

**GREAT
CANFIELD
NEWSLETTER
W I N T E R**



2019

CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2019 TO FEBRUARY 2020

Services in St Mary the Virgin, Great Canfield

Date	Day	Time and Service Format	Officiant
1 st December	Advent 1	11.00am BCP HC	Archdeacon Robin
15 th December	Advent 3	11.00am Carol and Toy Service	Rev John Brown
24 th December	Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Communion	Rev Jeff Hayward
5 th January 2020	Epiphany	11.00am BCP HC	tbc
19 th January	Epiphany 2	11.00am BCP MP	tbc
2 nd February	Epiphany 4	11.00am BCP HC	tbc
16 th February	2 nd Sunday Before Lent	11.00am BCP MP	tbc

Note – Resource post January has not been confirmed. The service format may change due to availability of clergy.

Special Days - Joint Services

Date	Day	Time and Service Format	Church Location	Officiant
Thursday 23 rd January	Licensing and Installation of Rev Robert Stone	7.30pm	High Easter	Bishop of Colchester and Archdeacon of Stansted
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday	8.00pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday	Leaden Roding	Rev Robert Stone

Please note a number of services take place across the group of 10 churches every week at both 9.30am and 11.00am with a 6.30pm evening service on the 4th Sunday of the month. You are welcome to attend any of the services that suit. Details of service times are displayed on the church notice boards and on the church website, www,thesixparishes.org.uk/

ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD



Interregnum update

At our service on 17th November I read to the congregation the following statement as instructed by the Archdeacon.

“We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Robert Stone has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Great Canfield, The Rodings and The Easters.

Robert undertook a three-month placement with the parishes at the beginning of this year and felt called to apply for the post at the completion of his Curacy.

Robert was licensed as a Reader in 1994 and then ordained in 2016. He has been serving his title at St Peter's Parish Church in Bocking.

Robert is looking forward to working with all of the local congregations to discover what God might be calling the Churches to do in this area over the next few years.

Robert, his wife Annie and three of their five children are looking forward to moving into Leaden Roding Rectory after Christmas and Robert will be licensed by Bishop Roger and installed by Archdeacon Robin on 23rd January. The service details will be announced soon.”

This is the news we have all been waiting for and was greeted with applause, not something that occurs very often in St. Mary's.

Further information has now been released.

“Robert will be formally licensed by the Bishop of Colchester at a special service on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm in St Mary's, High Easter. This service is an open invitation for everyone, whether you attend church or not, to come and welcome Robert and his family to our villages. We hope you can join us for the service and afterwards at High Easter Village Hall for refreshments. If you are coming by car there is very limited parking around the church. Parking is available at High Easter Village Hall and Lodge Coaches, where marshalls will be on hand to direct you. Lodges are providing transport from Lodges to the church, both ways! If you require disabled parking there is limited availability in the Punchbowl Restaurant car park which is reserved for clergy parking. For further information please contact the Parish Administrator.” (Allison Ward - 01245-231798, parishadministrator@thesixparishes.org.uk).

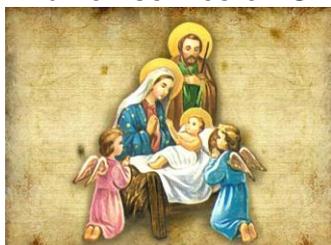
After this momentous news all other might seem somewhat insignificant however, don't switch off just yet.

Church Fabric and Churchyard

We met with the Archdeacon and representatives of the Diocesan Advisory Committee to discuss various projects that were under consideration and I am pleased to reveal that the provision of toilet and basic kitchen facilities and removal of some pews to improve access to the font, provide space for after service socialising and other activities for children and families were accepted IN PRINCIPAL. This is like getting outline planning permission. There is still a very long way to go, not the least of which is funding.

Services

I still plan to put our services information on the Village Facebook account. This dinosaur needs tuition so if anyone is qualified in prehistoric education, please give me a call. After some doubt we will be holding our usual Midnight Communion service on Christmas Eve starting at 11.30pm.



DIARY DATES



**Tuesday 17th December
(Evening)**

Carols on a Cart
Carol singing around the
village
Locations to be
announced later

**Christmas Eve
24th December**

11.30pm

Midnight Communion at St. Mary's
Church



Why come to church?

Well that's a question. Last time I hinted that you don't have to come to church to worship God. You can talk to God on the train, in the garden, in the bath. Well, what's wrong with all that? Nothing.

So, what **is** the building for? Weddings? Baptisms? Funerals? All of those. But there is so much more. When you attend a Wedding or a Baptism you are meeting with others in a joyous occasion. At a funeral you are meeting with others in sadness. More than this, you are sharing, supporting, encouraging one another. That is what the church [building] is all about. You can watch football on the television (unless you support Tottenham, that's too painful), but it's not the same as being there. Church is about worshipping God **TOGETHER**. Asking for help for others or ourselves **TOGETHER**. Of course, God does house-calls, but it's so much better **TOGETHER**. Don't take my word for it, try it. Following the good news at the beginning of this piece, here's even better news – God loves you, yes **YOU!**

“And let us consider together how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
[HEBREWS 10:24-25]

David Turner, Churchwarden, 01279-870620 hartview2@ gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Upcoming event for December

A festive poster for a Christmas Cake Decorating Workshop. The background is blue with white snowflakes. On the left, there is a cartoon snowman wearing a green hat and a red scarf. The text is centered and reads: 'Christmas Cake Decorating Workshop. Create a showstopper of a Christmas Cake! Monday 16th December, 7pm, Great Canfield Village Hall. Enjoy a fun Christmassy evening decorating your own Christmas cake with Libby. £15 per person to include marzipan, fondant icing and all decorations needed to make a fun winter scene. A glass of fizz and nibbles included. Just bring your plain 8" fruit cake, a rolling pin and apron! Please confirm your place by 30th November. Call Claire Knight to book claireinoz100@hotmail.com or 07967 838421'.

Update on Latest events

Great Canfield Spectacular Fireworks Night

Thanks to everyone who came along to the village fireworks night at the cricket club (thanks to the Cricket club for hosting this again!). We were very lucky with the weather in the end and the firework display was as fantastic as usual. It was a cold night, but the huge bonfire helped to warm everyone up along with the hot chocolate, hot soup, hot dogs and burgers that were served on the night.

A huge thanks to Rob Mackley and everyone else who helped to cook and serve food, marshal the gates and help make the night a great success. Special thanks to Chris and his firework team. Also, a huge thanks to the sponsors as without their donations it would not be possible to put on this event.

Oktoberfest – Friday 4th October – A huge thanks to everyone who came along to another well attended party night at the village hall. We had a great German themed party night organised by Andrew Clack and his team that included German beer, German wine, music, bratwurst, pretzels and lots of fun. A lot of beer was drunk and great fun was had on the night.

Village Hall Management Committee

These events are set up and run by the village hall management committee. This committee meets as required and is currently made up of around 10 members. The committee is always looking for new members to help with new ideas and support so if you are interested in joining the Committee or have any suggestions for an event then please let Jason Asser know on 07710 842808.

Please remember that the Village hall is available for hire. It makes a great venue for a party or family gathering. It is available at competitive rates.

Please make all enquiries to Gill Vincett 01279 871421 or email greatcanfieldhall@gmail.com

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

Planning has continued to dominate Parish Council meetings. There are currently 6 applications at various stages of the process that are pending a decision along Canfield Road and Canfield Drive, plus a further application for 80 homes on land north of Canfield Drive and west of Canfield Road which remains undecided by Uttlesford. This is in addition to the occasional new single dwelling applications including conversion of agricultural buildings; there have been two of these in the last quarter.

In mid-November, Uttlesford received notification that the Planning Inspector will not be issuing any letters regarding the soundness or legal compliance of Local Plans before the general election. The information confirms that the Planning Inspectors letter relating to the Uttlesford Local Plan cannot be issued until the Government has been formed and the Minister has been appointed and briefed. This is likely to take some time and the letter is not expected to be received until the early part of 2020 further delaying the Local Plan process.

Highways

The Parish Council continues to push for resurfacing of Green Street. This was initially on the Essex Highways programme for 2019/20 however following other priorities in the County it was removed. The current information received is *'The Asset Management team have advised that a scheme for this site has been put forward into the 2020/21 'micro surfacing programme.'* This is a draft programme that will now await Cabinet Member approval so is therefore subject to change.' We will have to wait to see what happens!

'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.'

Hundred Parishes Society

At the September Parish Council meeting we welcomed Michael Young from The Hundred Parishes Society. A summary of his address is below.

Launched in 2014 and modelled on the Chilterns Society, The Hundred Parishes Society was set up to help people appreciate and understand this area. It is a registered charity run entirely by volunteers. It currently covers 103 administrative parishes crossing district and county borders across Essex, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

The area is largely unspoilt and is richly endowed with many fine examples of agricultural and built heritage. For example, it has over 6,700 listed buildings, 67 of these are in Great Canfield. There is a very high concentration of pre-1700 architecture, Grade I-listed churches, village greens and conservation areas. Plus, there is an exceptional depth of visible agricultural heritage with ancient field patterns, ancient woodland, winding roads, sunken lanes and ancient hedgerows. The area also enjoys a wide variety of wildlife and long-established cultural activities.

It is likely, this heritage has continued for centuries because of the lack of natural resources, the area was not industrialised and prior to the fens being drained, the area had the best farmland in the country.

The Hundred Parishes Society has a great website including a couple of pages for each parish, see Great Canfield, as well as information on walks and events.

Their volunteer status means they do not generally respond to planning applications and consultations, but they do tell members and residents about any potential concerns. They promote the Society in local newsletters and parish magazines. The Society published its first book in 2018, The Hundred Parishes: An introduction, which introduces readers to each of the Hundred Parishes with an outline of its history and a generous selection of photographs. The 400-page hardback book costs £25 a copy and further details are on the website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk/. The Parish Council agreed to become a member of the society for an annual subscription of £10.

Other Parish Council News

Thank you to all those residents who helped with the village litter pick on Saturday 19th October. A large amount of litter was collected from the verges and ditches. The next litter pick will be arranged for Spring 2020.



Reminder: Uttlesford District ward Cllrs Geof Driscoll and/or Neil Reeve attend a Monday surgery (not Bank Holidays) at The Duke's Head in Hatfield Broad Oak. Contact: cllrreeve@uttlesford.gov.uk 07805508568 and cllrdriscoll@uttlesford.gov.uk 07921781037

General Election News from Uttlesford District Council



Voters are being reminded of the key dates that may affect them ahead of the General Election taking place on Thursday 12 December. The deadline for registering to vote if residents have not already registered has now passed (26th November). Polling cards have been issued to those registered and eligible to vote, if you have not received your poll card it may mean you are not registered.

Postal and proxy voting – applications for postal votes closed on Tuesday 26 November. Alternatively, there is the option to apply for a proxy vote before 5pm on Wednesday 4 December. You can request a proxy vote if you want someone else to vote on your behalf because you can't get to your polling station on Election Day. For further information on voting and the upcoming election, please visit, www.uttlesford.gov.uk/general-election-2019. You can also contact the Uttlesford Elections Team at elections@uttlesford.gov.uk or 01799 510510 for more information. Residents can stay up to date with the latest news by subscribing to the elections e-newsletter via www.uttlesford.gov.uk/keepmeposted or by following the council on Facebook (www.facebook.com/UttlesfordDC) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/UttlesfordDC).

The candidates standing in the Saffron Walden Constituency are as follows,
Kemi Badenoch – The Conservative Party
Mike Hibbs – Liberal Democrats
Thomas Albert Van De Bilt – Labour Party
Coby Jane Wing – Green Party.

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

Monday 9th December 2019 Monday 13th January 2020 Monday 10th February 2020



CLIMATE CHANGE

🌍 10 Green Parishes Update 🌍

We are working together to establish and share ideas to help reduce, reuse and recycle on a village level, often with the support of the Parish Councils.

As part of the TerraCycle programme, I am working to establish new local collection points for items that are not commonly recycled, or highlight existing collection points. Items currently available to be collected are empty crisp packets, health and beauty products, Tassimo coffee pods and pens (biro/felt pens/markers/tippex). If you would like to find out how you can access the collections please email me at claireinoz100@hotmail.com or join the 10 Green Parishes Facebook group, which is also a very active hub of information.

Last week, 10 Green Parishes arranged for a 'Wastebuster' from 'Love Essex' to give a talk at Aythorpe Village Hall providing tips on how to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste. Twenty local residents attended the event and listened to the information available, asking questions and sharing experiences along the way. Here are some of the things we learnt:

- A 'hierarchy of waste' was presented which encouraged us to first REDUCE the amount of waste we produce through various measures, and to then consider REUSE, RECYCLE and COMPOSTING so that landfill waste was the very last resort for our domestic rubbish.
- We were told the 'Recycling Rules' which are consistent across all districts. These are:
 1. Remove plastic lids from aerosols and place both items in your recycling.
 2. Keep your card and paper clean, dry and flat.
 3. Drinking glasses and glass cookware are not recyclable, only glass bottles and jars can be recycled.
 4. Empty and rinse your plastics, cans and foils to avoid spoiling other recyclables.
 5. Remember to remove tissues before recycling your tissue boxes, and any paper ends from toilet rolls.
 6. Leave labels and lids on your plastics, just wash and squash.
 7. Recycle all newspapers, envelopes and magazines – no need to remove the windows from envelopes.
- Black plastic cannot be recycled. Polystyrene is also not recycled.
- The main sources of extra rubbish at Christmas are wrapping paper, cards and bottles. Wrapping paper CAN be recycled so long as it does not have glitter on it and is not foil lined – you can test for this by scrunching the paper in to a ball, if it springs back when you let go then it is foil lined and cannot be recycled. If possible, remove any sellotape from the paper before recycling. Christmas cards can also be recycled so long as they do not have glitter on them. If you do have a glittery card, tear off the front and recycle the back. Recycle your bottles! Also, don't forget to recycle real Christmas trees through the Council collections and if you can, reduce your waste - avoid heavily packaged gifts, consider giving an experience or homemade gift instead.
- Love Essex has a wealth of information on its website www.loveessex.org and are currently running three campaigns, the 'Reuse Campaign', 'Home Composting' and 'Cloth Nappies'.

At the end of the month, a 'Beeswax Wrap Workshop' has been organised which proved to be very popular and was a quick sell out. I hope to arrange further workshops for those that missed out, in the meantime look out for updates on the Facebook page and in the next Great Canfield newsletter.

Claire Knight

GREAT CANFIELD HAPPY CIRCLE OUTING TO HUGHENDEN MANOR



Another of life's 'if only's! If only we had been able to do this outing just one week before we would have had a beautiful summer's day, but it had been postponed and we had a rather drizzly, dull day. But, as ever, the visit to another stately home was very rewarding and enjoyed by all.

Initially things went from bad to worse when our 53 seater coach was expected to negotiate an ascending right-hand bend to access the coach park. Because of much overnight rain, slippery falling leaves and a cattle grid, all efforts had to be abandoned and passengers had to get out and walk to the 'not so picturesque' rear deliveries entrance. Most of the Hughenden staff seemed to have heard of our plight and couldn't have been more welcoming. Coffee and lunch was served with smiling faces and sympathetic voices. Now we were ok.

From 1848 to 1881 Hughenden was the much-loved home of Benjamin Disraeli a favourite Prime Minister of Queen Victoria and a close personal relationship developed between them. A dandy, novelist, brilliant debater and England's first and only Jewish prime minister, Disraeli (Earl of Beaconsfield) was the most colourful and charismatic figure in British politics in the 19th.century. He was born into obscurity in London in 1804 and as a young man was an unlikely politician with his flamboyant appearance and extravagant lifestyle. Before long he became heavily in debt. We were able to see several unpaid bills amounting to thousands of pounds and indeed the threat of imprisonment. It was only the fact that as an MP he was immune from arrest. He charmed a wealthy widow who was 12 years older than him and she was very attracted to this exciting young man. They had a happy, if unconventional marriage until she died at the age of 80. I was amused to be told that Benjamin would warm his wife's pearl necklace before placing it round her neck. Ahh! They lived comfortably and Mary Anne enjoyed the high-life and socialising but at home was

ever thrifty. Having initially helped to pay off her husband's debts with her inheritance from her first marriage to an iron magnate, she was very aware of spending within their means.

In 1941 Hughenden was requisitioned by The Air Ministry and took on a new life. It became a secret map-making base code-named 'Hillside'. From 1941 to 1945, over 100 men and women, military and civilian were based at Hillside producing target maps for the RAF at nearby Bomber Command HQ. Disraeli's belongings were packed away; only his study remained untouched and was locked for the duration of the war. The use of these secret rooms remained undiscovered due to the Official Secrets Act until 2004. By chance a National Trust volunteer overheard a visitor telling his grandson about his time working at the house during the war. Years of detective work began, and the Ministry of Defence gave permission to those who had worked there to be released from The Official Secrets Act to discover all that happened there during the second world war. Following an appeal to local people for their wartime memories the results were astounding. This highly secret operation was every bit as important to the outcome of the war as the work being carried out at Bletchley Park. The ground floor rooms at Hughenden are now dedicated to telling the story of the work.

In 1947 The National Trust acquired the house from the Disraelian Society and there was no sign of its wartime role. After decades of little change the Trust started restoration in 1983. Photographs and written descriptions were used to return the interior to its Victorian glory and the gardens re-established in a 19th.century style with a formal parterre and pleasure grounds. On the day of our visit the weather improved in the afternoon and we were able to walk round the well-kept gardens. The whole estate covers 680 acres in the Chiltern countryside. The Parish Church is close-by to the manor. Benjamin Disraeli and his wife are buried there in the family vault. Royal protocol did not permit Queen Victoria to attend the private funeral of Disraeli, but she visited the tomb a few days later to pay her respects. There are four waymarked walks which include parkland, rolling hills and beech woodlands. One of the walks would take you to a monument just one mile away. This was a special gift from Mary Anne to her husband and was commissioned in honour of Disraeli's father. Because of inclement weather we decided it would be too slippery to venture there. However, our day at Hughenden Manor ended with happy members of Gt.Canfield Happy Circle. Please join us in 2020 if you can.

LIZ PICKFORD

Christmas Sing-Along



Sunday 29th December 2.00pm

Carols in a Barn at Bury Farm, (CM6 1JS)

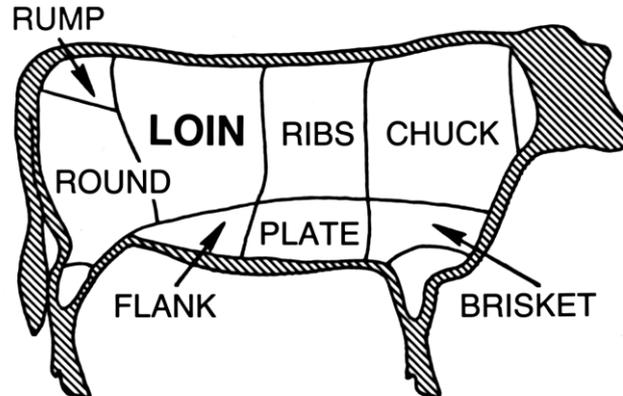
**Open to all in the Ten Parishes, and mainly for the children
as they may miss out on the Carols on a Cart**

**Refreshments will be on hand and, if it rains or snows it
really IS in a proper Barn!**

Let's do it for the children.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE NEWSLETTER
WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

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.

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THE RODINGS U3A (and surrounding area)

The Rodings and Surrounding Area U3A

Tim Turner from Sworders was the August speaker at the Rodings U3A's monthly meeting. He has several interesting talks under his belt, so to speak. Fakes and Forgeries was his subject on this occasion, a most engrossing and interesting topic. We all hope to find a valuable old master in our loft but the chance slim slim. There have been a number of wily criminals in the past, and there will be others in the future, who have succeeded in convincing the best art experts from museums, art galleries and universities all over the world that they have found a genuine old master, ancient sculpture or important artefact from ancient Egypt, Syria or other likely area. Despite intensive research by experts large sums of money have been paid for apparently genuine artefacts which have later turned out to be fakes. He told us how some of these scams were carried out and the clever way the perpetrators make it look as if the item must be genuine by forging its provenance. Tim stressed that we should enjoy our possessions from the past for their beauty, the pleasure they give us and for their sentimental value, and not because of their possible market value.

The coach trip to Fiddler on the Roof in the west end was a great success. Future trips include a visit to Cromer to see the End of the Pier Show, another visit to Brick Lane Music Hall and to Sonning in Berkshire where there is a theatre with its own restaurant, on the banks of the Thames.

Time has whizzed by and it is already nearly the end of our financial year. Members have been asked to renew their subscriptions, in time for the beginning of September, so now is the ideal time to join the RU3A, to get the best possible value from the current annual subscription of £10. U3As are pleased to welcome anyone who has retired or is semi-retired. The Rodings U3A has over 30 active interest groups, some of which have spaces for new members. If any group's waiting list gets too long our Groups Co-ordinator aims to start up another group on the same subject. The latest new group is a Discussion Group. Members are going to try to avoid the B word!

For further information, google The Rodings U3A, email ru3ainfo@gmail.com or telephone Louise Searl on 01277 362043.

BRITISH LEGION'S POPPY APPEAL



In 2019 Great Canfield raised £870.54 for the British Legion's Poppy Appeal, a magnificent result and another all time record. Very many thanks once again to everyone for their generosity, and to fellow volunteer collectors Barbara, Chris, Henry and Liz for their unstinting time and dedication.

Simon Mainwaring

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INSPIRING WOMEN

HIGH RODING & GREAT CANFIELD WI

At our October Meeting Vanessa from Wiltshire Foods in Little Canfield visited us and gave a very interesting talk and demonstration. This firm produces complete frozen meals and desserts which can be heated in the oven or microwave. There is a choice of over 300 meals of varying sizes which are made and frozen in Wiltshire from locally produced ingredients and are particularly high in nutritional value. The Company which was started in 1991 caters for all food allergies, diabetics and general medical problems and is suitable and a great help to the housebound, elderly and disabled people. We sampled many tasters and everyone said how good they were, especially the desserts!! This Company seems to be a very helpful and caring one, who look after their customers and their individual needs. By April next year they are committed to making their plastic containers recyclable. It was a very enjoyable afternoon with nice tasters to indulge in!!

Our Annual Harvest Supper was held in October with many friends and members enjoying the usual four course meal all prepared by the members. Ian Goddard entertained after supper with the playing of his different instruments, especially the banjo and mandolin with such catchy music that enticed many to get up and get dancing! It was a great evening and very rewarding financially for our WI Hall. We thank everyone who came and supported us.

June Milne who is a volunteer for UK Aid came to our November Meeting. UK Aid is a charity which supplies aid to the rehabilitation centre named "Revival" in Chernihiv, Ukraine. The Chernobyl disaster was in 1986 and this centre was opened in 1995 and unfortunately it is still desperately needed as much in 2019 as it was in 1995 and no one has any idea when things will get better. Thousands of children are still being born with illnesses like leukaemia, thyroid cancer and neurological problems as a result of this dreadful disaster. UK Aid collect many items for patients which are suitable for babies, children and adults and so far this year, there have been four trips made from Essex to the Chernihiv Centre where there are facilities for children who can stay one week, two weeks or up to three months if necessary, to get help with their disabilities. Also, many children go the centre on a daily basis to get treatment. The work of these volunteers is so heart warming it makes any problems we might have, seem very insignificant.

Future Meetings and Events are:

Wednesday 4th December 2pm

Saturday, 14th December 7pm for 7.30pm

Wednesday, 8th January 12.30pm for 1pm

Wednesday, 5th February 2pm

Wednesday, 4th March

Medieval Christmas – Kate Cole

Christmas Whist Drive

New Year Lunch at the Black Lion

Pets as Therapy – Cath and John Littlemore

Seated Yoga with Sarah

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and if you require further information please call Margaret on 01371 872206

SPRING NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the Spring Newsletter is 20th February 2020



TODDLER GROUP

Held in Great Canfield Village Hall
on a **WEDNESDAY** from 2.30pm until 4.30pm,
next one **Wednesday 4th December 2019.**

Tea / Coffee / Biscuits / Squash provided at a cost of £2.50 per family.
We have a selection of Toys which have been kindly donated
as well as bringing our own toys for children to share.

It is a very informal get together for Mums and Little Ones
It's a fun friendly afternoon.

Would be great to see as many people as possible

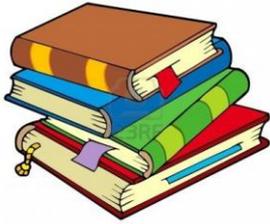


**Please come and see
FATHER CHRISTMAS
On
Wednesday
18th December
2.30pm
£5.00 per child**

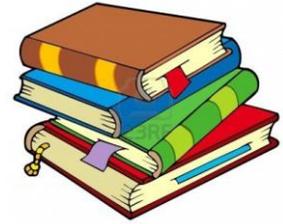
If you need any further information, please contact Alison on 0752 521 7507



Great Canfield
Village Hall
has a
baby changing facility



GREAT CANFIELD BOOK GROUP



Cartes Postales from Greece by Victoria Hislop was the book club choice for August.

This book split the group with the majority not enjoying it greatly, one member enjoying it very much and one seeing some enjoyable aspects alongside some weaknesses.

The book is very loosely a novel with one of the main characters receiving postcards which are addressed to someone else who does not live there. The cards are from a man the real addressee has clearly jilted and contain an account of his heartbreak and his decision to journey around Greece without her. The cards are then a device to pull together a number of short stories from different parts of Greece, some attached to legend, some quite disturbing. The recipient of the cards decides to head off to Greece to see the places described for herself.

Many of the group felt the structure contrived and the overall storyline and main characters weak. Some of the observations on the current state of Greece and its economy were thought interesting. One of us though loved the book, enjoyed the variety and content of the different stories and has immediately ordered all the author's other books. We hope he won't be disappointed as those who had read and enjoyed other of the author's work did not enjoy this. However the book did provoke debate and was an interesting choice.

Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin was the book for September.

This was a lengthy book covering the life of Dickens by a well-known biographer who had been a book club choice of author previously. Overall the book was a popular choice and sparked a good discussion about Dickens and how his early life in particular had shaped his novels. The book was felt to be well constructed and relatively easy to read although some found it rather dense and over long. Some did not manage to finish it or skim read parts, most however were positive.

Dickens himself was felt to be a very complex character with an amazing work rate and huge self-confidence to have risen from a very difficult start with a patchy education to be such a prolific and successful author, playwright and occasional actor. He also cared deeply for people and causes, supported his extended family and did much good. This was felt in places to be at odds with his poor treatment of his wife and his approach to other women in his life. While clearly he had an impressive intellect the group were not sure they would have liked him particularly.

The author had previously written another autobiography – The Invisible Woman about Dickens' mistress Nelly Ternan and some of the group expressed an interest to read this work also.

Overall this was felt to be a good choice but we feel we may have "done" Dickens for now having also read Bleak House relatively recently.

Penny Judd





GREAT CANFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB



Well, winter already. You know the old saying “winter draws on”, and hat, scarf and gloves. Try playing carpet bowls with woolly gloves on. Actually, I might be better at it. The way I’ve been playing lately it couldn’t be much worse! Hang on, somethings gone wrong. Barely a line in and I’ve actually mentioned Carpet Bowls! I must be slipping. Must be the icy weather. That’s better, back to the weather. Fans of waffle, I’m back on course. More than my bowls are.

Anyway, we are back into the melee of matches and the tournament. Let’s start with the tournament. We left it last time with Ian Keast, Terry Monk and Maureen Howard all dreaming of a place in the semi’s. Well, it was Terry (“The Terrier”) Monk who rose to the occasion. A long way up considering he sees eye-to-eye with Warwick Davis. Not only did he make the Semi’s, but has glided smoothly into the Final. He saw off the challenge of “The Smiling Assassin” and will now face “The Tactician” who beat the form horse by a country mile. So, there will be a new name on the trophy this year, and it still won’t be me. Mind you, I organise the engraving..... Who will win? Who knows? One thing is certain, in this battle of dimensional incompatibility the victor will definitely be the one who scores the most points.

We are now back in matches. Since the summer break we have played four matches, drawn 2, lost 2. Seems like we still care for our opposition’s wellbeing. Pity really. Just when I thought we had developed a genuine killer instinct we seem to have gone all cuddly pussycat. May have to revert to Boot Camp.

And what of “H”? Well, he has reappeared with some unlikely excuse of being on holiday. Can you believe that? Is it just coincidence that we still can’t get rid of the deadly Brexit virus or any of the carriers. Now they are out and about trying to get innocent people to give them their vote! Whatever next? It has all the hallmarks of a dastardly “H” plot. And there’s a new threat to the sanity of us all. It’s been labelled “ERIC” and is believed to be far more ruthless than “H”. In order to survive you will need top quality ear defenders. Watch out, there’s an ERIC about!

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Crime Prevention

Phone Scams that try to trick people via a phone call are on the rise, and are often targeted at older people. Here are a few general tips to protect yourself:

Do

hang up on cold callers and ignore cold texts

sign up with the Telephone Preference Service to opt out of receiving unwanted sales and marketing calls (0345 070 0707 - tpsonline.org.uk)

contact your phone provider to see if they have the option to block unwanted calls or texts

remember, if you have a smartphone, it acts like a mini computer, so keep its operating system up-to-date and install antivirus software. Only download apps from official app stores, as apps can infect your phone with viruses. As with emails, don't click on links in unsolicited text messages.

Don't

ever give out bank details such as your PIN or online banking login details, including by keying your PIN into the phone

assume a call is safe just because the number matches the number on your bank card or statement. Callers can modify the caller ID so that your phone displays a fake number

make a decision about an investment based on what someone has told you over the phone. Always seek independent financial advice

ring a number the caller gives you to check the legitimacy of a call. Use a source you trust to find the number – for example, the company's website or the phone book.

Agree to a visit from the caller or his/her company without making checks first that they are genuine.

It's important to report scams to make sure the police are aware of what has happened and can try to stop the scammers acting again.

If you've been the victim of a scam – i.e. if you've lost money or exposed your personal details – contact Action Fraud, the national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre (0300 123 2040, www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud).

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Remember, it is important to contact the police immediately using 999 if there is a crime in progress and you need immediate assistance, or an emergency is occurring.
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TWELVE TIPS FOR CHRISTMAS AND AFTER

1. If you must store Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies within garages and outbuildings, ensure that they are out of sight and that it's securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm.
2. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window.
3. Ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked before leaving the house. Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on timers, perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too.
4. Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.
5. Whether an evening out or Christmas shopping keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobile safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief, so be alert at all times.
6. Park safely; look for a Parkmark accredited car park www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder Check that your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.
7. When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.
8. Attending a Christmas party – make sure that you have considered how you are getting home in advanced and avoid using unlicensed taxi's. Ensure you drink responsible and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe.
www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety
9. Watch what you put on social media; check your settings to ensure that you are not broadcasting when you are not at home and the lovely gifts you have received.
10. After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting the empty boxes out for collection, disguise them, fold them up inside out or put them inside other non-descript box.
11. Record your new property free on www.immobilise.com , install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products.
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As Christmas approaches, we are more likely to hear the distinctive sound of church bells. Most of our church towers were erected with the specific purpose of housing bells high above the rooftops so their sound could be heard over a wide area, calling people to worship or, sometimes, to celebrate a special occasion.

Church bells come in many different sizes, the larger giving a deeper tone. Of Hundred Parishes churches, Saffron Walden has most bells with 12, the largest weighing over a ton. Some bells are extremely old: Great Waltham, Little Hallingbury, Little Horstead, Strethall and Westmill each have one dating from the 14th century.

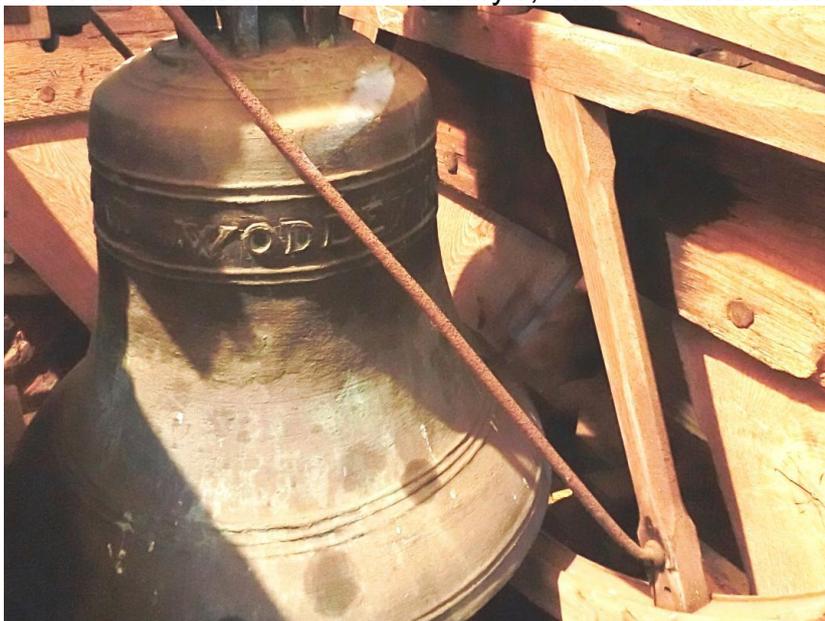
Each bell is rung by a separate person, pulling gently but firmly on a bell rope from below. A practised team of bell ringers can create a wonderful sound as the bells are swung in a predetermined sequence. The simplest sequence is to ring the lightest bell first and so on through to the heaviest, producing a round of descending notes.

The round may be repeated many times or, on the conductor's instruction, the sequence may be changed by swapping two bells. There are many possible sequences for ringing a given number of bells: for eight bells the number of different sequences is 40,320. An experienced team will sometimes attempt to ring a continuous set of changing sequences. Long ago it was decided that anything over 5,000 changes of sequence would be termed a "peal".

A peal typically takes around 3 hours so requires organisation and great concentration and stamina. Peals are rarely attempted, but when successfully achieved they may be recorded in the church on a "peal board" giving the bell-ringers' names and the title of the change sequence or method that was used.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

A 5.5 cwt bell cast in 1705 in St Mary's, Stansted Mountfitchet





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