

NEWSLETTER



WINTER

2018

CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2018 to FEBRUARY 2019

	Aythorpe Roding	Good Easter	Great Canfield	High Easter	High Roding	Margaret Roding
2 nd December	9.30am BCP MP		11.00am BCP HC	11.00am Toy Service		
9 th December					11.15am BCP HC	3.00pm Carol Service
16 th December		4.00pm Carol Service	11.00am Carols and Toy Service	6.30pm Carol Service		
23 rd December	11.15am Joint Carol service with HR	9.30am BCP HC				
24 th December			11.30pm Midnight Communion	4.30pm Christingle	2.00pm Crib Service	
25 th December		10.00am United Six Parish Christmas				
31 st December					11.00am United Six Parish Baptism	
6 th January	9.30am BCP MP		11.00am BCP HC	11.00am All Age Service		
13 th January		11.00am Morning Service			11.15am BCP HC	9.30am BCP HC
20 th January	9.30am BCP HC		11.00am Morning Service	11.00am BCP HC		
27 th January		9.30am BCP HC		6.30pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Morning Service	
3 rd February	9.30am BCP MP		11.00am BCP HC	11.00am Baptism		
10 th February		11.00am Morning Service			11.15am Morning Service	9.30am BCP HC
17 th February	9.30am BCP HC		11.00am Morning Service	11.00am BCP MP		

You are welcome to attend any of the churches across the six parishes. Book of Common Prayer 1662 services are indicated by the abbreviation BCP. Other abbreviations, HC = Holy Communion, MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD



Interregnum update

Since the Autumn issue we have reviewed the previous Ad. and re-drafted it putting greater emphasis on help for the new incumbent, both from the diocese and from within the Parishes. We felt with the benefit of hindsight that this was not promoted sufficiently last time. Specifically the presence of our Parish Administrator who will deal with that much-loved part of modern life – paperwork! The new improved version is now live on something called “Churchdrum” and will soon be on the Diocese website.

Hopefully this second ad. will prove more attractive and bring us the right person for the task. As always, we are in God’s hands.

In the meantime we will have the services of a placement curate, Revd. Robert Stone, for the next three months.

Robert is currently curate at St. Peter’s Bocking but is training for Ordination and this will be part of his training. Robert is due to take two services in January/February but will be around throughout December to February.

Church Fabric

Last time I started by saying nothing much had changed. Not this time. I was preparing for the 4th November service and noticed what looked like wood dust on some of the pews. Looking up there was a large piece of roof timber (a “soulace” according to the Structural Engineer) hanging loose. This was a serious piece of wood and had it fallen it could have had very serious consequences. It has now been secured and the Structural Engineer is confident that this is an isolated occurrence and the rest of the roof is sound. That’s a relief!

Our splendid new Lectern made for us by Charlie Barker is now complete and in service (pun intended). It was blessed by Rev. Neil Tozer at our Harvest Festival service on 21st October.

Services

Apologies for the inference last time that the many people who have helped us out over the last weeks and months, ordained and otherwise, were “rabbits”. Those that will help us in the future are referenced on the Parish Schedule elsewhere in the Newsletter. If you’re not convinced they’re not rabbits hop down to one of our services and see for yourself.

Events

8th December – Wedding. Georgina Church and Ed Thomson

16th December – Carols and Toy service (11.00am)

20th December – Carol singing. (Details to follow later. Call 01279-870620)

24th December – Midnight Service. (11.30pm)

What does GOD want?

As I come to this point in the script I look for inspiration. Once again I find my “Lightbulb” moment on the TV. I have been watching that remarkable documentary series “Dynasties”. In the first one the chimpanzees displayed all that is bad in human behaviour. Jealousy, hate, macho-ness (?) violence. It’s all there in the natural world. In the second about penguins they displayed all that should be good in human behaviour. Caring, teamwork, selflessness, love for their unborn and after. It’s all there in the natural world.

So what can we learn from just these two shows? We get all our bad traits from chimps? Probably. That we can live together with all the good stuff from Nature? Certainly.

God never said it will be easy. Penguins don’t have it easy. So what does GOD want from us? To live together in peace and harmony and to follow his word as in the bible and taught by Jesus. I’m sure you have come across these phrases before. What does that mean? Well, I am sure most of you know the Ten Commandments. This is the “bullet point” summary of how God wants us to live our lives.

So don’t be a chimp. Rather, be a Penguin. (Not sure about the walk, though).

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets”.
[Matthew 7:12]

David Turner
Churchwarden



Recently two long standing members of our community have passed away.

Jane Page from Church End, a Professional Needlewoman.

Sybil Knight from Hall Farm, Church End, a Farmer’s Wife.



The Annual

Christmas **TOY SERVICE**

will take place on Sunday 16th December when the toys given will be taken to the Uttlesford Home Start Centre for distribution to deprived children.

If you would like to help with the
Christmas decorations in church
join us at 10 o’clock on Saturday 15th December.



GREAT CANFIELD NEWSLETTER

Appeal for Funds

Dear Readers

Following the appeal for funds in the Summer edition of the Great Canfield Newsletter it is a pleasure to report that the Newsletter Fund has once again been well replenished. Thanks are due to the generosity, in some cases most generous, of a number of readers, and as in past years the Great Canfield Parish Council has also made a significant contribution to the cause. This has all been instrumental in returning the Fund to a healthy level to meet future commitments. However, and even more in this particular year, we have also received the most generous additional contribution from one of our readers by way of a donation basically equivalent to a whole 12 months printing costs.

The effect of all this support is that, at current levels of cost and allowing for inflationary increases, the funds should be sufficient to see us through not two, but the next three years, certainly until mid 2021.

We would once again express our thanks to all those who have so generously put hand in pocket in response to the appeal for funds. We should not forget either to thank those members of our community who give so freely of their time to ensure that the Newsletter is distributed and delivered to every household in Great Canfield each quarter.

We continue to strive to keep our readers up to date with events taking place locally, and trust that all will continue to enjoy future issues of the Great Canfield Newsletter. A big thank you to all concerned, contributors and distributors alike, for your continued support.

If you wish to advertise in the Newsletter please e-mail

Alison_M_Clarke@yahoo.co.uk

The cost is £5.00 per advert.





THE RODINGS U3A (and surrounding area)

The Rodings U3A combined the November monthly meeting with a special event to tie in with centenary celebrations commemorating the end of the First World War. We were fortunate to have as speaker Tim Luard, former BBC world news reporter, and the great nephew of Kate Luard who started her brilliant career as a military nurse in the Boer War. 'Sister Kate Luard spent the whole of the First World War nursing sick and wounded soldiers on the Western Front. She worked on Ambulance Trains and in Casualty Clearing Stations (CCSs), sometimes just a mile behind the front line. She was awarded a Royal Red Cross and bar for exceptional service in military nursing.' She also found time to write regular letters home to her sisters, in which she vividly described the appalling injuries suffered by the brave soldiers she nursed with efficiency and kindness. The talk was preceded by poetry readings and communal singing of WWI songs still familiar to us today. Tea and cake were served half-way through the afternoon, at the best attended meeting we have ever held.

Details of some new coach trips have just become available to members. One is a visit to Highclere Castle, the home of Downton Abbey. Our Outings Organiser had been trying to book tickets to this very popular destination for some years. In addition to visiting the house and grounds an exhibition of Egyptian items is included in the cost of the day out. He has also booked tickets for another play "Gas Light" by Patrick Hamilton, a classic psychological thriller, at the Mill at Sonning. The cost of tickets for plays at Sonning includes a meal before the performance.

A talk on lip reading was well attended recently. There is a possibility that classes on the subject may be arranged if there is sufficient demand.

The Rodings U3A welcomes new members. They may be any age but should be retired or semi-retired. For more details please check the website u3asites.org.uk/the-rodings-area, email ru3ainfo@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Louise Searl on 01277 362043.



THE BOOK EXCHANGE

The Book Exchange in the telephone box at Hellmans Cross is still going strong.

The idea is that you donate a book and borrow another book. We have had several great comments written in the notebook placed in the telephone box, and people seem to be appreciating it. It is overseen by the Great Canfield Book Group and is topped up and refreshed with new books quite regularly.



However, please do not use it as a repository for all your old books. We have recently had about 30 books placed on the floor of the box. They have all got damp and had to be removed. Don't forget that Charity shops always welcome books and are probably a better place to dispose of unwanted books.

If you have any comments please write a note in the notebook, or contact the Book Group.

HAPPY READING,

Philippa Green



MOBILE LIBRARY TIME 3.55pm at Church End, Great Canfield.

Next date for the Mobile Library Wed 05 December

Please use it or we will lose it !!!



TODDLER GROUP

Held in Great Canfield Village Hall

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 2.30pm – 4.30pm

FORTNIGHTLY (Next one Wednesday 28th November)

**SANTA IS COMING
ON
WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER
£5.00 PER FAMILY
(includes a Present)**

2019 Dates

Wed 9 January, Wed 23 January

Wed 6 February, 20 February

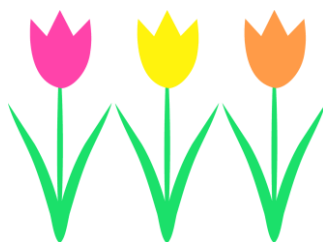
We have a selection of Toys

Arts & Crafts and Snacks / Drinks for the children

Tea / Coffee for Adults at a cost of **£2.50 per family**

It is a very informal get together for Adults and Little Ones

Would be great to see as many people as possible.



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NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the Spring Newsletter is 20th February 2019

GREAT CANFIELD VILLAGE HALL



Chris Easter, Robert Mackley and their team produced another spectacular fireworks display and we're very grateful to them and the generous sponsors who made the evening possible. Together with the proceeds from Jo's hot dogs and Jenny's mulled wine the magnificent sum of c. £1400 was raised in support of the Great Canfield Community Trust. Thanks also to the Cricket Club for allowing use of their ground and pavilion. The event takes a great deal of organisation to make it safe and enjoyable but it's clear from the reactions of those present each year that it's much appreciated.

The Christmas wreath making evening has sold out but if you have ideas for events in 2019 we'd love to hear from you. Great Canfield Village Hall is there for all local residents, so whether you are booking the Hall for a children's party or family gathering, you have an idea for a social which might fill the Hall, or a class which may be of interest to just a few, please let us know and we'll do our best to help.

Thank you to everyone who has supported events and thanks also to Stansted Airport Community Trust and SAPCT who have donated £2000 and £500 respectively towards the projects. We have now raised the funds necessary to move forward with the next round of improvements to the Hall. A new commercial dishwasher is on way and lighting and heating will be upgraded in early 2019. We hope that these changes will result in a more comfortable environment for users but also make the Hall more flexible and economic to run.

Inevitably after this work is completed we will have to redecorate, so if you can wield a paintbrush or wipe up paint splashes and would like to make a practical contribution you will be most welcome.

In addition to the Facebook page and the community email 'round robin', the Village Hall page on the Village website contains details of the latest events, including our Spring programme. We look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from GCCT & the Hall Committee.

Sue Ball

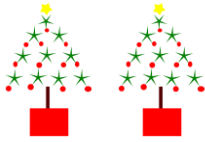


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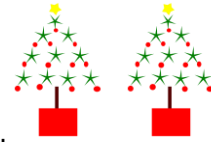
to everyone who has helped
with the Great Canfield Newsletter

Best Wishes for 2019

GREAT CANFIELD BOOK GROUP

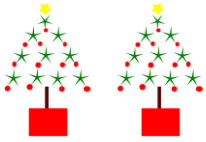


A WOMENS WORLD by HARRIET HARMAN

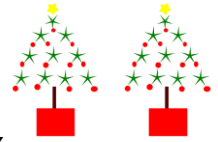


It was generally thought to be more of a Party Political Broadcast than an interesting, in any way an accurate review, of our yesterdays in Parliament.

It was obvious that Harriet had done a lot for women's rights but not much for the country.



THE STRANGE DEATH OF EUROPE by DOUGLAS MURRAY



One member, who was absent, had sent a critique saying that it had been one of the best books they had read at any time in the book club.

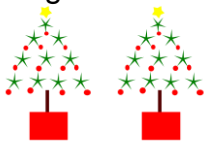
Although it was thought that a lot of it was what we had already read before in the newspapers or seen on the news. It was not an easy read but there was plenty of food for thought.

The author did not come across as unsympathetic to migrants but pointed out that the pressures we are under regarding housing, schools etc. was causing plenty of aggravation to many of the general public.

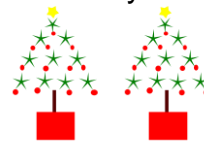
It was mentioned that Douglas Murray was a very interesting speaker and honest in his appraisal. Someone had a copy of The Guardian reviews which was appalling and not helpful at all in their conclusions.

John Gregson of The New Statesman had written a quite balanced article stating that what we have is turmoil in the Middle East including trying to impose their laws and religion on us.

We should try and get hold of a book about The Middle East sometime next year.



SLOE HORSES by MICK HERRON



Although generally cleverly written people had thought that the kidnapped boy was white and that the story was not tied up so that more books could be written with the same cast of people.

We all hoped that our Secret Services had better people running them than Lady Di.

Mr Ho was a good character and the sense of location was well written.

It was also thought that the way the character of Jackson Lamb had been well developed.

Our next meeting to discuss Vanity Fair will be held on 4th December to give people time to read what is quite a tome.

Michael Olver

Christmas Wreath Workshop

With Kate Hargreaves

TANGLE
& THYME

Wednesday 5th December

Please arrive at 6:30pm

for a 7pm start

Great Canfield Village Hall



£40 including festive drinks, nibbles and a beautiful wreath,
made by you, to take home.

Please bring a pair of secateurs and an apron.

Limited spaces available so please contact Claire Knight
ASAP to buy a ticket.

07967 838421



HIGH RODING & GREAT CANFIELD W.I.



Our Annual Lunch in September was a great occasion with many members, friends and guests enjoying a delicious lunch. The Bishop's Stortford Group also joined us for lunch and afterwards Keef gave a brief history of the ukulele and showed a selection of different sizes of ukulele and demonstrated the different sounds that they all make. After which we were all able to join in with the group for a great 'Singalong'! A very enjoyable afternoon.

At our October Meeting, Committee members were given a rest and members ran the afternoon's proceedings with Sally Phillips acting as President and Carole Malins as Secretary. Sharon Gould came and spoke about her daughter Heather who was born with Downs Syndrome in 1976. At this time very little information or help was accessible and Sharon explained how she and her husband and their other children coped with the situation. She told us in such a way that one minute we would be laughing and the next minute we felt much sadness. However, all that they have endeavoured to do for Heather has proved very successful as she now has a job at Tesco and this year has got married and lives with the minimum of support with her autistic husband, something Sharon never thought she would see.

Also, in October our Harvest Supper proved once again to be very popular. A successful evening was had by all, especially with the entertainer, Ray Spiller who had everybody laughing so much that there was not a dry eye in the hall!! Thank you everyone who came and supported us.

Kay Ball an Ambassador for Tropic make-up products revisited us for our November meeting. She spoke about face make-up and we learned how to apply this professionally, how to contour the face and make up the eyes. Angela King was her model and when she had finished Angela certainly looked very attractive.

Future Meetings and Events are:

Wednesday 5 th December	2 pm	Christmas Flower Arrangements – Shirley Perkins
Saturday 8 th December	7 pm for 7.30 pm	Christmas Whist Drive
Wednesday 2 nd January	12.30 for 1 pm	Lunch at the Black Lion
Wednesday 6 th February	2 pm	The Trinity House Story – Capt. Karl Lumbers
Wednesday 6 th March	2 pm	To be arranged

For further information please call Margaret on 01371 872206

If you would like further information and would like to join us on any of these occasions,

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NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met in September, October and November, the minutes and other items of interest can be viewed on the village website.

Planning Update

On 26th September Uttlesford Planning Committee refused permission for 135 homes on land to the west of Canfield Road because it *'would result in the urbanisation of open countryside and a country lane, the promotion of coalescence between settlements and a loss of openness adjacent the Countryside Protection Zone.'* Not unsurprisingly Gladman, the developer immediately appealed this decision and an inquiry will take place starting on 21st May 2019. The Parish Council together with Takeley Parish Council and with the support of Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Council is currently in the process of applying for Rule 6 status which will enable it to have full representation at the inquiry, calling its own witnesses and cross examining the other parties; this is both a time consuming and costly process however all three Parish Councils feel strongly that this action is necessary to ensure the voice of the local community is heard and to try to do all they can to protect the villages from urbanisation in particular south of the Flitch Way.

Following a decision by Uttlesford to refuse permission for 5 new homes on land south of Canfield Park Cottage, the applicant has submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspector. This appeal is by representation and at this stage no further details on timings are available.

The Parish Council is aware of the flyer circulated to residents from a developer proposing 100+ homes on land north of Canfield Drive and their intention to submit a planning application in the Autumn; until such time as an application is submitted and validated there is no action for the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is also watching with interest the land in front of the Flitch Way at the junction of the B1256 and Canfield Road which has recently been cleared, this land is in Takeley Parish Council.

Great Canfield Remembers



On the evening of Sunday 11th November Great Canfield Parish Council organised a simple but poignant act of remembrance prior to the lighting of the village beacon. Villagers met for a drink at the Cricket club before Henry Green made a perfect speech describing the awful conditions on all fronts, as well as reflecting on those Great Canfield villagers who died, including reading a wonderful light hearted letter sent by Private Frederick Easter a resident of Great Canfield and serving with 'B' Company, 2nd Essex Regiment Expeditionary Force. The letter was written in February 1915 just a few weeks before he was killed. Following Henry's speech and the reciting of Flanders Fields, Charlotte Mackley aged 12 played the last post before the Beacon was lit at 7pm.

Other News

Thank you to all those residents who helped with the village litter pick on Saturday 10th November. A large amount of litter was collected from the verges and ditches, this time there was a greater volume of fly tipping rubbish, i.e. large single items.



Highways

Essex Highways have sent the following in response to the Parish Councils request regarding resurfacing of Green Street.

I can advise that Green Street is due to be [micro surfaced](#) during Spring/Summer 2019. At this stage, I am unable to provide you with a more definitive timescale but affected residents will be advised of this ahead of the works commencing.

'Micro surfacing is a type of carriageway surface treatment used to prolong the life of a road by 10-15 years. The purpose is to seal the road surface by applying and rolling a layer of bituminous mix material as a new surface layer. This material will also correct surface texture and small undulations and cracks. Micro surfacing is quicker, less noisy and cleaner than traditional carriageway resurfacing because it is not necessary to remove large volumes of existing carriageway surface.'

From the minutes of High Roding Parish Council, November 2018 in relation to the flooding along the B184 north of the Bacon End junction – 'Cllr Sissens informed members that after 4 years of campaigning the work need to resolve the problem causing flooding along the B184 had finally been done, she had checked the road after the heavy rain a few days ago and there was no evidence of flooding she expressed thanks to County Cllr Kevin Bentley for taking ownership of the problem which finally resulted in some positive action being taken.'

Parish Council Elections

Thursday the 2nd May 2019 will see District and Parish Council elections take place. These elections represent a great opportunity for local people to be involved in their communities not only as voters but as Parish Councillors.

To be eligible to stand as a councillor you must be 18 or over and be a British or EU citizen. In addition, you must fulfil one or more conditions such as:

- be a registered elector for this area
- be the owner or tenant of land/premises within the parish for at least 12 months beforehand
- live within the parish or within 3 miles

(There are some further conditions that might disqualify some people - e.g. bankruptcy, imprisonment - but these can be checked when needed.)

Parish Councils are the part of local government closest to the people and as such deal with matters at a local level with a view to representing the whole electorate within the parish, delivering services to meet local needs and endeavouring to improve the quality of life of local people

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor please come along to some of our scheduled meetings which will provide an opportunity for you to see how things work. Should you wish to discuss standing for election as a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk for further information, a nomination pack will be available from the beginning of March.

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



Monday 10th December 2018

Monday 14th January 2019

Monday 11th February 2019



HAPPY CIRCLE OUTING TO CHARTWELL, KENT 12 SEPT 2018



Seeing Chartwell house for the first time from the outside left me a little disappointed. It is certainly not as imposing or as elegant as many country houses that we have visited but is a rather sombre red brick building and externally not particularly inviting. By the end of our visit I had discovered much more to enthuse about.

After our arrival and before entering the house there is quite a walk past the rock garden and water garden. There have been a number of pools created, fed by a natural stream which rose in the old Chart Well. One of these pools contains goldfish and golden orfe which were introduced by Sir Winston Churchill in the 1930s and it is ensured by the National Trust that these varieties of fish will stay in this pond in perpetuity.

The entrance to the house has stood unchanged since 1923 when the old 19th.century front of the house was completely swept away and a second-hand carved surround to the main door was installed.

As you read you will realise how Chartwell has become synonymous with the man Sir Winston Churchill because apart from the situation of the estate in the beautiful Kentish weald, he transformed the gardens landscape to include the lakes in the valley bottom. The lakes have been home to black swans for many years, the first ones having been given as a gift to Churchill. Protecting them from predators was always a challenge but in recent years they have been provided with security by way of a floating island and so are breeding well now. Churchill liked to paint them on canvas as a pastime.

It is said that 'behind every great man, there is a great woman'. Never was it more true than of Churchill's wife Clementine. Not only had she been there to support him in his early life and during

his political career, but she had greatly contributed to the modernisation (to 1930s standards) and transformation of the house and gardens. The Churchills did not move into Chartwell until 1924 having bought the property and associated 80 acres for £5000 in 1922. Several years passed before both Winston and Clementine were satisfied that Chartwell was as they wanted it and they were able to welcome and entertain guests from all walks of life. The visitors book reveals that Prime Ministers, U.S. Presidents, film stars, actors and royalty stayed for short visits, but repeated signatures are from extended families and people whom they knew extremely well. All around the house are gifts from grateful guests. A Lalique crystal cockerel from President de Gaulle stands on a table in the drawing room. A Russian tea service is displayed which was presented to Lady Churchill by the Mayor of Leningrad when she visited the city on behalf of The Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund in 1945. A large silver punch bowl was a gift from the Board of Trade on their marriage in 1908. A racing trophy is the Goodwood Stewards' Cup, won by Churchill's horse Tudor Monarch in 1959. The Ante room and the landing are used to house and display much memorabilia and ceramics. Two chairs are also on the landing which were used by Winston and Clementine at the coronation of George VI at Westminster Abbey. The public today pass through the museum and uniform rooms. These were originally three guest rooms and were converted to their present museum role in 1966. The number of awards are endless and the display of uniforms and robes is impressive and showcases just some of which he was entitled to wear. The Garter insignia are always returned to the Monarch on the recipient's death, and those displayed now have been loaned to Chartwell by HM the Queen. During restoration work in 1923 ancient roof timbers were uncovered above what became Churchill's study. Recent research has dated some of them to the early 16th.century, this being the only remaining part of the original house. The room is uncluttered but still a stately room containing a mahogany writing-desk which belonged to Churchill's father, Lord Randolph Churchill, second son of the 7th.Duke of Marlborough. Winston Churchill, although born into the aristocracy, did not inherit vast riches and for most of his life was only modestly wealthy and writing provided most of his earnings. As a young man and long before entering politics he had experienced military fighting at first hand and was fortunate on several occasions not to be killed or seriously wounded. He had been involved in combat in Cuba, on the North-West Frontier of India, in the Sudan, South Africa and France. One of his quotes is "Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result". This was surely one reason why troops in the second world war trusted him as he sent them into battle knowing that he had been a soldier in earlier times.



Touring the house today, shows the feminine touches of Clementine and her choice of subdued colour schemes. She loved flowers and fresh flowers were always in the reception rooms to be admired. She particularly loved roses and with the help of a friend created the walled rose garden choosing fragrant and soft coloured varieties and the rose bed edges planted with perennials and shrubs in gentle colours. Other areas of the garden include the terrace lawn, the croquet lawn, the top terrace and the kitchen garden. From the terrace lawn the view over the lakes and Chartwell Farm oast houses to the weald beyond are amazing. A tennis court became a croquet lawn as Clementine became less agile in later life. Surrounding the vegetable garden is a wall, part of which is famously known to have been built by Sir Winston and a plaque states this fact. The kitchen garden is an enviable sight for any keen gardener with every kind of fruit and vegetable growing really well. The produce is used to supply the present-day Chartwell café. At the far end of the kitchen garden there is a brick-built child's play house with a tiled roof. It is a one roomed little cottage set up with a pretend cooking range and table and chairs in the middle. The table and little windows are dressed with a dainty blue (or green – I can't remember) gingham check material making it look very cute. This little cottage was built for Winston's two daughters, Mary and Sarah. Apparently, there is no doubt that Sir Winston built it and it was entirely his own work. Another interesting plaque is on the wall of the Golden Rose Walk. It commemorates the Churchill's golden wedding anniversary in 1958 when an avenue of standard roses was planted which was the idea of the adult children Randolph, Diana, Sarah and Mary. A sun-dial stands at the centre.

Following a path away from the gardens one comes to The Studio. This was built as an extension to the old chauffer's cottage and solved the problem of the artist's paraphernalia cluttering up the main house. Winston was able use the purpose-built studio without fear of spilling any oil paint on the domestic carpets. Inside the studio there is not a spare inch of wall that is not hung with paintings, most unframed and in various stages of completion.

I don't know where 'Jock' was hiding during our visit, but he is a permanent resident at Chartwell. One of Winston's dying wishes was that there would always be a ginger cat with a white bib and white socks living comfortably at Chartwell. The present Jock is the sixth such cat since the National Trust took over the property in 1966.

Before leaving we were surprised to learn that our visit happened to be on the 110th.anniversary of the Churchill's marriage on 12th.Sept.1908 and on the same date that the plaque mounted in the Golden Walk garden commemorates their 50th.wedding anniversary in 1958.

Liz Pickford



HAPPY CIRCLE

We will be taking enrolments for 2019
on
Wednesday 16th.January
at
Great Canfield Village Hall CM6 1JX
at
2pm

Informal meeting to welcome members old & new
Enjoy the club's benefits for only £5 for a year's membership
If unable to attend

Please contact Liz 01279 870582 or Pat 01279 870578

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I am able to provide salon service without the salon price tag. I am based in Bacon End and can offer a relaxing experience, free parking, no waiting time and appointment times to suit you!

Please contact me on 07843659749

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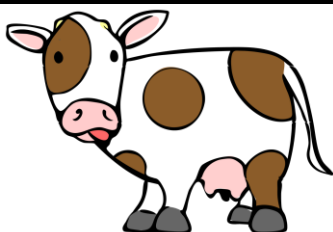
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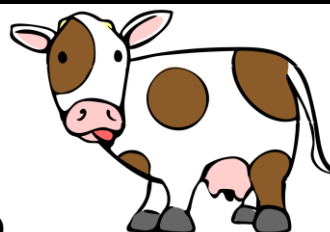
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I have several joints for sale including Fore rib on the bone, Top Rump, Topside Corner Cut and a selection of braising and stewing cuts.
Also Steaks and Oxtail are available.

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CARPET BOWLS CLUB



Here we go again. As I write the summer has well and truly vanished. Temperatures just above freezing. Feet just above freezing. Fortunately we keep our bowls warm.

We British are never phased by anything, right? It took just a few milliseconds for us to adapt. We almost instantly switched from "Look at that yellow thing! Will it ever go away? We can't go out in that heat. The summer's ruined." To "Look at that rain! Will it ever stop? We can't go out in that. Far too cold". (Didn't make it to halfway through before mentioning carpet bowls this time, even by re-cycling bits of last time's rubbish).

We're back playing friendlies after the brief summer break whilst our lot cleared off on holiday in EU land or wherever. Perhaps next year we could organise a European summer tour playing all the leading carpet bowls clubs, representing Great Canfield. We could have our results broadcast on BBC Essex. Maybe return triumphant to Stansted Airport to an adoring crowd. Ride down Green Street in an open-topped tractor-trailer. Civic Reception at the village Hall hosted By Robert Mackley. Maybe one of us (can't think who) could be a new team Captain on question of Sport.....

I've just googled "Leading European Carpet Bowls Clubs" and the nearest I could get was Jersey. I did spot "South Park". I thought that must be somewhere in the USA. That'll do. Nope. It's in Darlington. Hardly exotic. Hey-ho, end of a dream. (Note: Must email Phil Tuffnell and tell him his job is safe, at least for a while). Anyway, what would we do with the dogs? We can't keep them in Grease, in Turkey they might get Bird 'flu and you certainly can't leave them to Rome.

Might as well finish this bit then. Since our return from the summer friendly break we have played three more matches, losing 2-6 away to Leaden Roding, beating Great Easton at home 4-2 with 2 drawn ends and drawing away to Little Easton 4-4. One highlight of our away match against Great Easton was when one of our members managed to pull the emergency cord instead of turning on the light in the toilet, setting off the alarm (honest, it wasn't me). Our match against Stebbing has been cancelled as they have not enough players available to raise a team. So that just leaves three more matches to the end of the season. Elsenham away, with their longer short mats, Barnston away and Dunmow at home.

Oh, dear! I think I spotted some silliness again. Maybe I should go back on the pills.

If you would like to meet me in person (before I'm famous), come along for a game one evening.

We play at: Priors Green Community Hall
Bennet Canfield
Little Canfield
DUNMOW
CM6 1YE

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm
Fees: £10 membership for a full year and £2 per evening
First evening **FREE!**
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TIPS FOR A CRIME FREE CHRISTMAS SHOP

The tips for a crime free Christmas shop start before you leave your house, after all you don't want come home to find the house broken into.

1. Garden tools securely locked away in the shed – Burglars will be happy to use your tools to break into your house.
2. Create the illusion your home is occupied - Radio and lights on a timer in rooms you would normally occupy, there is even a device called “Fake TV” that flashes a series of lights when it gets dark that looks like the TV is on. There are now door bells that you can view and answer from your Smartphone.
3. Lock up properly not just your windows and doors in the house, but also any gates and outbuildings.
4. Choose a “Park Mark” car park where you can <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/> . By choosing a Park Mark® Safer Parking facility you are visiting a car park that has been vetted by the Police and has measures in place in order to create a safer environment for both you and your vehicle.
5. Leave nothing in sight within your car, remove the “Sat Nav” cradle and clean the mark on the windscreen.
6. When you lock your car with the remote look for the light flash confirmation or better still try the door handle before leaving the car.
7. Now you're starting your shop watch your purse, wallet, mobile phone and handbag especially in busy places, don't leave them on display in bags or on counters while you pay, and while you're paying watch that no one is watching you entering your PIN when making purchases or withdrawing cash.
8. Time to stop for lunch or a cuppa, don't drop your guard. Mobile phone on the table, shopping by the chair, wallet or purse visible, coat, jacket or handbag over the chair; if a thief sees it a thief will steal it.
9. Need to off load some of those purchases in the car, look around are you being watched? Back to (5 & 6) above again.
10. Time go home, don't fall for any distractions while you load the car i.e. “you dropped some money” pointing to cash on the ground, holding a map “can you tell me the way to....”. While you are engaged the second person steals from your car on the other side. Close and lock your car before speaking to anyone.

Further crime prevention advice see <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> or ring Essex Police on 101.

If you know who is committing crime or handling stolen property call Essex Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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