

# **GREAT CANFIELD NEWSLETTER**

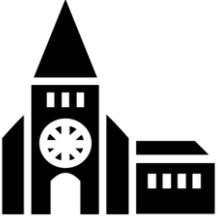


# **AUTUMN 2017**

## CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER to NOVEMBER 2017

	<b>Aythorpe Roding</b>	<b>Good Easter</b>	<b>Great Canfield</b>	<b>High Easter</b>	<b>High Roding</b>	<b>Margaret Roding</b>
3 September	9.30am BCP HC <i>Archdeacon Robin</i>		11.00am Baptism <i>Archdeacon Robin</i>	11.00am All Age Service <i>Will O'Connor</i>		
10 September		11.00am Baptism <i>Rev Canon E Carter</i>			11.15am BCP MP <i>Dieter Denis</i>	9.30am BCP HC <i>Rev Canon E Carter</i>
17 September			9.30am BCP HC <i>Rev Dick Farr</i>	11.00am BCP MP	11.15am Harvest Festival <i>Rev Dick Farr</i>	
24 September		11.00am Harvest Festival		6.30pm BCP EP <i>Rev Tim Goodbody</i>		
1 October	9.30am BCP MP <i>Rev David Hewitt</i>		11.00am BCP HC <i>Rev David Hewitt</i>	11.00am Harvest Festival <i>Will O'Connor</i>		
8 October		11.00am Morning Service			11.15am Morning Service	9.30am BCP HC
15 October	9.30am BCP HC <i>Archdeacon Robin</i>		11.00am Harvest Festival <i>Rev Janet Nicholls</i>	11.00am BCP HC <i>Archdeacon Robin</i>		
22 October		9.30am BCP HC & Junior Church <i>Rev John Sibson</i>		6.30pm BCP EP <i>Gerald Crowley</i>	11.15am BCP HC <i>Rev John Sibson</i>	
29 October				11.00am United 6P HC <i>Rev Cilla Hawkes</i>		
5 <sup>th</sup> November			10.00am 10 Parish Shoebox Service <i>Rev Cilla Hawkes</i>			
12 <sup>th</sup> November		3.00pm Remembrance Service <i>Rev Janet Nicholls</i>		11.00am United Remembrance <i>SASRA Preacher</i>		
19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am BCP HC <i>Rev Stephen Bazlinton</i>		11.00am Morning Service <i>Rev Stephen Bazlinton</i>	11.00am BCP MP		
26 <sup>th</sup> November		9.30am BCP HC & Jun. Church <i>Rev Cilla Hawkes</i>		6.30pm BCP EP <i>Gerald Crowley</i>	11.15am Morning Service	11.00am Baptism <i>Rev Cilla Hawkes</i>

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD



### Interregnum

The Churchwardens of the Six Parishes met with those of the Four for the first time on 10<sup>th</sup> August. As with all exploratory meetings the early discussion was careful with a few alternative offerings to the plan presented by the diocese on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Eventually the meeting accepted the Diocesan plan. It is fair to say that, as we are also in suspension we effectively have no choice.

Suspension doesn't mean we have in any way been guilty of any misdeed. It just means that the Diocese have taken the decision to re-organise the Ministry in a particular area. This happened some time ago but the Diocese had to wait for the circumstances to be right. That time is now as both the Six and the Four are without a vicar, more correctly a "Priest in Charge".

The Ten are now engaging in joint planning to shape a unified image going forward for the Vacancy advert. A "mini committee" representing the parishes will draw up a draft proposal, which will have to be approved by all ten parishes. You can just imagine what a task this will be.

### Church Fabric

Some time back I made reference to the church roof needing repair. Work was delayed whilst we had a Bat Survey of the Church building completed. The results show clear evidence of the presence of at least two types of bat. This means that we can only carry out the works in April or September/October. It is hoped that work will start very soon and be completed by the end of October. Every effort will be made to prevent any disruption to the use of the church.

### Services

The service schedule elsewhere in this newsletter together with that for August shows the support we are getting from the diocese, with the Rural Dean, Canon and Archdeacon pitching in to help.

### Dub Gannon

A few weeks ago I received a call from Australia at 9am. It was from Dub. He and the family are all fine and pretty much settled in now. He has two parishes, and had to put up with endless sunshine and temperatures in the 30's. On behalf of the Parish of Great Canfield I offered him my sympathy.

### Prayers

I have occasionally heard it said "I don't need to go to church to pray". I agree. I pray in the shower, in bed, in the garden, wherever I want. So why go to church? Why do I go to church? Duty? Habit? Image? Hedging my bets in case there really IS a God?

I go to St. Mary's to share with others the word of God. To help, support and encourage each other. To learn about God's plan for us. To thank God for all I have and all that I am. To remind myself that this is only the beginning. To be with God. It's about focus.

Heard it all before? Perhaps then there's something in it.

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

[ Matthew 18:20]

**David Turner**

**Churchwarden**



## THE RODINGS U3A (and surrounding area)

### The Rodings and Surrounding Area U3A

The speakers for our August meeting were Martin Mulcahy and Barrie Thompson, who went to Russia ten years ago as representatives of Love Russia a Christian charity based in the UK which strives to help disadvantaged orphans, orphanage leavers & mums and their children in crisis. At the time Martin was a Baptist priest. Photographs helped to emphasise the contrast they described between the poverty and squalor of the facilities for orphans in several homes in the area of Moscow, and the vast amount of money spent on historical buildings in St Petersburg.

A coach load of our members and also some from Dunmow U3A enjoyed a day at Sandringham Flower Show at the end of July. This event is only open for one day and is very popular, especially as the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall always chat to some of the visitors. There was a certain amount of rain there that day, but it did not dampen the spirits of the crowds. There are several other coach trips coming up for RU3A members.

At the moment the Membership Secretary is busy renewing the membership of our members as the new year for subscriptions starts on September 1<sup>st</sup>. So to get the best value from membership, which has now been reduced to only £10.00 per year, this is the time to join. There are around forty interest groups in operation, and when there is sufficient support for a new topic the Groups Co-ordinator often manages to start a second or third group for those members. She is at present hoping to get a second Book Group up and running.

Obviously the summer holiday season is a quiet time as so many members are busy with holidays and grandchildren, but we do not close over this period, and many of the groups continue to meet.

Further information can be found by googling The Rodings U3A which takes you to our website  
or  
you are welcome to email [ru3ainfo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ru3ainfo@yahoo.co.uk)  
or  
telephone Louise Searl on 01277 362043.

If you wish to advertise in the Newsletter

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The cost is £5.00 per advert



**Wanted: babysitter for 3 older children. Must have car and experience.  
Possibly some after school pick ups too.**

**Call Philippa 07905 920708**



## VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent meeting to discuss the future of the Village Hall.

The immediate result was the very welcome addition of new members to the Management Committee which has now been amalgamated with the Events Committee.

During the Autumn it's hoped that the GCCT and the PCC can further discuss the views expressed at the meeting and make a decision on the way forward.

## DIARY DATES

Saturday 14th. October

### 'G R I F F I N I N N'

at the Village Hall  
from 7.30 p.m.

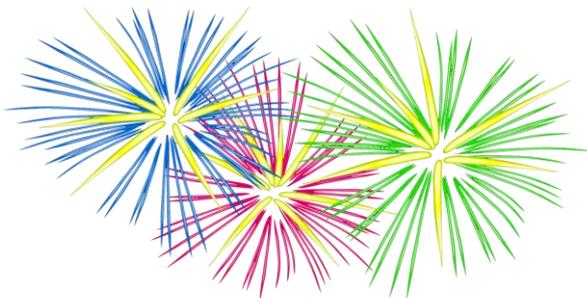
Drop-in to meet your neighbours and  
have a relaxed drink and a chat

Everyone welcome

Licensed bar



FREE HOUSE



Saturday 4th. November

### F I R E W O R K S

Cricket Ground  
In aid of Village Hall funds  
Great family fun  
Licensed bar and refreshments

Saturday 25th. November

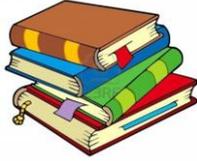
**I T A L I A N** evening. Eat, drink and celebrate all things Italian

2018. An exciting programme of events coming in the New Year starting with another pop up Griffin Inn in January.

For further details, please watch updates on the Village website <http://www.greatcanfield.org.uk/>

Facebook page, the next Newsletter or join the residents' email list and receive reminders for events plus important news from our Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch etc.

Please e-mail [allison.ward@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:allison.ward@tiscali.co.uk).



## GREAT CANFIELD BOOK GROUP



Mansfield Park by Jane Austin

There were nine members at the club meeting which was held at Barbary Cottage.

A letter from Trisha Clifton was read out as she could not attend.

She felt that Fanny was a rather negative and insipid character.

It was mention that in the first 50 pages nothing much seemed to happen.

Simon Mainwaring told us that we could look at gmail.com where people can recommend books that they like for possible future reading.

Four people liked the book the other five were not so keen.

Books selected for possible future reading were;

Celeste NG & Everything I never told you and The Lords Day by Michael Dobbs

More discussion about the book followed with little agreement as to the enjoyment factor although all acknowledged it was very well written.

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The Lords Day by Michael Dobbs

This book caused extreme differences of opinion between members. Some thought it a book you could not put down whilst others thought the plot was unbelievable and described it as TOSH.

The men liked it more than the ladies who form a majority of the membership.

Obviously a very good book to have selected as the opinions were so divided and opinions strongly held.

It was felt that we need a thriller to unite the group. Perhaps if anyone can figure out how to access the club's website on gmail they could post some ideas.

Next month the club will be reading;

The True Story of Dido Belle by Paula Bryne

Mike Olver

## ESSEX POETRY FESTIVAL

Would you like to try something different?

Great Canfield Book Group have been invited to host an event at Dunmow Library as part of the Essex Poetry Festival.

Derek Adams is visiting to read some of his poems and those of other poets, he will talk about the process of writing poetry and answer questions.

Derek is widely published in poetry magazines, anthologies and his own collections which include many poems on Essex, wildlife and birds but also reflect his other wide- ranging interests.

When we expressed an interest in the Festival we explained that some of us struggle with or are resistant to poetry. Derek has gamely accepted the challenge and will try to change some minds about what poetry is or can be.

This is an event open to all. Please do come along.

**Dunmow Library, Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>. 2.30 p.m.**



# **Friends of St. Mary's Summer BBQ**

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**12.00pm – 3.00pm**

**at Fitzjohns, Great Canfield**

**Adults: £10.00**

**Children (under 14): £5.00**

**(Please bring your own drinks  
and glasses)**

**For tickets please contact:  
Jenny Jewell (01279 870380)  
Or  
Alison Hepburn (01279 871664)**

## HIGH RODING & GREAT CANFIELD W.I.

For our June meeting members visited Perrywoods Garden Centre at Tiptree and enjoyed a cream tea before making purchases of plants and other goodies, with some members even getting ahead with Christmas shopping! The weather was kind making it a very enjoyable afternoon. Also this month we joined with three other Institutes for a Centenary tea party to celebrate 100 years of Essex Federation. We were also busy providing sandwiches and cakes for the Annual High Roding Fete.

Our Speaker in July was Peter Layzell who gave an interesting talk about his life as a policeman in a rural community. He reminisced about his early days cycling alone to deal with incidents contrasting it with methods of policing nowadays. Also, this month we entered the County Centenary Show, our exhibit depicting 100 years: Then and Now. Part of the exhibit contained a Parchment Photo Frame with picture of members in the 1930/40s and a Ceramic frame with today's members. Although we didn't win this time we were very satisfied with favourable marks and judges' comments.

We were unfortunately not so lucky with our August meeting when we visited Carole and John's garden because the rain began just as we were all arriving and did not stop throughout the afternoon. This was a great pity as their garden is fantastic as one or two of us saw venturing out with our umbrellas. We were made very welcome and enjoyed our afternoon tea provided by us all.

Several members have enjoyed the 3-mile walks organised by County this year. They have visited Chipping Ongar, Great Tey, Southend Pier, and Wrabness to name a few.

Future Meetings are: -

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September Annual Lunch 12.30 for 1 p.m.  
Competition: Something Yellow

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2 p.m. Skin Care – Kay Ball  
Competition: A skin care recipe



FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
HARVEST SUPPER with ENTERTAINMENT 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – 2 p.m. East End to Essex – Sharon Gould  
Competition: An Essex Picture

SATURDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December Willow Christmas Decorations 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Deborah Hart

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December – 11 a.m. Carol Service at High Roding Church

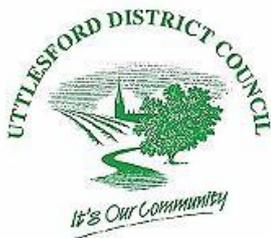
If you would like further information and would like to come along  
and meet us at any of these occasions

Please call Margaret on 01371 872206

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met in June and July. Full minutes and other information received by the Parish Council can be found at [www.greatcanfield.org.uk](http://www.greatcanfield.org.uk).

Overgrown hedges and overhanging trees from private properties continue to be an issue for road users throughout the village. There are some properties where hedges bordering the highway are now over the white lines. This narrows the road and makes it very difficult for two vehicles to pass safely. Please can residents whose hedges or trees are encroaching the highway consider taking action to trim these back to improve the safety for drivers.



The Draft Uttlesford Local Plan is open for public consultation until 4th September and documents can be viewed at this link, <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/draftplan2017>. The Parish Council was encouraged to see that no sites south of the Flich Way are proposed and development in Takeley is limited to 43 houses between 2016 and 2033 as part of the allocation of dwellings; this excludes any sites that already have planning permission but are not yet built. Village Design Statements continue to be included and new development will be expected to comply with such advice where this has been approved by the Council; the Parish

Council is aware the Great Canfield Design Statement requires some update and this will be on the agenda for discussion as to the process at the next meeting. There is no specific allocation of sites in Great Canfield. Residents are encouraged to consider the plan and to make their own responses in particular the significant impact of development in and around Great Dunmow.

Following the Inspectors Report on the Replacement Waste Local Plan, Essex County Council Full Council approved the Plan with the suggested modifications in July 2017. This is now subject to agreement by Southend Borough Council at the end of October; assuming it is approved it will then become policy. The sites at Hope End remain in the Plan including the hazardous waste site. Before any site can come into operation a planning application will be required and the Parish Council will consider any applications once they are validated and open to public consultation

Local planning applications have taken significant resource during the last few months with three applications going to Planning Committee for consideration; all three to the July meeting. The vast majority of planning applications are decided by the Planning Officers, however a small number generally major applications and those where there are local concerns will be considered by the elected Cllrs. The Parish Council agreed to make a representation for all three applications that went to Planning Committee and Cllr Barlow spoke on behalf of the Parish Council, as did District Cllr Keith Artus. The three applications were

Haydens End, Green Street - Retrospective application for erection of building for stables and associated storage of competition cart and field maintenance machinery, hay store, wash room and feed store. The decision of the Planning Committee was to defer this application to allow the Planning Officers to consider the application in the context of the effective Enforcement Notice on the property. It will go back to Planning Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Haydens End - Retrospective application to include alterations and confirmation of ground levels of the existing annexe conversion granted planning permission under reference UTT/15/3687/FUL. The Planning Committee decision was to refuse this application.

Site adjacent to Tandans - Construction of 4 Dayrooms for existing approved Travellers Site. The Planning Committee decision was to approve this application.

At the time of writing the Parish Council has been notified of a road closure for Green Street from 11<sup>th</sup> September for 12 days to carry out repairs to the highway. The timing of this is not good for our local farmers and it is possible the works will be delayed. The good news is works to carry out repairs are planned in this year's budgets.



**Annual Accounts for the year to March 2017** - Parish Councils are required to submit an Annual Return to the Audit Commission which includes a financial summary. The Great Canfield financial summary for the year is shown below.

| £                                                               | Income<br>(Ex VAT) | Expenditure<br>(Ex VAT) | Net<br>(Ex VAT) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Precept (Contribution from resident's council tax)              | 4,993              |                         |                 |
| Other income (Grants and donations)                             | 27                 |                         |                 |
| Gladman Appeal Donations                                        | 575                |                         |                 |
|                                                                 |                    |                         |                 |
| Clerk salary and expenses                                       |                    | 2,020                   |                 |
| Grass cutting                                                   |                    | 750                     |                 |
| Insurance                                                       |                    | 290                     |                 |
| Consultants Planning inc repayment of Gladman fees to residents |                    | 2,528                   |                 |
| Village Hall hire for PC meetings                               |                    | 243                     |                 |
| Subscriptions                                                   |                    | 202                     |                 |
| Donation to Canfield and SSE                                    |                    | 150                     |                 |
| Audit Fees                                                      |                    | 300                     |                 |
| Other                                                           |                    | 15                      |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                    | <b>5,595</b>       | <b>6,498</b>            | <b>(903)</b>    |

Legislation requires all details for items of expenditure greater than £100 to be published on Parish Council websites. For Great Canfield transactions please see Parish Council, Annual Return 2016/17.

The closing cash balance at March 2017 was £55,183. The Parish Council is aware Local Authorities, including Parish Councils cannot hold reserves without allocating them to specific projects or planned expenditure. At the June meeting the Parish Council discussed the high level of unallocated reserves which were the result of the Easement permitting access over Parish Council land paid by the developer at Canfield Nursery. The Parish Council agreed that the easement funds should be spent on 'protecting Great Canfield and the surrounding countryside from threat of development and on capital projects in the village that benefit the community of Great Canfield'. If you have any plans which meet these criteria, please speak to the Cllrs.

Next quarter Parish Council meetings will be held in Great Canfield Village Hall at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## CRICKET CLUB

The season is now well over half done now and Canfield have had their usual mixed bag of results. Charlie Potter has kept the batting together on his own on a number of occasions and John Priest is our star all-rounder surely it can't be too long before he's challenging for an England Spot!!

What matters the most is that we've had several close games none more so than when we played the "Millwall All Stars" in Mid-Summer. We'd been let down by another team and managed to find them at short notice. Managing to restrict them to 120 and largely through the exploits of John Williams who heroically put his body on the line secured a fantastic victory with the opposition saying they'd enjoyed it so much they'd like to play us every week!!!

Our annual cricket week in Early July has now been running for as long as anyone can remember and yet again produced its usual collection of masterful batting abject fielding and thoroughly enjoyable tea's. Highlights included Fridays defeat of our arch nemesis the "Woodcutters" and also Chris Ball coming out of retirement and catching a stunner at first slip.

Later in July we disappeared off on our tour. We try and travel no more than 2 hours from Canfield with a curry on the Friday night followed by fixtures on the Saturday and Sunday.

This year Hastings was the destination, the first match again Crowhurst wasn't our finest and certainly the previous evenings sustenance had an effect (that's our excuse and we're sticking to it!). The oppositions ability to hit the ball clean out of the ground may also have been a reason!!

Sunday brought a match against Southbourne who play in the grounds of Eastbourne college which we were told hosted the New Zealand Tourists in the 1950's. Fortunately, we redeemed ourselves with Sam Rayner scoring his maiden century in his own inimitable style! A fine weekend was had the only downside being the closure of the M25 on the way down there. I can feel Norfolk coming on next year!!

Please pop in if your passing and have a look or if you fancy playing even better we are always in need of fresh legs!!!

Jonathan Clarke



Calling all Mum's with Little Ones

We are starting up a **NEW PLAY GROUP**

The first one will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

2pm until 5pm

In Great Canfield Village Hall

£1.00 per person this will include Tea / Coffee /Biscuits / Squash

Please bring a couple of Toys with you

Very informal – a get together for Mums and Little Ones

Would be great to see as many people as possible

If you wish to chat, please call Alison on 0752 521 7507



After months of low rainfall, our water resources are below average...



## It's important we all **SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER**

Since July 2016 there has been low rainfall and the water in our aquifers (natural underground water reservoirs) and rivers that we use to supply your water has dropped below average.

This is important as 60% of the water we supply to you comes from underground sources and aquifers only usually fill up from rainfall during autumn and winter when there is less plant growth and evaporation.

### **Rainfall**

We have welcomed the rainfall between May and August. This has benefited the environment and helped reduce the demand for water. However, this was limited in comparison to the low rainfall over the last 12 months, particularly during our autumn and winter recharge season.

The long term below average rainfall means we have not seen the usual rise in groundwater levels that we would usually expect.

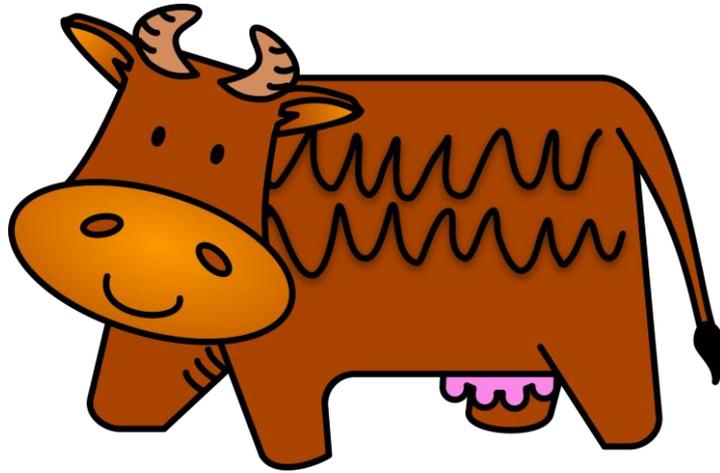
We continue to monitor the situation closely with clear plans in place to make sure we're fully prepared, should the dry weather continue through the autumn and next winter.

For more information and FREE water saving devices, please visit [www.affinitywater.co.uk/savewater](http://www.affinitywater.co.uk/savewater)



**WINTER NEWSLETTER**

**The deadline for the Winter Newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017**



## **REDPOLL CATTLE, BURY FARM**

For those of you that are new to the magazine I periodically write about the “comings and goings” of the herd of Redpoll Cattle that graze on the meadows near to the church.

Over the years we have had a few characters that have come to the fore notably “Boris” the first bull and “Dolly P” who was matriarch of the herd for a long while.

As well as the usual trials and tribulations of keeping a herd of cows such as escape attempts, midnight and illness.

Amazingly this Summer I have learnt that I have been awarded the prize for **Top Herd** in the Eastern Region and go forward to the National competition.

In light of this we are having an

**Open Day to see the Herd at 11am  
followed by a Beef Ploughman’s  
in the Village Hall  
on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

So if you’d like to learn a little more about them or just have a look you are more than welcome.

Fingers crossed you won’t need wellies!!!!

### **BEEF FROM CANFIELD**

I have several joints for sale including Fore rib on the bone, Top Rump, Topside Corner Cut and a selection of braising and stewing cuts.

Also Steaks and Oxtail are available.

If you are interested in a locally Sourced Sunday Roast from traditional breed cattle

please give me a call on 0785 668 6812

Or

e-mail [Jonathan.clarke159@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.clarke159@gmail.com)



# MUMBAI CURRY NIGHT



24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017

SERGE, LEO AND HAMISH ARE HOSTING A CURRY NIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MAGIC BUS. ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TO THE CHARITY

**DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM**  
**WHERE: GREAT CANFIELD VILLAGE HALL**  
**GREEN STREET**  
**GREAT CANFIELD**  
**DUNMOW**  
**CM6 1LE**

**TICKETS: £15.00 per person**  
**3 COURSE INDIAN MEAL INCLUDED WITH A CHOICE OF CURRIES**  
**TABLES OF 8 – 10 PEOPLE**  
**PAY BAR**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL: [SSAVVA@FELSTED.ORG](mailto:ssavva@felsted.org)**



From 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - There's a new number to call if you have a power cut

When the power goes out, it can leave people feeling unsure about what to do. Research by Energy Networks Association found that 72% of people don't know who to contact during a power cut, with many wrongly thinking they should call the electricity supplier they pay their bill to.

105 aims to solve this problem, providing you with an easy-to-remember number that will put you through to your local electricity network operator - the company that manages the cables, wires and substations that bring electricity into local homes and businesses.

In England, Scotland and Wales, there are six Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) that operate in different geographical regions and several Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) that operate across regions. DNOs and IDNOs are each responsible for ensuring that homes and businesses have electricity 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

105 is just one of the ways you can contact your network operator. They can still be contacted directly by phone on their 0800 number or via their website – and most can be reached through social media too.

105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales, and you can call the number from most landlines and mobile phones. It doesn't matter who you choose to buy your electricity from - anyone can call 105.

You can also call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put you, or someone else, in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, call the emergency services too.

Do you need extra support during a power cut or do you know someone else that would need extra support? If so, sign up to our free register can still call 0800 169 9970, email [psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk](mailto:psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk) or apply online at [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority).





## CARPET BOWLS CLUB



Summer is here. Not much sun and blooming cold. I don't like to criticise but I've looked everywhere and I just can't find it. Rain!" That was my opening bit from the last article. Be careful what you wish for. Since then Rain Man seems to have made a decent effort to catch up. Believe it or not one farmer friend who was bemoaning the dry weather actually complained that he needed a dry spell. What next? July frost to break up the soil?

Anyway, enough of this rambling (think I used that last time as well). By the time you read this the major sporting event of the summer will be decided. Not the London Athletics World Championships where Usain shot his Bolt and Mo ran one race too Far ah, or the Women's Football World Cup. I refer of course to the David Salmon Trophy. With the first winner out injured and the holder going out in the quarters, the way was clear for another first. For the first time the history of the competition the final will be contested by two Ladies. The sad fact, however is that whoever wins the trophy will never have been won by a competitor who actually lives in Great Canfield. This is something I think the residents of GC are duty-bound to rectify by joining our club a.s.a.p. Details below. I suppose I could resolve the matter myself however I consider it my duty to always go out in the first round to enable myself to focus on running the thing.

Good news. We are back on track. Our visit to Widdington proved to be a great success. Fortunately, my mates Tom and Tom could tell the difference between Widdington and Warrington and we arrived at the right hall. Unfortunately, T&T seemed to have forgotten where we lived and ten minutes after leaving after the match we arrived back there. Fortunately, they didn't notice. The team got back to our core traditions with a friendly 3-5 loss. Actually, this represented a very creditable performance against a team with a good reputation. Taking into account the hot conditions it was certainly a good result.

We have also played the return match at Priors Green with a slightly improved result, losing  $3\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$ . I should explain to those few readers that aren't totally familiar with the Rules of Carpet Bowls that for any end (sorry, game) that finishes even  $\frac{1}{2}$  Point is scored to each team. A match consists of 8 games, each the best of 5 ends. Each team consist of 4 – fours each having 2 bowls. Each end is decided by the team nearest the jack (the little white one), counting one point for each of their bowls nearer to the jack than the other team's nearest bowl. Each game is decided by the team with the highest number of points scoring one Point. So the total number of Points in the match is 8, and the total number of points available is 320. Our scoreboards show the Points for the Home team in Blue and away in Red. It only shows the Points, not the points. Our bowls are black and brown except one set of brown which are red. Clear? If you are in any way confused or are motivated to rectify the serious situation that has developed in the tournament come along and join us.

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P.S. Would you believe it? As soon as I pressed "send" it started chucking it down!  
Can't trust anything, can you?

## OUTING TO PENSHURST PLACE & GARDENS 10<sup>TH</sup>.MAY 2017

Grateful to wake up to what promised to be the best day of the week weather-wise, we settled back on the coach for the ride to a lesser known manor house near Tonbridge, Kent.

Set within the High Weald is the historic parkland of Penshurst Estate and at the centre is one of England's oldest family homes.

Although we arrived earlier than expected, the reception staff were ready to welcome us for our visit. After a reasonably long journey everybody was ready for a coffee which was enjoyed while studying an information leaflet and layout plan which we had each been given on arrival. A five-minute stroll along 'Lime Walk' took us to the house. Penshurst Place has the appearance of a castle but is more correctly a fortified dwelling. The original part was built in 1341. I shall not bore you with a load of historical dates but suffice to say it has seen a colourful past. It has passed through the hands of royalty and nobles for more than 6 centuries, notably Henry VIII who while using it as a hunting lodge found it convenient when he was courting Ann Boleyn at Hever Castle not far away. Two wives later Penshurst Place was apparently given to Anne of Cleves as part of her divorce settlement. In 1552 it was gifted by Edward VI to the Sidney family. Today, it is the family home of a direct descendant, Philip Sidney, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Viscount De L'Isle, MBE. By 19<sup>th</sup> century the building was falling into disrepair but it has been restored over the early 20<sup>th</sup> century years by ancestors of the present owners.

We started our visit by entering the gardens through the bottom garden gates and were intrigued to find a statue of a porcupine. A porcupine has been the family heraldic symbol for many years and there is evidence of it in many forms throughout the house and gardens. The first garden of a sequence is the Union Flag Garden, planted in colours and formation of our national flag. At the far end is a mound which is useful in summertime to view the roses and lavandula making up the flag. Of course, in May this view was denied us so we continued past the Demi-Lune pond towards the Nut Garden. Behind the pond stands 'The Archer' sundial. On either side of the of the statue are further Sidney-related heraldic symbols – on the right the bear with a ragged staff and to the left the porcupine. The Nut Garden of Kentish cobs is more colourful in Spring when a succession of spring flowers grown including snowdrops, daffodils, and tulips. In the centre of this garden is a square wooden tent structure depicting from the occasion in 1520 when Henry VIII met King Francis I near Calais at the Field of the Cloth of Gold. Walking further we were rewarded by our Springtime visit with the Peony Border, a 100 metre bed of four varieties of pink peonies, interspersed with shrub roses and edged with clipped box. The official guide book of Penshurst suggests a dedicated route of the gardens to follow but at this point we deviated and discovered the grey and white garden. This area was designed and planted with drought-resistant plants to cope with water shortages on the estate and indeed in the south-east of England. The Magnolia Garden, with ever fascinating 'blooms' surround a statue of Naiad made in memory of Jacqueline, Viscountess De L'Isle, mother of the present Viscount. A modern creation to the gardens layout is the 72 metres long Jubilee Walk designed in 2012 for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The flower beds have been divided into bays separated from one another by grass indents, each with a stone bench at the centre and each section planted with a dominant colour. The Heraldic Garden is unique to Penshurst with an avenue of painted poles which are topped with heraldic beasts, symbols of the Sidney family and their connections. Before entering the house, we wandered in the Italian Garden formally laid as a Parterre. It is surrounded by yew trees with scallop-shaped tops and centrally there is an oval-shaped pond with lily-pads and a statue of Hercules in the middle. Steps then lead up to Church Terrace which brings you to the level to enter the house.

As in most large houses open to the public we were obliged to follow a route to see all the rooms. The first is the Barons Hall. The vaulted ceiling is chestnut wood, chosen for its strength and lighter appearance. This grand entrance hall is sparsely furnished apart from two huge dining tables. There is a raised dais at one end and a minstrels' gallery at the other. In the centre of the floor is a unique octagonal hearth. Originally, smoke from the fire would have escaped through a vent in the roof but this was blocked up in the 19<sup>th</sup>.century. Some steps up brought us to the State Dining Room (or west solar). A comfortable room, every inch of the walls hung with paintings of past family members. An exception is a painting referred to as 'infamous' of Queen Elizabeth I dancing La Volta (very energetically) with Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, popularly believed to be her lover. The long dining table is laid with a fine dinner service with the Royal Coat of Arms of King William IV which was given to his daughter Sophia on her marriage to Philip Sidney in 1825. An impressive silver punch bowl stands in an alcove and grand chandeliers hang over the table. A small but fascinating feature of this room is a squint. This is a little window in the side wall (accessed by one step) which was used to keep an eye on what was happening in the Baron's Hall below! We followed through into the Queen Elizabeth Room and then the Tapestry Room. Although not grandly furnished, the wall hangings and seating in the first room are prized possessions because of their original materials dating back to the 1600s. Owing to its rarity, the daybed was lent to the Victoria & Albert Museum for its Baroque Exhibition in 2010. To the side stands a very ornate harpsichord in a rococo style case. Three rock crystal chandeliers hang overhead along the length of the room. As well as valuable tapestries, the Tapestry Room contains two beautiful cabinets, one at each end of the room. The first is a Dutch devotional cabinet, each panel (about 10 but doubled up) painted by a different Dutch Master, standing on an 18<sup>th</sup>. century base and the other cabinet is a Florentine cabinet from the late 17<sup>th</sup>.century. Two paintings of Leicester House hang either side of the fireplace. The house was built by the Sidney family in the 17<sup>th</sup>.century on the site of the present-day Leicester Square. There is a small room in the corner of the Tapestry Room called the Pages' Room, where young boys would await summons from their masters in the 15<sup>th</sup>.and 16<sup>th</sup>.centuries. Next, we entered the Long Gallery. As we have previously learned from other large houses, these long rooms were fashionable for taking exercise and showing off portraits, tapestries and furniture. The costumes on display here are from the film 'The Other Boleyn Girl' adapted from Philippa Gregory's historical novel. We then descended a stairway and entered a small room only big enough to hold a four-poster bed and a small table and chairs. The panelled walls give their name to the room, the Panelled Room. A painting to the left of the bed is thought to be of Charles II's mistress Nell Gwyn – no sign of any oranges, just a seductive pose!). Finally, before leaving the house we walked through the Nether Gallery which house a collection of historic arms and armour as well as a bust of William IV and a funeral helm of Sir Philip Sidney with the porcupine atop.

As we came outside we walked past an ancient Ginkgo biloba tree, believed to have been planted close to the house in ignorance of the size to which it would grow. It stands taller than the house and is probably 60-70ft.high. We walked over Tortoise Terrace (where the family's pet tortoise lived in the 1950s), along the Blue and Yellow Border, colours of the Sidney family coat of arms and on to the Paved Garden with a small pond and well established wisteria with its blooms still hanging on. We were then ready for a cup of tea at the Garden Restaurant before getting on the coach to return home.

Such an interesting place to visit and many memories to take home.

**Liz Pickford**



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