

# HOBNOB

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**The parish magazine for  
St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill  
St. Giles and All Saints. Orsett  
St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan**

# January 2022

# SERVICES – January 2022

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> <i>Epiphany</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon With refreshments		4pm Forest Church
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Plough Sunday</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am All Age Holy Communion Service		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Holy Communion Service Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Candlemas</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service 4pm Songs of Praise	
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	

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

# Rector's Reflections

Happy New Year!

So what are your hopes for 2022?

We are beginning the year by uniting our three churches to become the Ecclesiastical Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan, which means that instead of having three Parochial Church Councils we will have one PCC as we work together to serve God in our three villages and beyond. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January, after the morning service at Orsett, we will be electing the members of the new Church Council at a special meeting to which all those on the electoral rolls are invited.

To mark the beginning of this new era in our church governance, Bishop Guli, who was appointed to serve as the Bishop of Chelmsford last year, will be joining us at our service on 9<sup>th</sup> January, at Orsett, at 10am to pray for us. She will also be baptising two children who we will be welcoming into our church family, and she will be blessing the work of our local farmers as we will also be celebrating Plough Sunday.

The observance of Plough Sunday, on the First Sunday of Epiphany, goes back to Victorian times, but behind it there is a much older observance, associated with the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas.

Although the nature of farming has changed over the centuries, Plough Sunday is generally seen as a way of celebrating farming and the work of farmers. It is an opportunity to cherish the land and human labour, and to remind us all of our dependence upon it and upon God. You are all invited to this service, where will give thanks, in particular, to our local farmers and pray for them.

Every good and perfect gift comes from you, O Lord.  
For fertile soil, for the smell of newly-turned earth  
we give you thanks, O Lord.  
For keen cold frosty winter days and nights  
we give you thanks, O Lord.  
For the tractor's hum and the gleam of a cutting edge  
we give you thanks, O Lord.  
For the beauty of a clean-cut furrow and the sweep of a well-ploughed field  
we give you thanks, O Lord.  
Blessed be you, Lord for all your gifts to us.  
**Amen.**

The Arthur Rank Centre

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless,

*Sue*



# THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ORSETT, BULPHAN AND HORNDON - ON - THE - HILL

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# THE BENEFICE REGISTERS

## Funerals

December 14th

Margaret St Pier (96)

(O)

## Interment of ashes

December 10th

Thomas Charles Bartley (92)

(O)

December 11th

Charles Frederick Hughes (90)

(H)



## Wedding Enquiries

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## Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

The start of a new year and it intrigued me that as I normally have problems deciphering Roman numerals, those for 2022 have such beautiful symmetry, the like which we probably will not see again.

No problem with this.

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May I wish everyone a very healthy and safe New Year and hope for better times for us all.

During December we enjoyed our Christmas Bazaar in Bulphan Village Hall. This was downscaled from previous years to ensure that people attending could socially distance and minimize the risk of Covid. The stallholders were either church supporters or ladies representing Bulphan WI. Santa was noticeable by his absence and I have it on good authority that to make himself unrecognisable he had had a haircut and a serious beard trim. Sincere thanks to Lynda and Bev for making all the arrangements and to all those who offered their services by manning the stalls and serving refreshments. Your efforts enabled us to make £364 profit.

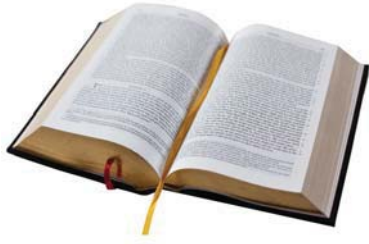
Our clergy team work hard in the Benefice to bring us services, demanding work in normal times, all the more so with a pandemic raging, which adds a whole different level of needs and planning. It is therefore very disappointing when a carefully planned outdoor "Glowstick" service aimed at younger people becomes a no-show which was the case in December. The service had been advertised well in advance in the weekly notice sheets and via the database and with posters in the noticeboard. Service booklets had been printed and glowsticks purchased all for a non-event. Very frustrating!

I mentioned some months ago that we were seeking quotes for works to the south porch of the church. We have now received these and will be submitting one of them together with the specifications and details to the Diocesan Advisory Board seeking a faculty. If works are approved we will start a fund raising campaign; with VAT we will need £20,272 of course we will be looking to reclaim the VAT, nonetheless we will still need to raise £16,894 Watch this space!

Ron Porter



A few images from our Christmas Bazaar



# PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

January 1st	For all our hopes for the New Year
January 2nd	For those living on Hornsby Lane, Orsett
January 3rd	For people we have not yet met
January 4th	For the homeless and hungry
January 5th	For those living on Horndon Road, Horndon
January 6th	For those living on Nelson Road, Orsett
January 7th	For family and friends overseas
January 8th	For those who are cold and hungry
January 9th	For the Deanery Synod
January 10th	For local charities
January 11th	For those living on North Hill, Horndon
January 12th	For our patrons, the Dean & Chapter of St Paul's
January 13th	For those living on The Paddocks, Orsett
January 14th	For our twin dioceses in Romania, Sweden, and Kenya
January 15th	For those living on Annabell Avenue, Orsett
January 16th	For those living on Pound Lane, Orsett
January 17th	For those attending our village schools
January 18th	For those living on Fen Close, Bulphan
January 19th	For those living on Ridgwell Avenue, Orsett
January 20th	For those living on South Hill, Horndon
January 21st	For those living on Robinson Road, Horndon
January 22nd	For those suffering from financial difficulty
January 23rd	For those living on Sandown Road, Orsett
January 24th	For St Luke's and all hospices throughout the land
January 25th	For the leaders of nations
January 26th	For those living on Randall Drive, Orsett
January 27th	For those living on Saffron Close, Horndon
January 28th	For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
January 29th	For those living on Southview Cottages, Orsett
January 30th	For those living on Vincent Avenue, Horndon
January 31st	For the church musicians

*Living God of all that is new,*

*we ask that this year you will help us to carry your light into every place we go*

*and share your good news with those we meet.*

*May we walk and work in unity to reveal your love and goodness.*



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# Orsett Churchwarden's Report

Well, here we find ourselves at the end of another year. It is a year that brought us more downs than ups, we have had so many rules and changes from the government. We are now firmly in the season of advent and will be in the new year before you read this. Advent is all about preparing for the celebration of the birth of the saviour of the world. The preparing may be physical, or in thought and prayers.

Orsett church had new boilers this year and we are now experiencing some problems in getting them to work efficiently. So we apologise for the cold while we work out the problems with the new heating. We are working hard to ensure warmth with the coming services and we have a lovely collection of types of worship and celebration. I am sure you will find something that will support and enhance your joy this Christmas the full list of services are on the first page of this magazine.

At this time of year we think of family and friends, please could we also think of the people that have found this year more difficult. They may have lost employment or just find it difficult to feed their families and we know that Thurrock is not exempt from these difficulties. An easy way to help this is to give to the food bank; donations to this charity are now falling so please give what you can at the supermarket or in the boxes around the benefice.

There are so many that have supported us over the year and we just want to say a big thank you to all the people that look after the grounds, led by Lionel. Thank you to Jackie for sorting out the dangerous trees; the grounds are looking terrific at the moment. The church is clean and tidy, there are refreshments after most services and lovely flowers in the church. This is all the work of a wonderful team of ladies. There is an enthusiastic team of ladies that work so hard to fundraise throughout this pandemic in order to provide much needed funds for our church, also the Friends of Orsett Church that are also working hard to support the fabric of the church. Then we have the lovely members of the church family that read or write prayers. We would just like to show our gratitude to all those that support the work of the church, the music and the report writing to all the jobs that are needed to make the smooth running of the church.

Whatever 2022 brings us let us have joy and hope for a happy and blessed new year.

Many blessings,

*Janet Wilkins*

# New Year Customs and Traditions

On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day many people still stick to well-honed traditions and customs to welcome the arrival of January.

The new year is great time for a fresh start: for taking out the old and bringing in the new. Many traditions and customs are based around getting rid of evil spirits, bringing good luck and prospering in the coming year.

New Year's Day was only made a bank holiday in 1974, and is now regarded as the end of the festive season. Like Christmas and Boxing Days, if New Year's Day falls on a weekend, the Monday after is taken as the bank holiday.

Here's how they came about and what they signify.

## That Song

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, as the clock strikes midnight, many people find themselves linking arms and attempting to mumble along to Auld Lang Syne, without shedding a nostalgic tear. "Auld Lang Syne" roughly translates to "old long since," or "times gone by."

The old Scottish folk song, which few know beyond the first line, was adapted by Robert Burns in 1788 after he heard it sung by an old Scotsman.

It reminisces about the good, old days and old friendships, suggesting they can be rekindled with kindness and a goodwill drink – and serves as a reminder to drop your loved ones a call, text or email, or even better, invite them round.

The anthem caught on as a new year tradition after Canadian-born bandleader Guy Lombardo's orchestra played it on his US TV and radio show every new year from 1929 to 1977.

## Hogmanay

Scots passionately welcome the new year, "Hogmanay", with celebrations that start on December 31<sup>st</sup> and can go on for another two days, hence January 2<sup>nd</sup> is a national Scottish holiday.

It is thought Hogmanay celebrations grew in popularity when the Vikings invaded Scotland and fires were lit to ward off evil spirits and celebrate the winter solstice. Around 1583, the celebration of Christmas was discouraged by the Church of Scotland, so New Year became much bigger. The Scots, continued to frown on Christmas, focusing on the secular feast of Hogmanay on December 31<sup>st</sup>. This remained the case for over 300 years.

These days, a great party ensues, with fire festivals and fireworks playing a part; the idea is that fire signifies the power of the sun to purify and consume evil spirits. Other local superstitions include the ritual of cleaning your house and clearing any debts you may have before midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Best Foot First

According to the Scottish superstition of first-footing, the first person to enter a household in the new year will dictate its fortunes for that year. A "lucky" first-footer is a dark-haired male who arrives bearing a coin, lump of coal, piece of

bread and a drink ... whisky, ideally.

These are said to represent financial prosperity, warmth, food and good cheer. Dark-haired males are preferred because back when the Vikings invaded, the arrival of anonymous fair-haired men on your doorstep would have signalled trouble.

In Worcestershire, the first footer role has been transferred to the first carol singer to cross the threshold in the new year. While in Yorkshire, they're less fussy about whether the arrival is dark haired or not, but he must definitely be male.

Today, people celebrate first-footing by visiting each other's homes after midnight, to share.

### **Guisers of Fire**

In Northumberland (as is the case in a lot of places where alcohol is brewed), there's the Allendale Tar Barl Festival on December 31st, where whisky barrels are filled with burning tar, kindling and sawdust and paraded through town on the heads of Guisers, the name given to the flame-retardant people carrying the barrels.

### **Fireball & Chain**

a similar thing is going on in Stonehaven, near Aberdeen. Except the fire is a bit more portable, being a 16lb fireball on a wire swung around the head, often accompanied by pipe bands and drummers.

### **Comrie Flambeaux**

A procession is made through the town of Comrie, Perthshire, comprising eight flaming torches, which are ceremonially hurled into the River Earn, to cast out evil spirits.

### **Calennig**

Caleenig is the Welsh tradition of new year gift giving. A Calennig is an apple with 3 twig legs stuck with dried fruit, cloves and evergreens stuck into the top. It is a traditional Welsh decoration to give on New Year's Day, to bring them good luck. Putting one on window sill or shelf will bring good luck to the house.

### **New Year's Resolutions**

Making resolutions is perhaps the most popular New Year's tradition, but previous generations in particular practiced the art of setting goals or making a personal change for the upcoming year. The bigger thing is seeing them through.

On December 31<sup>st</sup> 1661, diarist Samuel Pepys wrote about his New Year's resolution, "I have newly taken a solemn oath about abstaining from plays and wine, which I am resolved to keep according to the letter of the oath which I keep by me".

### **Weather**

Even the direction the wind was blowing would affect the coming year's weather, according to tradition.

A wind from the South meant you were due a good harvest but a wind from the North foretold of a year of storms.

If it came from the North East it meant that disaster was in store while one from the East was bound to mean a good year for fruit.

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Happy New Year. We start 2022 once again very much in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic but are grateful that we are still permitted and able to meet. We look back at the difficulties of 2021 but in our key verse since lockdown thank God for His continuing presence through last year and for the year to come. ***God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble - Psalm 46 verse 1***

The services for January are as follows:

January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	Pholani Ncube
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	TBC
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	TBC

We ask those attending to wear face coverings at all times and observe social distancing as far as possible. We continue to enjoy singing but again face masks must be worn. We continue to have sanitising facilities readily available and as always handwashing facilities are available in the vestry.

We love to have visitors to our services but as it is a small building it would be helpful to know in advance so that we can arrange the seating to accommodate everyone, please therefore let the Secretary know. Also 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





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## A RECENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRUSTS WORK

"The generous donation of £20,000.00 received from the Christine Willett Trust has provided Broomfield Hospital four Accuvien devices to help in the treatment of cancer patients.

Lisa Villiers, Macmillan Nurse Consultant Chemotherapy, said: "we are immensely grateful to the Christine Willett Trust for so

*generously purchasing this equipment for us. The benefits of this technology assist nurses with finding the best veins for intravenous starts and blood draws, and is particularly beneficial in identifying difficult or poor venous access, thereby reducing unsuccessful insertion attempts and making sure the patient is as pain free as possible. We can't thank Colin and the other Trustees enough!"*

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The Christine Willett Trust was set up in memory of Mrs Willett in 1993 by her husband Colin, who vowed to raise £20,000 every year after his wife Christine lost her battle with breast cancer. The money is used to buy equipment for the treatment of cancer for six local Essex hospitals on a rotational basis. This year was the turn of Broomfield to receive a donation.

## EMPTY CRISP PACKETS FOR CHARITY

I collect empty crisp packets for charity. They can be brought to the Community Cafe in Bulphan on Thursdays or Fridays between 1.30 and 4.30pm, or placed in the black dustbin next to my front door at 9 Vincent Avenue, Horndon-on-the-Hill SS17 8LW. (WI members and visitors can bring them to Bulphan WI meetings).

Any brand of crisp packet is acceptable, as is the plastic outer multipack packaging. Please make sure your packets are completely empty before dropping them off and don't fold them into triangles, tie them in knots or pack them inside each other. Ideally, stack them flat in a bundle with an elastic band around them.

Once collected, the crisp packets are separated by plastic type, cleaned, and extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products. The registered collector gets 100 Terracycle points for every kilogram of crisp packets, and each point is a penny for the nominated charity (currently Air Ambulance).

After the waste is recycled into a raw material, it is sold to manufacturing companies who produce the end product and complete the journey of recycling. These end products may include outdoor furniture and decking, plastic shipping pallets, watering cans, storage containers and bins, tubes for construction applications, flooring tiles, playground surface covers and athletic fields, and much more. Our goal is to eliminate the need for TerraCycle recycling programs altogether by helping companies make their products and packages reusable or locally recyclable.

Many thanks  
Janet McCheyne



*Benches, playgrounds, and garden beds are some of the many end-products that can be manufactured using the recycled materials collected through our programmes.*

# FAMOUS PERSON IN JANUARY

## Fashion photographer Sir Cecil Beaton (1904 – 1980)

Beaton launched his career as a 'society' photographer in 1926 with an exhibition in London that won him an immediate contract with *Vogue*, where he worked for the next 30 years.

Beaton's fascination with glamour and high society prevailed throughout his life and in 1937 he became court photographer to the British Royal Family. He also became a successful set and costume designer for stage and film productions, most notably *My Fair Lady* (1956) and *Gigi* (1958).



### A premier portrait photographer

Cecil Beaton began to pursue photography at a very early age. As a teenager he spent many hours attempting to recreate the look of glamorous society portraits using his sisters, Nancy and Baba, as models. Candid snapshots and studio portraits of Beaton by his contemporaries display his sense of style, his charm, vanity and vivacious personality.

His career took off in the mid 1920s, when he began to contribute photographs and illustrations to *Vogue* magazine. His first solo exhibition in London in 1927 established him as one of the leading fashion photographers and portraitists of his generation.

Beaton became sought-after on both sides of the Atlantic, photographing famous faces from Hollywood, the theatre world, society and the British royal family.

### Stage and costume designer

Although best known as a photographer, Beaton also worked as an illustrator and designer for stage and film. His designs for productions such as *My Fair Lady* (1956), and *Gigi* (1958), defined the glamorous look of the era, as well as winning him three Oscars for costume and art direction.

### The Cecil Beaton Collection

In 1971 Beaton organised an exhibition at the V&A, *Fashion: An anthology by Cecil Beaton*. He contacted designers and the well-dressed elite of Europe and America to lend a prestigious collection of 20th century haute couture clothing, including a significant number by the Spanish couturier Cristóbal Balenciaga. Many of the lenders to the exhibition, including *Vogue* editor Diana Vreeland and the Duchess of Windsor, subsequently donated these items to the Museum, greatly enriching its fashion collection.

### Cecil Beaton's Visitors' Book

Cecil Beaton began to use a visitors' book in 1930 when he moved to Ashcombe House in Wiltshire. A 'who's who' of the 20th century, it contains the signatures of Greta Garbo, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Dali and the Queen Mother, among many celebrities and luminaries who visited Beaton at home. The book spans the 30s, the 40s, and all the way up to 1979.

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# Mothers' UNION

## Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union



Our incoming Diocesan President, Maxine Paul, will be commissioned on 19 January 2022 in Chelmsford Cathedral. Please keep Maxine and all the Trustees in your prayers.

The 2022 MU Prayer Diary has now been sent out; members of Chelmsford Diocese MU have contributed to the prayers, particularly during our week in the Wave of Prayer diary (18 - 20 June).

## Celebrating Big Give Success



Thank you for your generous support of our Christmas campaign, it was an absolutely amazing week of fundraising, in which you helped raise over £74,000.

This is a significant amount of money and will go a long way to helping women who are survivors of gender-based violence in Kenya, Uganda and South Africa.

## MU in Armagh helps a new mum



One of the comms team at Mary Sumner House, our MU headquarters, recently spoke at length to the President of Armagh MU (pictured).

This is an uplifting story about a young mum who got more than she asked or had hoped for.

Read more about it here:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/news/new-mum-gets-more-she-asked-christmas>

## Re-imagining Mothers' Union Conference: 7 - 9 January 2022

Delegates from Britain & Ireland are preparing to gather together at this conference to reflect and consider the opportunities to re-imagine Mothers' Union.



The conference is a vital part of a process to build on our strengths and transform Mothers' Union to adapt to new challenges, but it isn't just about those who are present at the weekend. We are asking all members to pray for all those involved, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their sharing and listening, by using the following prayer:

*Gracious God, we put our trust in you.*

*Give us open hearts and minds to discern your perfect direction for our Mothers' Union:*

*Affirm us in your love that we may be bold to seek your face.*

*Strengthen us with resolve to embrace new ways with confidence.*

*Unite us in heart and mind that we may move forward with gladness.*

*Inspire us in our faith that all things are possible with God.*

*Transform us into a people empowered by the Spirit, overflowing with hope, to effectively serve our communities. Amen.*

## Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



The last month has been a bit of a roller-coaster for us here at Orsett. We've had a wonderful Christmas dinner, sang at Lakeside to raise money for St Luke's Hospice and were able to manage to host our nativity services. It was great to have a sense of normality for these and our youngest children really did do a marvellous job of reminding us about the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus.

Unfortunately our end of term has been rather plagued by Covid with many staff and children contracting the virus in the last week of school. As I type this I am self-isolating having succumbed to the virus myself and am truly disappointed that I didn't get to finish the term in the Christmassy way we had planned. The national picture again looks bleak and the uncertainty of what we will face in January is certainly worrying.

Of course, we will continue to provide our very best to our children and families using God's word to guide us. As a member of staff texted out to us this week in the form of a prayer 'Whilst the future may be uncertain, you are Omnipotent and we pray that you keep us all safe and strengthen and refresh us for 2022'

Have a safe Christmas everyone.

Until next time,

Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher

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# Drive-in Christmas Carol Service



[Janet McCheyne](#)

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[Gill Woodgate](#)

Thanks for organising it, and braving the cold. Great to sing some carols this year

[Anna Hallett](#)

It was an excellent evening! Thank you all so much for your hard work and have a lovely Christmas.

[Sandra Billinger](#)

It was great we all enjoyed it very much. A big thank you to everyone who made it possible. Xxxxx

[Lorraine Robinson](#)

Thank you for all your efforts in doing it. It was really lovely. Stay safe and enjoy Christmas.





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## **HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL**

We meet at the Welcome Club  
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New members welcome  
Enquiries to the Secretary  
[Sec.hothrbl@hotmail.com](mailto:Sec.hothrbl@hotmail.com)





# Bulphan WI

December was another busy month for our members, it started off with the church bazaar where as well as donating loads of lovely items, members ran the stall and came along to support the event, a lovely festive day was had by all. Our next event was a meal at Langdon Hills Golf Club, where we had the function room to ourselves and after toasting absent friends we enjoyed the company of our fellow members.

We're starting off 2022 thinking about the changes we can make to help the environment, raise awareness on our impact on the climate and discuss alternative products we might use, ably guided by Essex Federation of WIs Lead Climate Ambassador.

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](mailto:bulphanwi@gmail.com)

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It's easy to do the Big Garden Birdwatch. Simply choose an hour between 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January and count the birds that you see land in your garden, local park or from your balcony. Then tell us what you saw.

Get off to a flying start for your Big Garden Birdwatch 2022, by completing the form at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/>

The charity will send you everything you need to take part including a free Big Garden Birdwatch guide.

Why not take a photo of you and your family taking part and send it to Lynda at [l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk) and she can share it with our Church community.

# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Benefice as reported in January in the past

## 1819 St James's Chronicle Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Orsett rectory break in

On Tuesday night, after the family had retired to rest, the rectory-house of Orsett, in Essex, occupied the Rev Mr JF Usko, the rector of the parish, was broken open, and entered by some villains, who rifled the lower apartments, and various closets and cupboards, and carried off a large quantity of valuable silver plate, a quantity of the family linen, and several suits of apparel belong to Mr and Mrs Usko.

## 1840 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Stealing hay

Jeremiah Pond, 35, hay binder, William Hampton, 20 hay carter, and Charles Archer, 18, labourer, were indicted for stealing six trusses of hay, from Mary Ann Stevens, at Bulphan.- Mr Knox stated the case for the prosecution.- William Stevens, the son of the prosecutrix, stated, that Pond was employed in two loads, and told to let the two loads when they came; witnesses watched them, and counted the trusses, and saw they took six beyond the two loads; the binder loaded them; on charging with taking too many, they admitted it.- Mr Bullock addressed the Jury for Hampton and Archer. - All guilty. - Pond, 12 months' hard labour; Hampton and Archer, 6 month each.

## 1844 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

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## 1851 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

### Workhouse master

#### ORSETT UNION

### WORKHOUSE MASTER WANTED

The Guardians of the above Union will at their meeting to be held on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January instant, proceed to the ELECTION of a MASTER for the Union Workhouse at Orsett.

Candidates for the appointment must be single men or widowers, under 50 years of age, without encumbrance, of good health and unquestionable character, and must possess a thorough knowledge of accounts, as the master elected will (in addition to his other duties) be required to keep the whole of the workhouse books and accounts in conformity with the order of the Poor Law Commissioners.

The salary will be £40 per annum, with board and lodging in the workhouse.

Testimonials as to character and competency with the names of two persons proposed as sureties must be forwarded to the Clerk's Office, at Romford, on or before the 22nd day of January instant, and the candidates will be required to attend the Meeting of the Board, at Orsett, near Grays, on the following day at eleven o'clock a.m.

By Order of the Board of Guardians  
NORTH SURRIDGE  
Clerk

Romford 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1851

## 1861 Gravesend Reporter Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

### Orsett not too bad ORSETT

Though the severe weather has suspended most agricultural pursuits, there does not appear to be such an amount of destitution in this neighbourhood as in others. There have been very few applications at the Union in consequence of the weather, though the ladies of the Dorcas Society have not been unmindful of the exigencies of their poor. The estate lately in the occupation of Mr Causton, having been divided and let to different tenants, has also given occupation in clearing and hedging. The system of benefit clubs has been found of great service by its members during this weather. The road in the village has been so well and hard frozen that several young gentlemen of the neighbourhood enjoyed a good skating match in the road near The George.

## 1877 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 5<sup>th</sup>

### Church decorations

Horndon on the Hill - The decorations of the village church this year are very ornate, more particularly the font and

chance, much patience and taste having been employed in their adornment. The ladies who carried out the work were Miss Windle, Miss Tyrrell, Misses Broughton (2) and Miss Squier.

## 1885 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 16<sup>th</sup>

### Reading room

#### Horndon on the Hill

THE READING ROOM - The quarterly meeting of this flourishing village institution was held on Monday evening, Mr SW Squier presiding. - Mr WJ Cook, the hon. Secretary, produced the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £1 7s - It is proposed to form a library in connection with the institution, and it was left to Mr Cook to provide an entertainment to inaugurate a fund for the purpose. The society already numbers over 40 members, and it is in contemplation to provide another room for bagatelle and other means of recreation.

## 1889 Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper Sun 13<sup>th</sup>

### Orsett Union forgeries

FORGERIES ON THE ORSETT UNION William Sheppory Cooper, aged 40, pleaded "Guilty" to forging two cheques, one for £43 4s and the other for £1 2s, with intent to defraud the guardians of the Orsett Union, in Essex.- The prisoner was in the service of the Orsett Union, part of his duty being to fill up the bodies of cheques for sums to be paid to tradesmen of the Union. He was in the habit of drawing fictitious cheques, which he cashed at the London and County bank, where the guardians had an account.- The prisoner, who had previously borne a very good character, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

## 1889 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

### Entertainment Bulvan

On Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, a most successful entertainment was given in the schools, under the management of the Rector and Mrs Littlehales. The room was crowded, and all appeared to thoroughly appreciate the capital programme that had been prepared. We hope to report more meetings in this parish, which tend to

bring the villagers together, and pass most pleasantly a winter evening. The programme on Thursday evening included instrumental music by Mrs Littlehales, Miss M Harper, and Master Harper; songs by Mrs Rea Corbet, Mr WJ Cook, Miss E Littlehales and Mr F Littlehales; vocal duets by Mrs and Miss Littlehales, and Mrs Littlehales and Mrs Corbet; and readings by the Rev WG Littlehales and Mr Rea Corbet.

### **1896 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Food too rich**

#### **PAUPER CHILDREN AT ORSETT THEIR FOOD TOO RICH**

At the meeting of the Orsett Guardians yesterday the Workhouse Master reported 159 inmates - a very high number. The dietary, he said, was too rich; the children had broken out in sores. This was due to the amount of oatmeal and milk used.- The matter was deferred for the Board to consult with the Medical Officer.

### **1905 Grays & Tilbury Gazette Sat 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Cinderella**

#### **Horndon on the Hill**

The first Cinderella in conjunction with the social evenings took place on Thursday in the Schoolroom, and was an unqualified success. Excellent music and a good floor contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening. The arrangement in the hands of Messrs Dalc and Gold, left nothing to be desired.

Stanford le Hope Brass Band played a selection of pieces, including Christmas carols at the Gables on Wednesday, and were afterwards entertained to supper by Mrs AW Kerly. On Thursday evening, an entertainment, given by Mr AW Kerly, CC, took place at the Schools, Tilbury Dock. An exhibition of cinematograph pictures was followed by a selection of songs and tableaux vivants. Some excellent items were given by the Juvenile Pierrot Troupe from Horndon on the Hill, trained by Miss Helen Tyrrell.

### **1906 Barking, E Ham & Ilford Advertiser Sat 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Farmers dispute**

#### **FARMER SUES FARMER**

George King, farmer, Bulphan, sued Jesse Gotts, farmer, Bulphan, for £2, damages alleged to have been caused by pigs straying among his potatoes. - Defendant said the pigs belonged to his son - Plaintiff said he had underestimated the damage. He would not

have had one row of the potatoes damaged for £20. Last year one of his seedlings sold at the rate of £1,176 per ton. - Adjourned to make the son a party to the case.

### **1907 Grays & Tilbury Gazette Sat 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Bulvan hut**

The Bulvan Hut - Mr J Beck, Clerk to Orsett Rural Council, applied for a continuing penalty under the by-laws against Mrs Richards, of Bulvan for occupying a hut which was unfit for human habitation.- PC Dines described the condition of the hut, which was quite unfit for anyone to live in.- The bench granted the application.- Mr Beck also made application for an order to demolish the building. There was every probability that Mrs Richards would be found dead in the hut, especially during the present severe weather.- This was also granted.

### **1908 Grays & Tilbury Gazette Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Watchnight service**

#### **HORNDON ON THE HILL**

PARISH CHURCH - Notwithstanding the severe and inclement weather there was a good congregation at the Watchnight Service on the last night of the old year. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev SW Fischel, and was most impressive.

### **1908 Grays & Tilbury Gazette Sat 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **OAP dinner**

**OLD FOLK'S DINNER** - On Friday evening the old people resident in Horndon on the Hill were entertained to dinner for the first time in the history of the parish, at the Bell Inn. Close upon fifty invitations were issued, and a dozen who, through illness were unable to attend, had their dinners sent out. A substantial repast was provided by the Host and Hostess (Mr and Mrs Turnell) which the guests heartily enjoyed. A concert followed, presided over by the Vicar (Rev SW Fischel) with Mr AW Kerly in the vice chair, at which a pleasing programme was given.- Mr AW Kerly JP CC, proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of the treat, which was seconded by Mr Ray Tyrrell and carried with acclamation. Arrangements were carried out by following Committee and their ladies; Messrs Walter Tyrrell (Chairman), AW Kerly, Ray Tyrrell, G Westwood, F Turnell, C Wright, AW Squier, EO Tompkins, H Wheaton, A King, J Linn, J Dale, J Went, Allan Craig, W Gold and the

Vicar. On dispersing the old men were presented with half ounce of tobacco each.

### **1908 Grays & Tilbury Gazette Sat 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Long service**

#### **LONG SERVICE AT ORSETT CHURCH**

Mr T Ridgwell of Orsett had resigned his position as choirmaster at Orsett Church. He has been associated with the choir for the long period of 47 years, having been admitted when quite a small boy, by the Rev J Blomfield. Mr Ridgwell is an accomplished vocalist and his leadership of the choir will be very much missed.

### **1933 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **For Sale Woodlands**

Horndon on the Hill (South Hill) - To be Let or Sold. Freehold residence "The Woodlands" comprising 2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, kitchen and usual offices; garage, greenhouse and large garden; also at the rear, paddock with four poultry houses; the whole about one acre, with 140ft frontage; rent £60; price £975. Henley Cottage, Horndon on the Hill

### **1936 Nottingham Evening Post Fri 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **RAF plane crash**

#### **R.A.F. PLANE'S FORCED LANDING OVERTURNS ON WATERLOGGED FIELD**

#### **NARROW ESCAPE OF TWO OCCUPANTS**

Two officers of the R.A.F. had narrow escapes from serious injury or death when the plane in which they were flying was smashed in making a forced landing at Horndon on the Hill (Essex).

The pilot was Pilot Officer Michael EW Scott-Mackirdy, and with him was Leading Aircraftsman Whenlock.

While over Essex the big end of one of the engines broke, and a forced landing was inevitable. They came down on Horndon House farm, and had the ground been in better condition a fair landing would have been made.

As it was, however, the field was waterlogged, and the wheels sank deep in the mud.

The plane pitched over on its nose, smashing its propeller, and throwing the occupants forward.

Both the officers stepped out unharmed, however, from the badly damaged machine standing on its nose in the muddy ground.

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