A40 Somerset

Also see: [Austin Car Reviews](#) | [The History of Austin \(AUS Edition\)](#)

The Austin A40 Somerset replaced the A40 Devon and was quite similar to the body-on-frame car, including using the same 1.2 liter straight-4 pushrod engine. The engine was updated to produce 42 hp (31 kW), however giving the car a top speed of 69 mph (111 km/h). The Somerset featured an updated "Transatlantic" body style designed for export and resembled the larger A70 Hereford. It had a bench front seat and column mounted gear change. The Somerset was initially only a 4-door saloon, though a 3-passenger 2-door convertible model made by Carbodies of Coventry was also sold later. The 2-door and convertible differed from the 4-door cars in having separate front seats that folded forwards to give access to the rear. The Austin Motor Company in 1953 made a "special" version of around 500 Somerset saloons with a more powerful engine, different interior appointments and two tone paintwork. The Austin Somerset special had a top speed of 74 mph (119 km/h) while the normal saloon could reach up to 70 mph (110 km/h). Over 173,000 were sold before the Somerset was replaced by the A40 Cambridge in 1954. 7243 of them were convertibles.



Austin A40 Convertible

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A convertible version tested by The Motor magazine in 1953 had a top speed of 74 mph (119 km/h) and could accelerate from 0-60 mph (97 km/h) in 28.6 seconds. A fuel consumption of 30.1 miles per imperial gallon (9.38 L/100 km; 25.1 mpg-US) was recorded. The test car cost £705 including taxes. These figures were all obtained on the contemporary low octane fuel.



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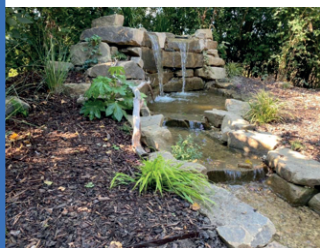
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From the Vicarage...

It is hard to know exactly what will be most in our common consciousness when these words make it into print in a few weeks' time, but it seems sadly likely that either the war in Ukraine, or at least its consequences, will still be in our news and in our thoughts. We know, of course, that war has always been present somewhere in the world during all our lifetimes, but this has felt more serious to us than any particular conflict has for many decades. The fact that it is so near to us is of course one factor, but perhaps more important is the sense that the balances of power and responsibility which have kept the world in relative stability since 1945 have been betrayed. We had hoped, I think, that in an age of international structures committed to human rights and democratic values, war would become the exception rather than the rule in how nations conduct their business, and that attempts by one nation to conquer another would be consigned to history.

In the book of Psalms, we find the words:

‘Put not your trust in princes,
nor in any human power,
for there is no help in them.

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;
on that day all their thoughts perish.’ (Ps 146:2-3)

They stand as a warning, borne out in so many examples, that if we place our hopes in human structures to give us a world of peace and harmony, we are setting ourselves up for disappointment. The psalm goes on to encourage us to put our hope in God instead. As we prepare, this month, to celebrate Easter, we recall that ultimate hope which is presented to us by Jesus' resurrection. The only guarantee of true and lasting happiness is to be found in the life beyond that which eventually returns to the earth. The answer of Christianity to the cycles of evil which we see repeated again and again in our history is that this life points us towards a greater one, in which human greed and ambition is brought to nought, and what remains is our desire to flourish together within God's love. May that be something you all come to feel and know as we celebrate Easter this year.

With Easter blessings,
Rev/Fr Alex

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CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT



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As you are reading this, we will be half-way through Lent and approaching the most important time in the Church year, Easter.

However, before we reach the significant days of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, there are a couple of other days which happen, but which, very often, have lost their original meaning.

One of these will have happened at the end of March, but it is worth looking back to see why it is in the calendar at all. Mother's Day, or, more properly, Mothering Sunday, happens on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This was a day when the strict rules of fasting during Lent were relaxed and therefore it was also known as refreshment Sunday. It recalls the feeding of the five thousand when Jesus changed two fishes and five loaves of bread into enough food to feed all the crowd.

During the 16th century, when many people were in service and unable to go to their own church regularly, one day was set aside for people to return to their mother church for a service to celebrate the Virgin Mary. This was held on Laetare Sunday. In this context, one's "mother church" was either the church where one was baptized, the local parish church, or the nearest cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering". Of course, the visit home would also give the opportunity to visit your own mother and family, and because they had to walk, they would pick wildflowers on the way as a gift for their Mother – hence the tradition of flower giving today.

Palm Sunday occurs the Sunday before Easter and celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem, riding on a donkey with the people laying palm branches on the road in his honour. Palm Sunday is one of the few events mentioned in all four of the liturgical gospels. Christians celebrate with the blessing and giving out of palm crosses. In our Benefice we also recreate part of the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with a procession around Wethersfield following a real live donkey. So, on 10th April, if you are in Wethersfield, or want to come along to join in, the procession will start at the church at 10am and will be followed by a Eucharist service in the church at 10.30 for the whole Benefice.

Easter is a season to celebrate God's love for us, through his son, who died and rose again to forgive our sins. I hope that you all have a very happy Easter.

Dawn

Sunday Services

Sunday 3 April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Shalford

9.30am Sunday Café – Cornish Hall End

Theme: Further footsteps in the Holy Land

10.30am All Age Eucharist – Finchingfield

4pm Time to Be – Wethersfield

Sunday 10 April – Palm Sunday

10am Procession of Palms

starting at Wethersfield Church, and returning for

10.30am Benefice Eucharist

Services for Holy Week

Monday 11 April, Tuesday 12 April,

Wednesday 13 April

7.30pm Said Eucharist – Finchingfield

Thursday 14 April – Maundy

Thursday

7.30pm Benefice Eucharist (of the Last Supper) – Great Bardfield

Friday 15 April – Good Friday

10am Children's Church – Wethersfield

2pm Solemn Passion Service – Little Bardfield

2pm Meditations on the Cross – Shalford

9pm Tenebrae – Cornish Hall End

(a dramatic candlelit service of music and readings)

Saturday 16 April – Holy Saturday

10am Children's Church – Wethersfield

including Easter Garden making

9pm Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter – Little Bardfield

Sunday 17 April – Easter Day

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Shalford

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Cornish Hall End

10.30am Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield

11am Sung Eucharist – Finchingfield

11am Sung Eucharist – Wethersfield

5pm Festal Evensong & Benediction – Great Bardfield

Sunday 24 April – Easter 2

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield

9.30am Mattins (traditional language) – Shalford

9.30am Sung Eucharist – Little Bardfield

11am All Age Eucharist – Wethersfield

3pm Scouts Service for St George's Day – Finchingfield

Regular Services and Events during the week

Monday

8.30am Morning Prayer – Finchingfield (& 10am Said Eucharist at Finchingfield on Monday 25 April for the feast of St Mark)

Tuesday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Great Bardfield

Thursday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Wethersfield

10am Prayer Group (1st, 3rd & 5th weeks)
Coffee Morning (2nd & 4th weeks) – Shalford

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Friday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Shalford

PRAYER GROUP

Every month the Village Magazine gives details of the Prayer Group at St Andrew's Church. But what is a Prayer Group?

In the midst of our busy lives the Group comes together in the peaceful calm of St Andrew's church. There's a friendly chat before we sit down together. One person leads and the prayers are for those who are suffering through war, rebellion, sickness or bereavement. We pray for those who seek peace from strife, for those who tend the sick, and those who bring comfort and support to those mourning or help to the homeless or lonely. There may be a special prayer for an issue causing concern at that particular time. What is central to the meeting is that each prayer is followed by a period of silence when individuals can quietly think on those things and if moved add their own prayer or comment. It is those moments of silence which makes the meetings special.

The meeting is brought to a close after half an hour and we break for coffee and biscuits and village gossip.

For my part I leave for home reflecting on those prayers, and at times the words of Tennyson, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of".

The Group would warmly welcome anyone wishing to share this brief half hour. Do come and "give it a try".

JB

NATURE NOTES THE OTTER

BY: MAC BEANLAND



The Otter was another wild animal I had the pleasure of seeing on my trip to Norway although strictly speaking this one was semi tame. We paid a visit to Norway's National aquarium; what a fantastic experience! I have in the past been to our National Aquarium in Plymouth but Norway's Aquarium puts ours to shame. As well as the spectacular indoor area with wonderful healthy specimens of every form of marine life both hot and cold water you could wish to see; there are four separate outdoor compounds for

want of a better description, one for Penguins, one for Seals, One for the Otters, and the other for Water fowl. The Water fowl were free to come and go as they pleased but there was a good variety and they seemed happy to be there, I can only assume they were well fed. The weather was not too pleasant during our visit and I did find myself the only person outside at one stage and it was then that I was privileged to see and film one of the otters grooming itself with a

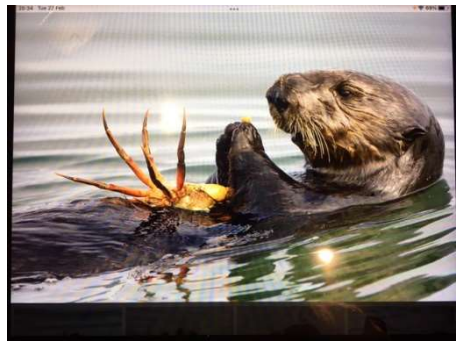
second one warily watching me from a distance. Although I am not in favour of keeping animals like otters in captivity they were very relaxed and their compound was at least an acre in size and I very much doubt whether I would ever get the opportunity to see a completely wild otter at that distance let alone film one, relaxed and grooming itself.



The Otter is a semiaquatic or marine member of the Mustelidae family which includes Weasels, Badgers, and Mink. There are several species of otters; all otter species are listed on the red list of threatened species and only one is listed as “least concern” that is the sea otter. They are larger than all the other otters and can weigh in at 100 lbs. They have shorter legs than other otters, are slow on land but incredibly fast swimmers. Unlike other marine mammals they don’t rely on blubber or fat to keep warm but instead have thick

insulated coats which has two layers the outer layer has long waterproof hairs and an inner shorter fluffy warm coat it was this unique coat which made them a sought-after target to hunters and they were almost hunted to extinction. But since hunting stopped, they have made a remarkable recovery, their diet consists mainly of sea urchins, crabs, mussels, and clams, which they are known to crack open with a rock. They are considered to be one of the cleverest animals at using tools. They eat about 25% of their body weight each day and occasionally dive as deep as 250 feet in search of food. Southern sea otters breed all year-round; the pup’s thick coat keeps them buoyant and mothers leave their baby’s floating on the surface when they go in search of food. Sea otters create a great deal of amusement for observers by their habit of floating on their backs eating lunch with a pup balanced on their tummy. Sea Otters are common in Scotland but otters found in the rest of the UK are usually one of the river otter species. These are smaller with longer legs, much faster on land but still very fast in the water.

All otters can hold their breath for a long time when swimming under water the sea otter for up to five minutes but the river otter is the champion; he can stay under for as much as eight minutes. So, if you think you have spotted a river otter locally which disappears under water don’t stand there waiting for it to pop up again, it will probably be long gone and will surface a long way away. Their diet consists of fish, frogs, small mammals, and a small amount of vegetation. Otters often take over river-side burrows of foxes, badgers, and rabbits, resting places are often little more than a small raft made of a few reed stalks. Otter holts are small underground dens where otters escape danger, take shelter, or raise their young. Gestation takes 60 to 65 days the young are called Kitts, or pups, and there are usually 2 or 3. They can swim at one-month old and dive and hunt for food at two months old. Males have a life expectancy of 10 to 15 years and females 15 to 20.





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LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY – IGNORANCE IS

NOT BLISS.....don't lose your Voice

BY: ADRIAN QUICK, MSc PFPS LLAA

Welcome to the second of three articles about 'Doing the Right Thing' by engaging in later life planning. Last month I introduced why later life planning should be on your horizon and gave a basic outline of health v social care. This month I'm focusing on how to ensure your voice is still heard and relevant when you lose the ability to speak for yourself.

I recommended Elizabeth Orr's book detailing her personal journey looking after her brother. If you have read 'Who Can Care For Me Now?' then you will have an insight to the harrowing outcomes that can happen when your voice is lost.

I highlighted Dementia last month as a significant contributor to loss of mental capacity as it has such a large impact across all communities. However, in March 2020 we were introduced to a new risk...Covid-19. Not only is this pandemic's spread not ageist, but it can induce loss of capacity with alarming speed. Be grateful if you, your family or your friends and neighbours have escaped its touch.

I am sure most of you have written your Will, appointing executors to be your voice in death and to give direction on your preferred funeral arrangements and the financial distribution of your estate. A Lasting Power of Attorney is your opportunity to direct your care and *financial* security through trusted persons whilst in life if you lose your voice.

Why would someone need an LPA?

Some people, including people with dementia, will come to a point where they are unable to make decisions about their finances or care anymore. This is called loss of 'mental capacity'.

'A person is judged to have lost mental capacity when they can no longer understand the information needed to make the decision, weigh the information up, retain the information for as long as is necessary to make the decision, and communicate their decision to others'.

So, what are Lasting Power of Attorneys, how do they secure 'your voice' and how do you get one set up?

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) identifies and empowers your personal representatives with the *legal capacity* to both speak and take action on your behalf. LPAs cover two specific responsibilities:

- **Property and Financial Affairs (P&FA)** - Used to give an attorney the power to make decisions about money and property for you, ie:

- managing a bank or building society account
- paying bills
- collecting benefits or a pension
- selling your home

The P&FA LPA can be structured to be effective at any time as chosen by you, with or without limitations and restrictions, but will automatically be triggered in full on your loss of capacity.

Some of you may have an older style **Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)**. These are similar to a P&FA LPA, also with no authority for health and welfare matters and remain valid documents.

- **Health and Welfare (H&W)** - Used to give an attorney the power to make decisions for you about things like:
 - your daily routine, ie: washing, dressing, eating
 - medical care
 - moving into a care home
 - life-sustaining treatment

The H&W LPA is only triggered on your loss of capacity.

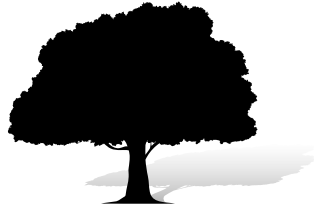
The person who creates the LPA is the **donor**, and the people (more than one please) who agree to accept the responsibility to act on the donor's behalf are the **attorneys**.

Multiple attorneys can be appointed to act independently (joint and several) or only jointly. Please give this careful thought when making your appointments and seek advice if in doubt. Of course, the attorneys nominated must agree to the role and the legal and moral responsibilities should not be underestimated. Ensure that your wishes are explained and understood (which you could provide as written guidance) through possible scenarios such as:

- domiciliary care in your home or care in a residential home
- non-resuscitation events
- ongoing birthday and Christmas gifts

For some reason, as a nation we'll talk about our ailments with all and sundry but are often reluctant to discuss and plan for the possibility of ill health and certainty of death, even with our closest families and friends. These discussions are so important to ensure that your attorneys (and executors in your Will) have clarity of your wishes, are restricted in their capacity to override your wishes or imposing their views and importantly minimize the scope for family conflict. Yes, all of these happen, and preparation and engagement are the keys to successful management and avoidance of the issues.

NB: LPAs are registered with the Office of Public Guardian when created and means your attorney can become your voice immediately you lose capacity. However, if you have an EPA it cannot be registered until capacity has been lost, so expect a considerable delay before your attorneys can speak for you.



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The areas of each LPA responsibility are specific, and importantly there is no default overlap. Holding the property and financial affairs LPA does not confer any capacity to act on matters relating to the donor’s health and welfare, and vice versa. Both property and financial affairs and health and welfare LPAs are critically important...without both your voice cannot be heard.

Myth buster: contrary to popular opinion, being the spouse, partner, child etc does not grant any default **legal capacity** to act on someone else’s behalf when they lose capacity to act for themselves. Without valid LPAs or EPA in place, the only alternative is to seek deputyship via the Court of Protection.

You can consult a legal professional to set up your LPAs or do it yourself via the online Gov.uk link <https://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney> . The cost is not high and the value beyond measure.

A few words of caution if you prefer the DIY option: make sure you read the guide first and ensure you follow it precisely, paying particular attention to the signature and witness process. Some mistakes cannot be corrected and will require a new application, duplicating the cost and introducing further delays.

In case you’re wondering, HarperLees Financial Planning does not offer a LPA writing service, although we can refer you to appropriate legal professionals.

Having a lasting power of attorney is a bit like having life insurance...it’s too late to do anything about it after the event. You have to plan and take action before you might need the protection of a LPA or a life policy, hoping you’ll never need either.

Please feel free to call or email me and have a confidential chat if you have any immediate concerns. At the very least, I should be able to offer support or direct you to another appropriate professional.

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WORDSQUARE BY ROBERT BURROWS

WORDSQUARE 4-1

The answers across and down match

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Clues Across

Clues Down

1. Old Italian Currency

5. Large wading bird

6. Hay stack

7. Portable ice-box

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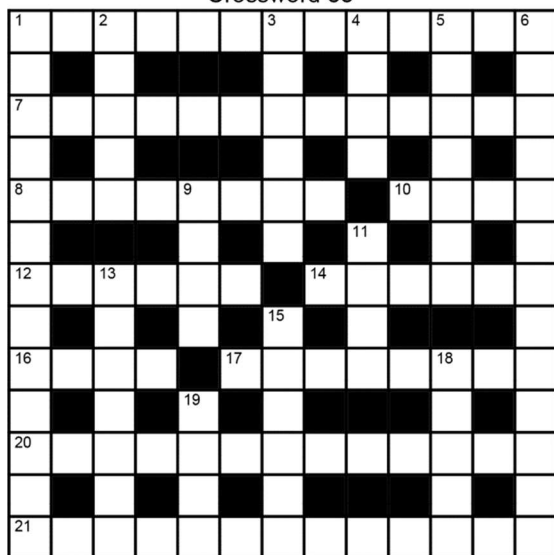
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CROSSWORD 55 – ROBERT BURROWS

Crossword 55



Across

1 Village: Home to St John the Baptist (6,7)

7 Equestrian competition (5-3,5)

8 Contest at law (8)

10 At this place (4)

12 Cricket bat wood (6)

14 Science of Medicine (6)

16 Thin (4)

17 Remote place (8)

20 Persons likely to inherit (5,8)

21 Causing suspicion (13)

Down

1 Village near Chelmsford (6,7)

2 Card (5)

3 Exuberant (6)

4 Hold until debt paid (4)

5 Colourless (7)

6 Country of birth (6,7)

9 Beneficial (4)

11 Carp variety (4)

13 Introductions (4,3)

15 Artiodactyl mammals (6)

18 Slowly rung bell (5)

19 Russian emperor (4)

Cryptic Across

1 Madly he organises small village (6,7)

7 E.g Tuesday, horse trial (5-3,5)

8 Take to court (8)

10 Where some may be found (4)

12 Sadly ill? Wow make bat from it (6)

14 Pic shy? Get drug (6)

16 Uncle Adam isn't fat (4)

17 Proverbially distant place in Mali (8)

20 Those expecting to gain (5,8)

21 Struts fully around MI – suspiciously (13)

Cryptic Down

1 Village has small ham, Walt (6,7)

2 Turn to art for card (5)

3 With leaven (6)

4 Hold the broken line (4)

5 Having no shade (7)

6 Land of our birth (6,7)

9 Do go to be dutiful (4)

11 Butch lost T for fish (4)

13 Deal sin out for starters (4-3)

15 Large mammals need hips op (6)

18 Death ring for sick Nell?

19 Arts organised for emperor (4)

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BY: KEN MCDONALD,

Secretary

I would like to remind readers of the walk routes on the Society's website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk. All routes can be download and printed. They include route instructions and information about the places you will pass. Each of the hundred parishes is included in at least one route and there are walks for all abilities. The routes have been designed to take you through interesting places and lovely countryside.

Before setting off, you might like to check the relevant parish introductions on our website; there, you will find details of local tea rooms and pubs, etc. It's best to check with the pub to see if it will be open on the day and time that you will need it.

Most of our routes include footpaths or bridleways where good footwear will make life more comfortable. A modest investment in a good pair of walking boots is recommended. Carry boot covers or plastic bags to put on before visiting a pub or church – or leave boots outside. Check the weather forecast and be prepared - with waterproof top, woolly hat or sunscreen.

Whether or not you are using one of the Society's routes, please be sure to follow the Countryside Code. I summarise a few points that are mainly common sense:

Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello • keep to marked paths.

Protect the environment

- take your litter home
- do not light fires
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CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE, WETHERSFIELD

BY: BEN WALMSLEY

Every 50 years, a major repair cycle looms, and we have experienced this in full over the past 5 years, with both spire and roof needing complete repair. We completed our spire repair 3 years ago (new oak shakes) and then turned our minds to repairing the roof. The Nave and North Aisle roofs were last re-roofed in the 1970s in felt with granite chippings. The pitch of the nave is virtually flat. The South Aisle was re-surfaced in lead 10 years ago. Over the past 8 years the felt simply reached the end of its life and a full re-surface beckoned. The roof was repatched until only patches remained and tarpaulin covered much of the roof, held down by tyres. In the Nave buckets were routinely positioned around the church to catch the drips, and the structural 13th century timbers of course were bearing the brunt. The church had been long known as a Grade 1 listed fridge, and now to cap this was damp and rotting. We lobbied that the church should go onto the Heritage at Risk Register, which helped give recognition that the problem was serious.

Re-surfacing in lead (to match the South Aisle) would have been the logical solution. Lead thefts in the area are rife, and our funds are, of course, limited. Additionally, none of the roofs are visible from ground level. As such we were keen to use the most cost effective and longest lasting material, and one that would not be stolen. As such rubber (Fleece Backed EPDM) looked the logical solution, especially given the flat pitch. Rubber is good value, comes with a 20-year guarantee, provides for insulation and has limited value to thieves. With thanks to the architect for lobbying and to the DAC and English Heritage for their support, we gained approval to do so.



Roof Pre Repairs



New Nave Roof



New Flitch Plate Installed
in Ridge Beam

We raised funds from a range of grant providers who were generous and allowed us to embark on the project. Once the building works started in January, perhaps unsurprisingly they revealed some major damage to the structural timbers. In particular, cross-beam 3 (under which a bucket was normally placed) was so rotten it was no longer in physical contact with the Nave wall. The cost of the project increased by £25k at this stage, and our funds and faith were challenged. We did a second round of fundraising, also needed to take out a loan. We were then able to proceed with the major engineering works required. This consisted of a full length steel fitch-plate going into Beam 3, steel wall-plates going into the Nave wall to support all of the cross-beams and a new wall support being made for Beam 3. Additionally, 2 new opening clerestory windows were made which open to create ventilation and air flow to reduce damp which was encouraging both rot and death-watch beetle.



Repairs to Clerestory Window



New Carved Ashlar Post



Limewashed Nave, Scaffold Removed, Sparkling

Also whilst the scaffold was up in the Nave, a much needed limewash was applied to the whole of the church interior, giving it a complete refresh lifted it completely. Fundraising will of course need to continue to finish paying for the project. We now have an entirely new church, insulated, watertight and gleaming. We are rightly thrilled with the quality of the workmanship. We are keen to use the building widely, for example community activities such as concerts.

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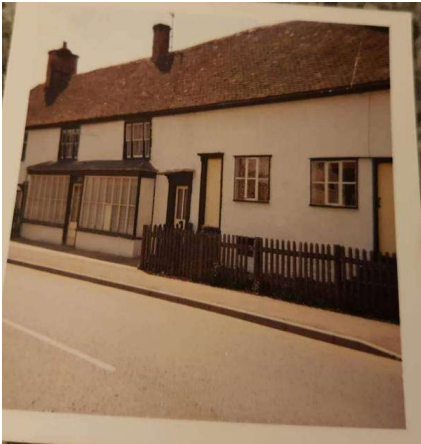
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THE STORES, SHALFORD

BY: SIMON BREEZE

Having been asked to share my experiences and memories of The Stores, located opposite The George pub, I shall try my best to do so.



I have always had fond memories of spending some of my time as a child and teenager at The Stores. I discovered the Shalford Village Facebook page late in 2020 during Lockdown and immediately wondered if there was any reference to The Stores so I joined. I then saw my Mother and picked up many photographs I knew she had. Amongst the photographs were several of The Stores. I still have some more photographs but as of yet have been unable to locate them.

I uploaded these photos on the Facebook page and the positive response was quite overwhelming and I was extremely pleased that

others also had fond memories as well as some interesting tales to share.

My Grandfather, Charles Breeze, and his wife Peggy, purchased The Stores in 1965 or thereabouts as my Grandmother had contracted TB and were advised to move out of East London (West Ham) for health reasons. A friend of Charlie's informed him that The Stores was vacant so it was purchased as a private sale. They had the intention of running it as the Village Shop. They had been informed they would stand a good chance of being granted the Post Office franchise but this did not materialise. They started to run The Stores as a shop but after a short period of time it became apparent that it was not financially viable so it was closed in 1968. In the early 1970's The Stores reopened for a short period of time as an Antiques Shop by the Hutchings.

I was born in 1967 and Christened in St Andrews in 1968, I still have my Pewter Christening mug stating these facts! My earliest memories of The Stores included getting Fish & Chips from the mobile Chippy who would park up on the Barryfields Estate next to the rather large garden The Stores possessed. I also recall 'exploring' down the lane which ran along a small brook to the Dutch barns which, looking at Google Maps now, seem to have disappeared. There 'was' a small wall with a concrete platform in the brook which I used to use to hide and play. As with so many of us, who are of a certain age, our childhood days were spent exploring in woods and, in my case, swimming and fishing in The River Pant as well as collecting the Bulrushes found there.

Charlie was a keen, if somewhat messy woodworker, often turning up lampshades, ash tray stands to name a few on his woodworking lathe. This hobby used to take place in the large Nissin hut behind, what is now Number 1. There was the Old Bacon

House also behind Number 1 where he would develop his own photographs being a keen amateur photographer too. Those buildings have now long gone.



Charlie Breeze Standing Behind the Nissan Hut

At some point in the late 1970's, Charlie sold The Stores to my Father, Mike Breeze. Dad was an army man so I spent most of my time as a young child visiting our respective Grandparents during the summer holidays as we were based overseas in Germany as well as Kuwait. Dad wanted to settle in The Stores so set about doing some repair and maintenance work to the property. This included upgrading the bathroom and building a large inglenook type fire place in the centre of what was the old shop.

At that time the shop windows were of

the bulls eye type glass and rather old. I do recall heated discussions as the planning authorities would not allow the glass to be changed. We rarely went into the old shop; we spent most of our time in the smaller back room adjacent to the kitchen as well as in the kitchen itself with the large Rayburn in it. The kitchen was adorned with lime coloured shelving racked out with Cornish ware crockery, some of which I still have. Upstairs the first room on the left of the landing was another large and rather sumptuous, living room with a small bar and low ceiling with black beams covered in horse brasses. The floor sloped a lot!

At the end of the landing on the left was the master bedroom, again in the same theme as the previous room. My parents and my twin sisters would sleep in here. There was another small bathroom and one bedroom on the opposite side of the landing. Charles would sleep here with me or sometimes I would end up on an army camp bed in the old shop itself.

Dad's plans were soon curtailed as it became apparent The Stores was haunted! Mum became acutely aware that there was a small girl who made herself known in the master bedroom in the night on more than one occasion. Charlie had always said he had his 'friends' in The Stores. There was a story he knew of a ghost or presence in the cellar who he regularly had 'contact' with. This was verified by comments during the Facebook postings. A picture, of a very old pair of leather shoes found in a chimney recess recently, was shown on the Facebook post which was thought to have been those of the girl who was the ghost Mum saw!





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As my Father was based abroad in Germany with the British Army I was despatched to boarding school. I ended up at Gosfield School so very close to Shalford still. This was nice as it meant during half terms and the long weekends (Exeats) we were granted I could spend my time in the village. During these times I continued to explore the local area and began to venture further afield. This included cycling to Finchingfield and I recall going to the USAAF base at Wethersfield where I would frequent the PX stores for American 'candy'.

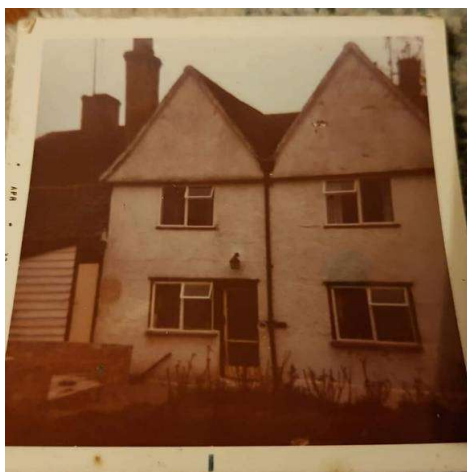


It was during my time at school that Dad sold The Stores and then the 4 cottages became what they are now. By this time Mrs Watkinson (or Posher as she was known apparently) and Mrs Pasfield had either passed away or moved on. Mrs Watkinson lived in what is now Number 1 and Mrs Pasfield number 4. I have vague recollections of these elderly ladies. I am pretty certain for a long time the amenities we are all used to now, such as central heating etc. were not present in the two end cottages. I recall it was a particularly stressful time for Dad. He was finding it difficult to sell The Stores.

It ended up being sold to a Maurice 'somebody', I can't remember the full name, who was based in East Dereham Norfolk at some point in, I would say, 1982 or 1983.

As part of the sale this allowed Charlie to move into what is now Number 4. Extensive modernisation (for that period!) which included, the avocado bathroom suite, was carried out. I can recall the décor and layout of the rooms. The living room was on the front corner with a new Parkray fire fitted and the sitting room next door. Again decorated with black beams and horse brasses but seldom used.

I don't recall the first owners of the other 3 cottages as; by then, my family had settled in Lincolnshire and visits to Granddad were not so common. I was then at my local college and was beginning to lead my own life. I have visited the village on a few occasions since. I never saw anybody to speak to but although



The rear of the main house as was.
Now number 3 and 2?

Bottom left – kitchen Bottom right –
small sitting room

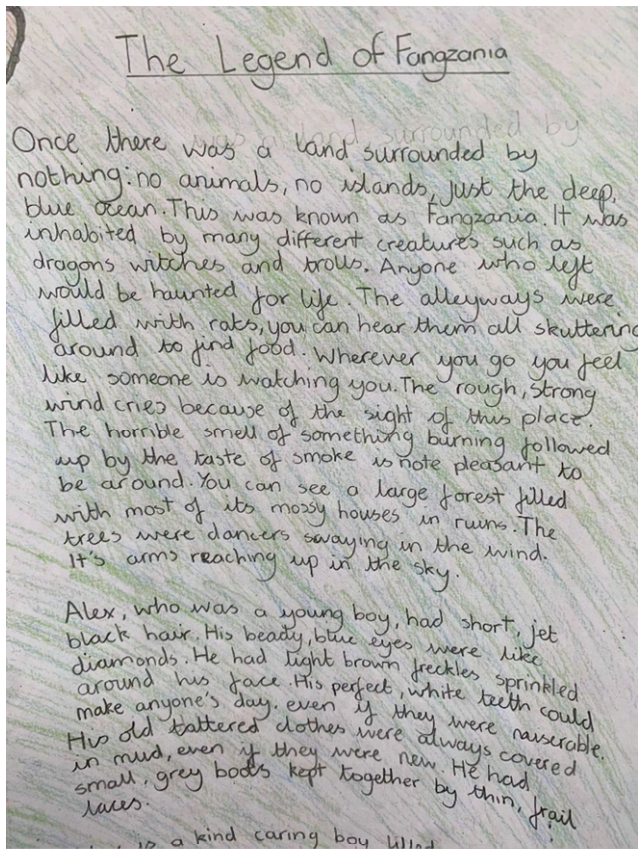
there were and have been many external changes it was still obvious that this was the old family home. I have never been fortunate to look inside. This is something I would like to do. There is a myriad of pictures on various Estate Agents websites and it is almost impossible to work out which room is which now as a raft of modernisations and decorating has been done now. I have to say tastefully too!

Hopefully, in the not so far future I will be able to meet some of those who gave me so much pleasure in their comments on the Facebook page and see inside the old home once more. I am sure this will spark some further memories for me!

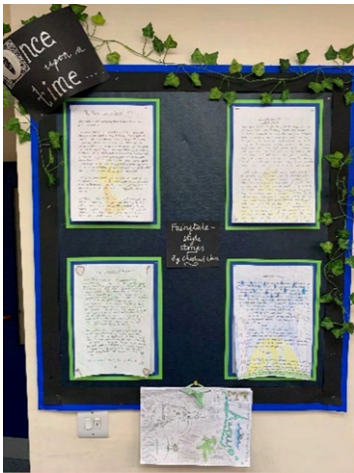
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