



# **WINTER 2023 GREAT CANFIELD NEWSLETTER**

## CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024

Services take place across the group of 10 churches every Sunday at 9.30am and 11.00am and most weeks there is an evening service at either 4.00pm or 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend services in any of the churches. Details of services are displayed on the church notice boards or [www.regc.org.uk](http://www.regc.org.uk)

The Church of England has an online service every Sunday morning at 9am which can be accessed via their website, <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/church-online>

Services taking place in St Mary's, Great Canfield are as follows.

Date	Day	Time and Service Format	Officiant
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Advent 1	11.00am CW Holy Communion	Rev Tim Goodbody
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent 3	7.00pm Carol Service	Rev Gary Fleming
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Communion	Rev Gary Fleming
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Baptism of Christ	11.00am Family Baptism Celebration	Rev Gary Fleming
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Epiphany 3	11.00am BCP Holy Communion	tbc
4 <sup>th</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent	3.00pm Pet Service	Rev Gary Fleming
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent 1	11.00am CW Holy Communion	Rev Tim Goodbody

### Mid-Week Services

When	Time and Service Format	Where
Wednesday	9.00am, Morning Prayer	High Easter church
Wednesday	11.00am, Morning Prayer	Online, link for this service is available from Rev Robert Stone

### Special Days - Joint Services

Date	Day	Time and Service Format	Church Location	Officiant
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Frist Sunday .After Christmas	11.00am Benefice Worship	High Easter	Rev Tim Goodbody
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday	11.00am 6.00pm	White Roding High Easter	tbc

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD

Dear Friends,

Who remembers the early December ritual of checking the Christmas lights? When I was young, we had a string of colourful Christmas lights we put on the tree, but each year they had to be laid out on the carpet in a straight line and there was great rejoicing if when plugged in they all came on. But more often than not the lights would stay off and then began the shuffle along the wire to find the loose or broken bulb. If a bulb was pushed in and the lights came on, we heaved a sigh of relief. If one needed replacing, then we would have to start the search at the bottom of the decorations box to see if we could find our small packet of spare bulbs.

Then came the day when no spare bulbs could be found and Woolworths no longer sold the type we needed, and we had the expense of buying a new string of lights.

Now of course we have L.E.D. lights which continue to work even if one L.E.D. fails.

The lovely thing about the old lights was that they were only as good as their weakest bulb, and the whole was reliant on each bulb doing their bit. This is a perfect picture of Church or Community at it its best. We are at our best when we all contribute, when we all shine brightly alongside each other. St Paul talked about how the whole Church was wounded when one member was wounded, and that all rejoiced when one rejoiced.

Western culture can operate like the new L.E.D. lights. The whole is not dependent on each of the others. We live individual lives and prioritise ourselves above others and indeed the whole. This is unhealthy for church and community. It leads to poor mental health for some and loneliness for many.

This Christmas choose to shine alongside others and see how much more brightly we stand out in the darkness when we are in it together.

Merry Christmas,  
Yours truly,  
Rev'd Robert Stone



## ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD

Firstly, thank you to all who took the time to respond to my recent request for feedback on community engagement with St Mary's Church, Great Canfield.

It has been wonderful to have conversations with so many of you regarding how you feel about church, your church and community. It is clear that the church is much loved by the community and the ideas that came forward have offer a program of worship activities and events.

These ideas were discussed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in November, and we have been able to propose the following program of events, some date are yet to be confirmed.

- January 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 11am – Family Service celebrating Baptism – The Baptism of Christ
- February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 3pm - Pet Service – Please bring your pets along for this special celebration of companionship and all of God's creation.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 6pm - Children's cinema night – Family film for all to enjoy- This event will involve a fun evening for children and family to enjoy the setting of the church. We intend to have popcorn available, heating will be on and you can bring a snuggle blanket as well.
- May 2024 (Date TBA) - Creative service. Exploring the church and the Gospel through art – A supervised service and art session for the family.
- June 2024 (Date TBA) - Car show and Cream teas

We look forward to seeing you at this program of events. If you would like to help with the organisation or support these events in some way that would be very helpful.

With thanks and blessings,  
Reverend Gary Fleming

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Carol Service** will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm and will be led by Rev. Gary Fleming.

**Carols on a cart.** This year will be on  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

leaving St. Mary's at 6pm.

Venues to be announced.

Watch Facebook and Ten Parishes website.



**Midnight Communion** is on 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm. led again by Rev. Gary Fleming.

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD

## CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

### TEN PARISHES



#### Worship

Well, since the last report we have had Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and the Toy service.

**Harvest Festival** took place on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The Service was led by Rev. Gary Fleming. He was due to share the task with Rev. Jo Wood, however, the latter came down with Covid. Jo Wood is our new Curate. For getting on for three year we didn't even have a priest, now we have a proper Vicar and not one, but two Curates! Jo has come to us for the final year of her curacy. Clearly Robert is good at training! Not all good, though. As a trade-off we are lending Gary part-time to another Benefice who have lost pretty much every cleric. The gifts of food as usual were taken to the Streets to Homes charity based in Harlow.

**Remembrance Sunday**, 12<sup>th</sup> November, saw our regular Benefice Service at the War Memorial at High Easter at 11am, followed by a service of Remembrance in St. Mary's High Easter. The practice of our own short service at the Peace Oak, started last year was again led by Rev. Gary Fleming who read the Exhortation. Ginny Barlow, the Parish Chair read the names of the fallen, Henry Green read the Kohima Epitaph And yours truly read "in Flanders Fields".

**The Toy Service** took place yesterday (I wrote this on 20<sup>th</sup> November – deadline day). Jo led the service and I think I can safely say everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Jo spoke on the reading, which was the "Parable of the Talents". Her explanation of "talents", or bags of gold in the modern bible translation, went down very well, particularly with the children, as she used gold coins in her illustration and at the end, she distributed some of this wealth among them. I'm sure by now you've guessed the gold coins were chocolate! All the congregation shared in the wealth.

#### Quinquennial

No progress as yet. I will be preparing a schedule of works. Then I will be looking for volunteers!

#### Churchyard

See "Quinquennial".

#### Toilet/kitchen

**Still** nestling on the same back-burner.

#### Financial

As last time and the time before. We **Still** really need a Treasurer as the mental signs are not good! 🤔🙌🙌🙌🙌



#### Hall and Cottage

We may be looking at a predicted hall closure period of up to 15 weeks. I am awaiting a response from the Church Architect regarding an alternative proposal which may reduce the time and possibly cost.

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*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."*  
*[Isaiah 7:14]*

May God keep you all safe and well.

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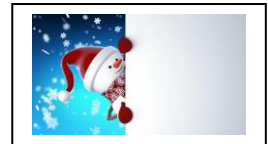
## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

It's been a very busy Autumn for the Village Hall Committee, first we had the ever-popular Fest night which once again proved to be quite a night with plenty of singing, dancing, fun, frolics and general German Beer and Food consumption. Great thanks to Andrew Clack for all the hard work and being the lead on this event.

Then the Fireworks night was quickly upon us this is such a big event not only raising funds for the Hall but also for St Mary's and the Cricket club and bringing together so many of our parish. The night went off without any hitches, the rain held off, the fireworks were great, the hot dogs stall and the new pizza van proved very popular and the younger amongst the village loved the glowing swords and sticks, in all over 300 villagers attended.

Thanks has to be given to the Hall Committee and the Parish Council for the hard work setting up this event especially with the Health and Safety issues that have to be addressed these days, to Chris Easter and his team who donated their Pyrotechnics expertise free of charge, our many sponsors who without this event would not be possible to run and to Black Barn for the use of the all-important car park.

Already looking forward to next year.



Upcoming events are a

Christmas Cocktail Masterclass at the Village Hall on 14th Dec, contact Claire Knight for details.

80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings. Beacon Lighting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and a 1940s themed celebration party at the village hall on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

I'm sure a quiz night is likely in the Spring.

I would also like to thank Keith and Gill Vincett who are stepping down from their rolls as Village Hall booking clerks with their impending move to from the village, they were presented with a present at the Octoberfest evening.

A new bookings clerk will be announced soon.

IMPORTANT ..... with some members moving away we desperately need some new faces on the Village Hall Committee come join us.

The downsides are a meeting every couple of months the upsides however are great, a real sense of giving back to the community but more importantly first dabs on event tickets!!

Contact Robert Mackley 07803927694 for details.

If you are a villager who sometimes doesn't know about the events but would like to sign up for the Village Email list via the Parish Council Clerk, Allison Ward details on the back of newsletter or join the popular but exclusive villagers only Facebook Page "Great Canfield Residents".

A big **THANK YOU** to Gill Vincett for all the work she has put into distributing the Great Canfield Newsletter. Gill for many years has been given all the published newsletter once a quarter and handed them out to the distributors for the village and did a delivery round as well.

**We are going to miss Gill and her husband Keith so much.**

Please keep in touch and we wish you all the best in your new home.

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped with the Great Canfield Newsletter.

It is very much appreciated.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND 2024



The Rodings, Easters &  
Great Canfield Parishes



OUR NEXT MESSY CHURCH  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Aythorpe Roding Community Hub**  
**(CM6 1PS) from 2-4 pm**

Open for ages up to 12  
All children must be accompanied throughout.

**Advent crafts | Storytelling | Songs**

**Free picnic for the children**  
**Free tea and coffee for all adults**

For further information contact Revd Gary Fleming  
[revdgaryfleming@outlook.com](mailto:revdgaryfleming@outlook.com) | 07491 402273

**It's free to attend. Just come along, have fun and get messy.**



## **NEWS FROM GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

The parish council continued to meet monthly, the minutes and other items of interest can be viewed on the village website.

### **Draft Local Plan Consultation**

You will be aware Uttlesford District Council is consulting on its Regulation 18 Local Plan. This version of the emerging Local Plan sets out Uttlesford's "preferred options" for where new housing and employment sites might be developed in the period to 2041. It also sets out planning policies to guide and support development in the district.

This Local Plan does not provide for a new town in the district during this period and instead provides for extensions to existing settlements to achieve the additional new housing targets required. The Plan sets out a 'hierarchy' which defines four tiers of settlements; Key Settlements, Local Rural Centres/Small Towns, Larger Villages and Small Villages, and each of these has a different scale of new housing and other development associated with it.

Within the hierarchy Great Canfield parish has been deemed a 'Small Village', this is based on a scoring system which assess the services and facilities available in each parish. The Plan defines smaller villages as those 'with a low level of services and facilities, where any development should be modest and proportionate in scale and primarily to meet local needs.' The Smaller Village hierarchy is sub-divided into two classifications either Smaller Village or Open Countryside. Great Canfield parish is identified as Open Countryside where the policy states 'Development in open countryside will not be appropriate unless specifically supported by other relevant policies as set out in the Development Plan or national policy.'

There are significant new homes +1,600 proposed in the neighbouring parish of Takeley, to include a new primary and secondary school. This would see a change to the current Countryside Protection Zone which has been in place to protect the area around the airport from development. Great Canfield is working with neighbouring parish councils to understand the implications and to provide collective responses where matters have a wider impact.

The Plan sets out new policies to support planning decisions. Building energy efficient, sustainable new homes is at the core of the plan with Core Policy 1 concerned with addressing climate change. This policy requires any new dwelling applications to be supported by a Climate Change & Sustainability Statement and includes the requirement that all new homes 'must be ultra-low energy, using energy much more efficiently, be fossil fuel free, and generate renewable energy on-site to at least match annual energy use'. There are policies to provide a housing mix which includes smaller properties, and the continued requirement to provide affordable housing, albeit reduced to 35%,



The draft Local Plan can be viewed at this link, <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/8883/The-Draft-Local-Plan> where it is broken down by chapter. There is a lot of information, and it can be difficult to find the matters most relevant to you. If you have an interest in a specific topic relating to planning policy and cannot locate information, please speak to one of the Cllrs or contact the Clerk for help. Please consider what matters to you as a resident in Uttlesford and consider responding either in support or with comments or suggestions. Responses can be made online or if you would prefer to complete a general 'paper' response please contact the clerk for a form.

## **New Village Defibrillator**



The Department of Health & Social Care currently have a Community Defibrillator Scheme running in which they are providing match funding for 1,900 community external defibrillators. This is a scheme where the local organisation pays £750 (50% of the cost) and the government grant covers the balance. Great Canfield Parish Council has successfully applied to the scheme and an additional defibrillator (there is a parish council owned defibrillator at Ashfields) will be placed on the external wall of Great Canfield Village Hall which will give greater coverage to the community. As with the majority of defibrillators this will be in a locked cabinet and the code is provided when you call 999. The parish council wishes to thank Great Canfield Parochial Church Council for their support in allowing the defibrillator to be installed at the village hall. The defibrillator should be in place by end of December.

## **Crumps Farm**

The parish council is aware of the issues at Crumps Farm (Little Canfield) which borders Great Canfield at Hope End, caused by illegal dumping of waste at the site. The parish council with the help of District Cllr Neil Reeve continues to push for urgent action from the Environment Agency (EA) and Essex County Council (ECC) to understand the extent of the issue, to ensure the safety of the public and protection of local waterways, and to understand the action that will be taken to make the site safe.

## **Other News**

Thank you to all who helped with the village litter pick on 11<sup>th</sup> November, the support of the community in keeping Great Canfield 'tidy' is much appreciated.

The parish council considers fulfilling its responsibilities as a statutory consultee on planning applications. In the last quarter it has responded in objection to applications for three new homes at Canfield Nursery, Bullocks Lane, and a further new home on land adjacent to Runnells Hey, Canfield Drive. The parish council responses can be

read on the Uttlesford planning website, at the point of writing decisions are pending.

If you are a local not for profit group providing support to Great Canfield residents, please consider applying to the parish council for a small grant. The parish council grant policy is available on the website or from the clerk.

## **Parish Council Future Meetings**

Next quarter Parish Council meetings will be held in Great Canfield Village Hall at 8pm. There is a public session at the start of each meeting and residents are welcome to raise any matters relating to the agenda, share matters of local interest or concern. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**The Uttlesford Business Awards 2024 are now open for entries - and everyone is invited to nominate a business or individual who they feel deserves to be noticed for their innovation and excellence.**

This is the second time Uttlesford District Council has held the awards. Last year's event was a great success with some brilliant nominations and entries.

The awards are free to enter and there are 12 categories up for grabs with a range of prizes for the winners.

Cllr Neil Hargreaves, Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Economy, said: "We're excited to once again be running these awards to recognise and celebrate the achievements of businesses in the district. Local businesses are vital to our communities and economy, and they play a huge role in making Uttlesford the great place that it is.

"If you know of a business or individual who you think deserves to be recognised, please do enter them into the awards. I look forward to seeing the nominations. Good luck to all the applicants!"

For more information about the awards including criteria for each of the categories and the entry form, visit: <https://business.uttlesford.gov.uk/awards>.

Entries close at midnight on 14 January 2024 and shortlisted entries will be announced on 31 January. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the end of February.



It's the Great Canfield Christmas Social!

🍸🍸 Christmas Cocktails 🍸🍸

Learn the art of mixology from local cocktail  
bartenders Mixers and Chasers

The class lasts approx 2 hours and includes 3  
cocktails, recipe cards and some tasty nibbles

Please join us for lots of fun  
on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
7:30pm for an 8pm start  
at Great Canfield Village Hall

Please email [claireinoz100@hotmail.com](mailto:claireinoz100@hotmail.com)  
or call 07967838421 to book a ticket  
£45 per person



## **GREAT CANFIELD TODDLER GROUP**



**We meet fortnightly from 10:00 -12:00**

**At Great Canfield Village Hall**

**On the following days**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Special Guest SANTA**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**New Mums and little ones very welcome**

**Charging £3.00 per family**

**Different theme each time**

**Sensory table**

**Arts & Crafts**

**A selection of toys**

**including a trampoline, slide, toy kitchen**

**Plus tasty snacks**

**Tea / Coffee for adults**

**If you wish to find out more, please look on our Facebook page**

**[www.facebook.com/canfieldslittleones](https://www.facebook.com/canfieldslittleones)**





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## **HIGH RODING & GREAT CANFIELD WI**

Our September Meeting was when we all enjoyed a Ploughman's lunch followed by strawberries, blueberries, meringues and cream. We were delighted to have friends and visitors from neighbouring WI's join us. After lunch we enjoyed entertainment of music with Ian when a great time was had singing along and even dancing to hits from the sixties, seventies and eighties.

A very enjoyable experience was had at our October Meeting when Mike from Charles & Mike Distilling Ltd. Based at Marks Hall, Margaret Roding came and gave us a brief history of how the company began in March 2020 during the pandemic to the present day and how their sales of gin products and other spirits such as rum have rapidly grown. He told us how he bought his gin still and equipment to start production in his own kitchen. We had many visitors join us on this occasion who thoroughly enjoyed being able to sample several different flavours of gin and also a newly produced flavoured rum. The atmosphere in the Hall became quite lively and merry with the noise increasing with every sample of gin! Everyone agreed Mike's talk was very entertaining and of course enjoyed sampling his gin!

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November Christmas started for us with Rita giving ideas and possibilities on how to make our own handmade Christmas Cards. She provided many examples to help and encourage us and a wonderful selection of pens, paints, markers, stickers and other tools to assist us. The hall became very quiet with everyone concentrating so hard on their creations. It was a very enjoyable and productive afternoon with lots of Christmas Cards all being created quite differently.

On the Saturday following our meeting we held our Christmas Fayre which was a great success raising funds for our WI and for the upkeep of our WI Hall. We would like to thank all those in our two villages and beyond for kindly supporting this annual event.

Our next Meeting will be on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm in High Roding Church. Reverend Robert Stone is kindly leading a Special Service for us to celebrate the ending of our Centenary year together with Carols for Christmas. We would like to invite friends from High Roding & Great Canfield villages as well as any in our ten Parishes who would like to join us to celebrate and get into the Christmas Spirit with the singing of Carols. Husbands and families are also welcome on this occasion. There will be seasonal refreshments in the Church afterwards.

### **Future Meetings:**

2024 will start with us enjoying a New Year's Lunch on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30 pm at a local restaurant.

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm - We will welcome Rebecca to give a Talk about Sign Language

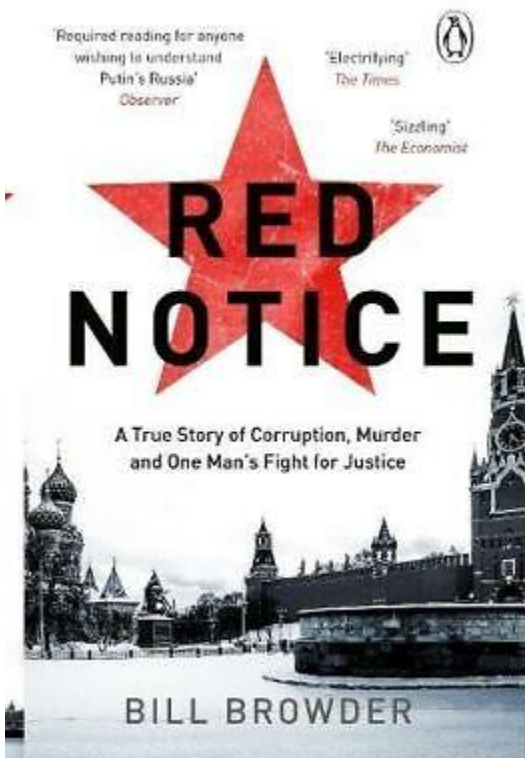
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm – Chris and Ian Metson will give a Talk entitled: 'Local Farming now and in the past'

Visitors are always very welcome, for further information please contact: Margaret Stevenson Tel: 01371 872206 – [rsands@farmline.com](mailto:rsands@farmline.com) or Angela King Tel: 01371 859287

We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

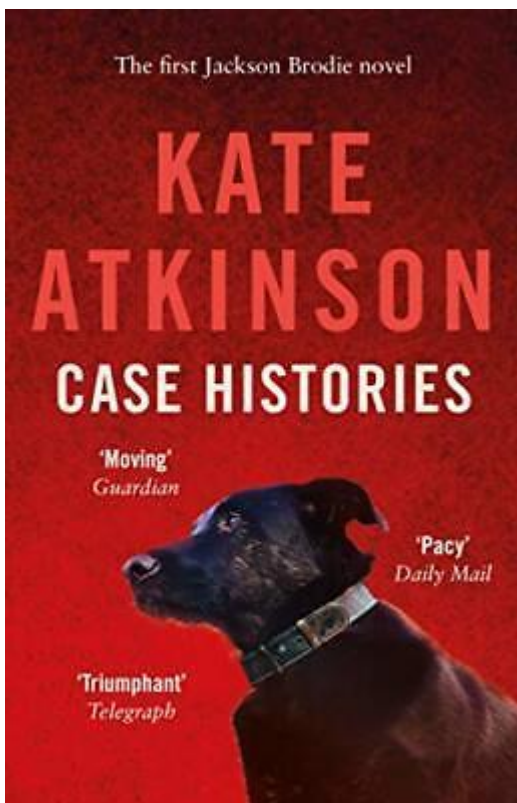
Margaret Stevenson

## BOOK CLUB



Our book for **September** was *Red Notice*, by Bill Browder. Whilst exploring investment opportunities in eastern Europe, the author discovered spectacularly undervalued companies in Russia. He gathered the funds to invest in them and built a portfolio whose value soared at record-breaking speed. The book gives an account of the ways in which members of the Russian establishment sought to recover these profits, and the conflicts that ensued. Some \$230 million of these funds, the book alleges, found their way into the pockets of a group of well-connected Russian officials. Sergei Magnitsky, a Russian lawyer working for Browder, exposed the scheme and persevered in his efforts to use the law to bring them down. The book describes how Russian authorities responded with a programme of severe ill-treatment which in time resulted in his death. It outlines the author's attempts to protect Magnitsky and then his campaign to bring his killers to justice. The Russian authorities issued a Red Notice, an extradition notice served on Interpol demanding Browder's arrest. This failed, and Browder managed to persuade Congress to pass the Magnitsky Act, which sanctions 18 of those responsible for Magnitsky's ill-treatment, freezes their assets, and bans them from entering the USA. The European Union followed with similar measures.

The group found the book a moving and gripping account. There were a couple of dissenting opinions, centred around the motivation of the author and the veracity of some of the claims made.



Our book for **November** was *Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson, featuring Jackson Brodie as a private investigator. This is the first of five Brodie books, which have also been serialised by the BBC. The action takes place in Cambridge and involves the resolution of three historic murders. This takes place in stages, which introduce key players and new clues chapter by chapter until the various mysteries are resolved. Brodie has had a tough childhood which brings empathy to his understanding and handling of people of all ages and strata of society. It also produces an unexpected legacy which triggers attempts on Brodie's life by the person he replaced. Readers enjoyed the variety of people introduced and liked the character that the author has built for Brodie. She also introduces some amusing character sketches and the odd moment of hilarity. The author tackles various themes concerning Brodie and his clients such as parent-child relationships and behaviour patterns that are common across social divides. Some of the behaviour, most particularly abuse within the family of a Cambridge don, proved especially disturbing to some of the readership. And to some, the author took too long to get to the point and introduced too extensive a portfolio of characters. However the majority enjoyed the book, and the fact that most mysteries were resolved and brought to a happy conclusion.









## POPPY APPEAL

This year we collected £566 for the British Legion's Poppy Appeal, up from £493 last year. Many thanks to all who supported this important cause: to those who visited our stations in Hope End, Green Street, Church End and Bacon End, to those who manned the stations, to St Mary's church, Ashfields Country Kitchen, and the Cricket Club for enabling poppy collections on their premises, and to all who spread the word.



**CRICKET CLUB**



Another season has come to a close. Canfield have enjoyed their customary highs and lows!! The pitch has been one of the best around and many, many thanks must go to Jamie Halls for all the work that he puts in to make it such a success. On field we had an enjoyable Cricket Week and our tour to Norfolk where we played Rudham and Garboldisham. Steve Oakey and Toby Warnes were the pick of the batsmen. On the bowling front Paul Lucas and John Priest resumed their battle for the top of the leader board. Fixtures are being sorted out for next year as we speak, and the hope is to play a few more evening matches. So, if you fancy getting a team up to play or representing Canfield yourself, please let us know. A date for your diary, we are going to have a memorial match for Pete Smith and Bob Clarke ex-players, who have passed away over the last year. It will be on Saturday May the 18<sup>th</sup>, more details to follow. Have a great winter and perhaps look forward to seeing you in 2024.



**REDPOLL CATTLE**



After a wet autumn the cattle are pleased to be in a warm dry shed for the winter enjoying a mixed diet of haylage and brewer's grains from the Colchester brewery. Next week the vet will be visiting to see if the bulls been doing his job, he's been away at another farm for the summer, so fingers crossed!! Also, I have my T B test on the herd. In this area we have it every 4 years. The vet will test all of the animals, if any are found to be infected, they will have to be culled. Up until now I have had no worries, but I have heard that there have been positive tests at Roxwell which is causing some concern to say the least! I'll let you know how it goes next time.

Many of my cattle are bought by Great Garnets which is a farm shop near Barnston. Where they also sell farm fresh Christmas turkeys, if you are looking for something for the 25th give them a call.

Anyway have a great winter and see you when the days are longer.

Jonathan Clarke



## REAT CANFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB



Right. Let's see how far I can get actually ~~ta~~ typing about Carpet Bowls. After all, that's what the heading says. It's a miracle I haven't been charged with breaching the Trades Descriptions Act. I suppose as you lot don't pay for this wonderful publication, I am not actually TRADING. Whilst I am on the subject, I have been asked if I was the inspiration behind the two figures "bookending" the title. **Come on!** All that enthusiasm, energy and anticipation of a glorious outcome? And that haircut! Worst of all, **GREEN TROUSERS! Really! Green trousers!** For decades I have been known to set trends, never follow them. But there are limits, even for a fashion revolutionary like me.

Now where was I? Oh, yes. Sticking to the title. So, what kind of shape is the club in? My immediate image conjured up was that of a blancmange. Moving on, the effects of Covid was to decimate many Pastime clubs, large and small. So many clubs folded that we have had to stop playing friendly matches. This of course means that I have had nothing to report over the last three years. You just can't imagine the stress this has put me under. A lesser mortal would have buckled under the strain and resorted to printing complete nonsense just to fill a page. Not me. I seem to manage sharp-witted comments on life, blended with informative anecdotes on the progress of a giant among the Carpet Bowling elite, whilst quietly managing the body of extreme talent meant the quarterly debilitation of my journalistic prowess. Modesty was never a weakness.

Anyway, as the saying goes, "every cloud has a silver lining". Covid restrictions like you can't go near anyone created a lot of difficulty with team sports' even when you no-longer had to be called Boris to fraternise with other human beings. So many participants had got out of the habit of fraternisation and the thrill of man/woman/not sure – to – man/woman/not sure (how's that for playing safe?) combat had evaporated to the extent that they had completely surrendered their lives to Sedentary Competition Association (SCA), leading to the untimely demise of so many clubs. We, however, by sheer grit, determination and the introduction of the "Over '75's Jab", have survived the Borising. Since then many of the remaining MWN's who still crave the cut and thrust of bowl-to-bowl combat have joined GCCBC on Tuesday evenings for their weekly fix of Titanic Tussling (hang on – what happened to the Titanic? Mere coincidence). So, in answer to your unasked question, we are still going.

And 'H'? Well, HSN has fully retired due to Jed Mercurio no longer giving HSN the lifeblood of his written page (typed, actually). This left me with another chunk of prose going NLA. Then I remembered. The Prisoner! Of course! I do believe this MWN is still undiscovered. It's time to resurrect the search. In future you may see this page covered with No. 2's. Maybe one day, even images. That should satisfy your craving for more.

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# THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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The most significant change is the addition of a section called Articles. This section consists of about 80 pages and offers a window onto more aspects of the Hundred Parishes, complementing the existing introductory pages to parishes, walks, people, what's on, etc.

The Articles section comprises a series of short essays on a diverse range of subjects ranging alphabetically from Almshouses to Workhouses. Most of the articles started life as a submission to local parish magazines; most have been expanded. We have introductory articles about the Hundred Parishes Society's origins, aims and activities. Other topics include Aviation, many aspects of Churches, Landscape, Listings, Museums, Parish names, Pub names, Village halls and Village signs – and many more. This expansion of the website has provided an opportunity to include some 600 additional photos. The Articles section will grow over time, usually to incorporate new subjects that are submitted as monthly articles to parish magazines.

We like to receive feedback, whether that be to report a problem, expand our knowledge, or perhaps just to express an opinion on what the Society is doing or could do.

We particularly rely on feedback to keep our What's On page up to date and the contact details current within our parish introductions. The details that require most frequent change usually relate to our pubs, either closing, re-opening or changing their contact details.

We hope residents will take a fresh look at the website. We hope they will find something to interest them and perhaps inspire them to investigate further, either online or better still on foot, following one of our suggested walk routes.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



A – Church stained-glass windows – Great Waltham



B – Listings – Widdington's Priors Hall Barn



C – Pub names & signs– Coach & Horses in Thorley



D - Straw finials – Pegasus in Leaden Roding



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