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Rector's Reflections

Recently I have had the privilege of journeying alongside a group of people doing the SHAPE Course.

The course aims to enable church members to understand the unique SHAPE God has made them, the gifts he has given them and how he might want to use them. This is so that God's Kingdom may be built up as each person finds the ministry to which God is calling them in the Church and in the world.

The purpose of the course is to help each of us to live and serve with more joy, satisfaction and fruitfulness and to help build a healthy growing church. But it's not just about *doing things in church*. It also relates to the way we engage with our family, friends, job, local community, voluntary and leisure activities.

The SHAPE Course is 6 weeks long and each session, coupled with some tasks in between, helps each person to reflect upon a different aspect of their shape: their spiritual gifts, their heart's desire, their abilities, their personality, and their experience.



- **Spiritual Gifts** (God's unique gifts to you)
- **Heart's Desire** (what motivates and excites you; what you love to do)
- **Abilities** (your talents, knowledge and skills)
- **Personality** (your character, personal qualities and strengths)
- **Experience** (your life experiences and what you've gained from them)

The course has prompted some great discussion and prayer and has enabled people to get to know each other better. We have discovered things about each other which we didn't know before and we have learned to appreciate each other in new ways.

Sometime in the future, the SHAPE group is going to lead a service in church when they will be able to tell you a bit more about their experiences of doing the course.

We hope to be able to run SHAPE again sometime after we have done the ALPHA Course in the Autumn term, so if you think you might be interested in either of these courses, please do let me know.

As ever, take care and God bless,

Sue



BENEFICE SERVICES

July 2021

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Thurs 1 st July			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon		4pm Forest Church
Sunday 4th July <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Mon 5 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 6 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 8 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 10 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 11th <i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>Sea Sunday</i>		8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Mon 12 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 13 th	Open Church 10am-noon		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thurs 15 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 17 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 18th <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service with Sunday School in a Tin		
Mon 19 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 20 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 22 nd			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 24 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 25th <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>			8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Mon 26 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 27 th	9.15am Holy Communion Service		
	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 29 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 31 st	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 1st August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>			10am All Together Service
Mon 2 nd			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 5 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 7 th	Open Church 10am-noon	4pm Forest Church	

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer, refreshments are available at all sessions except Thursdays at Bulphan.



HORNDON ON THE HILL **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

Dear all,

Last Sunday we used our new television (donated by Horndon Feast and Faye) to listen to the new Bishop of Chelmsford give her first talk to the Dioceses. She will be coming to the Benefice very soon, so look out for the date.

Our Strawberry tea has now been transferred to Friday 23rd July from 2-4p.m. on the lawn outside the church in Mill Lane. This is to enable us to have more people and to keep within Covid restrictions. If you would like to attend, call Felicity on 677581 to book a ticket at £10.

Our Rector's son Thomas has just turned 18. Happy Birthday Thomas. He is a wiz in helping the Benefice with all matters with our computers. He is hopefully going to study medicine from September. Good Luck Thomas from all the Benefice.

Don't forget just phone 674212 if you would like a lift to any services.

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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

I am indebted to Janet McCheyne, who on Monday mornings during the past month has been serving refreshments while the church has been open for private prayer. I admit that I was somewhat sceptical as to whether or not this would be a successful venture, but in fact it has been well supported. As people are only allowed to meet outside, it has been somewhat weather dependent. Nonetheless, there is a growing core of locals and passing cyclists who come along to enjoy a social catch-up over a cup of tea or coffee. I know that at some point Janet proposes to extend this to include Thursday mornings. Everyone is welcome and welcomed, so why not include this as part of your daily walk. Anytime between 10.00 and 12.00

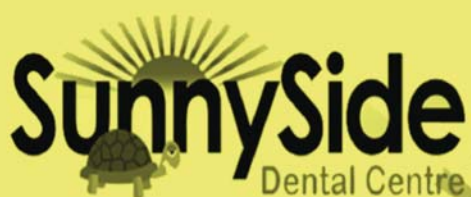
Next week the church will become part of a "National bats in church study/church bat detectives"; having completed a questionnaire, I now realise how complex and extensive this study is. We have always had a presence of bats in Bulphan Church and some years they appear more active or abundant than others. Bats are protected by law and I remember that in 1997 when church restoration was underway, work had to be planned around bat activity. I know that these creatures are not universally popular and they do create a mess and can cause damage, but I am hopeful that this study will reveal some fascinating information about the species of bat that we have and their habits. Recording equipment will be set up in the church to monitor activity and identify type.

So the Batman cometh! Fortunately his name is not Robin, that would have been just too much.

Once current Covid restrictions are lifted, it would be good if we could have a deep clean of the church. During lockdown cleaning has been minimal, just sufficient to keep on top of things. If we could assemble a team of volunteers for a 'post pandemic polish' and bring St Mary's back to a state she deserves, this could herald a fresh start for us all.

If you are happy to volunteer for a few hours I will be delighted to hear from you. Please email me at: R.Porter@hobnob.org.uk

Thank you!



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Here is one of the paintings from
July's Gallery Exhibition by Jude
Caisley

This painting is called Living
hope and will be selling in the
shop for £500.

The exhibition will begin on the
5th of July and finish on the
30th of July.



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Churchwarden's Report

After the year we just had, missing family and friends is a common feeling. It was so wonderful to see my mother after such a long break. We spoke of my childhood and my Granny. Granny was an amazing woman; moving her family from the small Island of Jamaica to this strange cold land. She told great stories of life on both Islands. What she did even better than that was she was a great cook. Her food was loved by all the family.

She lived near the middle of town, so it was always on the way to where you were going. Which was great because my grandparents were never alone there was always someone calling in. Best of all, there is a tradition of Saturday soup which is so good! Granny would sing hymns as she made it with love. Therefore, whatever you were doing on a Saturday you visited Granny, for a story and soup. It was never a quick event because cousins, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters would gather together for family fun.

During this covid year, our church family has done so well. Sue has kept us all connected with the online worship, the newsletter has kept us all informed. Now we can celebrate being back in church, the main service is always at 10.00 am at one of our three churches. It is very gratifying to see friends in person and join together as the community we are. I particularly enjoyed Rogation Sunday when the farmers came in and told us about some of the crops that are grown locally. Deanery synod was a talk on eco church and what we can do to look after this beautiful world we have been given. These were lovely reminders that there is world outside our door of which we are caretakers and if we do this that God will provide for our needs.

Granny's faith was one of the few things she could keep with her and pass on to all of us. She died at 93 and the celebration of her life was shared by the whole town. She had a happy well lived life, that was very fulfilling. She loved and was loved. She left 4 children, 26 Grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren and 8 great, great grandchildren. Every one of us were loved by our grandparents. Now I am a grandma I must find a satisfying and lovely way to keep my family together because I cannot make Saturday soup as good as Granny's.

Many blessings,

Janet Wilkins

FOREST CHURCH

A few images from 5th June at Orsett Church



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Churches Count on Nature-5th June 2021

Thanks to Lynda and Alastair for organising this event at Orsett Church and to the families who attended. It was a lovely afternoon and we had great fun finding all the plants, insects and animals listed below. The information gathered is being uploaded to a national database to enable monitoring of wildlife/plants in churchyards. We intend to hold this event annually and hope that more families will be able to join us in 2022.

Plants - 22

- Daisies
- Germander speedwell
- Buttercups
- Dandelions
- Forget me not
- Goose grass
- Cowslips
- Stinging nettles
- Creeping buttercup
- Dock leaves
- Plantain
- Ivy
- Cocksfoot grass
- Thistles
- Speedwell
- Brambles
- Meadow foxtail
- Mushroom/fungi
- Lew parsley
- Yarrow
- Meadow fescue
- Oxtail daisy

Insects/animals - 17

- Squirrels
- Slugs
- Woodlice
- Holly blue butterfly
- Spider
- Caterpillar
- Red mite
- Ants
- May fly
- Snails
- Leather jacket
- Honey bee
- Bumble bee
- Hover fly
- Zebra spider
- Earwigs
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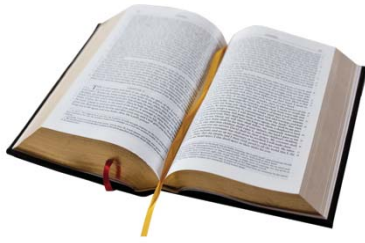
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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

July 1st	For those who have had to cancel baptisms and weddings
July 2nd	For those living on Hornsby Lane, Orsett
July 3rd	For people we have not yet met
July 4th	For the homeless and hungry
July 5th	For those living on Horndon Road, Horndon
July 6th	For those living on Nelson Road, Orsett
July 7th	For family and friends overseas
July 8th	For the leaders of nations
July 9th	For those who must travel by land, sea or air
July 10th	For local charities struggling financially at this time
July 11th	For those living on North Hill, Horndon
July 12th	For our patrons, the Dean & Chapter of St Paul's,
July 13th	For those living on The Paddocks, Orsett
July 14th	For our twin dioceses in Romania, Sweden, and Kenya
July 15th	For those living on Annabell Avenue, Orsett
July 16th	For those living on Pound Lane, Orsett
July 17th	For children as they try to catch up on missed education
July 18th	For those living on Fen Close, Bulphan
July 19th	For those living on Ridgwell Avenue, Orsett
July 20th	For those living on South Hill, Horndon
July 21st	For those living on Robinson Road, Horndon
July 22nd	For those suffering with financial problems
July 23rd	For those living on Sandown Road, Orsett
July 24th	For St Luke's and all hospices throughout the land
July 25th	For those who will not be able to take a summer holiday
July 26th	For those living on Randall Drive, Orsett
July 27th	For those living on Saffron Close, Horndon
July 28th	For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
July 29th	For those living on Southview Cottages, Orsett
July 30th	For those living on Vincent Avenue, Horndon
July 31st	For the church musicians

People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best
anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.
Mother Teresa



The churches in this Benefice are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within the church community and especially children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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We have been pleased to have been meeting again since April following the restart of our services on Easter Day. We will continue to meet weekly unless shown otherwise. The services for July are as follows:

July 4 th	6:30 pm	Paul Mason
July 11 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
July 18 th	No Service	-
July 25 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake

We have a small building and Covid – 19 distancing measures means that capacity is limited to a congregation of 9-13 depending on whether attendees are in bubbles. To help us arrange seating please let the Secretary know if you are planning on coming to our services.

Although the Government's roadmap out of lockdown means that restrictions are continuing to lift, the precautions we have taken so far remain in place for the present so please be reminded that:

- Face coverings are to be worn at all times
- Observe social distancing at all times
- Please sanitise your hands upon entering and leaving the building
- For 'track and trace' purposes please sign in on the sheet provided
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If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522



Competition Rules

The contest is open to children who will be 8 years or under, 9-12 years or 13 -16 years of age on September 15th, who live in either Horndon, Orsett or Bulphan or who attend one of our three churches or primary schools. A prize will be awarded to each age group winner.

Artwork must be no smaller than A4 and must not be framed or matted. Applied items are not permitted. All media types are acceptable, but charcoal, chalk and pastel entries must be sealed with a fixative spray to avoid smudging.

Only one entry per child which must be their original individual and unassisted creation.

As entries will be 'blind judged' entrants' details must be entered on the reverse side of the poster, using the label attached. No signature or printing to form a part of the image

Participants and their Parents/Guardian must agree to their names and photographs of their work being used on the Hobnob website and being displayed in church.

Closing date for receipt of entries:
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To register your interest please contact:
Lynda Robertson on 07974 803 471 or email l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk

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NAME OF ENTRANT

.....

AGE AT 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

.....

I agree to the rules of the competition

ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

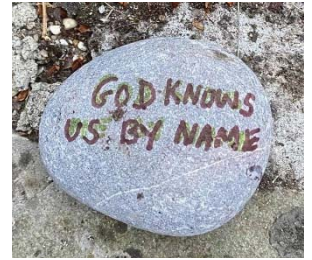
Edward Bear was interested to learn that the 21 June was the longest day of the year (daylight hours) but not happy to think the days start getting shorter now! The year is going very quickly and so did the month of June, especially as Edward Bear and the helpers were praying for Orsett Edward Bear Toddler Group, for all the families that have been part of our community over the years, and that others will step forward to help to re-open the group. "Thank you to everyone who prayed with me during the National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups" said Edward Bear.

Edward Bear does miss the many occasions when normally he would be seeing his friends. However, he did enjoy the Family Service and Forest Church at Orsett Church.



During the Family Service, Edward Bear learned about building God's kingdom and so everyone wrote messages on stones and hid them around the village.

How exciting it must have been for people to find stones with messages from God very unexpectedly!



Edward Bear also loved helping Dawn, one of his bestie friends to give a big smiley welcome to everyone in church for the Family Service.

Talking of messages, there were some great banners made at Forest Church with special messages about helping to take care of God's world. "Hear, hear", said Edward Bear when he read "You are never too small to make a difference" and he was shocked to see how much litter was found in the churchyard and nearby area.



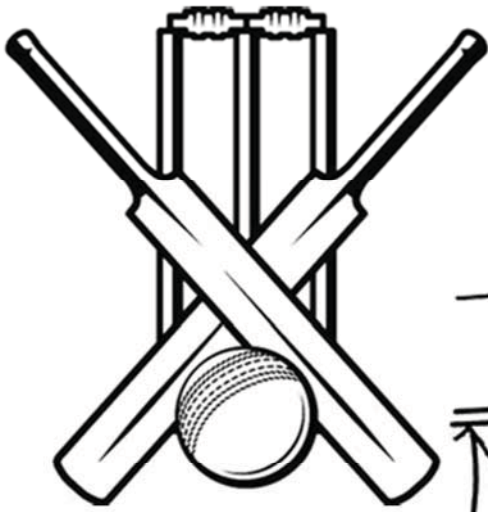
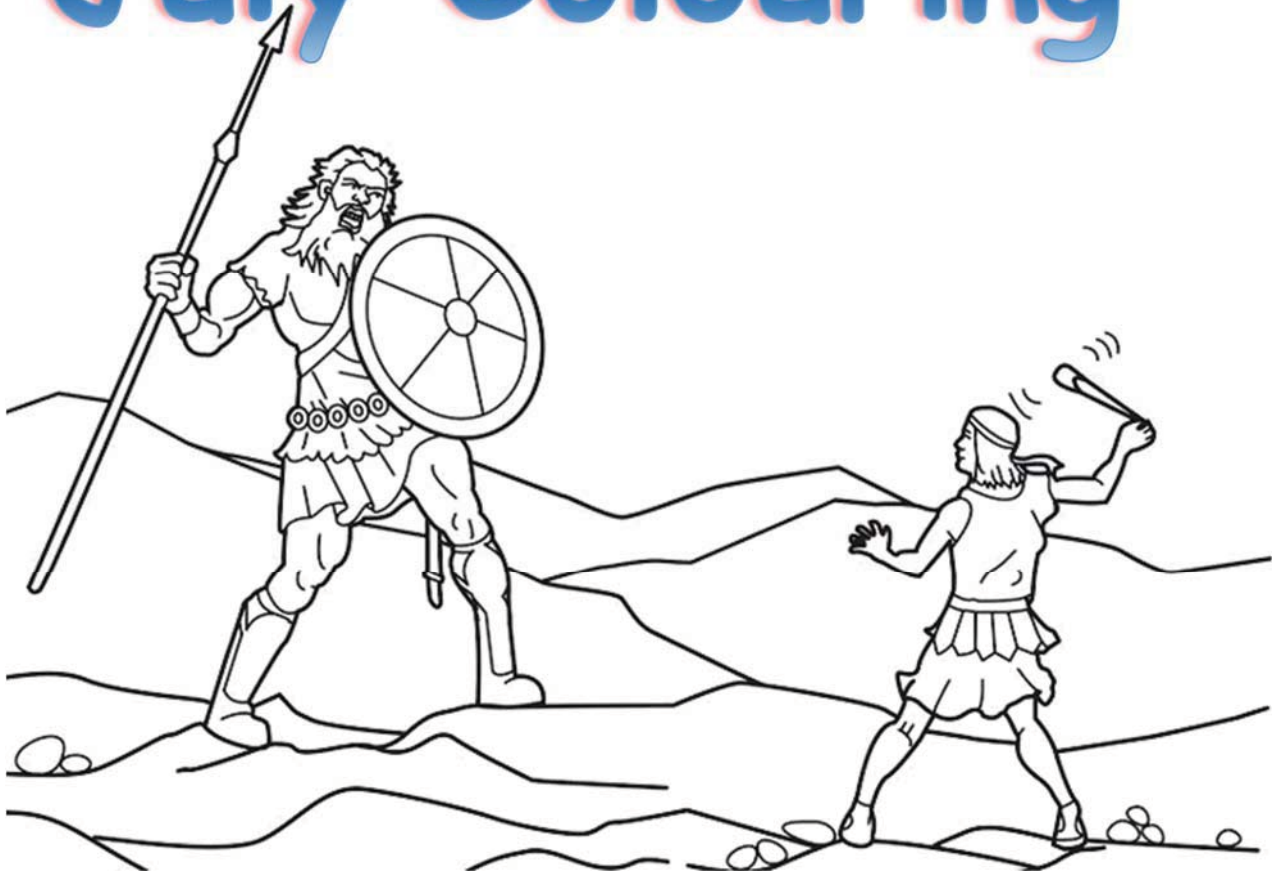
Holiday time is nearly here "Yippee"" shouted Edward Bear, "I'll soon be in my favourite seaside place, which is called Inner Hope – we all need this at the moment".

Wherever you are, have lots of fun, stay safe and maybe come September we will be meeting again. "Please pray it will be so" urged Edward Bear, "and that some new people offer to be helpers".

God bless,
Edward Bear, Di, Gill, and Sandra

Remember to keep an eye out for news from Edward Bear on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Orsett-Edward-Bear-Toddler-Group>

July Colouring



*Pictures for
young and old*



Bulphan WI

We paid a virtual visit to Pauline Kidner in June to hear how she switched from dairy farming with her husband to running one of the largest wildlife rescue centres in the country, Secret World in Somerset. Her stories of rescues and release evoked every emotion and were something members could relate to, especially the impact and encroachment of roads and building on the animal's natural habitats.

Although the recent Government announcement has us on standby to adjust our plans for future meetings we are ever hopeful that July's outside meeting will be good to go! So, if on the evening of July 14th, you spot a group of women gathering on the recreation ground give us a wave from afar.

Updates about future meetings, information, photographs, and much more can be found on Facebook at Bulphan Women's Institute and on Twitter @bulphanwi or contact us via Secretary Janet McCheyne on 07752836902 or email bulphanwi@gmail.com

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9. All persons make mistakes. And all mistakes can be forgiven.
10. Bad thoughts cause illness of the mind, body and spirit. Practice optimism.
11. Nature is not FOR us, it is a PART of us. They are part of your worldly family.
12. Children are the seeds of our future. Plant love in their hearts and water them with wisdom and life's lessons. When they are grown, give them space to grow.
13. Avoid hurting the hearts of others. The poison of your pain will return to you.
14. Be truthful at all times. Honesty is the test of ones will within this universe.
15. Keep yourself balanced. Your Mental self, Spiritual self, Emotional self, and Physical self - all need to be strong, pure and healthy. Work out the body to strengthen the mind. Grow rich in spirit to cure emotional ails.
16. Make conscious decisions as to who you will be and how you will react. Be responsible for your own actions.
17. Respect the privacy and personal space of others. Do not touch the personal property of others - especially sacred and religious objects. This is forbidden.
18. Be true to yourself first. You cannot nurture and help others if you cannot nurture and help yourself first.
19. Respect others religious beliefs. Do not force your belief on others.
20. Share your good fortune with others.





MOTHERS' UNION

Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union - Election for Diocesan President



We are pleased to announce that Maxine Paul from Holy Trinity Barkingside has volunteered to stand as the next Diocesan President and Bishop Guli has approved Maxine's nomination. Election papers have been sent to all members so please do return your votes by 30 July as Maxine needs 51% of all members in favour of her nomination to be voted in.

Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union has its own Facebook page, so do have a look – there are photos and news from our Wave of Prayer link dioceses. You can find the page by clicking on this link: [Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union | Facebook](#).

145 years of Mother's Union



2021 is a profound year for Mother's Union. It is the 145th anniversary of our founding and the centenary of the passing of our founder.

As a movement, started and sustained by the strength of Mary Sumner's vision of women supporting one another, we continue to thrive all these years later. This summer, we also mark 100 years since her death, making remembering her remarkable, inspiring life all the more poignant.

Mary Sumner led a true breakthrough for women, who in her time were mainly seen to play supporting roles in the Church, work and society. She made sure women's voices were heard, and their own rights and needs recognised.

Summer of Hope



Some amongst our fellowship have suffered great losses over the past 18 months. Yet what has been most powerful in recent times has been the comfort provided by fellow members, family, friends and strangers. We hold this goodwill in mind as we look forward to the warm and pleasant months of the summer.

Whilst things may not be entirely back to normal for some time, we hope there will be opportunities to come together so make sure you take a look at our [Summer of Hope activities page](#) for input and ideas.

We are also invited to get involved with [MU On The Move](#) - a fundraising initiative taking place across Britain and Ireland which aims to assist you in being active. Get your friends and family involved, and run, jog or walk in support of Mothers' Union!

Keep your eyes peeled for the 31 Days of Inspiration when we will hear daily from members all around the world about how our movement inspires them today. Towards Mary Sumner day itself, and particularly in the month of August, there will be some exciting updates to share.

A gift of £27 can help continue Mary Sumner's vision. This amount could mean a person in Ethiopia completes a two-year course to learn to read and write, providing them with a basic skill that completely changes their life. Give what you can today: [Donate | Mothers' Union \(mothersunion.org\)](#)

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ICE CREAM

Cool facts & trivia



Ice cream was first invented in seventh-century China, where King Tang of Shang had a group of "ice men" create a cold dessert made from buffalo milk, flour, and camphor.



The Romans sent slaves up into the mountains to collect snow that they flavoured with fruits and juices to create their version of ice cream.



Charles the First paid his chef £500 a year (c.£75000 today) to keep his ice cream recipe a secret.



A Warner's Bros. cartoon made during WWII features Bugs Bunny driving an ice cream truck amidst attacking Japanese troops, handing out chocolate-covered grenades.



Under the American Blue Laws of the time, ice cream sodas weren't allowed to be sold on Sundays. To circumvent this rule, the ice cream sundae was invented. The soda was replaced with syrup to get around the law, and they replaced the 'y' in Sunday with an 'e' in order to avoid offending religious leaders.



Around 50% of the volume in ice cream is air, which gives the dessert its light texture.



In 1945, the US military built the first floating ice cream parlour for the sailors serving in the Pacific during WWII.



People in the Persian Empire saved snow in underground keeps called "yakhchal," and then on warm days they would serve the snow with grape juice concentrate poured over it.



Although early versions of the dessert appeared in ancient China and Rome, ice cream as we know it today was created in Italy.



Gelato is creamier and denser than ice cream and usually contains less fat and sugar



Artisan-made ice cream is a rising trend. In the United Kingdom and Ireland alone there are around 1,000 small producers of expensive and elite ice cream products.



Commonly known as "ice cream headaches" or "brain freeze," a cold-stimulus headache occurs when extremely cold food touches the roof of the mouth, causing the blood vessels there to rapidly constrict, affecting sensitive nerves in the area.



American bombers during WWII made ice cream on their missions by strapping buckets of cream to their planes, which would then freeze in the high altitudes as they flew over enemy territory.



When an American General attempted to restrict the amount of ice cream served to the overseas troops during the Korean War, the Pentagon made an official statement to reassure the troops that they would still be served ice cream at least three times a week.



Ice cream sales tend to increase during times of economic recession.



Up until the 1890s, ice cream from street vendors, was known as a 'penny lick' in Victorian England, was first served in thick glasses or a ceramic bowl. As the name implies, you could get a scoop for a penny, lick it clean and then return it to the vendor to be washed and served to the next person.



In the 16th century, the Mughal emperors used relays of horsemen to bring ice from the Hindu Kush to Delhi, where it was used in fruit sorbets.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Benefice as reported in July in the past

1799 Cambridge Intelligencer Sat 27th

Rector married

Yesterday se'night was married, the Rev. Edward Cuthbert, rector of Bulphan, in the county of Essex, to Miss Clarke, daughter of the late Mr D Clarke, of Bury

1837 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 21st

Sunday School anniversary

The anniversary of the Orsett, Horndon, and Langdon Hills Sunday Schools, was held on Thursday last. The children, about three hundred in number, met at Horndon Church, where they were examined by the Rev George Harrison, MA, curate of Horndon and Langdon Hill and addressed by the Rev George Peter Bennett, BA, curate of Orsett. On leaving the church they walked in procession to a field of Mr Philip Benton's, and partook of an excellent dinner, comprising of plum puddings, beef, veal, ham, &c which was kindly and literally provided for them at the joint expense of the principal parishioners. The graces were sung, and also appropriate hymns. The children presented a most interesting appearance. A band of music was in attendance and the national anthem played. The public were much gratified at witnessing such a happy union of three parishes.

1836 The Suffolk Chronicle Sat 16th

Stealing clothes

G Harrod, with stealing a pair of trousers and other articles, belonging to W Moss, at Orsett. Six months hard labour.

1839 Essex Herald Tues 16th Illegal weights & measures BILLERICAY PETTY SESSIONS 10th July

Convictions for using illegal weights & measures

A great sensation was caused in this district today, in consequence of several persons residing in Horndon on the Hill and Orsett having been summoned before the bench, at the insistence of Mr Wm Curtis, the Inspector of Weights and Measures, for having in their possession "light and unjust weights and measures" contrary to the form of the statute, whereby each of them incurred a penalty not exceeding £5. The several charges were supported by the evidence of Mr W

Curtis, his son George and Mr George Hume.

The first called was *Mrs Mary Fletcher* who keeps The Crown, at Orsett. She was charged with having seven beer and liquor measures, not stamped. She pleaded guilty. Fined, with costs 11s 1d. *Mr Kirkham*, butcher, at Horndon, pleaded guilty to having three light weights in his possession. Fine and costs 11s. *Mr Thomas Fordham*, butcher, at Horndon, was convicted of having 7 light and unstamped weights in his possession. Fined 25s including costs. *Mr Edward Best*, baker, at Horndon, was convicted of having light brass weights and two pieces of lead something like weights, in his possession. The defendant stated that the last two articles were used to weight dough within the bake-house, before it was put in the oven. Also with having a half a peck weight unstamped. Fine and costs 18s 6d.

Mr George Allan, baker, at Horndon, several light weights some not stamped. Scales in his shop which were not correct and a measure not stamped. Fined 20s for the scales, 7s each light weight and 1s each unstamped and 2d for the measure; in all fine and costs £4 3s.

Mr Thomas Wright, of Orsett, butcher, six light weights and unstamped, one concealed when the Inspector searched for them. He admitted he had concealed them, as he had heard Curtis was coming to his shop. Fine and costs 22s 6d.

Mr Thomas Sandford, Orsett, butcher, one 56lb. iron weight, light; and one 1 lb unstamped. Fine and costs 16s 6d.

Mr James Rampell, George Inn, Orsett, four measures not stamped. Fine and costs 12s 6d.

Samuel Warren who keeps a lodging house called, The Travellers Rest, three weights and two measures, all correct but unstamped. Fine and costs 16s.

Jeremiah Emmanus, of Horndon, potato dealer, one half peck measure and one quarter peck ditto, unstamped and incorrect. Fine and costs 16s 10d.

Joseph Carver, beer seller, Horndon, two quart pewter pots, not stamped. Pleased guilty, but said they were not used. Fine and costs 12s 6d.

George Rowland of Horndon, bricklayer, several brass weights, light and unstamped. This person was defended by Mr Woodard, who took several legal objections to the information under the Act of Parliament, all of which were overruled by the Magistrates. Mr Woodard then stated the defendant had bought them some time since at a sale, but had not used them in his business and was not liable to be fined. The constable Hume, however, stated that in the shop was a pair of scales and these weights were lying near them. That he believed bricklayers sold hair, nails and glue by weight. Fine and costs 13s.

George Spitty, coal dealer, three iron weights, unstamped. Fine and costs 10s 7d.

All the weights found to be light were forfeited.

The public and particularly the poor, will be much benefited by these informations and much credit is due to the Magistrates of this district for having ordered their inspector to lay them. A great number of persons have since been to Mr Curtis' shop to have their weights and measures corrected.

1842 Essex Standard Weds 29th Omnibus to Grays pier

A new pier has been opened at Grays to allow boat journeys to and from London.

There is now an omnibus running from Stanford le Hope,, through Horndon on the Hill and Orsett, to the pier every morning at eight o'clock, in time for the first boat up and returns in the evening for the last boat down. The boat service took one and half hours each way a much quicker journey than road before a railway to London was opened in 1854

1846 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 17th

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particulars known on application to Messrs Crawter, 7, Southampton buildings, Chancery Lane

1854 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 14th

Stray Horse

Came astray into the Manor of Bulphan, Essex and BLACK HORSE; the owner describing the same and paying the expenses may have it again by applying to Mr W F Stevens, Bulphan. If not owned in 14 days from the date hereof, it will be sold in auction at Romford Market to defray the charges.

1856 Gravesend Reporter, North Kent & South Essex Advertiser
Sat 12th

Orsett district

It will be seen that a further effort is being made to separate this district from Brentwood, and to carry all parochial business, as well as the Petty Sessions weekly, to Orsett at the centre of a large and populous hundred. Hitherto gentleman have been obliged to process to Brentwood for the conduct of business, oftentimes at much inconvenience to themselves and merely to gratify a few individuals who seem to have an interest in retaining the old regime. We sincerely trust, however, that this movement for an alteration, which has the support of all the gentleman in the neighbourhood, will meet with the success which it deserves, as not be frustrated by any private interest whatsoever.

1858 The Suffolk Chronicle
Sat 17th

Accident

A child about 4 years old daughter of Mrs Ansell, Bulphan Fen, Essex, while playing with a circular mirror about the size of half a crown, with back and edges encased in brass, put it in her mouth and swallowed it. At present the medical attendant has been unable to rid the patient of so indigestible a morsel.

1868 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 10th

Farm building tenders

The following tenders have been received for the erection of new farm buildings at Spring Farm, Bulphan, near Tilbury, for Mr J Mitchell; Messrs, Shaw and Torkington, architects - Lewis, £545; Turner, £533 15s 2d; Blake, £380; Horscroft, £380; Larkin (accepted), £280 10s.

1874 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 17th

Lightning strike

Horndon on the Hill CURIOS FREAK OF LIGHTNING - During the storm on Saturday afternoon the lightning

struck the telegraph wire in this village and was conveyed into the shop of Mr Tyrell in which the telegraphic instrument is fixed. The report that followed when the electric fluid reached this spot was equal to that from a cannon, shattering the instrument into pieces and severing the wires in all directions. It appears that the forces of the electricity was to an extent checked by coming into contact with a gas pipe running close by, which had the effect of leading it to earth, otherwise the results would doubtless have been serious. The shop and post office were instantaneously filled with smoke. At the same time a house in the village occupied by Mr Hills, bricklayer, was struck. A part of one chimney was destroyed and an opening was made into the roof of his house, causing much alarm to the inmates. In neither case was any one injured.

1877 Essex Newsman Sat 21st

School children reward

REWARD TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Four children attending Orsett National schools - H Reeve, Wm Smithson, Ellen Binder and Alice Hare - have earned honour certificates. The children are each under 11 years of age, have passed the fourth standard and have made over 350 attendances during the each of the past two years and are therefore entitled to three years' free education, the fees to be paid out of the government grant.

1887 Chelmsford Chronicle
1st Jul

Quoits

BULPHAN v BRENTWOOD - Played on Tuesday on the ground at Brentwood Club, as the Artichoke Inn. Scores : Bulphan 60; Brentwood 33.

1900 Grays & Tilbury Gazette
Sat 14th

Workhouse day out

INMATES DAY OUT The Master reported that the old people and children were invited to the grounds of Mr A.W. Kerly of Horndon on the Hill and were conveyed there in horses and carriages, provided by Mr A Ellis - The Chairman : it is not often they ride in a carriage and pair (Laughter) - it was decided that Mr and Mrs Kerly and Mr Ells should be thanked for their kindness in the matter.

1904 Barking, East Ham & Ilford
Advertiser Sat 23rd

House sale - Ferns

For Sale (owner going abroad), a New house; Coach house, stabling, 2 fowl houses, 6 acres land, 2 acres fruit trees, 4 grass; 2 spring wells; green

house; 175ft frontage; main road; Price £575 - The Ferns, Bulphan

1905 Barking, East Ham & Ilford
Advertiser Sat 29th

Early harvest

THE CROPS - Owing chiefly to the recent hot weather the grain crops in the district are being cut - in many cases fully three weeks before the usual harvest time - but in some instances the grain is not so heavy in consequence.

1919 Globe Sat 12th

Epsom salts

The manner in which a few days ago the discovery of a Magnesium sulphate spring was made at Bulphan (Essex) recalls the history of the discovery of the well which first brought fame to Epsom and conferred the name of that town on England's best-known household remedy. The two incidents, in fact, resemble each other in some respects. At Bulphan the inhabitants complained of the peculiar taste of the water in the local well, and an analysis was ordered, which resulted in the discovery of 475 grains of Magnesium sulphate (1oz of Epsom salts per gallon). Unlike the inhabitants of Epsom the people of Bulphan did not immediately send for an expert to investigate the cause, but appear to have experimented themselves. At rate, the water in the spring was known amongst the villagers for some time as a healer of external ills, and also as an excellent aperient before any doctor interested himself in it.

1924 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 25th

Diamond wedding

DIAMOND WEDDING - Mr and Mrs John Graves, of Manor Cottage, celebrated their Diamond wedding on Saturday. Congratulations included a gracious message from the King and Queen. Mr and Mrs Graves lost two sons in the war.

1985 Hammersmith & Shepherd's Bush Gazette Fri 5th

Horndon 10K

A dozen of the Valley's road runners went to Essex on Sunday for the Horndon 10K, over a hilly course. Chris Nelligan was the first TVH man home in 12th place in 32.37 with Brian Standen in 17th in 33.08.

The race was won by Steve Lamb of Basildon in 30.10, ahead of a good class field of over 300 runners.

FAMOUS PERSON IN JULY

BEATRIX POTTER



Childhood & Growing Up

Helen Beatrix Potter, known as Beatrix, was born on 28 July 1866 to Rupert and Helen Potter in Kensington, London.

Her younger brother Walter Bertram followed six years later. Both Beatrix and Bertram loved to draw and paint, and often made sketches of their many pets, including rabbits, mice, frogs, lizards, snakes and a bat.

Beatrix was always encouraged to draw, and she spent many hours making intricate sketches of animals and plants, revealing an early fascination for the natural world that would continue throughout her life. Although she never went to school, Beatrix was an intelligent and industrious student, and her parents employed an art teacher, Miss Cameron, and a number of governesses, including Annie Moore, to whom she remained close throughout her life.

Two of Beatrix's earliest artist models were her pet rabbits. Her first rabbit was Benjamin Bouncer, who enjoyed buttered toast and joined the Potter family on holiday in Scotland where he went for walks on a lead. Benjamin was followed by Peter Piper, who had a talent for performing tricks, and he accompanied Beatrix everywhere.

The most exciting time of the year for Beatrix was the summer, when the family travelled north to spend three months in Scotland. The children had the freedom to explore the countryside, and Beatrix learned to observe plants and insects with an artist's eye for detail. When Beatrix was sixteen, the family stayed instead at Wray Castle, overlooking Lake Windermere, where Beatrix began a lifelong love of the countryside and of the Lake District.

Botanist, Artist and Storyteller

Beatrix was invited to study fungi at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew, and she produced hundreds of detailed botanical drawings and investigated their cultivation and growth.

Encouraged by Charles McIntosh, a revered Scottish naturalist, to make her fungi drawings more technically accurate, Beatrix not only produced beautiful watercolours but also became an adept scientific illustrator. By 1896, she had developed her own theory of how fungi spores reproduced and wrote a paper, 'On the Germination of the Spores of Agaricineae', which was initially rejected by William Thiselton-Dyer, director of the Royal Botanical Gardens. Undeterred, Beatrix continued her research, and after a year George Masee, a fungi expert who worked at the Kew gardens, agreed to present her paper to the Linnean Society of London, as women at that time were not permitted to do so. Although the paper was never published, scientists still recognize her contribution to mycological research today.

Long before she was a published author, Beatrix Potter drew illustrations for some of her favourite stories, including Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Cinderella, as well as her sketches from nature. Her imaginative art led to the publication of her earliest works – greeting-card designs and illustrations for the publisher Hildesheimer & Faulkner. There followed more publications, including a series of frog illustrations and verses for Changing Pictures, a popular annual offered by the art publisher Ernest Nister, which cemented Beatrix's desire to publish her own illustrated stories.

One of Beatrix's earliest stories, that of Peter Rabbit, came from a picture letter originally sent to Annie Moore's son Noel. After being rejected by several publishers, Beatrix decided to publish The Tale of Peter Rabbit herself, printing an initial 250 copies for family and friends in December 1901. The book's instant success encouraged Frederick Warne & Co., who had previously turned it down, to reconsider their decision, offering

to take it on as long as Beatrix re-illustrated it in colour. On publication in October 1902, it was an immediate bestseller. The following year, Beatrix published *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin* and *The Tailor of Gloucester* with Frederick Warne, and the rest of her legendary tales followed.

In addition to commercial success, Beatrix also found a suitor in the form of her editor at the publishing house, Norman Warne. Although chaperoned, a relationship between the two bloomed, but his proposal was opposed by Beatrix' parents as he worked 'in trade'. Despite this, Beatrix became engaged to Norman in 1905, but was devastated when he died of leukaemia just a month later.

Businesswoman and Pioneer

In addition to her publishing, Beatrix was keen to license her creations, and it was she, rather than her publishers, who pushed forward these ideas.

She designed and created the first Peter Rabbit doll herself in 1903, registering it immediately at the patent office, making Peter Rabbit the world's oldest licensed literary character. Beatrix went on to explore other merchandise options, including tea sets and bedroom slippers, and remained closely involved in product development. She also invented a Peter Rabbit board game for two players in 1904, a complex version of which was redesigned by Mary Warne and came to market thirteen years later. In addition to toys and games, Beatrix published books, including Peter Rabbit's Almanac and painting books for Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle-duck. She felt passionately that all merchandise should remain faithful to her original book illustrations and be of the highest quality.

The Lake District

Beatrix loved the Lake District, and it became her solace after the death of her beloved Norman. Income from her books enabled her to invest in farmland, including Hill Top Farm, which would become a feature in many of her tales.

As she invested in the Lake District, she developed a relationship with William Heelis, a local solicitor who assisted her property dealings. William proposed to Beatrix in 1912, and they were married in London the following year. They lived together at Castle Cottage in their beloved Lake District until her death in 1943. Beatrix was a staunch supporter of the National Trust, having been impressed on meeting its founder Hardwicke Rawnsley from her first visit to the Lake District at sixteen. She followed its principles in preserving her buildings and farms in keeping with the rural culture of the area, and she saved many farms from developers. During her lifetime, Beatrix bought fifteen farms and took a very active part in caring for them. Dressed in clogs, shawl and an old tweed skirt, she helped with the hay-making, waded through mud to unblock drains, and searched the fells for lost sheep. Beatrix bred Herdwick sheep on her farms in the Lake District, and said she was at her happiest when she was with her farm animals. She won a number of prizes for her sheep at local shows, and became the first elected female President of the Herdwick Sheep Breeders' Association in 1943.

Legacy

Beatrix died in 1943, leaving fifteen farms and over four thousand acres of land to the National Trust. In accordance with her wishes, Hill Top Farm was kept exactly as it had been when she lived in it, and receives thousands of visitors every year.

Today, more than two million Beatrix Potter books are sold across the world every year – four books every minute. The charming stories have a timeless quality, passed down from generation to generation and discovered anew by many more readers each year. Her books, her art, her Herdwick sheep and her indomitable spirit are all part of her enormous legacy that continues to this day.

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