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Carpet Bowls
Club Christmas
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FRIDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 2022

SHALFORD VILLAGE HALL

11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M.

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Re-arranged for 10th Feb 2022

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WHAT'S ON

TABLE TENNIS IN FINCHINGFIELD



Following the easing of Covid-related restrictions on our activities, the group who come to the village hall on Monday evenings to play table tennis has been able to re-start the regular weekly sessions. We welcome new members to come and join the group. Sessions start at 7.30pm each Monday and run for 2 hours.

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 18 months. Table Tennis definitely provides an uplifting and enjoyable exercise for all who attend the weekly sessions.

Why not consider an early New Year Resolution and come 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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SHALFORD QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 2022

BY: ANDREW MERRYWEATHER

RESERVE THE DATES & VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED!

What's Happening?

You may have seen that there are a range of National celebrations happening over an extended Bank Holiday Weekend in June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Shalford will also be celebrating locally, with a team forming from across local organisations and residents to work together to bring you a long weekend of activities and entertainment! We are just starting to pull plans together, so are keen to involve all local societies, clubs, businesses and volunteers to help the village have a fantastic weekend. Please come forward if you would like to be involved at any level in the planning and running of the activities. Planning Meetings are being held every two weeks at the Village Hall, so please come along and join in!

What are the Timings and Details?

A lot of the detailed content is still being developed, but the outline timings and activities are shown below. More information will be shared across the coming months as details are confirmed.

	Thursday June 2	Friday June 3	Saturday June 4	Sunday June 5
Local Activities	Beacon Lighting at the Village Hall (from 20.30)	Bendlowe's Jubilee-themed Meet & Greet (11.00 – 14.00) History Society Shalford History How life has changed, films & talks (Evening)	Local Morning Walk Platinum Jubilee Activity Day around the Village Hall: Activities: live music, petanque, bar, BBQ, dog show, games, dancing, vintage cars, etc (13.00 – 17.00)	Jubilee Picnic Lunch & Afternoon Cricket Matches at the Village Hall Jubilee Church Service at St. Andrews to close the weekend
National Activities	National Beacon Lighting Programme (from 20.30)	Service of Thanksgiving at St. Pauls Cathedral	Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace	Big Jubilee Lunch Street Parties

What Should I do Now?

1. Please reserve the dates across June 2 - 5 on your calendar
2. If you would like your club, business or organisation, to be part of the weekend, please contact Mel Fray - melfray@hotmail.com
3. If you would like to join the team or help volunteer during the weekend, please contact Mel Fray - melfray@hotmail.com

REMEMBRANCE EASTER LILIES 2022

Heather Smith (organiser of Church flowers)

I will be collecting donations for the Easter lily arrangements made at St. Andrew's Church, Shalford, in memory of loved ones. This is an annual event which anyone can participate in. If you would like to please send me –

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We believe the Government is reneging on commitments in the Environment Act to stop the decline of wildlife by proposing to develop two mega-prisons on the site of the old Wethersfield airfield, which has become an important space for nature near Braintree, Essex.

More details

Some 74 species of birds, many Red-listed, nest nearby and the area comprises 75,000 trees and shrubs. The site also includes ancient woodland, as well as Great Crested Newts and rare orchids. Red-listed birds on the site include European Turtle Dove, Northern Lapwing and Grey Partridge.

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MEET & GREET

FRIDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2021

BY: Alice Cox



It's fair to say, I do try the patience of the team whilst preparing for nearly every event with my repetitive and boring question "Do you think anyone will come?". They usually, understandably, answer with the rolling of their eyes a deep sigh whilst often walking away to engage with someone a little more upbeat.

But crikey, I worried for no reason because our Festive Meet & Greet on Friday 3rd December possibly saw a record number of people joining us – what an absolute pleasure as the photo above taken by Terry Savage shows.



A huge thank you must go to the team, Sally, Mel, Nora, Vic and Angela for supplying a welcome festive display of greenery for the window ledges. A very special thank you to Marianna for spending the majority of the night before cooking the meats etc. Our sympathy is also with Derrick, Marianna's husband, for the cruelty he suffered in smelling and feasting his

“eyes only” on each succulent dish as it came out of the oven – “you may look and smell but don't touch or taste” - what torture he suffered!

NANCY MAY

THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 2021

BY: ALICE COX

Bendlowe's opened the doors once again at Shalford Village Hall to enjoy an evening listening to the local Soprano/Classical singer Nancy May.



What a delight! Nancy blended her engaging and sparkling personality with incredible professionalism in performing many songs covering a variety of tastes - in fact - a song for everyone.

What I shall remember is her jesting when about to sing a very powerful song – shall I use the microphone? She didn't but her voice was so clear, powerful and trained, she didn't need to. Five plus stars go to Nancy. I would highly recommend attending an event to hear her sing. In fact, I bought her CD on the night and have been listening to it ever since. Incredibly worthwhile. An absolute pleasure. For further information visit Nancy's website nancy-may.co.uk



THANK YOU ANGELA

We are grateful to Angela Canham for funding our Nancy-May evening in memory of her late husband Peter Canham. Peter sadly died 15th May 2020. He was a big fan of Nancy-May and she kindly recorded a video of her singing Abide With Me for his funeral as, at that time, she wasn't allowed to sing live. Peter was a regular and popular supporter of Meet & Greet from our very early days and we certainly do miss his cheery face. Peter was one of the founder members of the Bowler Hatters in 1970. Rest in peace Peter, we remember and honour your memory.

UNSUNG HERO

VIC GOODEY

BY: Alice Cox



Our *unsung hero* this month is Vic – a very popular choice indeed. Vic, as you may well know, is a pillar of Shalford's community. His number one passion is carpet bowls but he is only too willing to help any organisation in Shalford or surrounding areas whether it be the History Society, Horticultural Society or the Shalford Village Hall. Vic has been a tower of strength to Bendlowe's Charity; in the early days raising funds by singing with Marion and during Covid Lockdown contributing to Bendlowe's Bugle magazine and now giving his support to Shalford's Village Magazine.

Vic's family; (Janet, his wife, and James his son) are not far behind in either supporting Vic and/or the community. Janet is a treasured member of the team who bake home-made cakes for Meet & Greet which enhances the buffet enormously. James is always on the side line whenever Vic needs him when producing music. James is an avid drum player and enjoys teaching people how to play. So if you are interested in learning to play The Drums, James is your man.

What would we do without Vic and his family? I have no intention of finding out. I know his telephone number and I have my spies strategically positioned so that he cannot escape!

VIC – you are our UNSUNG HERO – THANK YOU

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Heather Smith
Ellie Perry
Gillian Askew
Jenny Earley
Sue Morton
Nicola Walton
Hazel Hull*

*We would like to send our gratitude and appreciation to everyone named above –
Thank you*



SHALFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BY: MEL FRAY

Monday 10th January 2022, at 7.00 pm, in Shalford Village Hall Annexe

The committee assembled for the AGM and we also had two members of the public in attendance.

Alex Tanner, our President, welcomed everyone and wished to place on record that 2020 and 2021 have been very difficult years for the Society.

He thanked Heather Smith as retiring Chairperson for all her guidance and the whole team for their work with the Society.

Heather then gave her final formal update and wished Jane, as incoming Chairperson, and all her committee every success for the forthcoming quiz and shows.

Once all the formal items on the agenda were completed a presentation of a beautiful arched garden mirror was made to Heather thanking her for all her work over many years and sending her our very best wishes.



BELFRY NEWS

By: Roy Threadgold

With restrictions all but ended, ringing, like the rest of life, is grinding back to normal, and new recruits are now in training.

October saw memorial services at Shalford for Patrick Alexander and David French, both of whom were regular service ringers in the benefice. Patrick, who died at 93, was a regular ringer into his late 80s, until his age caught up with him and restricted his activities.

David had spread his influence widely in the district before his untimely death in March 2020. Despite a ringing career of only three years, and the passing of two years since he fell ill and had to stop, over two dozen ringers from eight different towers turned up to remember and pay tribute to him (photo).



The following day, ringers from the four ringing towers of our expanded benefice met at Finchingfield for a getting-to-know-you afternoon. As well as the inevitable tower bell ringing, members had the opportunity to try out both tune ringing and change ringing on handbells. This was the opportunity for our young ringers to discover they were not alone in an adult world, as boys from Shalford, Wethersfield and Bardfield met together for the first time.

The wider ringing fraternity is rightly concerned with the rapidly ageing demographic and a dramatic fall-out from COVID. A frequent suggestion for addressing these problems is the formation of “clusters” of towers that support each other, and enable ringers to progress in a way that most bands can’t manage from their own resources. Our benefice fits this pattern nicely, with enough experienced ringers to ensure that anyone who aspires to the higher levels of ringing has the chance to do so. Wethersfield has a long tradition of supplying the world with top-quality ringers – several University Guild Masters, local District Masters and even a Chairman for the National Twelve-bell Competition. Long may it continue!

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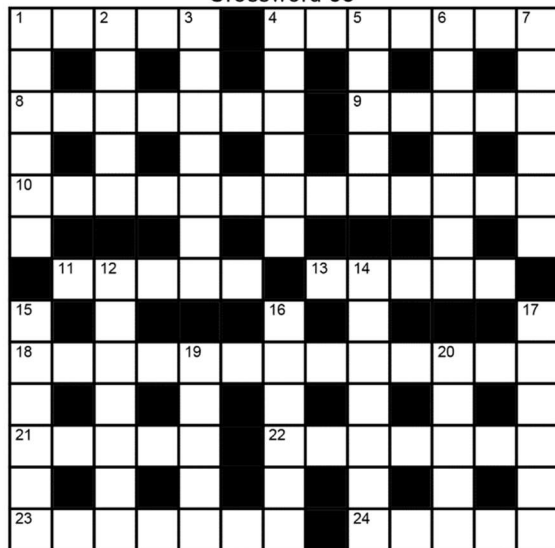
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Crossword 53



Across

- 1 Sacred song (5)
4 Ornamental shrub (7)
8 Cause to rotate (7)
9 Bottomless chasm (5)
10 Measures of distance at sea (8,5)
11 Village: name means grass land (5)
13 Composition for eight voices (5)
18 Preserver of interests (8,5)
21 Fruit of Olea europaea (5)
22 Village near Bishop Stortford (7)
23 Description of excitement (3,4)
24 Repeated occurrence (5)

Down

- 1 Surface sheen (6)
2 French farewell (5)
3 Fortified wine (7)
4 Early development (6)
5 Deep fissure (5)
6 Azure (3,4)
7 Estimate (6)
12 Not one thing (7)
14 Provision provider (7)
15 Bury (6)
16 Legitimate (6)
17 Botanical term (6)
19 Corpulent (5)
20 Doorkeeper (5)

Cryptic Across

- 1 Lamps off for Bible song (5)
4 Purplish-red shrub colour (7)
8 Bored finger action (7)

- 9 Ass out by deep hole (5)

10 Seagoing smile, could be distances (8,5)

11 Poor organ for this village (5)

13 Eight voices needed (5)

18 State-wide honour? (8,5)

21 It has a peaceful branch (5)

22 Rock singer's village (7)

23 Good trade (3,4)

24 Often seen again on TV (5)

Cryptic Down

1 A paint could make sheen (6)

2 Idea you had, but said goodbye (5)

3 Afternoon drink, my dear! (7)

4 Antenatal stage (6)

5 Charles M could be in another deep hole (5)

6 Heavenly colour (3,4)

7 Evaluate the female donkey (6)

12 Bad night? No, zero (7)

14 Supplier of feline for two queens (7)

15 Put 10 mob people underground (6)

16 Left, terrible but legal (6)

17 Men sat out around flower part (6)

19 See old boy, sadly very fat (5)

20 Attendant who keeps people quiet (5)

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NATURE NOTES –

THE REINDEER

BY: MAC BEANLAND



One animal which has been a feature of the last few weeks has been that mythical creature Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, he of course gets his origin from the Lapland Reindeer which has been semi-domesticated by the Sami-Laplander people who are allowed to roam freely with their large herds across the top of Norway Sweden Finland and even Russia without so much as a passport in search of food. There is a sub species which is the Svalbard Reindeer; these are found only on the Svalbard Archipelago in the Arctic, there are reindeer around the globe in all the arctic regions including Siberia and north America; in north America and Canada they are known as Caribou. One very interesting fact is that reindeer do sometimes have red noses, they pump a lot of blood into the end of their nose to help with temperature control and by having a lot of hair round their nose slow the flow of air and warm the air before it enters their lungs. Unlike other deer both male and female reindeer have large antlers, the males shed their antlers after they have mated in November but the females retain theirs until late summer so that they can use them to protect themselves and their young calves from predators through the spring and early summer, when they do shed them their new ones start to grow very quickly so they are never without for very long. Reindeer are ruminants like sheep and cattle; that means they have four stomachs; the first stomach is just a large storage compartment allowing the animal to consume large quantities of any bulky material which is available, they simply swallow it and store it in the first stomach. In the case of a reindeer this is mostly Lichen which grows on trees and rocks but they will eat dead leaves, grass or any kind of vegetation which is available. They are very fond of fungi and mushrooms which they are able to find in the woods, they are even able to eat all the varieties which are poison to us human beings, so are they able to digest all this bulky mass. Stage one, they lay down and regurgitate a large mouth full and roll it round in a ball mixing it with saliva, they then swallow the balls which go into the second stomach where they start to ferment and microorganisms soften some of the hard strong fibres and cellulose breaking it down into a form which can be digested. It is at this stage where methane gasses are generated and released as burps. At a later date, it is regurgitated chewed again and passed into the third stomach, and this is where the water is absorbed. Next the cud is passed into the last chamber where it is mixed with gastric juices much the same as the acids in our stomachs. It then passes into the intestine and that is where all the nutrients





are extracted and the waste matter passes into the bowel. All the poisons in the mushrooms have been broken down and neutralised by the microorganisms in the second stomach. I have had a lifetime working with ruminants in the form of sheep and cattle so I know a great deal about them and the first and most important fact is keeping those stomachs working. It is a cycle which must not be broken if a ruminant stops eating because it is sick and then the chain is broken, the

bacteria and micro-organisms are lost and it is very difficult to restart the processes. So I was amazed when I learned about the Svalbard Reindeer on my trip to the Arctic. These amazing animals can only be found on the Svalbard Archipelago and have developed a unique way of existing in the very severe environment. During the very short arctic summer they eat as much as possible and increase their body weight by as much as one third. Then during the long winter months when they have to forage in deep snow for whatever they can find they live on their reserves of fat with next to no food in their stomachs. (I think I must be following that system I put on the weight over Christmas and now need the deep snow to lose it!) they are smaller than other reindeer and are much more solitary, not living in herds. This is probably due to the lack of food. All reindeer can move quickly if they need to outrun predators, they can reach speeds of 50 mph and they are also capable of swimming if they need to, they have very thick coats with coarse long hair on the outside to repel water and a thick bushy inner layer for warmth. When my family were growing up and beginning to leave home my late wife and I decided to take them all on a special holiday. We had never left the UK in our lives so we put it to the vote and they all decided they would like to go to Norway. One of the keepsakes we bought to remind us of our holiday was a reindeer skin rug, which seemed like a good idea at the time! We kept it for years but it never stopped moulting. We had hairs everywhere but it never looked any different, we finally got rid of it. Over the years I have been fortunate enough to see all the types of reindeer in their respective environments Norway, Canada, and Svalbard. All deer are cloven hooved and those of you who have seen



deer foot prints in soft earth well know all our native deer have tiny delicate feet. Not so with reindeer; they have very large feet to help them to stay on top of deep snow. They also have hair on the soles of their feet to prevent them slipping on ice, and unique features of the Sami Laplanders Reindeer are knees which make a clicking noise as they walk. It is thought this is to make a noise to help them keep together as a herd in thick fog.



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6th January 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Since our last Newsletter plans are continuing to arrange a good selection of events for you all to enjoy! So far we have agreed the following -

Wednesday 16th March – St Patrick's Day Afternoon Tea – Village Hall

Saturday 14th May – Craft and Food Fayre – St Andrew's Church
Sue has many people wishing to take part – so there will be many local people providing Craft and Food

Saturday 10th September – Hog Roast – Priory Hall Farm Barn

Saturday 26th November – St Andrew's Night Meal – Village Hall

Other events planned is the joint community event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the Bardfield Choir possibly in October

With all the recent developments of the pandemic we hope that everyone will continue to take the necessary precautions so that all will go ahead as planned in the meantime we wish you all a Very Happy New Year

Sincerely from the Committee



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..... from the Vicarage

How is your New Year's resolution going? If you haven't given up on it completely, you're probably doing better than almost anyone else, even if keeping it consistently is still proving a challenge. It's one of those frustrating things about human nature that good habits seem so hard to instil, but bad habits seem to settle in with barely any encouragement. And it's not just individuals who find this challenge. As local communities, national societies, and as the whole human race, we find it hard to change things for the better, but ever so easy to watch things drift into crisis – the climate, the distribution of wealth and other resources, and international relations, to name but a few.

This is a time of year when the light, the hope, the joy, and the optimism of Christmas often seem to fade. A question we might ask ourselves is what we can carry with us from the beginning of a new year which will help keep all those things bright and alive? In the days leading up to this last Christmas, there was a BBC Radio re-telling of the Christmas story in which it was imagined what Mary and Joseph did with the three gifts brought by the wise men – how they kept those gifts with them for years afterwards, as they travelled around, and the points at which they suddenly realised what they were for.

It often takes time for us to appreciate the purpose behind the various encounters and experiences in our lives. In a world which always seems keen to move on to the next thing, it can be hard to treasure up and carry the gifts we receive along the way. If you're still looking for a New Year's resolution, and feel that it might not be too late, then you could do worse than making time to look back at valuable experiences, and renew your gratitude for them. That way, you'll be keeping them with you, ready for when you need them. May this year be filled with such gifts for you all.

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Notice of the consultation for the union of benefices

The Chelmsford Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme for union of the benefice of Finchingfield and Cornish Hall End and Wethersfield with Shalford and the benefice of Great and Little Bardfield (their constituent parishes to remain distinct) in the diocese of Chelmsford, for the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice and for his parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Finchingfield and Cornish Hall End and Wethersfield with Shalford, for the disposal of the parsonage house of the benefice of Great and Little Bardfield and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice. The draft Scheme is on the Commissioners' website

www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from Nathan Whitehead (nwhitehead@chelmsford.anglican.org), secretary of the diocesan mission and pastoral committee. Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.

Anyone may make representations for or against all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) preferably by email or by post to reach the Commissioners no later than midnight on Monday 21st February 2022. Please send your representation to James Davidson Brett (james.davidson-brett@churchofengland.org or letter marked for the attention of James Davidson Brett, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ). If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1687 or e-mail them to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom they can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.

When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to their Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.

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Notice of the consultation for the union of benefices (cont)

If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners.

Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will normally be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by them. If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to their Committee. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.

When they acknowledge representations the Commissioners will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time. The Commissioners will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting. The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it. If they so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision. Please see the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.

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Happy New Year to everyone! As this is the first post after the Christmas holidays, I hope that everyone had a peaceful and happy time. This year certainly had a much more 'Christmassy' feel than last year, although it still seems such a long time ago that we were able to celebrate together 'normally'.

We were at least able to have several services during the Christmas period, including the resumption of the 'Candlelit Service' on Christmas Eve. Although there were fewer people than usual, and the restrictions meant that we were not able to all have candles, it was still a beautiful service especially with the addition of solo singing by Nancy May.

With January arriving we look forward to the spring. And this year we are also moving forward with the joining of the current Benefice with that of Great and Little Bardfield. Revd Alex has been licenced as the priest in charge of all the parishes now, but there is still much to do.

The first part of this is the legal requirements to unite all the Parishes and for Revd Alex to be appointed as the first incumbent. Additionally, the draft pastoral scheme allows for the parsonage house to be at Finchingfield and for the parsonage house for Great and Little Bardfield to be disposed of.

The draft scheme can be viewed at www.churchofengland.org/consultation (large print and audio copies are also available). Anyone can make a representation for or against any part of the consultation scheme, but these must be received by midnight on 21st February 2022 either by post or email. Any representations received will be sent to the Bishop for his views.

A notice with all the information on how to make representations, what procedures will be followed, and contact information is attached to the door of the church.

Although this is the legal part to enable the union of the benefices, there will be other discussions taking place throughout the parishes both separately and jointly to ensure that transition is as smooth as possible and that everyone has an opportunity to say how they want to see the Benefice work in the future. I do hope that you will take a moment to read the information on the draft pastoral scheme and make any comments, and that you will feel able to join in the future discussions as they happen to make sure we can all unite as one.

Dawn Wilson

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE PANT VALLEY CHURCHES



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Thursday 3 February

10am Prayer Group – Shalford

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Sunday 6 February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Shalford

9.30am Sunday Café – Cornish Hall End

including a talk with the theme 'A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land'

10.30am All Age Eucharist – Finchingfield

4pm Time to Be – Wethersfield

Thursday 10 February

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Sunday 13 February – Third Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Shalford

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Cornish Hall End

10.30am Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield

11am All Age Morning Worship – Wethersfield

Thursday 17 February

10am Prayer Group – Shalford

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Saturday 19 February

10am Children's Church – Wethersfield

Sunday 20 February – Second Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Wethersfield

9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford

10.30am Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield

10.30am Time for Prayer – Finchingfield

4pm Healing Service – Cornish Hall End

Thursday 24 February

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Sunday 27 February – Sunday next before Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield

9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford

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11am All Age Eucharist – Wethersfield

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BY: KEN MCDONALD,

Secretary

Hundreds of Prisoner of War Camps were set up in the UK during the two World Wars, with several in The Hundred Parishes. Camps varied in design and size. Some started as rows of tents with the prisoners engaged in constructing huts. Most have disappeared but I would like to tell you about a few.

In 1917, during the First World War, a camp was established at Great Dunmow's workhouse, initially taking about 100 German POWs. Capacity was later doubled by moving women elsewhere and closing the infirmary. The German prisoners worked on local farms but gained a reputation for obstruction and destruction. Dunmow workhouse never reopened and was converted to the housing that today is called The Close.

Bower Hall in Steeple Bumpstead was used as a POW camp in The First World War but it fell into ruin and was demolished in 1926.

Wynches POW camp in Much Hadham was situated in forty acres of parkland and in the Second World War housed both Italian and German prisoners.

Ickleton Grange housed a camp for both Italian and German men. Nothing now remains.

In Mill Lane, Hatfield Heath, the remains of POW camp 116 are still clearly visible, the most complete survivor in Essex, Herts or Cambridgeshire. The camp was set up in 1941 to house Austrian and Italian prisoners; later, German men followed. They worked on local farms and even played football against a Hatfield Heath team who were beaten 11-0!

Radwinter North POW rehabilitation camp was situated in the grounds of Radwinter Rectory, now known as Radwinter Manor. German soldiers were allowed to visit local families. Karl Weschke was one; he became an artist and his clay sculpture of a weeping mother and child titled "Deutschland 1946" is held in Saffron Walden Museum.



THE WAY WE WERE

BY: BILL ASKEW

HOW SHALFORD FOUGHT THE “DEVIL DUST”

In October 1975 the East Anglian Daily Times carried the story that Essex County Council was proposing to divert 3000 tonnes of asbestos waste per year to the then Shalford dump, which occupied the former sand and gravel pit to the west of Whites Hill and is now the country park. An average of four loads a day would be transported to the tip which would be guarded by fences and have the air at its boundaries constantly monitored. In early November another local paper, under the headline “Shalford fights the Devil Dust” confirmed the amount of “poisonous asbestos waste material” at 30,000 tonnes over a ten-year period. Around the same time The Shalford Parish Council meeting to discuss the issue attracted 50 concerned villagers whilst a leading County Council official, in anticipation of a successful planning application to Braintree District Council, was quoted as saying “If everything goes according to plan we could start dumping in a year.” By now the opposition to the plan was getting steam up, the owner of land adjacent to the tip vowed to try to stop asbestos waste lorries from crossing his land, the only access to the tip. The Parish Council chairman’s offer of a public meeting when the technical data was to hand was rejected by the angry villagers, feelings were running high, and they went ahead and organised their own public meeting at 7.30 pm on November 19th in the village hall. The East Anglian Daily Times reported that angry protests were made by 200 villagers and that Braintree M.P. Tony Newton had promised to take up the case at ministerial level and declared himself unhappy with some of the answers given by county officers at the meeting. A later informal meeting at The George public house decided to add a petition to the “Stop Killer Waste” posters which were popping up around the village. There was a wave of concern about the waste lorries passing through neighbouring villages and fears of leakages of the deadly material en route. The Nov 20th edition of the Braintree and Witham Times noted that the protest petition circulating the village already had 500 signatures. In early December members of the Parish, District and County Councils met to thrash out the proposed asbestos dumping in Shalford during which the strength of local opposition was demonstrated in no uncertain terms.

After much heated debate, In January of 1976 Braintree District Councillors agreed to suspend discussion of the scheme, yet to be put in a formal application by Essex County Council, until after a forthcoming meeting of the Environmental Health Committee. BDC Planning officer Mr Anthony Hancock said although there was no planning objection to the County Council amending its planning permission for dumping at Shalford to include asbestos, an objection could be raised on health and safety grounds. Parish Council chairman, Andrew Overall told the East Anglian Daily Times “We shall continue to oppose it. That is the wish of the majority in the Village.” Shalford’s diligent parish clerk, Malcolm Wright, worked his way through a thick wad of technical reports and dissertations on the subject of asbestos so as to keep his council fully informed and dealt with a growing pile of correspondence from the ECC and BDC regarding the proposal. The Parish Council wrote to the Chief Executive of Braintree District Council objecting to the proposed dumping of asbestos on three grounds. The proximity of the site to local homes and the village school, the inadequacy of the local road network and the lack of knowledge about the effects of asbestos dust when it gets into the

atmosphere. It seemed that public health considerations might win us the day but the campaign against the scheme suffered a huge set back when the BDC Deputy Chief Environmental Health Officer said in his report to the Planning and Development Committee that although there were potential dangers from asbestos, they could be overcome by stringent precautions and that there was no valid objection to the use of the site on the grounds of environmental health as long as precautions were taken to ensure that there would be no danger to public health. He added that the District's approval for the scheme should be conditional on the County's assurance that the waste would only be transported on approved routes, under suitable conditions. Despite the officer's advice however, at a meeting in early Feb 1976 the Environmental Health Committee unanimously came to the conclusion that asbestos waste was too risky to dump at the Shalford tip. Shalford's District Councillor, Ray Chandler said that the County Council had been unable or unwilling to answer some of the key questions asked of them, leaving areas of doubt around some of the most fundamental issues raised by the proposal.

In March 1976, Braintree M.P. Tony Newton raised the matter in the House of Commons and succeeded in getting the County's proposal referred to the Government Health and Safety Commission, pushing back any decision by several weeks. In response to Tony Newton's questions, Michael Foot, the Employment Secretary at that time, added more impetus to the opposition campaign by suggesting that the dumping of asbestos waste was a matter that could be considered by the committee being set up by the Government to look at the health and safety aspects of asbestos following the asbestos related deaths of 40 former employees of an asbestos factory in Yorkshire.

It is at this point that the news coverage dies and I haven't been able to find out why the County Council eventually gave up on the idea of dumping asbestos in Shalford. The strength of local opposition must certainly have been a major factor. It could be that the emergence of new evidence on the lethal properties of asbestos played a part and maybe the prospect of fighting their way through a selection of government committees reinforced the case for a tactical retreat by the County Council. Whatever the reason, it is safe to say that we didn't become the last resting place of 30,000 tonnes of asbestos and that Shalford truly won its fight with the Devil Dust.



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BY: COLIN GOLDING

Shalford Village Hall Management Committee moves into 2022 with a new logo and the launch of its own website

The old logo, which was created by David Eversden, has served the Village Hall Committee well for many years but with an eye on the future the committee decided to update the logo to coincide with the launch of their own website at www.Shalfordvillagehall.co.uk and email address info@shalfordvillagehall.co.uk. The website contains information about the Hall and recreation ground along with its history. It carries a booking form which can be downloaded, terms and conditions for hire, contact details and a copy of the governing Trust Deed. There is also a picture gallery and a news section. It is in its infancy and we hope to add more pictures and news articles in due course.

AN INVITATION PROMPTED ME TO THINK AND REFLECT!

BY: VIC GOODEY

An invitation went out to all the organisations that use the Village Hall to volunteer two members to join the committee to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation 70th Anniversary Jubilee in June 2022. At the Carpet Bowls Club we nominated two members and Sally and I will represent Shalford History Association at the committee meetings.

For Carpet Bowls, we intend to invite the public to have a go at bowling to a target and work something out to give the highest score of the day a prize. I suggested a year's free membership to Shalford Village Hall Carpet Bowls Club. However, as membership is only £2.00 per year I was accused of being a skinflint and I can see that there could be an issue!

With luck, we may get some people interested enough to come and try the real thing and hopefully come to play on a regular basis. If you would like to get some practice you are more than welcome to come along any Tuesday evening and give it a go. Who knows you might enjoy it and meet some strangers that could become future friend(s)?

The Shalford Local History Association (SLHA) has been invited by the committee to put on an exhibition and presentations suitable for the occasion and been offered the use of the Hall on the evening of Friday 5th June 2022. We have had some interesting suggestions, some of which are legal and some that are downright dangerous. However, there is plenty of time to sift through all the ideas and will produce a programme that will be enlightening, educational and entertaining.

Do you know what it was like to live in Shalford in the 1950's? If so we need to pick your brains. Any secrets that you share with us may be recorded and used to entertain others or you may remember the buses that ran through Shalford to exotic places like Braintree and Bardfield even in the evenings and on Saturdays. You may also remember the Public Houses that competed for trade in Shalford. The Victoria? The Fox? The George which still remains. Any more?

Did you know that Shalford had its own garage and a shop opposite the George?

More went on in Shalford than most people realise and our social history is important. There are documents in our archive that deserve to be researched and recorded in a way that makes them easy to retrieve. There were many trades in the local area other than the honourable profession of farming. Carriage makers, Blacksmiths, Wheelwrights and Farriers. Builders, Decorators, Plumbers and Carpenters provided services and goods for the local people long before Amazon and Ebay.

All this information is recorded in copies of the Census documents that you can read first hand. People clubbed together to form societies that helped pay for medical care; 2s 6d collected weekly and recorded in a book that we discovered in our archives.

We have documents, photographs and artefacts, stored but what brings them to life is the stories related to people like Margaret Sparks who went out and interviewed people just like us who happened to live some time ago. What is our legacy? Mobile telephones now take photographs that would be gold dust to the historians of the future but how will these pictures be retrieved, mostly stored on line to be deleted when we are gone? Will our stories be lost or related in the inflated expositions of the soap operas? I hope not. I prefer the stories of real people to the exaggerated fictional representations.

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BY: KEN MCDONALD,

Secretary

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Natural England can designate any area of land considered to be of special interest by virtue of its fauna, flora or geological features as a “Site of Special Scientific Interest” or SSSI. This designation ensures that the area is appropriately managed and protected. The Hundred Parishes has more than twenty SSSIs. I will mention a few that can be visited.

In the parish of High Easter, Garnett’s Wood comprises 25 hectares (62 acres) of ancient coppiced woodland (meaning the trees have been regularly cut down to ground level). Mentioned in the Domesday Book, this wood, in which the lime is the dominant tree, was given in the 12th century by Henry II to a knight called Geoffrey Garnett. A stump of a tree has been carved to depict the knight, still watching over his wood.



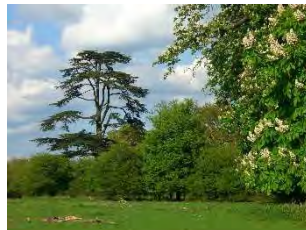
Patmore Heath in Albury parish is an 8-hectare grass heathland, now a scarce habitat in South East England. It is managed by Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust. A variety of native grasses grow here and the heath’s ponds are home to all three native English newt species: great-crested, smooth and palmate.



Amwell Quarry, formerly an area of gravel pits, has been transformed into a 37-hectare wetland environment, important in particular for wintering wildfowl and regarded as England’s premier site for dragonflies.



Best-known and by far the largest of our SSSIs is Hatfield Forest which covers more than 400 hectares, around 1.5 square miles. It was a royal hunting forest from around 1100 AD until the 15th century. It has never been ploughed and has been managed for centuries by coppicing and by pollarding (cutting trees to a height above which livestock and deer cannot reach the new shoots). It has been owned by The National Trust since 1924.



Left: Coppicing

Right: Ancient Pollarded Tree



FOUR GENERATIONS OF MY TURNER FAMILY

(A FAMILY OF FARM WORKERS)

BY: TREVOR BEAL

Thomas Turner (3 x Great Grandfather)

My three times great grandfather (and major brick wall!) is Thomas Turner, who was born sometime between about 1818 and 1823 and probably in the Wethersfield area of Essex.

The first thing we definitely know about Thomas is from the 1841 census, this was taken on 6th June, when he was living at Fairy Farm in Wethersfield, Essex, aged 18 years old and an agricultural labourer, Thomas was living with three other Turners, Hannah aged 60, George aged 51 and Elizabeth aged 50, all four were stated to have been born in Essex. Unfortunately the 1841 census does not give relationships, and so, although they all have the Turner name, we do not know how they were related.

Part of the City or Borough of Wethersfield 2

Parish or Township of Wethersfield Enumeration Schedule

PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Building Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
			Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Part.
Fairy Farm Cotton & do.		George Robinson	23	---	M. L.	Y	
		Hannah Turner	---	60	Do. Lab.	Y	
		George Turner	51	---		Y	
		Elizabeth Turner	---	50		Y	
		Thomas Turner	18	---		Y	
Fairy Farm		Joseph Pasfield	50	---	Do. Lab.	Y	
		Elizabeth Pasfield	---	50		Y	
		Jane Pasfield	---	84		Y	
		Ruth Pasfield	---	8		Y	

Copy of the 1841 census

Despite an extensive search, we have been unable to trace the birth, baptism or parentage of Hannah, George, Elizabeth or Thomas Turner in or around the Wethersfield area. Sadly Hannah Turner died on 13th August 1844 in Wethersfield, aged 66 and, from the death certificate, a single woman, and then on 15th November 1848 Elizabeth died, aged 56 at Wethersfield and, as Hannah, was also a single woman.

The next time we come across Thomas is from his marriage to Mary Ann Candler at St Andrews Church in Shalford, Essex on 13th July 1849. From the marriage register, we see that Mary Ann's father is Peter Candler, however, no father is given for Thomas, which is not very helpful!

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No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
66	Jan 13 th	Thomas Turner	30	Bachelor	Labourer	Wethersfield		
		Mary Ann Candler	Minor	Spouse		Shalford	Peter Candler	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church of England by me, John Gromes Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { The mark of X Thomas Turner } in the Presence of us, { John Bell }
 { The mark of T Mary Ann Candler } { The mark of + George White }

Copy from the Shalford Marriage Register



On to the 1851 census, which was taken on 30th March, we find Thomas, aged 30, born in Wethersfield and still an agricultural labourer living with his wife, Mary Ann along with George Turner (remember the 1841 census) living at Rotten End in Wethersfield. A little more helpful this census with George said to be the uncle of Thomas, aged 60, and an agricultural labourer born in

Wethersfield. Thomas and Mary Ann's first child, Thomas was baptised on 29th February 1852 at St Mary Magdalene church in Wethersfield but sadly died soon after aged just 17 days and was buried at Wethersfield on 13th March 1852.

Thomas and Mary Ann's second child, James Turner, my two x great grandfather, was born on 29th June 1856 at Wethersfield and was baptised on 10th August 1856 at St Andrews Church in Shalford.

Born	Aug 10 th	James Thomas	Turner	Wethersfield	John Gromes
Son of		Son of Mary Ann			Vicar
No. 605.					

Copy from the Shalford Baptism Register

Thomas and Mary Ann's third and last child, Elizabeth Ann Turner was born 10th May 1860 at Wethersfield and was baptised on 22nd July 1860 also at St Andrews Church in Shalford. By the 1861 census, taken on 7th April, Thomas and Mary Ann were still living at Rotten End in Wethersfield, this time with their two children, James and Elizabeth Ann. Thomas was still an agricultural labourer whilst Mary Ann was a straw plaiter, Uncle George was still living with them, however, this time he was 72, still an agricultural labourer, but this time he was stated to be born in Stambourne, about six miles from Wethersfield.



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No. of	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of	HOUSES	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb		
Schools		No. of Houses				Male	Female				
	ROTHAM END		Samuel Egnell	Wife	Mar	56		Essex, Withersfield.			
			Melican	Wife	Mar	24	Straw Planter	Do; Do			
38			William Do	Wife	Mar	19	Ag. Lab.	Do; Do			
			Samuel Do	Wife	Mar	21	Straw Planter	Do; Do			
39	Do	1	John Webb	Wife	Mar	71	Ag. Lab.	Do; Do			
			Martha Do	Wife	Mar	66		Do; Gosfield.			
			Joseph Do	Wife	Mar	37	Do Do	Do; Withersfield.			
40	Do	1	Matilda Atley	Wife	Mar	55	Woolen Woman	Suffolk, Redington.			
41			John Shawson	Wife	Mar	36	Ag. Lab.	Essex, Shalford.			
42			Henry Do	Wife	Mar	28	Do Do	Do; Do			
43	Do	1	Thomas Turner	Wife	Mar	38	Do Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			Mary Ann Do	Wife	Mar	32	Straw Planter	Do; Shalford.			
			James Do	Wife	Mar	44		Do; Withersfield.			
			Elizabeth Do	Wife	Mar	72		Do; Do			
			George Do	Wife	Mar	70	Ag. Lab.	Do; Withersfield.			
44	Do	1	James Do	Wife	Mar	66	Straw Planter	Do; Withersfield.			
			John Do	Wife	Mar	66	Straw Planter	Do; Bocking.			

Copy of the 1861 census

Sadly Uncle George died soon after the census, on 11th June 1861, aged 71 at the Union Workhouse in Bocking and a single man. Presumably George had been ill for a short while, hence him being in the workhouse where they did offer a limited amount of medical care for the poor.

Strangely, other than Thomas Turner, the other three, Hannah, George and Elizabeth Turner from the 1841 census, all died as single people, which makes our task to track them down, even harder!

Page 4]										The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the	
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No. of	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb	Whether Sick or Infirm	Whether Lunatic
Schools		No. of Houses				Male	Female				
24	Cherry Garden	1	Alfred Rust	Head	Mar	30	Straw Planter	Essex, Withersfield.			
			Mary Ann Do	Wife	Mar	37		Do; Do			
			James Do	Wife	Mar	12	Schooler	Do; Do			
			Alexander Do	Wife	Mar	10	Do	Do; Do			
			Isaac Do	Wife	Mar	8	Do	Do; Do			
			Martha Do	Wife	Mar	6	Do	Do; Do			
25	Do	1	Charles Do	Wife	Mar	14	Do	Do; Do			
			John Rust	Head	Mar	38	Ag. Lab.	Do; Do			
			George Do	Wife	Mar	38	Do	Do; Do			
			Richard Newman	Wife	Mar	38	Do	Do; Do			
			Stephen Do	Wife	Mar	10	Schooler	Do; Do			
26			William Rust	Head	Mar	38	Ag. Lab.	Do; Shalford.			
27	Water Mill	1	Samuel E. Do	Head	Mar	38	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			James Do	Wife	Mar	37	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			Mary Do	Wife	Mar	4	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			Martha Do	Wife	Mar	10	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			Martha Do	Wife	Mar	10	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			Alfred Do	Wife	Mar	10	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
28	ROTHAM END	1	Elizabeth Do	Head	Mar	37	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			Mary Ann Do	Wife	Mar	37	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			James Do	Wife	Mar	17	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			Ann Do	Wife	Mar	12	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
29			William Rust	Head	Mar	38	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
30			Thomas Rust	Head	Mar	38	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
			Mary Ann Do	Wife	Mar	38	Do	Do; Withersfield.			
7	Total of Houses...	51	Total of Males and Females... 12/13								

NOTE.—Draw the pen through such of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

Copy of the 1881 census

The next time we find Thomas was in the 1871 census which was taken on 2nd April 1871, he was still living at Rotten End in Wethersfield, aged 48, an agricultural labourer and born in Wethersfield, living with his wife Mary Ann, a straw plaiter, and daughter Elizabeth, a scholar, along with James Candler, James was Mary Ann's brother. By this time Thomas and Mary Ann's son, James, had moved out (more about him later).

By the 1881 census (see previous page) Thomas and Mary Ann were living on their own, still at Rotten End in Wethersfield. Thomas was 60 years old, an agricultural labourer and born in Wethersfield and Mary Ann was 49 and still a straw plaiter.

Not much change by the 1891 census, Thomas and Mary Ann were living on their own, still at Rotten End in Wethersfield. Thomas was aged 69 years old, an agricultural labourer and born in Wethersfield and Mary Ann was aged 59.

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No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES	Number of Persons	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed	Where Born	(1) Single-Male	(2) Single-Female	(3) Married-Male	(4) Married-Female	(5) Under 5 Years
	<i>Rotten End</i>			<i>Mary Ann Knight</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>72</i>							<i>Wethersfield</i>	
				<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>9</i>							<i>Wethersfield</i>	
				<i>William</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Blacksmith Labourer</i>	<i>X</i>					<i>Wethersfield</i>	
82	<i>Do</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Mary Ann</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>59</i>							<i>Wethersfield</i>	
				<i>Jane</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>8</i>							<i>Wethersfield</i>	
				<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>5</i>							<i>Wethersfield</i>	
88	<i>Do</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>Agricultural Labourer</i>	<i>X</i>					<i>Wethersfield</i>	
				<i>Mary Ann</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>59</i>							<i>Wethersfield</i>	
94	<i>Do</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>Agricultural Labourer</i>						<i>Wethersfield</i>	

Copy of the 1891 census

Sadly, Mary Ann Turner died in October 1891 and was buried on 22nd October 1891 at St Mary Magdalene Church in Wethersfield. Thomas lived for a few more years before passing away on 28th September 1897 at the Union Workhouse in Bocking, aged 79 years, of paralysis and pneumonia. Thomas was buried on 2nd October 1897 at St Andrews Church in Shalford (strangely not at Wethersfield with his wife!). Sadly no gravestones exist for Thomas or Mary Ann.



The Union Workhouse (on the right) in Bocking

Next Month (March) James Turner (2 x Great Grandfather)



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WETHERSFIELD HOME FROM HOME CHILDCARE



By: Deborah Brignull-Harvey

Now that our own New Year has passed, we have been thinking about the Chinese New Year and we will be food tasting throughout February. We have already started making lanterns and tigers to brighten the Village Hall.

What Is The Chinese New Year?

Chinese New Year 2022 will fall on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022, beginning a year of the Tiger.

Chinese New Year also known as Lunar New Year, and also called Spring Festival, is the most important holiday in China. ... Tied to the Chinese lunar calendar, the holiday began as **a time for feasting and to honour household and heavenly deities**. Here are some of the Top “Lucky” foods we aim to be tasting:

Top Lucky Foods To Eat For The Chinese New Year

Every food in China represents something, and symbolism is associated with every traditional dish eaten for the Lunar Year. These are the most important Chinese New Year Foods and their meanings:

1. Dumplings

Dumplings, a staple of Chinese cuisine, are associated with the **wealthiness**: according to tradition, the more dumplings you eat during the New Year celebrations, the more money you can make in the New Year. It’s all more complex than this: in fact, different dumplings have different meanings.

Dumplings with sauerkraut are forbidden because they mean a poor and difficult future; it’s common to eat dumplings with cabbage and radish as a symbol of prosperity both for the body and the mind.

In some China areas, people put a white thread inside a dumpling: the person who eats that dumpling is supposed to possess longevity.

It’s completely forbidden to arrange dumplings in circles: dumplings have to be arranged in lines as a symbol of life actually going somewhere.

Before eating a dumpling, all the people at the dinner table have to say the following phrase: “*Zhāo cái jìn bǎo*,” which means “*Bringing in wealth and treasure*.”

2. Spring Rolls

The name **Spring Rolls** refers specifically to eating this dish during the Lunar Year (also called the Spring Festival). There are no specific rules to follow when it comes to spring

rolls, but it's common to say the phrase "A ton of gold," referring to this dish as a carrier of prosperity.

3. Niangao

Nian Gao is a traditional glutinous rice cake made of sticky rice, sugar, chestnuts, dates, and lotus leaves. Eating Nian Gao is accompanied by the phrase "*Getting higher year-after-year by year,*" meaning a general improvement in life.

4. Sweet Rice Balls

The rice balls are a staple food of the Chinese celebrations: their rounded shape is associated with **reunion and being together**.

5. Noodles

The so-called **Longevity Noodles** symbolize longevity: in fact, they are longer than normal noodles and uncut. The longer, the better.

6. Fish

Fish is a traditional Chinese New Year dish, and it's usually steamed. Different types of fishes can be served, based on the family's wishes:

- **Crucian carp:** eating crucian carp brings good luck for the next year;
- **Chinese mud carp:** eating Chinese mud carp brings good fortune;
- **Catfish:** eating catfish is a wish for a surplus in the year.

The fish should be the last dish left on the dinner table with some leftovers: the fish is considered a good omen to having more money in the upcoming year. For this reason, the fish has to be carefully positioned on the dinner table:

- The head should be placed toward distinguished guests or elders;
- Diners can enjoy the fish only after the one who faces the fish head eats first;
- The fish shouldn't be moved.

Eating the fish is accompanied by the popular saying, "*May you always have more than you need!*".

7. Steamed Chicken

A **whole chicken** is another symbol of the **family**; that's why, once cooked, Chinese people first offer the chicken to the ancestors asking for blessings and protection.

8. Fruit and Vegetables

Vegetables play an important role in a Chinese dinner table, and each of them symbolizes something specific.

- **Bamboo shoots:** represent longevity;
- **Poria mushrooms:** represent blessings and fortune;
- **Muskmelon and grapefruit:** represent family;
- **Seaweed:** represents wealth and good fortune.

9. Fa Gao

Fa Gao is a **typical Chinese dessert** made with soaked rice that is then ground into a paste and steamed. Exactly like the Nin Gao, it is a wish for success.

"Happy Chinese New Year" "**xin nian kuai le**"

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SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

BY: SAM BATT

Happy New Year to all our parishioners! Here's to a healthy and productive year ahead for Shalford.

In December we held our annual budget planning meeting where we discussed how we can best spend our precept and what priorities we should have for the year ahead.

We are planning improved maintenance of footpaths and more challenging follow up of Essex County Council for the things they are responsible for. We will also aim to use our Parish Ranger for smaller, quick fixes where possible. Fix it will be key to this and we need your help in reporting issues you see. As a Council, we will be opposing the Wethersfield prison proposal and supporting those working to stop its go ahead and contributing financially towards that fight. We will continue to support the parish magazine financially. We will be promoting our community grant fund which will accept applications from 1st April. We will be working with ECC to improve and maintain Stoneley Park as well as providing finance to the village playground. We will also be investing more in the planting and maintenance of our village planters. If you have ideas of things you would like to see considered, please do get in touch.



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Dog Fouling – despite lots of work

This unpleasant issue is becoming more common again. PLEASE pick up after your dog. It is the law. If seen not doing so, you will be reported. There are numerous bins around the parish, including a new one at the corner of Water Hall Lane, where the road bridge crosses the river. Bags are also available in a dispenser next to the bin in the churchyard if you happen to forget your own. However please do not take the full roll. There are 50 bags on a roll and they are there for everyone to use one if they



need one. There have been occasions of a full roll being taken only one day after it has been refilled!

At the beginning of December, the Council awarded its latest Local Hero award to Heather Smith for her hard work and tireless dedication to the Horticultural Society. Heather's work has been commended and appreciated by so many people, so we wanted to formally thank her with a Local Hero certificate and celebrate her achievement with you all.



Council meetings continue in person at the Village Hall every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Please look out for the agenda which is published online and on our notice boards. We look forward to seeing you.

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

A colorful graphic for 'Home from Home Childcare'. It features a blue sky background with a large yellow sun in the top right corner. On the left is a blue house with a red chimney and two red windows. In the bottom left is a small blue bird. The text 'Ofsted raising standards improving lives' is in the top left, and 'pacey professional association for childcare and early years' is in the top center. The main title 'Home from Home Childcare' is in large blue and orange letters. Below it, the text 'Where every child matters' and 'Call Debbie 07763 802551' is displayed. The bottom of the graphic has a green grassy border.

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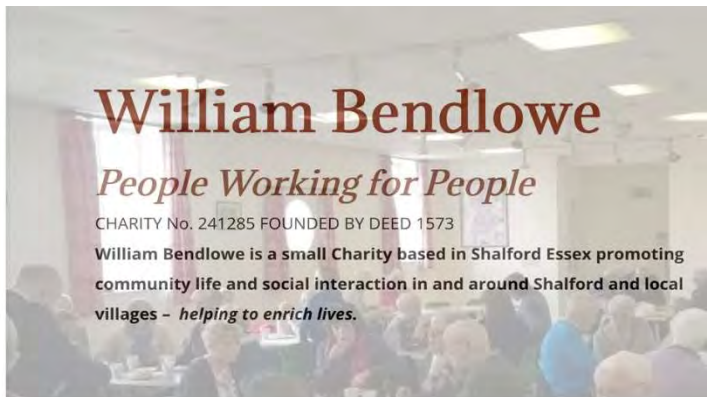
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Gary Thomas, David Eversden and myself (Alice) are keen to develop Bendlowe's website www.bendlowe.co.uk into an informative and useful Community Website to reflect William Bendlowe's revised (February 2021) Charitable Objectives. We would love you to register your interest and receive our monthly newsletter. We are currently building the "What's On Section" and our "Market Place" which hosts the adverts shown in this magazine. The Shalford Village Magazine is also hosted on this website and you are able to download it if you wish to. We would also welcome any feedback and/or comments.

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LOOKING FORWARD

**Meet & Greet 4th Feb, 4th March, 1st April,
6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th Aug,
2nd Sept, 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd Dec**

Fostac Afternoon Tea 16th March

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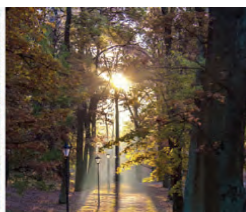
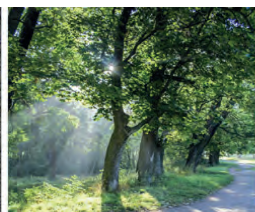
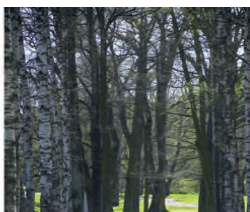
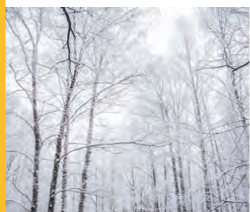
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Shalford Horticultural Show 23rd July & 17th Sept

Fostac Hog Roast 10th Sept

Fostac St Andrews Night Meal 26th Nov

**Shalford History to link up with American History
Association to Commemorate 3 Shalford residents who
risked their lives to help the crew of the
“Dry Gulcher” B17 bomber that crashed near Shalford Hall
Date to be agreed**



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