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April 2023

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SERVICES – April 2023

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Saturday 1 st April	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		Forest Church 4pm
Sunday 2nd April <i>Palm Sunday</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 4 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Taizé Service with prayers for healing
Thursday 6 th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>		7.30pm Holy Communion with Foot washing	Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 7 th <i>Good Friday</i>	10am Stations of the Cross 2pm Walk of Witness	No Edward Bear or Toddler Group	
Saturday 8 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 9th <i>Easter Day</i>			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 10 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 11 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 13 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 14 th		No Edward Bear or Toddler Group	
Saturday 15 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 16th <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service 4pm refresh Service		
Monday 17 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 18 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 20 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 21 st		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 22 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 23rd <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 24 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 25 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 27 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 28 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 29 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 30th <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>			8.45am All Together Holy Communion Service 4pm TBC
Monday 1 st			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 2 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 5 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	

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

Rector's Reflections

As I write this, we have just celebrated Mothering Sunday in the Parish.

Mothering Sunday happened to coincide with me having just finished a book entitled, 'The Lightless Sky: My journey to safety as a child refugee.' It is the true story of Gulwali Passarlay, part of whose account I had heard last year at the Greenbelt Festival where we attend as a family annually and where he had been invited to speak.

Gulwali, a Muslim, was sent away from Afghanistan by his mother, at the age of twelve, after his father was killed by the US Army. The story tracks his twelve-month journey to the UK. During this period, he spent time in prisons, suffered extreme hunger, endured a terrifying journey across the Mediterranean in a small boat and got separated, on many occasions, from the acquaintances he had made on the way. He spent a desolate month in the rat-infested 'Jungle' at Calais, suffered burns on his face from trying to board a lorry loaded with chemicals in order to cross the Channel and finally made it here in the back of a refrigerated banana truck, mercifully the refrigeration having been turned off.

When Gulwali arrived in the UK, although he was, by this stage, thirteen, the authorities didn't believe him and thought he was older than sixteen, so initially he didn't get the support he needed. Eventually he was put into foster care and went on to achieve ten GCSEs, three A levels, won a place at university and was chosen to carry the Olympic torch in 2012. He now works as an ambassador for child refugees in this country.

I am guessing that, for most of us, it is hard to imagine the horrendous living situation which would drive a mother to send her son on a treacherous journey like this. But the reality, which is sadly that of many people in our world right now, became apparent as I read this book, which was profoundly moving; Gulwali was one of the few fortunate survivors. Throughout this story, Gulwali retained his Muslim faith and spoke of praying to God, on many occasions.

This true story has parallels with the Easter Story which we will be celebrating this month, where Mary, the mother of Jesus watched as her son was mocked, tortured and handed to the Roman Authorities before being crucified but who, ultimately, rose again in glory.

Many people have asked me recently, as a priest and a person of faith, what my view is on refugees and asylum policy as it has made headline news. I have always said that, as a Christian, a follower of the risen Christ, I think we should, as I believe Jesus would have done, respond compassionately, he himself being a refugee. However, I must confess I feel I have often responded inadequately because of my lack of first-hand knowledge of refugees and asylum seekers and their situations. When we read newspapers, they are usually written in a way to influence us one way or another. But this book was an honest account of how it was, not just for one person, but for the many people that this young boy encountered on his traumatic journey, and I found it an extremely informative albeit harrowing report.

I am writing these words to encourage you, before making up your mind on any situation, to offer it to God in prayer, to consider what Jesus would have to say on the matter, to be prepared to listen to the real-life stories of people and the opinions of others and, ultimately, to be prepared to be challenged and to stand up for what you believe, as a person of faith, to be right.

And, as we walk through Holy Week, encountering both the pain of the crucifixion on Good Friday and the hope and joy of the Resurrection, let us remember that Jesus Christ came to offer love and forgiveness for all.

I look forward to seeing you over the Easter Period.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

24th February

28th February

20th March

Interments of Ashes

9th March

Doreen Walker (95)

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Sandra Elaine Thompson (76)

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Robert Alexander Pearce Allen (93)

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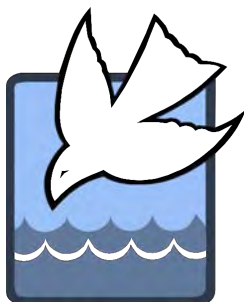
Dorothy Beryl Smith (97)

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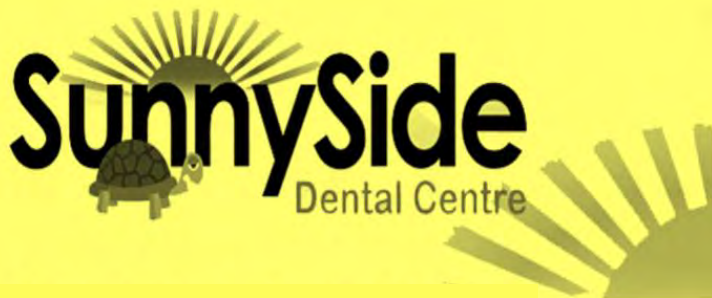
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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Over the six weeks of Lent we have held Lent lunches in each of the Churches in the Parish, Orsett Churches Centre and Horndon Woolmarket. Starting on 25th February at St. Peter & St. Paul's Horndon with the last lunch being held in St. Mary's Parish room, Bulphan on 1st April.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to provide the lunches and of course, to all who came for lunch. I'll let everyone know how much we have raised for this project as soon as possible.

Money raised from the lunches is being sent to "The Great Green Wall". This is a huge initiative to increase the amount of arable land in the Sahel, the region bordering the Sahara desert. Eleven nations are investing in projects as varied as agroforestry to sustainable development. The Wall will combat land degradation and restore native plant life to the landscapes. The Great Green Wall will cover an area 15 kilometres (9 miles) wide and 7,775 kilometres (4.831 miles) long. If you want to find out more check out The Great Green Wall on your web browser.

This year's Lent course entitled "Travelling well together" was led by Reverend Sue, Moji and Max, and was held on Monday evenings at the Rectory. The sessions encouraged discussion, reflection and were thought provoking.

On Saturday 25th March a group of volunteers helped to plant a number of hedging saplings (90). These saplings, including dogwood, hazel, hawthorn and crab apple were supplied by The Woodland Trust (ordered by Phil Mann). These new hedging plants will provide a great habitat to encourage other plants and animals in St. Giles and All Saints Churchyard Orsett..

Forest Church is taking place on the first Saturday of every month at 4 O'clock. Each of these sessions include acts of worship, singing and an outdoor activity. All sessions are suitable for all ages. On Saturday 3rd June the activity will be to take part in the Count on Nature Survey. We would love you to join us to observe and record the plants, minibeasts and animals as part of Love your Burial Ground Week.

Look out for forthcoming events on our notice boards, website and of course, in your Hobnob magazine.

We hope to see you soon

Alastair



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- *21st February - Fairtrade Focus*
- *21st March - World day of Prayer, Persecuted Church ,Orsett Churches Centre, Zion*
- *18th April - Our Parish & Deanery, housebound and those on homes*
- *16th May - Nation, Leaders, Coronation, Councillors & MPs, Transition, Celebration*
- *20th June - Feast & Fayre, Organisations, Businesses*
- *18th July - Pilgrimage*
- *15th August - Rest, Refreshment , Wellbeing*
- *19th September - Schools*
- *17th October - World Peace*
- *21st November - Advent , People finding Christ*

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ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

As the weather starts to warm up, albeit slowly, it's lovely to see the spring flowers emerging from hibernation. This is a strong reminder that Easter is on its way and new life reigns in abundance.

Just as the seasons move along so does church life. We have now erected a screen in the church, the purchase of which was possible thanks to a very kind donation. Screens in churches have become increasingly commonplace as worship styles change – enabling words of songs that aren't in hymn books to be projected, also helping to reduce the amount of paper we use. We realise that this will not be welcome by the entire congregation but the screen will help us to engage with different styles of worship, preparation for marriage and baptism, running courses and children's clubs.

On 3rd March we hosted the World Day of Prayer which was a great success, bringing people together not just from our church but also from different local churches – Methodist, Zion Mission and the Wellcome church who have started to worship in the Churches Centre. The service this year was organised by the women of Taiwan and afterwards we enjoyed a themed lunch which was enjoyed by those attending, although the wasabi cashews were an acquired taste.

We are in the very, very early stages of the process of reordering the church. We must not lose sight of the fact that our church's primary reason is for liturgical services, baptisms, marriages and funerals but in order to survive and become more sustainable we have to diversify and change our building accordingly. This will mostly be changing the inside of the church to create different areas which can be used for a range of activities and making the church more accessible, which in turn we hope will open up the building to the wider community. After meeting architects to discuss our thoughts and aspirations the PCC have appointed Thomas Ford & Partners to help us through the next stage and a small team to work with the architect has been formed. As with everything connected with the Church of England change and movement is on a geological scale and works like this are expensive, so this won't be happening quickly. Part of this researching the history of the church has been quite fascinating as it shows how the inside of the church, which many of us think has been like it for centuries, has changed regularly to accommodate the needs and thinking of the time.

As we move into the summer we will be holding events across the parish to raise funds and we hope you will join us. Keep an eye on the HOBNOB, noticeboards, notice sheets and social media for details.

Christine and David Mortimer



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

April 1st	For those living in Hew Watt Close, Orsett
April 2nd	For those who continue to develop drugs to prevent Corona infection
April 3d	For those living in Lodysons Close, Orsett
April 4th	For neighbours we do not yet know
April 5th	For our Bellringers
April 6th	For those who will die this month
April 7th	For the Christian community in Palestine
April 8th	For those living in Daltons Shaw, Orsett
April 9th	For Christians around the world on this Easter Day
April 10th	For those preparing for marriage
April 11th	For Whitecroft, those who live and work there
April 12th	For the work of all retired clergy
April 13th	For Clergy serving the Benefice
April 14th	For those living in Victoria Road, Bulphan
April 15th	For those living in Kirkham Road, Horndon
April 16th	For the Christian Church in its many denominations
April 17th	For those living in Bloomfield Walk, Orsett
April 18th	For Pleshey and all retreat houses throughout the land
April 19th	For those living in Shelford Close, Orsett
April 20th	For those living in York Road, Horndon
April 21st	Remembering Queen Elizabeth II on her birthday
April 22d	For those living in Cassell Close, Orsett
April 23d	For St George, the patron of England
April 24th	For those struggling with great transitions
April 25th	For His Majesty's Forces serving overseas
April 26th	For those living in Church Close, Horndon
April 27th	For those living in Brentwood Road, Orsett
April 28th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
April 29 th	For the work of the Diocese in Europe
April 30 th	For the homeless and hungry

*Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*



THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

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HORNDON-ON-THE -HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Bishop Guli's theme for Lent was '*Travelling Well Together*' and, our Parish certainly did just that!

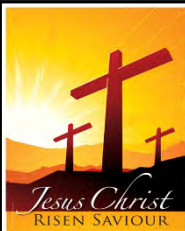
The Eco and Social Justice Group's idea of Lent lunches on the road was as follows. For every Saturday throughout Lent a lunch would be served at each of the villages. It would consist of a vegetarian soup, piece of French bread, a piece of fruit and a cup of tea or coffee (Fairtrade of course!) and would be held at Orsett and Horndon churches as well as the Bulphan Parish Room, Orsett Churches Centre, and the Woolmarket. There being just the three villages and six Saturdays each village held two lunches. Some were better attended than others but, what every single one had in common was people from each village travelling to share lunch and have a chat together. Actually, we all '*Travelled well Together*'! What a success.

At every lunch there was the chance to purchase raffle tickets to win a hamper packed to the brim with Fair Trade products. Coffees, tea, chocolates and wine to name just a few. Thanks to Janet McCheyne for arranging and attending each lunch. At the time of writing, we have two more lunches to go so I'm unable to give final figures of monies raised for The Great Green Wall or the winner of the hamper. These will appear in the May edition.

There were so many people that helped make the above a success but extra special thanks to Lynda Robertson for helping set up and clear up and, to Ron and Traudi Porter for making and serving the soup at the Bulphan lunch.

Take Care

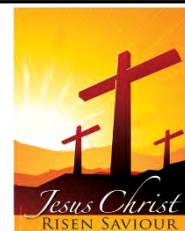
Bev Macrae



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We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening for worship and are very pleased to see newcomers. We extend a warm welcome to all. At this greatest time in the Christian calendar, we pray that all readers of Hobnob may find Peace, Joy and Love in the knowledge and experience of our risen Saviour. We extend a particular welcome to visitors to share with us in our Easter Day evening service when token Easter eggs will be given out after the service. The services for April are as follows:

April 2 nd	6:30 pm	Neil Hunt	Palm Sunday
April 9 th	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube	Easter Day
April 16 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake	
April 23 rd	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby	
April 30 th	No service	-	

We continue to have sanitising facilities readily available and ask those attending to be sensitive to others in observing social distancing. Handwashing facilities are available in the vestry.

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



BULPHAN DOES THE CORONATION!

Saturday 6th May 2023

Morning: Live-streaming of the Coronation in the village hall, proclamation, ceremonial piping in the park;

Evening: lighting of the beacon, licensed bar

Sunday 7th May 2023

Live-streaming of The Coronation Concert in the village hall

The Coronation Picnic in the Park

Hot drinks and licensed bar; live background music

Monday 8th May 2023

Judging of the bunting competition

The Big Help Out: family litter-pick and other volunteering opportunities organised by Bulphan in Bloom 10.30 - 12.30

Further activities may be added nearer the time

For more information, email info@thurrockforums.org or phone 07752836902



World Day of Prayer 2023 at Orsett Church

"I have heard about your faith" from Taiwan



On Friday 3rd March our parish prayers were shared in a wave all around the world. This year's service was written by the Christians of Taiwan. In this democratic "society of immigrants" all religions are accepted and tolerated. Out of 23.6 million people only 6% are Christian. Citizens do live in fear of losing their independence if China tries to take them over. So faith becomes a source of strength in the face of adversity and the other theme of the day's service was encouragement. The economy is largely based on production of semi-conductor chips. During the Covid Pandemic Taiwan supplied the world with protective equipment.

We gathered in the Lady Chapel of Orsett Church and were glad to see members of the Wellcome Church, who are taking responsibility for the Congregational Church when Minister Eric retires. At the end of our service Graham Hodgson accepted a candle to signify the Methodist Church in Horndon will be our venue for next year. This takes place on the first Friday of March 2024 and the service is written by Christians in Palestine.

from Jane Barry



Coffee Morning at the Woolmarket



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about Horndon
History and this
historic building

Horndon on the Hill
Saturday 8th April 10:30-12:30



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Mothers' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU)



Diocesan President, Maxine Paul, has been meeting members at deanery events across the diocese that have been focused on the annual theme of "Transformation – Now!". These events ranged from quiet, contemplative crafting to a cocktail evening when they had a great deal of fun re-imagining MU as a spirited, fizzing cocktail!

Thy Kingdom Come 2023

This year, rather than producing an online service, Mary Sumner House are encouraging members to hold events in their local areas and involve both their own church and other local churches. The expanded remit of TKC this year to *"go the extra mile, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love and serve those we are praying for or others who are in need"* fits particularly well with our vision and mission, and gives good opportunity to share this with others, who may be less aware of MU. Resources are now available on the website www.mothersunion.org/news/thy-kingdom-come-2023-0.

King Charles III Coronation Souvenirs



The MU shop has some wonderful coronation gifts. The King Charles III Coronation souvenirs bear the National flowers from the UK along with oak, a symbol of strength and stability, and ivy, the symbol of commitment, which trails throughout this intricately hand-drawn design.

[King Charles III Coronation – Mothers' Union Shop \(mueshop.org\)](http://mueshop.org)

Orsett Cookbook 1984

I wonder if anyone had a go at the Devilled Wine Chops last month? Hopefully some folk enjoyed seeing a recipe from our dear friend Marilyn Wordley. This month, with Easter holidays and children looking for things to do, a recipe from Iris Allan could be just thing! There's no cooking required – and lots of fun to make.

Many of you will know Edward Bear, who was heard to comment that this is just the sort of treat he would enjoy with his friends!

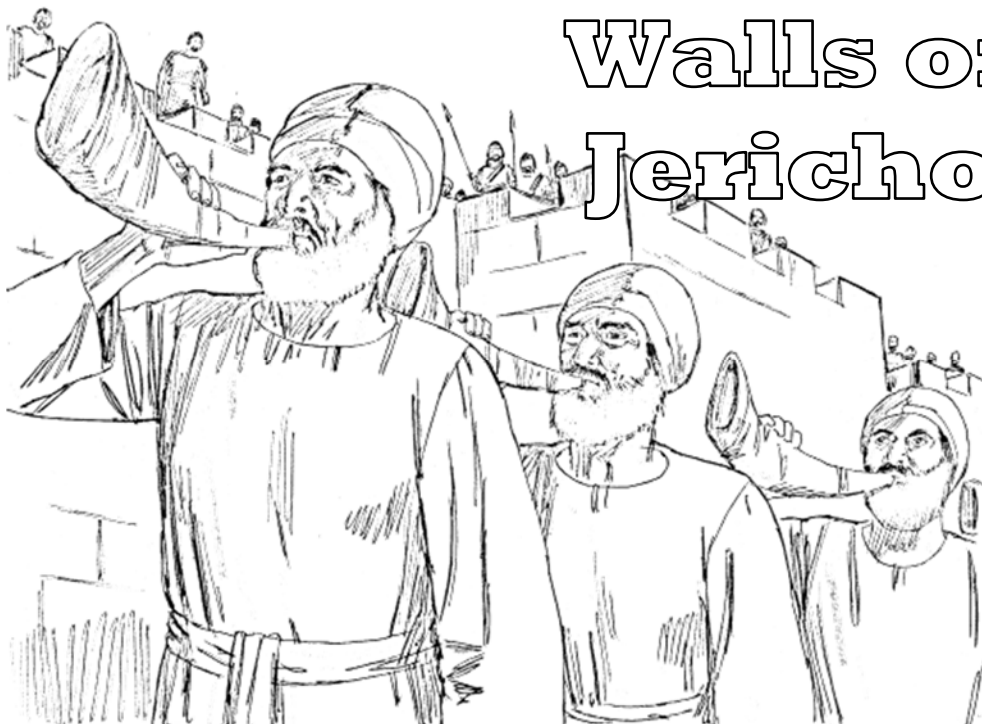
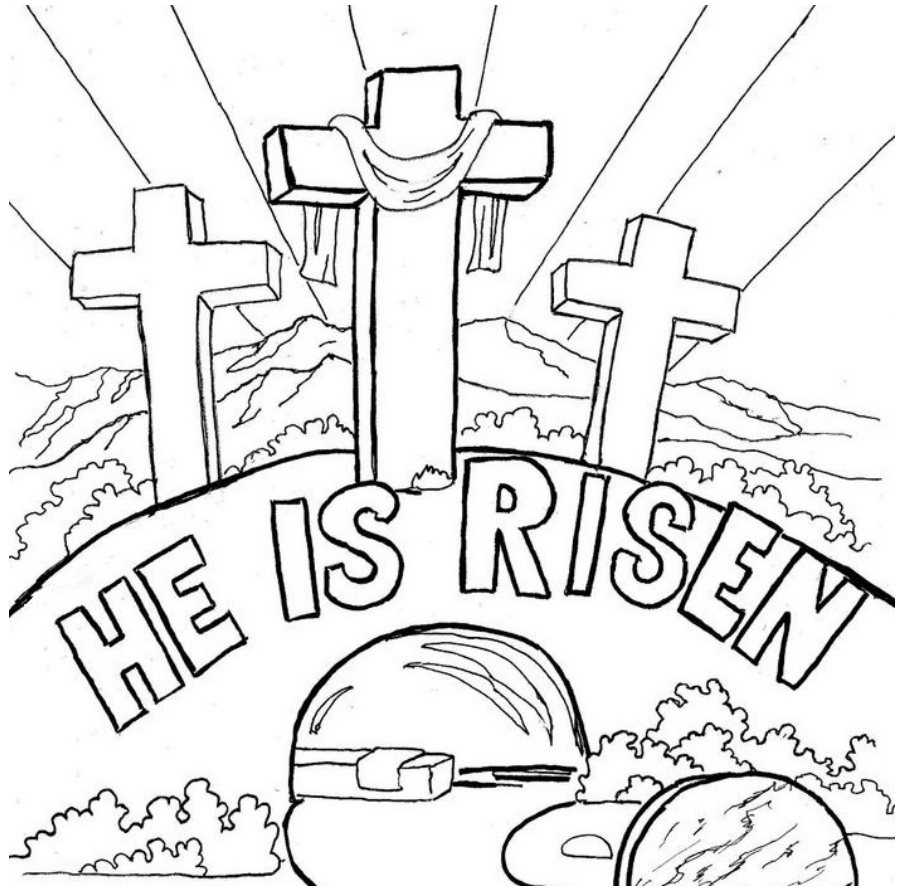
Date and Cherry Gunge

0.5 lb dates, chopped
4oz butter
3oz sugar
2oz glace cherries, chopped
4-5 cups cornflakes, crushed
5oz cooking chocolate

Melt dates, butter and sugar in pan. Add cherries and crushed cornflakes, mix well. Press into a shallow tin. Top with melted chocolate, and leave to set. Cut into pieces.

Wishing you all an Eastertime full of joy – we are the Easter People!

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On April 15th the popular all male singing group, Men 2 Sing, will be performing for us once again. We will meet in the church at 7.30pm and look forward to an evening of superb entertainment.

Entry is £7.50 or free if you are already a member or under 18.



FAMOUS PERSON IN APRIL

Sir Charles William Siemens



Original name **Carl Wilhelm Siemens**, (born April 4th 1823, Lenthe, Prussia - died November 19th 1883, London. A German-born English engineer and inventor, important in the development of the steel and telegraph industries.

After private tutoring, Siemens was sent to a commercial school at Lübeck in order to enter his uncle's bank. But his elder brother, Werner Siemens, deciding that engineering was more suitable, sent him to a technical school at Magdeburg for three years. Financed by his uncle, he then studied chemistry, physics, and mathematics for a year at the University of Göttingen, where his brother-in-law was a professor of chemistry. Through his brother's influence he became an apprentice-student, without fee, in an engineering factory making steam engines in Magdeburg. While there, he determined to sell Werner's electroplating process; after modest success in Hamburg, William traveled to London, arriving in March 1843 with only a few pounds in cash. He sold the process to Elkingtons of Birmingham for £1,600. He returned to Germany to complete his studies and then went again to England in February 1844 with the intention of selling further inventions.

Finding that the patent laws in England were encouraging, William boldly decided to settle there as an inventor, but he found it difficult to make a living until his water meter, invented in 1851, began to earn large royalties. He could now afford an office in London and a house in Kensington, where he lived with his younger brothers, Carl (1829–1906) and August Friedrich (1826–1904), until his marriage in 1859 to Anne Gordon, the sister of an engineering professor at the University of Glasgow. The same year, he also received British citizenship.

Beginning in 1847, William and his brother Friedrich had attempted to apply to industrial processes the regenerative principle, by which heat escaping with waste gases was captured to heat the air supplied to a furnace, thus increasing efficiency. In 1861 William used this principle in his patent for the open-hearth furnace that was heated by gas produced by low-grade coal outside the furnace. This invention, first used in glassmaking, was soon widely applied in steelmaking and eventually supplanted the earlier Bessemer process of 1856. William's achievements were recognized by his membership in the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1860 and by his election as a fellow of the Royal Society in 1862. Tempted by the prospect of profits as well as royalties, he started his own steelworks at Landore, South Wales, in 1869; but, although it flourished for some years, he was losing money by the 1880s.

Meanwhile, he had made yet another reputation and fortune in electric telegraphy. Beginning in 1850, he had acted as English agent for his brother Werner's firm, Siemens & Halske of Berlin, a connection he maintained until 1858, when he became managing partner of the separate London firm founded under the same name; the firm was engaged in electrical testing for cable firms and in the manufacturing of apparatus. The English firm laid, in 1874, the electrical cable from Rio de Janeiro to Montevideo and, in 1875, the first direct link from Britain to the United States.

Thereafter, William worked on electric lighting and electric traction. He invented improvements in arc lights and had them installed in the British Museum and elsewhere. A few months before he died he was responsible for the Portrush electric railway in Northern Ireland. He played a full part in professional life: he acted as president of various professional organizations including the British Association for the Advancement of Science, received honorary degrees from various universities and many foreign orders, and was knighted in the year of his death. He left a large fortune but no children.



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Bulphan WI

It was a packed hall for our March meeting, members were joined by lots of visitors and two new members, all of whom were entertained by Reverend Nicholas Henderson's third talk on the Tudor Queens, we hope to arrange a return visit for part four. The sale table and raffle also proved to be popular with bargains and prizes galore!

April will see us celebrating the 94th anniversary of Bulphan WI's formation in 1929, with a village fete themed evening for our members and invited guests. As well as an afternoon tea in a box there will be Morris dancing, a photo booth, games and Pick a Bag containing mystery gifts. I've no doubt there will be lots to report after this meeting as we do love a party at Bulphan WI.

If you would like to find out more or come along as a visitor you can find updates about future meetings, information, photographs, and much more 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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New Hedge @ Orsett Church

The Eco and Social Justice group acquired 90 bare root whips of natural British hedging plants from the Woodland Trust comprising; dogwood, hazel, hawthorn & crab apple.



On Saturday 25th March which turned out to be a pleasant afternoon, a group assembled at St Giles and All Saints to assist with the planting. All 90 were planted achieving the

aim of hopefully creating native hedge that will support wildlife with habitats and food sources. The planters, will, in the years to come see the trees they planted grow into mature trees. Many thanks to the eco group for securing these.



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Gravetalk

Revd Moji is running an open space called 'Gravetalk' where death, dying and funerals are discussed in an informal, cafe style, setting. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

The sessions are being held at the Woolmarket, Horndon on the Hill on the 4th Tuesday of the month, until June, between 10am to noon.

Cake and tea or coffee will be provided.

Tuesday 25th April, 23rd May and 27th June

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Thanks to committee member Sue Thompson for sourcing and organising the positioning of the flowering cherry tree. She made a very good choice, as the tree provides a pretty blossom in spring and a good leaf colour in the winter.

The cherry tree was planted adjacent to our Queens Jubilee tree and they now sit proudly on the lawn at the front of Orsett Village Hall.

Thanks to Thurrock Council for all their help, and you can see we look very happy with the result.

We are looking forward to see our trees flourish for many years.

Sue Andrews
Secretary



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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings around the Parish this month in the past

1837 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 7th

Burglary Newman

Burglary at Horndon – The dwelling house of Mr Newman, general shopkeeper, in Horndon street, was forcibly entered early on Tuesday morning by some thieves, who broke open the door with a plough coulter, and after plundering the premises of shop goods, consisting of shoes, ready made clothes, cheese, bacon &c, escaped with their booty unheard by the family. Mr Radford, surgeon of Stanford le Hope, who was on his way to attend a patient, saw three men going in the direction for Horndon from Laindon Hills, about two o'clock in the morning, and on his return, saw the same men going in the opposite direction with bundles.

1837 Bury & Norwich Post Weds 26th

Union workhouse contract

Messrs. Steggles and Son builders, of this town (*Bury St Edmunds*), have obtained the contract for building a Workhouse for the Orsett Union, near Tilbury Fort, Essex, which is the third that have obtained in that county.

1838 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 6th

Commutation of tithes

Commutation of Tithes
We the undersigned, being Landowners, or duly authorised Agents of Landholders, within the Parish of

ORSETT,

In the county of Essex, whose interest is not less than one-fourth part of the whole value of the Lands subject to Tithes in

the said Parish, do by this notice in writing, under our hands, call a PAROCIAL MEETING of Landowners and Tithe owners within the limits of the said Parish, for the purpose of making an Agreement for the General Commutation of Tithes within the limits of the said Parish, pursuant to the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth and seventh years of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled "An Act for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales". And we do hereby also Give Notice, that such a Meeting will be held at the Church, in the said Parish, on Saturday, the Twenty-eighth day of April instant, at the hour of Eleven in the Forenoon.

Given under our hands, this Fourth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

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By H Crawter, his Attorney
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By Wasey Sterry, his Attorney
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1856 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 18th

Lead stolen from roof

Orsett Church had lead stripped from the chancel roof and Mrs Gott's house in Bulphan had been broken into.

(These were 2 of a number of instances of similar local crimes and general burglary mentioned in a letter to the editor that had taken place in the preceding weeks in the local area, where there had been little effort to bring the perpetrators to justice.)

1858 Essex Standard Weds 7th

Funeral

Funeral of
W Wingfield Baker, Esq

The funeral of the venerable gentleman took place at Orsett, on the 30th ult, the body having been brought up from Sherbourne Castle, where he died. The funeral left the Hall in the following order :-

Mutes

Fifty-four of the Tenants
(two and two)

THE BODY

The pall bourn by P Bennet, Esq, the family solicitor; P.H. Rooks, Esq, the auditor; S Westwood, Esq and Mr G Biddell, of the Manor office.

Chief Mourners – G Digby Wingfield Digby, Esq; Richard Baker Wingfield Esq MP; Revds J Wingfield and W Wingfield; and Kenelm Digby Wingfield, Esq.

Other members of the deceased gentleman's family

The Domestic Servants

Sixty of the Cottage Tenantry

Each of the last mentioned were clothed in a new suit of clothes, which the thoughtfulness of the lamented gentleman had provided for them. Arrived at the church-yard, the body was met by the officiating clergyman, the Rev J Bloomfield and his Curate, together with ten clergymen of the neighbouring parishes in their gowns, who assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to one who charity was not confined to his own parish alone, but to all who came in contact with him. The coffin, of polished mahogany, bore merely the name, year of birth

and date of death. The shops in the village were all closed and a great number of persons assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

1871 Essex Herald
Tues 11th

Refusing to quit

Charles Brown and Walter Cutmore of Horndon on the Hill, labourers, were summoned by the police for being drunk and riotous in the Bell public-house, at Horndon on the Hill, and for refusing to quit when requested by Mr Isaac Greenaway, the occupier, on the 25th February – Cutmore who appeared was fined 5s, costs 9s 6d, in default seven days. Paid – Brown not appearing, a warrant was issued for his apprehension.

1874 Illustrated London
News
Sat 25th

Bulphan church enlargement

The Incorporated Society for Promoting the Enlargement, Building and Repairing of Churches and Chapels held its monthly meeting on Monday last at 7, Whitehall, SW – the Rev S W Lloyd in the chair. Grants were made in aid of the following objects, viz – enlarging or otherwise increasing the accommodation in the church at Bulvan, near Romford, Essex. *(Several other churches etc were awarded grants at the same time)*

1876 Essex Standard
Fri 28th

Spelling bee

SPELLING BEE - A Spelling Bee was held in the Institute on Thursday se'nnight. The Rev T James presided, the Rev J.B. Dobree, Messrs G Biddell and Charles Seabrook were referees and the interrogator was the Rev B. McLeod. The number of competitors was 24, including

seven females. The successful competitors were - Miss Bourchier, of Grays, and daughter of the Captain of the late Goliath training ship; Mr W.E. Wallis, of Grays and Miss Wood. The spelling was interspersed by some excellent songs given by Mrs Corbet and Mr Thos. Ridgwell. Miss Fanny Sackett presided at the piano-forte.

1881 Essex Newsman
Sat 30th

1881 Census

Orsett District - Appended are the returns for this district :-

Parish	Inhab houses	1881	1871
Bulphan	54	284	334
Horndon on the Hill	123	592	611
Orsett	264	1496	1644

(Only parishes of the 3 villages are mentioned showing the number of inhabited houses and populations at the census of 1871 & 1881)

1883 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 20th

Night school supper

BULVAN – THE NIGHT SCHOOL – The annual supper was given on Monday evening, the 16th inst, at the Rectory, to the men and boys who had attended the night school during the winter months. Five and twenty sat down to partake of the good things provided for them. When ample justice had been done to the meat and pudding, the company adjourned to the school-room, where a capital entertainment was given by Mr T Newton, a highly gifted ventriloquist, from London, entitled “Merry moments”, introducing many amusing characters, rapidly changing his voice, making various sounds, both animal and musical, and singing songs, one of which, in impersonating Mr Sunshine (the talking hand) fairly brought down the house. The whole was concluded by rendering the first verse of “Home, sweet home” in

ten distinct voices. Altogether it was a most clever and original performance.

1885 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 10th

Entertainment

HORNDON ON THE HILL
Entertainment – On Tuesday a capital entertainment was given before a crowded audience at the Schoolroom, under the direction of Mr W J Cook, who was supported by a strong array of local talent. Mr S W Squier presided. The proceeds, which will go to the funds of the parochial library, amounted to £6. The programme was most satisfactorily carried out by Mr T Ridgwell, Mrs Rea Corbet, the Rev W W Talfourd, Mr C Rowley, Mr J Ridgwell, Mr W Fisher, Miss Field, Miss Tyrrell, Master E Rowley, Mr Rea Corbet and Mr W Cook

1886 Essex Times
Weds 14th

Straw stack fire

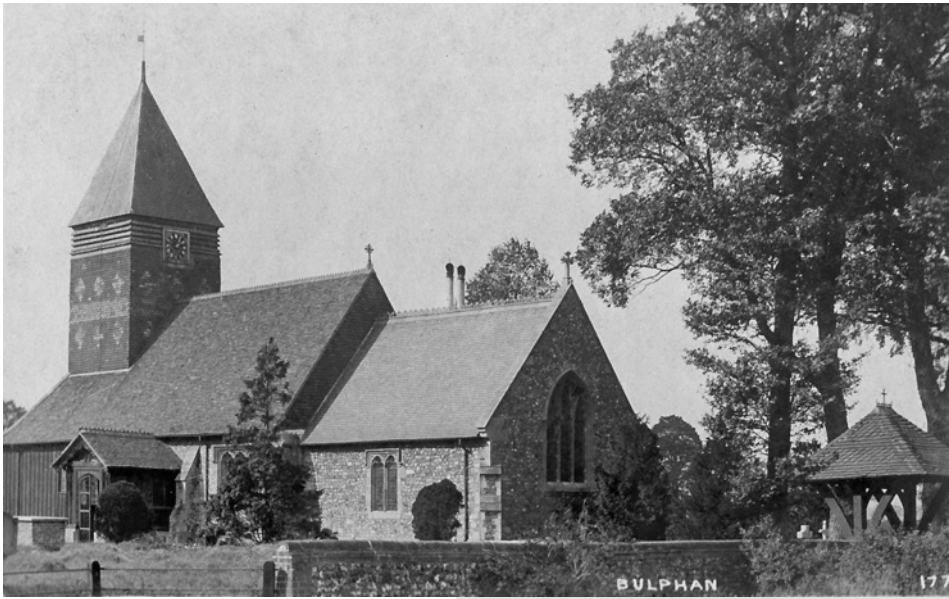
FIRE – On Thursday evening a barley straw stack valued at £50 the property of Mr S Westwood Squier, JP, was destroyed by fire. The stack stood in a field close to the road, and it is supposed a passer-by threw a lucifer on some loose straw, which must have ignited the stack. PC Sweeting rendered valuable assistance. The stack was insured in the Royal Exchange

1903 East London Observer
Sat 11th

Freehold land for sale

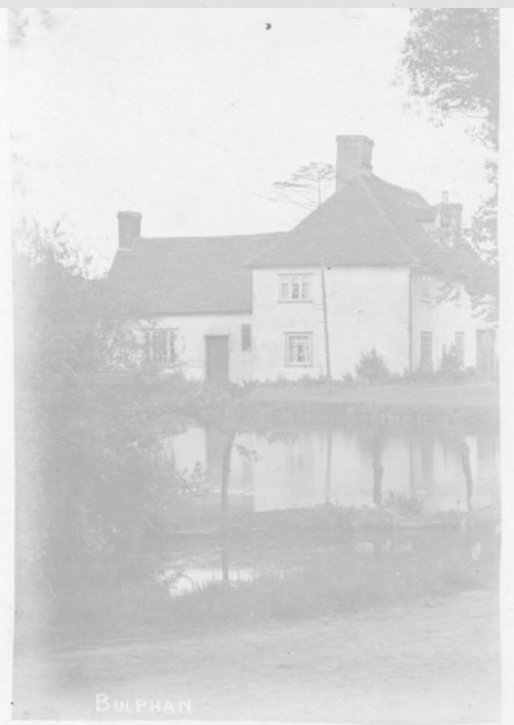
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