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CONDOLENCES

We would like to send our condolences to Nora, family and friends of John Taylor who passed away 4th October. John was a regular visitor to Meet & Greet and we will miss him. John: it was a pleasure and honour to know you. Rest in Peace.

The photo in the heart on the Front Cover was kindly given to us by Lawrence Rawlinson and is a photo of Wethersfield & Shalford Royal British Legion's 70th Anniversary Parade – 1930 -2000

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MEMBERS RIDES - 4th December 2021 Epping Forest Christmas ride. Bury Road, Chingford Plain. E4 7QH. Prizes for the best seasonal Fancy Dress, mulled wine and mince pies. **6th May to 9th May 2022.** Spring Weekend at Little Lodge. Norfolk.

Contact Alison Craigmile on ebamemsec@yayoo.co.uk

WHAT'S ON

SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

HELD AT SHALFORD VILLAGE HALL

TIME: 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://shalfordessex.org.uk>

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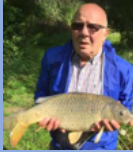
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From Wethersfield Village Hall every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 9.30
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WHAT'S ON

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SHALFORD LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION



Meetings take place on **Tuesday** at
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For date and more information
contact: Barbara 01371 851519 or
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CRAFTS MEETING

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

A craft meeting is being held at Marianna's house - 47 Barryfields, Shalford, CM7 5HJ **Wednesday, 17th November**. Anyone who has an interest in any form of crafting is welcome. Please bring anything you are working on or just come along for a chat and share what you enjoy doing. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. For future dates or more information please ring 07450 251525. Look forward to seeing you.

Marianna & Caroline



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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Meets on the third Saturday of each month

10.00am – 11.00am

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Further details from

Sarah Pilgrim. Tel: 07788411360

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SAVE THE DATE

SHALFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SATURDAY, 29TH JANUARY 2022

QUIZ EVENING

WHAT'S ON



St. Mary Magdalene Church, Wethersfield

Come and join us for coffee and cake at our

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in Wethersfield Church

11am – 12 noon

on

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13TH NOVEMBER 2021

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SATURDAY 11 AM TO 3 PM

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LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SHALFORD MILE

Rob Short is hoping to run Shalford Mile again early December and will circulate details as soon as they are finalised

27th November 2021
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SHALFORD HORTICUTURAL SOCIETY (SHS)

CHAIRPERSON WANTED

The SHS are looking for a Chairperson following retirement of the existing Chairperson as from January 2022.

The committee are an enthusiastic group committed to the continuation of the SHS however, no one feels confident to take the post. It is essential for a Chairperson to be appointed otherwise the society will be unable to function.

The current Chairperson is happy to support the incoming Chairperson.

If you have any questions regarding the post please contact Heather Smith

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UPDATE RE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WATER LANE 6.10.21

BY: Mel Fray

"Only narrow, single-track roads are suitable to be designated as Quiet Lanes. They should be rural in character and ideally be in a rural area to be most effective. Community involvement is essential to encourage a change in behaviour of road users. ... Designation as a quiet lane will affect the routine verge cutting."

The meeting on 6th October 2021 arranged by Essex Highways in the village hall was well attended and plenty of questions asked. This was to discuss the designation of Water Lane as a Quiet Lane.

A representative from Essex Highways clearly described the process and explained that this was 'our' Lane and certain details are decided by the community.

We as a community will need to agree whether or not to cut the verges and whether to request a 30 mph speed limit at a later date.

Further details.

<http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/Traffic-Regulation-Orders.aspx>

SHALFORD HORTICULTURAL SHOW (SHS)

73rd Autumn Show 18th September 2021

BY: Heather Smith (Chairman)



The SHS show was held on a wonderful sunny day and the field was a buzz with visitors and exhibitors enjoying the autumn sunshine. Refreshments were served by Bendlowe's and a number of cakes were donated by a cookery exhibitor. Our thanks go to Bendlowe's for their enthusiasm and help at our shows.



Although the number of exhibitors was fewer than previous years, the judges were impressed by the quality of the exhibits.

Our thanks go to all the exhibitors who knitted, crafted, baked, grew and entered photos for another successful show.





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Autumn Show Results 2021

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The Vera Smith Perpetual Challenge Cup – Best Exhibit of “Collection of Vegetables”	RICHARD MONK
The Autumn Byford Cup - Most points for Flowers	RICHARD MONK
The Hornsby Trophy - Most points for Cookery	HEATHER SMITH
The Andrew Overall Cup – Best Exhibit for Potato Collection	RICHARD MONK
The Runner Bean Challenge Cup - Longest Runner Bean	HEATHER SMITH
The Sue Martin Cup – Most points for Preserves	HEATHER SMITH
The Shirley Bedding Trophy – Most points for Floral Art	PHYLLIS REIMAN
The Bob Reiman Tankard - Pumpkin of Largest Circumference	JOHN BRIGHT
The Jessie Hicks Tankard - Heaviest Marrow	PAMELA LEE
Certificate – Most points Age under 5	-----
Certificate – Most points Age 5 – 7	-----
Certificate – Most points Age 8-11	DOUGLAS PERRY

Combined Both Shows Results

The Len Chinnery Trophy - Combined points for Photography at both Shows	CHRISTINE PACKER
The Perry Cup - Combined points for Handicraft at both Shows	JANET BRIGHT
The Aldworth Rose Bowl - Combined most points in Fruit Sections at both Shows	ALEX TANNER

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SHALFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

BY: Carol Lambe



We would like to record how the Pandemic has affected the local community. We are interested in keeping a record for future generations as to how the Pandemic affected villagers and their families.

'How has the Pandemic affected you?'

For example

- Did you work from home?
- Were your children at home who couldn't go to school?
- How did your family cope with Lockdown?
- Perhaps you worked for the NHS or other support groups.
- Were you involved in making sure people had supplies of food or medication?
- Also your thoughts and what you did during Lockdown.
- How did you keep in contact with family and friends?
- Anything else?

If you are unable to email please contact the History Society so we can arrange to receive your written accounts. We are happy to receive oral accounts too (this can be arranged).

Children are also very welcome to send in their drawings and emails (with parental permission).

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From the Vicarage...

And so, the adventure begins! This will be the first full month of our churches working together as a new group of six. While this will inevitably present some challenges, we hope that it will present new opportunities too! In fact, when members of all our church councils met together to discuss how our new schedule of services would work, we realised that, every Sunday, across our villages we now have even more room for a variety of styles and patterns of worship, from traditional to contemporary, and from solemn to informal.

One of the things we hope is that this means everyone will find something in our new pattern of worship which will help them grow closer to God and give them spiritual sustenance. This seems like a good opportunity too to say a few things about the different kinds of service, and decode some of the terms the Church uses to describe them.

November is a month of remembrance; it includes, of course, the traditional and well-known and loved services of remembrance for those who have died in war. But well before either of the two world wars, 2nd November was already kept as All Souls Day, an opportunity for people to remember in their prayers those they had known and loved who had died. We have a number of All Souls services this year, both on the day itself and on the following Sunday, and these will all include an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones, and to hear their names read aloud if you wish.

Remembering is at the very heart of what Christians do in their worship, and this is nowhere more evident than in the services where we follow Jesus' instruction given to his friends at the Last Supper: 'Do this in remembrance of me.' At these services, the priest prays over bread and wine, just as Jesus did on that occasion, so that we come to know his presence with us through signs we can see and taste. This form of service has, confusingly, many names, coming from different Christian groups and different times in history. The two we use most frequently here are 'Holy Communion' and the 'Eucharist'.

Our Eucharists or services of Holy Communion come in a number of forms – there is the very traditional and quiet form we use early on Sunday mornings at 8am, using language which has been heard in our churches for hundreds of years. For our principal Sunday services we use modernised language, but there is still great flexibility in the degree of formality.

Where a service is described as 'All Age', that means we will encourage children to interact directly with what's going on throughout the service, but with a message which will hopefully have something of relevance to everyone, wherever they are on life's journey. We do welcome all ages at all our services though, and we are looking particularly in Great Bardfield to restart a Sunday School programme, where

children have their own teaching which runs parallel to part of the main service before they re-join the rest of the congregation.

Hopefully those notes will give you a feel for what to expect at the services on our schedule, but please don't hesitate to enquire if you would like to know more. We look forward to welcoming you, wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey.

Rev'd/Fr Alex

Harvest thanks

..... go to all who attended St Andrew's Harvest Festival service on 3rd October and the children and families of Shalford School who had their own Harvest celebration in the church on 4th October. From your generosity we have filled six crates with tins, packets and toiletries, all going to the Braintree Foodbank, in addition to our normal collection at the end of each month. A wonderful effort!

Hilary Penney

Churchwarden's Report

I have just come back from a short holiday on a narrowboat. Although we have done this before, like many things, you remember the good parts and forget the harder things! The scenery was beautiful, the weather was kind, the people we met were helpful and friendly...but, the space on the boat seemed smaller, and the flights of locks were more challenging than when we were younger!

But as the saying goes 'a change is as good as a rest'. For the church however, we never seem to get the rest, but we do have a lot of change. As Hillary reported last month, we have recently re-laid one of the paths in the churchyard and we are having the lighting in the church replaced. These are all essentials, but what a lot of people don't know is that every five years we are obliged to have an inspection of the whole church building by a qualified architect.

This inspection, called the quinquennial report, highlights ALL the issues within the church building, small, medium and large, those that need immediate attention, those that should be dealt with as soon as possible and those that are 'nice to haves'. Being a five-yearly inspection, the idea is that all the items identified should be completed before the next inspection.

It would be lovely if this were the case! With an old building there are invariably numerous issues and many of them fall into the 'immediate attention' category. For the PCC the most difficult decisions are to choose which of the issues identified can

be resolved soonest and within the budget available. Our inspection is currently underway, and we await the verdict of how many problems we will have to solve. I am sure you will be interested to hear the results and the decisions we make in the forthcoming months. Charity, they say, begins at home and for our Harvest Festival service this year we were delighted to see so many people and to receive gifts of food which were then donated to the food bank. The gifts given to the food bank included the donated food from the school children who held their harvest festival service in the church the following day. All of this goes to help those who find themselves in difficulties and rely on the local food bank to help them through. The generosity of people throughout the year enables this service to continue, but at harvest time we are reminded even more of those who are in need.

After Harvest Festival, we begin the countdown to Christmas. We hope that this year we can resume more of the usual pre-Christmas and Christmas events and services. I know that I, along with many others, felt that Christmas was not quite the same last year without the ability to sing carols together. Let's hope that this year we can forget the difficulties of the last year and meet together and raise the roof with singing and joy. All of the services and carol singing events will be in the magazine next month.

We look forward to seeing you singing with us.

Dawn Wilson

SERVICES NOVEMBER 2021

Monday 1 November (Eve of All Souls' Day)

7.30pm Sung Requiem Eucharist – Great Bardfield

Tuesday 2 November (All Souls' Day)

4pm Service of Remembrance – Shalford

Thursday 4 November

10am Prayer Group – Shalford

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Sunday 7 November (3 before Advent)

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield

9.30am Sung Eucharist – Shalford

9.30am Service of Remembrance for All Souls – Cornish Hall End

10.30am All Age Morning Worship – Finchingfield

4pm Time to Be – Wethersfield

Thursday 11 November

10.45am Act of Remembrance – Finchingfield War Memorial

11.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield (note different time)

Sunday 14 November (Remembrance Sunday)

9am Sung Requiem Eucharist – Great Bardfield

10.50am Service of Remembrance – Finchingfield

10.50am Service of Remembrance – Shalford (observed jointly with Wethersfield)

10.50am Service of Remembrance – Cornish Hall End

3pm Service of Remembrance – Great Bardfield War Memorial

Thursday 18 November

10am Prayer Group – Shalford

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Saturday 20 November

10am Children's Church – Wethersfield

Sunday 21 November (Christ the King)

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Wethersfield

9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford

9.30am Sung Eucharist – Little Bardfield (for the Patronal Festival of St Katharine)

10.30am All Age Eucharist – Finchingfield

4pm Shoebox Service – Cornish Hall End

Thursday 25 November

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Sunday 28 November (Advent Sunday)

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield

9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford

10.30am Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield

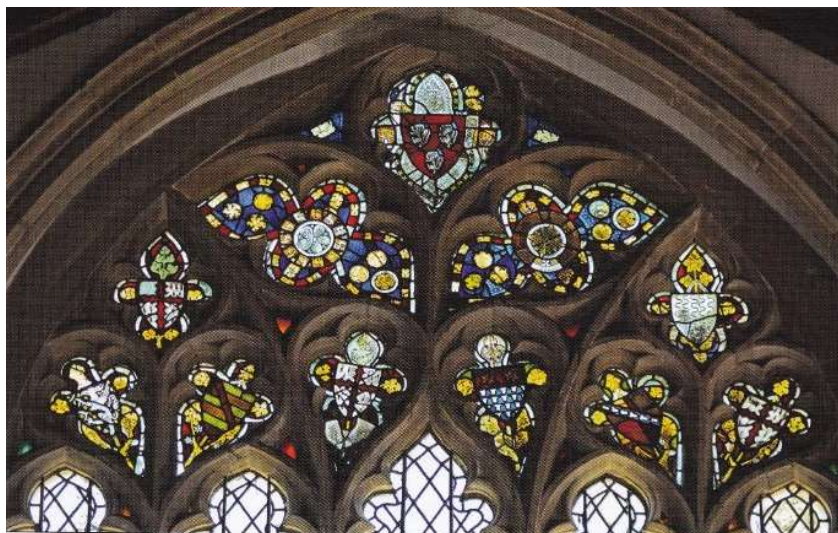
11am All Age Eucharist – Wethersfield

4pm Advent Carol Service & Benediction – Little Bardfield

Tuesday 30 November (St Andrew)

10am Eucharist – Shalford

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION AT ST ANDREW'S



A service of Choral Evensong took place in St Andrew's on 26th September, conducted by the Revd Alex Shannon, assisted by a small choir with Mr Richard Webb at the organ. The service was held to re-dedicate the conserved mediaeval stained glass of the East window. The restoration of this glass, which dates from the 14th century and is regarded by local expert Christopher Parkinson as a fine example of heraldic glazing, was actually completed in July 2020 by Auravisions of Saffron Walden but, due to Covid restrictions, no celebrations could be held until now.

In company with regular members of St Andrew's congregation, Mr Parkinson was present at the service along with Mr Barry Vincent and Mr Frank Easton who between them launched the project and took on the task of fund-raising; generous grants towards the work were received from, amongst others, the Essex Heritage Trust, the Braintree Society and FOSTAC.

Also present at the service was Mr Lawrence Rawlinson, to witness the welcome and dedication of a Roll of Honour and a brass plaque in memory of the men of this district who died in two World Wars, which had until recently belonged to the now redundant Congregational Chapel in Shalford Green. The Roll of Honour, facing the south door as you enter the church, is especially interesting as it lists the name of (probably) every man in the parish who volunteered in the Great War and the same surname crops up time and time again, an incredible sacrifice for those families whose sons and husbands did not return.

The evening concluded with refreshments courtesy of members of FOSTAC.



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10th October 2021

THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG!!

Nearly 50 people came to St Andrew's Church on Friday evening to listen to Mac Beanland's interesting talk of his adventures on the Archipelago in 2018 - after visiting many other parts of the globe this was one of his ambitions – to see the Polar Bears.

With a pretty complicated journey to the airport he eventually arrived to board the MS Spitsbergen and begin this exciting trip. The crew of the ship all worked very hard to ensure the passengers enjoyed their trip and they were provided with warm clothing and boots. There were many trips such as walking on some islands and kayaking and talks given by the crew members many of whom were scientists and conservationists, who were also their guides (or guards) to explain all the trips and keep everyone safe! Everyone was given ID and had to register each day following excursions! Many of the islands are really glaciers and as we all know the tip is only a small part of the iceberg! They are rich in minerals, such as coal, gypsum which have been mined in Russia and others.

Once the Polar Bears were seen many photos were taken – a Polar Bear and her Cubs. Polar Bears gather their food from the water – seals and fish but the seals seem to be less recently possibly due to the climate changing and other predators.

Other animals seen were Deer and Arctic Tern and Eider Ducks

We thank Mac for taking us on his journey to the Arctic and producing such interesting photos of the icebergs and wildlife – thanks Mac

The next FOSTAC event is Double Vision – two gentlemen doppelgangers – who will give us an entertaining evening on Saturday 13th November.

Sincerely from the Committee

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BENDLOWE'S ANIMAL DAY OUT

HILL FARM, GT BARDFIELD

BY: Mel Fray

*Well what can I say? I have just spent **THE** most delightful few hours in Great Bardfield with some of the Bendlowe gang.*

A while ago I spotted a Facebook post asking if any local groups would like to come and visit Hill Farm; home to a few non-domestic unusual animals and also a campsite. I got in contact and arranged a Bendlowe “day out”.

We were a little worried about the weather at the end of September but the sun made an appearance, although a little windy as it is on a hilltop.

Alan and Ruth are such wonderful, kind and enthusiastic, people and we could see the pride in both of them showing us around their 18-acre property.



Sally, their ten-year-old border collie, accompanied us on our walk asking for a stick (or an apple) to be thrown. She did not stop!

First, we met the two Emus who were showing off at first but then allowed a few of us to hand-feed them. Had to watch those fingers though!

The very handsome tabby cat came to see us for a stroke and he and Sally the dog were lovely, cuddling together. Then we went into the Wallaby enclosure to see Ralph the white male and his females; the only place Sally isn't allowed as dogs are wallabies only predators in the wild. Alan and Ruth also have a small Parma Wallaby, Mojo, who is handled regularly and lives indoors with them but she was outside in





the enclosure getting a few rays of sunshine. Alan went to get her and allowed me to have a short cuddle. She was so soft.

A hello to the three Alpacas, Splinter, lovely black coat and just so friendly, and

Jess, who was very possessive of Splinter but probably had the most beautiful face we'd ever seen (for an Alpaca) and Jess' mum who stayed away from us, she is fairly old for an Alpaca, twenty-two I think, if I remember correctly.

We went into the conservatory for a cuppa and met a very small tortoise who just wanders around the house and Alan showed us an emu egg. Mojo joined us as well; she was very inquisitive and knocked over Vic's coffee. We enjoyed great conversation, mostly about animals of course.



Next Alan transported a few of us in a lovely adapted trailer on the back



of his quad bike whilst the rest of us walked down to the beautiful pond area. We had an extremely pleasant walk and saw lots of wild flowers and insects. What a great place for a barbeque in the summer. We swapped and had a lift up to the campsite area, which is just so quiet and secluded; a perfect place to camp, whilst the others walked up the hill. Back to see the alpacas and also a single sheep



who kept her distance and the two gorgeous Anglo Nubian goats who loved the attention.

The whole time Alan and Ruth were explaining their life story about how it all came to be, their complete love of animals was so obvious. They told how Ruth went out to get three chickens and came back with three emus (as you do!). As their menagerie is giving so much pleasure to people they decided to do everything they can to make it accessible for the less able. They even have a disabled wet-room and toilets.

Some of us had brought a picnic so we went back in the conservatory out of the wind for our lunch and had some jolly amusing conversations with our wonderful hosts.

We are planning our next trip next year with a barbeque and a couple of us are even planning on getting the tents out for a few days of peace and tranquillity in this idyllic piece of Essex countryside.

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TIME FOR A CHUCKLE

Sent in by: Gill Askew

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*Two old ladies, we sit down to tea,
I'm eighty-four and she's eighty-three.
I hate her and she hates me;
But we're the only ones left, you see*

*We meet every Wednesday at half-past three.
I go to her, then she comes to me.
I bore her and she bores me -
But we're the only ones left, you see.*

*She talks of her Harry, and I of Fred,
And all the things they did and said;
We both tell lies and never agree;
But we're the only ones left, you see.*

*She boasts of the party at Number 3
When Fred kissed her instead of me.
But I still wear his ring, so it's plain to see
Why I hate her and she hates me.*

*Never trust your best friend, they say,
And I don't trust her, not to this day.
But they're all gone - so pour some more tea,
For we're the only ones left, you see.*

Gill Askew

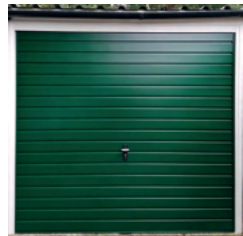
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MEET & GREET

1ST October 2021

“No excuse – we do gluten free”

It is extremely rewarding to see so many new faces and existing supporters of Meet & Greet walk through the door and witness the pleasure on their faces as they chat and catch up with friends and neighbours.



Last Meet & Greet we were visited by Councillor Sue Wilson, the Chairperson of Braintree District Council 2021 – 22. During her visit I asked if she would like some lunch. She refused offering the excuse that she was “gluten free”. No excuse I answered and scampered across to the food table and filled a plate full of gluten free food. A few days after Meet & Greet I received a lovely thank you card from her saying how much she enjoyed visiting and talking to people.



Our next Meet & Greet is Friday 1st November and we would love to see you there if you are free. Friday 3rd December will be a special Meet & Greet full of festive cheer.

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THE HUNDRED PARISHES

BY: KEN
MCDONALD,
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*“Please to remember the Fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.
We know of no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot.”*

This traditional rhyme appeared soon after the failed plot to ignite barrels of gunpowder beneath the House of Lords on the occasion of the state opening of Parliament by King James I on 5th November 1605.

The man found with the gunpowder was Guy Fawkes, one of a group of English Catholics whose intention was to assassinate the Protestant King James so that one of his young Catholic children could assume the throne, thereby restoring a Catholic monarchy.

Some 400 years later, the preservation of the monarchy and parliament is still celebrated by many with a bonfire and the burning of a Guy.

Like other major events in British history, there is a link with The Hundred Parishes. In this case, the primary link is Sir William Waad (pronounced *Wade*) of 17th-century Battles Hall in the parish of Manuden.

Waad, who lived from 1546 to 1623, had pursued a distinguished career in the service of the Crown and in 1605 held the position of Lieutenant of the Tower of London, responsible for those held prisoner there and specifically for the interrogation of prisoners. The King gave permission for the use of torture, including the rack, to assist in this questioning. It was not long before most of the plotters were rounded up, interrogated, tried and executed by being publicly hung, drawn and quartered, for their involvement in the Gunpowder Plot.

Manuden's most famous former resident is remembered on a tablet inside the parish church.

There is a second local link to the Gunpowder Plot. It is believed that Tiptofts, a 14th-century house in Wimbish, may have been used as a meeting place by the conspirators.





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THE WAY WE WERE

BY: BILL ASKEW

The Death of King Edward the Seventh.

This response to the death of King Edward the Seventh in 1910 is couched in the language of a bygone age but is quite impressive coming as it did from the Parish Council of a humble little rural Parish in the depths of Essex.

A special meeting of Shalford Parish Council was called by the Chairman, Thomas Brunwin of Sheering Hall, to be held at the school, Church End, on the 14th of May 1910 at 7pm to give expression to the profound sorrow on the death of his late Majesty King Edward the Seventh and to vote an address to His Majesty King George the Fifth on his accession and an address of sympathy to Her Majesty Alexandra The Queen Mother.

At the meeting the Chairman moved that the following be entered on the Minutes, namely that the Councillors of the Parish of Shalford in the County of Essex desired to place on record their profound sorrow and deep regret at the great and lamentable loss which the Nation had sustained by the death of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh. The Chairman also moved that the following letter be sent to His Most Excellent Majesty King George the Fifth.

“May it please Your Majesty, we, Your Majesty’s most dutiful subjects, the Parish Councillors of the Parish of Shalford in the County of Essex, desire to offer, on behalf of the Parishioners of this Parish and on our own behalf, our most sincere sympathy in the grievous sorrow which has befallen Your Majesty, The Royal Family and the Empire on the universally lamented death of Your Royal Father, our beloved King. His Majesty’s life of self-sacrifice, noble example and strenuous efforts to promote the well-being of All and maintain peace will remain as a memorial for all time. We pray Your Majesty will long live to follow in his footsteps in the full enjoyment of every blessing and of the loyal affection of your subjects throughout the Empire.”

The Chairman also moved that the following letter be sent to Her Majesty Alexandra The Queen Mother.

“May it please Your Majesty, we the members of the Parish Council of Shalford in the County of Essex, beg most respectfully to tender the expression of our profound and deep Condolence with Your Majesty on the sudden and sad death of His Majesty King Edward. We pray that Your Majesty may be comforted in this sad and sudden bereavement by the world-wide manifestations of sympathy and that Your Majesty may be spared for many years to come.”

After the motions were unanimously adopted by silent vote, Councillor Law expressed his gratitude to the Chairman for calling the Council together at a time of National mourning and to move that the Clerk be instructed to ask Mr. Percy Hawkes of Braintree to print the letters and that a copy of the same be sent to every household in the Parish. This motion was seconded by Councillor Marriott and carried unanimously.



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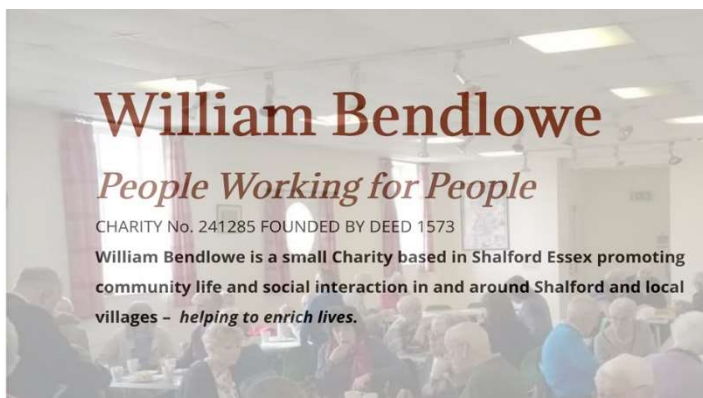
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Gary from Applied Image has continued to work hard during October and I am pleased to announce that he has now added another section to Bendlowe's website – namely "Market Place". This section hosts all the adverts of the people/companies advertising in Shalford Village Magazine.

In addition on clicking the advert it will take you to the website (providing there is one of course) of the advertiser. A very worthwhile addition – thank you Gary.

UNSUNG HEROES

Last month we said "thank you" to Mary for her dedication in litter picking whilst walking in and around Panfield and Jaspers Green. Although I know there are plenty of people out there deserving a mention by name, no-one has been nominated and so I thought I would take this opportunity of saying thank you *for making a difference*, to:-

All members of local committees for charities, organisations, clubs, societies, contributors, distributors, helpers of this magazine. In fact, anyone who gives their time freely to help the community or people in our community. We may not know your name but you all know who you are and we very much appreciate everything you do. **THANK YOU**

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HOME FROM HOME CHILDCARE

By: Deborah
Brignull-Harvey



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Nature Notes The Puffin

By: Mac Beanland



As I mentioned when I wrote about protecting Puffins in my nature notes about the rat problem being a threat on the Scilly's, and I admitted that I knew very little about puffins so a very good reason to do some research and I am so pleased to be able to share some of what I was able to find. Although Puffins are not on the red list as an endangered species they are listed as vulnerable due to predation. The greatest natural predator is the Great Black-backed Gull, which can swoop down from above and catch a puffin in

flight then kill it for food. Other gulls attack puffins which are returning to their nests with food for their young and steal the food, and the thing which prompted my thinking of rats taking puffin eggs. These are all real threats to these cute little birds. There are three different types – breeds - strains, call them whatever you like in different parts of the world but the one nearest to home as it were is the North Atlantic Puffin. These can be found from Labrador/Newfoundland to the North eastern United States. In Europe, they nest south to the Britany coast of France and northwards to Iceland, Greenland, and Northern Russia. Most of the world's puffins are found in Iceland where sixty percent of the world's population breeds. The estimated population of north Atlantic puffins varies between 3 to 4 million pairs.

The name Puffin is derived from the word Puff which means swollen. The little chicks are covered in fluffy down which makes them look like little round balls hence the name, The Puffins scientific name *Fratercula arctica* dates back to the last half of the 1800s. This name means little brother of the north in Latin. Little brother alludes to little friar referring to the Puffins black and white plumage reminiscent of a friar's robes. A second connection is thought to be the Puffin's habit of holding its feet together when taking off suggestive of hands together as if in prayer. Puffins don't breed until they are three years old. They mate for life and have a life expectancy of twenty years but have been known to live for thirty years in captivity.

They chose a nest site in soft earth or between rocks, and dig a hole using their bills to cut through the earth then remove the soil using their feet as a dog digs. The tunnel is usually 2 to 3 ft long with a small chamber at the end lined with feathers and grass. There is a bend in the tunnel and this is used as a toilet. The Hen bird lays a single egg and they take it in turns to sit; the egg's incubation takes 40 days. When the chick hatches both parents feed it with small fishes or sand eels which they catch by diving into the sea and swimming under water using their wings in the same way as though they are still flying through the air. They can only stay under water for a minute but they chose the dive site very carefully and are usually very successful at fishing and very often get five or six fish each dive. To help them hold the fish they have barb-like ridges on their tongues and the roof of their mouths they can catch 6 or 8 fish in one dive. A record for the number of fish that a puffin can carry in one mouthful stands at a whopping 62. They can fly at a speed of 48 to 55 mph and to achieve that speed their little wings need to beat at a rate of 400 per minute.

ALL ABOARD FOR A FIRST-CLASS OUTING

By: Sally Welsh



A couple of weeks ago my husband and I needed to find somewhere to take our two-year-old grandson, Freddie, to keep him entertained. Amongst his interests which include dinosaurs, cars and touching things he shouldn't, are trains. The Colne Valley Railway, we thought, should fit the bill with the added benefit of being just 20 minutes down the road.

We were given a friendly welcome and started our visit, as we always do now we are of a certain

age, with a cup of coffee and a cake. Our tickets allowed us unlimited rides on their diesel train (other days there are steam trains) on the short track up and down and we enjoyed eating our sandwiches on the sunny platform in a very relaxed atmosphere. In fact, when I asked what time the next train would be departing, "when





you've finished your sandwiches" I was told! Freddie particularly enjoyed being able to see into the driver's cab as we travelled along.

We took a ride on the miniature railway which being just the width of a person was great fun and even included a tunnel. I found the Post Office Sorting Carriage fascinating with its

pigeon holes for all the local towns and special stools for the postal workers. It must have been tough on their backs! We also found a room set aside for children to play in with some simple trainsets, building bricks, etc. For those interested in history and the world of trains generally and older children there is the interactive learning museum and the working signal box. Freddie would like to recommend the huge working model railway – even though he wasn't allowed to touch it!

In all it was a lovely way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon. There is no children's playground and it's not huge but is definitely value for money. The volunteers were very friendly, talking of which they are desperate to increase their numbers so if you have a few hours to spare please do contact them. A

wide variety of tasks are available

from weeding to serving in the shop to working on the restoration of the trains. The team there have great plans for the future so why not get on board and give them a hand!



Freddie is looking forward to going again for one of their Santa's Special events in December so we'll be keeping an eye on their website for more information at www.colnevalleyrailway.co.uk

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SHALFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The pupils of Shalford Primary School have all been studying History this half term. Beech class (year 3 and 4) went on a local walk and thought about ancient settlements and places that would be suited to building an Iron age hill fort. They then built their own one, based on research and evidence that has been discovered around the UK. This week Beech class will also be visiting Braintree Museum for a workshop about The Iron Age.



Essex Bridleways Association

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.

At present there are 800 members, a small fraction of horse-owning population in Essex. Traffic is getting worse on our roads and we need more consideration from the Authorities and none of us like riding on them. Please encourage fellow equestrians to join EBA and support better bridleways in Essex.

For further information visit: www.essexbridleways.co.uk

Shalford Parish Council

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



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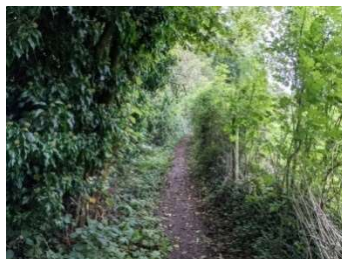
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Another successful litter pick took place last month, thank you to those who helped.

By now meetings will have taken place regarding the proposal for a prison at Wethersfield. We want to reassure you that we are working collaboratively with both Wethersfield and Finchingfield parish councils to represent the villages and the views of our parishioners. Please see our website or facebook page for regular updates. You can visit www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-new-prisons-in-wethersfield-public-consultation to view the plans.



We are delighted that our new Parish Ranger has been out and about tidying up some footpaths and overgrown hedges. Here are some before and after pictures. Please do use the new Fix It service to report any problems you see.



We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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



Football in Shalford

By: Vic Goodey

Anyone passing the Village Hall Playing Fields on a Sunday morning may have noticed that a game of Football is sometimes in progress. Being of a nosey nature I wandered over to find out more about the teams. It turns out that CFC Shalford were playing a pre-season friendly with a team from Coggeshall.

Shalford has a team squad of more than twenty players managed by Jake Buckland who is the Player/Manager and has a Chairman, Ian Butcher who has been associated with the club since his young playing days starting in 1987. The club secretary is Darren Pitt.

CFC Shalford compete in the Premier Division of the Braintree and North Essex League. The Division is made up of the following teams

Braintree Iron; CFC Shalford; Drum Inn; Finchingfield Rovers; Halstead Town Sunday; Nags Head Braintree; Panfield Bell and Swan Athletic.

With a 3 - 1 win at home to Finchingfield Rovers, CFC Shalford have got themselves off to a good start this season.

Organising and running a team to compete is hard work and can be expensive and it is thanks to the team Sponsors Redrow Homes (Eastern) for the past eleven years that shirts and a website containing much information about the team are available to support the players. Success in the form of trophies has been with CFC Shalford in the past; being three times Premier Division Champions and four-time winners of the Premier Division Cup.

Why not take a look at the website to find out more about our local team or better yet pop down to the playing field on a Sunday morning when they're playing at home and give them your support?

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More contact details are available on the Website

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